

Open Shop Policy Of Steel Industry Cracked By C.I.O.

United States Steel's Huge Subsidiary Agrees To Recognize CIO For Bargaining

PITTSBURGH, Penn.—The bloody half century of steel's ruthless dictatorship over the lives of its workers is at last drawing to an end.

WILLIAM GREEN DEEPENS SPLIT WITHIN A.F. OF L.

Orders Local Bodies 'Purge' Themselves of C. I. O. Affiliates

SACRAMENTO—Aid to William Green's splitting campaign against the C.I.O. was pledged by the executive committee of the California State Federation of Labor in session here Sunday.

INDUSTRIAL UNION VICTORY

Union leaders predicted that the entire steel industry with its \$25,000,000 workers would be organized without resorting to strike action.

AFL Advice

Desperate officials of steel company unions telegraphed urgently to the American Federation of Labor for help in their fight against the C.I.O.

Peaceful Picketing - - - By Carlo



TEXTILE MILLS LISTED AS NEXT DRIVE OF C. I. O.

Workers Revolting Against Vicious Speed Up; Low Wages

WASHINGTON.—Organization of the million and a quarter workers in the textile industry is the next major goal of the Committee for Industrial Organization, according to plans drafted at a meeting of heads of the Committee and leaders of the United Textile Workers' union.

The establishment of a Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, similar in purpose to the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee functioning in the steel industry, has been completed through agreement with the United Textile Workers, and an intensive campaign throughout the far-flung mills and shops of the industry is to be started immediately.

CONDITIONS WORSE

Since the fiasco of the great textile strike during the days of NRA, when Roosevelt perpetrated his first sell-out on organized labor, conditions in the textile mills have grown steadily worse with the speed-up and improved machinery cutting into the wages of labor.

The textile drive is assuming first rank in the plans of the C.I.O. and is considered the key to further success for the Committee on a national scale. The organizational setup is being considered carefully, with leaders drawing on experience derived from the steel and auto drives.

Appointed to the TWOC were Sidney Hillman, chairman; Thomas Kenney, United Mine Workers, secretary-treasurer; Francis Gorman, United Textile Workers; Emil Rieve, hosiery workers; Charles Weinstein, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; and T. F. Burns, United Rubber Workers. A representative of the International Ladies' Garment Workers is to be added later.

MAY DAY

All working class organizations, economic, political and fraternal, are invited by the Socialist Party to celebrate a United May Day. The first meeting of the Provisional Committee will be held Thursday, April 1, 8 p. m., at International Hall, 236 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.

General Strike! Detroit Reply To Police Raids

Drive Against Sitdown Strikes Brings Swift Defensive Action From 29 Unions

DETROIT, Mich.—A possible general strike threatens here as Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, answered the raids of city and county authorities on sit-down strikers with orders to 29 Detroit unions to prepare for united defensive action.

ALLIANCE BOARD HIITS ROLE OF C. P. IN ILLINOIS

Disruptive Tactics Scored in Strongly Worded Statement

By MELOS MOST CHICAGO.—A smashing answer to Communist Party attempts to sow dissension in the ranks of the militant Illinois Workers' Alliance was given by the I.W.A. state executive board, meeting here March 6, and Ed Parker, state organizer for the I.W.A. who was singled out for attack by the Daily Worker.

In an indignant resolution, introduced by national Workers Alliance organizer, Paul Rasmussen, and adopted by a vote of 8 to 1 after a two-and-a-half-hour discussion, the state executive board upheld the fine work of Ed Parker, and declaring that "a non-partisan policy is absolutely essential to the welfare and progress of the Workers' Alliance movement," resolved to "condemn the vicious assault made by the Daily Worker on the Illinois Workers' Alliance and its recognized officers and state organizer in its issue of March 5."

It declared further that "such a campaign as the Communist Party is now carrying on within the Workers' Alliance against so-called 'disrupters' cannot have any other effect but to cause (real) disruption."

EVADe UNITY PLEA

The board's action was occasioned by an article appearing in the Daily Worker of the day before, attempting to evade a request from the Chicago Socialist Party for a united front May Day demonstration, by libeling the work of Illinois Socialists.

Under the heading of "Dissension in Workers' Alliance" the article attacks the whole state organization of the I.W.A., charges that Socialist I.W.A. organizers are (Continued on Page 2)

Fascists Murder Six French Workers; New Clashes Begin

With the outbreak of further clashes between fascist and workers' forces in France, a new stage is opened in the class-struggle in France. The main outbreak came in Clichy where the workers protested government tolerance of fascist demonstrations. More than 150 were wounded, 6 killed.

The action of the Blum government in this new crisis was typical of its whole policy. Too closely bound up with the capitalist class to destroy fascism, it deals all its blows against the rising workers' movement that seeks to put an end to the fascist danger. Under the pressure and the rising mass sentiment for action against fascists, the trade unions in Paris declared a 4-hour general strike in protest against the fascist murder of six workers. More than 2,000,000 workers participated in the protest strike, completely paralyzing all industrial and commercial activity.

Cal. Senate Turns Down Tom Mooney

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Once again the brutal power of the owners of California was demonstrated when the state senate by a vote of 34 to 5 killed the proposal to pardon Tom Mooney by legislative action.

Although the Assembly had approved the pardon, the senate refused to do so much as invite Tom Mooney in to hear him tell his own story or to hear his attorney, George T. Davis, present his case against Asst. Atty. Gen. William F. Cleary.

One More Company Grants Closed Shop In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS.—In an eight-day strike which affected some 700 workers of the Northern States Power Company, the Electrical Workers' Union, Local 292, emerged victorious, with a signed agreement with the company which provides wage increases amounting in some cases to 40 per cent, the average being from 5 to 10 per cent.

Also included are seniority rights, vacations with pay for workers with two years standing, and the closed shop. Hours remain at eight per day, or 40 hours weekly, with time and a half for overtime.

The strike was the most important and significant since the truck strikes of 1934, and paves the way for the complete unionization of this industry in the state. The union will take all workers employed by the company with the exception of the office help, and already there is a drive on by the Stenographers Union to unionize the office workers which is showing good results.

Track Abandoned

NEW YORK.—1,523 miles of track were abandoned by U. S. railway companies during the past year.

Charter Excludes Cannery Workers

SACRAMENTO.—Refusing the proposal for a state-wide industrial union embracing all agricultural and cannery workers, the executive committee of the California State Federation of Labor agreed to petition the American Federation of Labor for a state charter covering agricultural workers, but excluding cannery workers.

C. P. Starts "Red Scare" Against Alliance Organizer

Police Run Union Man Out of Town on C. P. Tip

By MELOS MOST CHICAGO.—Being "run out of town" by cops is not a new experience for Ed Parker, downstate organizer for the Illinois Workers' Alliance. But when this is done on the crest of a "red scare" deliberately started by the Communist Party, that's news.

Parker came into Benson, Illinois, on the evening of February 23, to address a meeting of an unemployed "company union," the "WPA Workers' Union," after receiving a letter signed by three rank and file members asking him to appear. He was met by two deputy sheriffs, who

Oakland S. P. Opens Large Headquarters

The Oakland Branch of the Socialist Party has moved to new headquarters at 432-10th Street in Oakland and as a part of its general educational program announces the holding of Open Forums to be held each Friday.

The teachings of Marx and Lenin and the lessons to be learned from historical events will be discussed by speakers trained in the struggle of the working-class. Comrades and friends are urged to attend and bring their friends. Do not forget the time and place. Every Friday evening at 432-10th Street in Oakland.

CONCESSION GAINED IN COPELAND FIGHT

Approval by both houses of Congress of a bill to make acceptance by seamen of a Certificate of Identification optional to the vicious Copeland Fink Book has been assured, according to latest reports. The House of Representatives has already passed the bill without a dissenting vote. The Senate concurred and sent the compromise bill to the President for his approval. This means that deep sea and inter-coastal sailors can legally refuse the Fink Book. Sailors in the coast-wise trade are not immediately affected since the Copeland Act does not become active in their instance until June 25, 1937. They can legally refuse both the Copeland Fink Book and the Certificate of Identification until that date.

This belated concession by Congress comes as a direct result of the splendid militancy of the seafaring unions in refusing to take the book. It is proof that the only way to carry the fight against the fink book to a successful conclusion is by continued refusal to accept it and by drawing all the maritime workers into a militant fighting front against the book which through its optional features still hangs over their heads.

That this important concession from Congress has not ended the fight against the fink book despite such misleading headlines as "COPELAND FINK BOOK BEATEN" is shown not only by the optional feature which leaves an opening for shipowners and fakers to put over the book but by preparation of new legislation which in its labor-smashing viciousness will make the fink book seem by comparison as harmless as a toy popgun.

Seamen must not let themselves be lulled by poisonous propaganda that the fink book fight is now ended. The fink book is optional—but the shipowners and their government hope with the aid of the Scharrenbergs, Hunters, and other fakers to clamp the book upon most of the workers on the East and Gulf Coasts. Then with this as a base, these union smashers

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ST. PAUL—The threat of strike action by 200 machinists at Brant Jen-Kluge's plant here won the 5 day week, wage increases over time, seniority and union recognition.

will gradually try to move the book in upon the Pacific Coast men. The book is optional but there are plenty of ways of "putting the heat" upon seamen where unions are not strong and are under the control of faker agents of the shipowners.

While he rejoices over this concession which gives him a fresh hold in the tough fight against the book, the seaman must immediately throw himself into the struggle to get his brothers on the Gulf and Atlantic to refuse to take the book. The seaman knows only too well that he cannot fight the fink book forever if the great majority of his brother seamen are subjected to it. Especially must the seamen be

# Another 'Neutrality' Measure Is Passed

## But Wars Are Not Prevented By Legislation

By FRANK NEWTON

With all the necessary flourishes Congress has passed and the President has affixed his signature to another "neutrality" measure.

By this enactment, the work of the 74th Congress is touched upon where it was beginning to fade. Previous neutrality laws were no longer adequate to the constantly changing international scene. The announcement of a shipment of arms to loyalist Spain revealed that it was perfectly legal to help Spain defeat Hitler-Mussolini-Franco. Grimly determined to demonstrate its "neutrality," the Government did all in its power to stop the shipment, passed an emergency measure directed at Spain and now includes all civil wars under its ban.

Previous laws had received a certain amount of criticism because they did not take into account shipments of commodities other than the obvious implements of war to nations engaged in war. Such a measure was sponsored by the liberal Nye and the not so liberal Vandenberg and it represented the sum total of the wisdom gathered by them from the Senate Munitions investigation. The view was readily adopted by the Administration with one significant reservation. Exports to belligerents are to be on a cash and carry basis. Nye wished to set up zones around belligerent areas thus preventing belligerents from securing aid through bordering countries. This was considered impracticable by the Foreign Affairs Committee and Nye did not object.

**Economic Stakes**  
It is no longer believed that the U. S. entered the Great War solely on account of an unselfish affection for democracy. Even our free and untrammelled press has said so.

We have examined our hearts and our consciences in the committee rooms of the Capitol and we frankly confess, while vowing never to let it happen again, that the U. S. entered the War because it had an economic stake in the victory of the Allies. Socialists pointed that out before so we surely have the right and the duty of discussing the efficacy of the new neutrality laws. We had them in 1917 too.

But, we will be told, it was all better terms, he will get the business and it will soon become important to make sure that he is able to pay us back. There are also other ways of adapting capital to neutrality legislation.

Moreover, the Bill exempts "American republics or republics" from its terms. This reservation conveys the interesting information to whom it may concern that war under certain circumstances, namely, interference with America's freedom to exploit the Western Hemisphere.

The law has other positive aspects. First, it helps create the sentiment that an adequate step has been taken to assure peace, and second, it establishes a set of principles to defend with the heaviest armament program of our history.

Just as the U. S. entered the last war to avenge violations of our neutrality, so has the ground been laid for the marching of men in defense of our cherished neutrality, 1937 style. Remembering how the war fever was whipped up in 1917 by the call to defend "sacred principles" are we wrong to dread its consequences for the future?

We, who will lose everything when war comes except the possibility of struggling against it have nothing to gain from the Neutrality Bill. Those who entertain hopes will be bitterly disappointed. That is a tragic aspect of the catastrophe which can be averted only by organizing for Socialism.

**Law Easily Circumvented**  
But suppose, for the sake of argument, that the Government determines to restrict trade with foreign powers at war and that American capital accepts the yoke. Will it be effective?

No. Assuming a rigorous and honest enforcement of the Bill it will not be effective because by its own terms it demonstrates how it can be legally circumvented. Putting aside all the loopholes which the lawyers could find in the Bill, the latter fails to prohibit exports of capital to warring countries. The American public still retains the right, that section of the public which has the cash, to invest in the industry, banks, railroads of the belligerent by buying stocks and bonds on the Berlin Bourse or the London Stock Exchange.

We may safely affirm that belligerent governments will vie with one another for the privilege of paying handsome dividends to American capital. The Reichsbank guarantees the principal of the investment. The Bank of England goes further. It will guarantee a profit with a very fair rate of interest thereon. Who will give the

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I received a mailed invitation, dated March 2nd, asking me to sit at the speakers' table as a guest of the committee (United Youth Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy: Youth section of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy) signed by Adele Du Plessis as chairman of the banquet committee. About five days later I was treated to the special attention of being phoned by the office of the committee to ask whether I was asked to accept. I said I was and asked that the reservation be made.

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THE POUM BEFORE THE WORKERS  
"The official Communist press of Spain and elsewhere has been carrying on the campaign begun by the official Soviet organs "Pravda" and "Isvestia," and has brought very grave accusations against the POUM.  
"We are accused of being agents provocateurs in the pay of the Gestapo and the "Fifth Column." In several organs of the Communist International it has been stated that the POUM in collaboration with the Fascists, organized a plot aiming at the assassination of Azana, Largo Caballero, Dolores Ibaruri (Pasionaria) and Jose Diaz. These are concrete accusations and appeared in the Communist press.

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Officially, the leaders of the C.I.O. ignored Green's move, but quick steps were taken to extend the formation of local councils of the committee throughout the nation. Executive officers of the C.I.O. were authorized to issue certificates of affiliation to national, international, state, regional, city and central bodies and local groups "whenever it is deemed such action advisable." These councils are to take the leadership of organizing the unorganized, and will serve as central bodies for those unions supporting the C.I.O.

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**Alliance Board Hits Role of C.P. in Illinois**  
"The Daily Worker article is an insult added to the countless injuries the Communist Party has already done to the I.W.A.," said Ed Parker, butt of the C.P. attack, who has led innumerable struggles of the unemployed and was victim of the famous Peoria police frameup last summer.  
Parker took up the Daily Worker's charges one by one. To its statements that "dues payments in the I.W.A. have dropped by 40 per cent" and "there is no functioning state organization of the I.W.A. with a staff of organizers, offices, and a recognized leadership," he replied:  
"This attempt to discredit a militant working class organization is the most scurrilous of all the charges. Far from decreasing by 40 per cent; records of the state office, which are open to inspection, show a decided increase in membership. That the Communist Party does not 'recognize' the leadership of the I.W.A. is something we have long suspected, but it happens to have been elected by an enthusiastic state convention, has offices, employs a full-time state organizer, and was able to buy an automobile for his use only two weeks ago."

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**Consul Backed Speech**  
Mr. Perez, the consul in Chicago, spoke on the same program with me on the Spanish situation before a Young Circle League forum on the afternoon of December 27th. He followed me on the program and I can produce more than a dozen witnesses who will testify that he began by saying that he had little to add to what I had stated and continued to laud my remarks and substantiate the content of my speech by citing additional proofs of the statements I had made. The speech I made on this occasion was identical, almost word for word, with all my other speeches on this subject.  
No friend of the Spanish people, no anti-fascist who believes that unity and a high standard of ethics and integrity is necessary in our fight against fascism, can afford to ignore my plea for a public exoneration of the untruthful charges made against me. I have already been promised all possible assistance in securing a hearing before a competent body by Miss Annette Dieckmann, Industrial Secretary of the Chicago Y.W.C.A., who sat next to me at the speakers' table and complimented me upon keeping my temper under the trying circumstances. The effectiveness of our very fight against the lies and corruption of fascism depend upon the maintenance of a high ethical standard of truthfulness and honest relations among anti-fascists. Yours for Unity and Truth in the Fight against Fascism.

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**FASCIST MURDER**  
"The great movement of the French working class to give direct aid to Spain and the treachery of the Blum regime in obstructing such aid has contributed largely to training the French workers for the inevitable civil war in France.  
The Paris Commune which 66 years ago established workers' power in Paris and held out for 72 days blazed a glorious path which the international working class movement has followed to the present time. Today the French working class faces the same task that the Communards faced in 1871: the destruction of capitalist exploitation. French imperialism can offer nothing but misery, wars, and fascism to the working people.  
To complete the task begun by the Communards, the French working class will have to free itself from all illusions about collaboration with the bourgeoisie and take the road of revolutionary struggle against their oppressors. This is the real heritage of the Commune. With far greater numbers, far greater experience, with powerful trade union organizations, the lessons of Spain before them, the French working class must weld together a revolutionary party that will clearly champion the workers' cause and lead in the annihilation of decaying capitalism in France. This will bring resurgence to the whole international workers' movement.

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**Burt Greets Heroic Stand Of Strikers At Waukegan**  
"Congratulations on your heroic stand for labor. Every weapon of brutality has been used against you but the determined spirit of united workers cannot be crushed! I pledge you every possible aid personally and for the Socialist party," stated the telegram sent to steel workers in Waukegan in the Fansteel strike by Roy E. Burt executive secretary of the Socialist Party, U.S.A.

**Socialists Inspire Workers In St. Louis Labor Struggles**  
ST. LOUIS.—Entering the fourth week of picket duty two hundred girls striking against the National Underwear Company created by their efforts a militant local union of the I.L.G.W.U. Led by courageous organizer, Artie Price and assisted by Comrades Elizabeth Barker and Doris Preisler, these girls have withstood the usual, vicious strikebreaking tactics of the bosses and the police. Unbearable conditions prompted these workers (many of them are girls between the ages of sixteen and eighteen) to stage a spontaneous walk-out.

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