Unity of Jewish-Arab Masses Communist Aim in Palestine

For Struggle **Against British**

Hathaway and Olgin Discuss Role of Zionist Leaders

Webster Hall was filled Tuesday nihet to hear Clarence A. Hathaway. editor of the Daily Worker, and M. J. Olgin, editor of the Morning Freiheit, explain the Communist po-

Hathaway set the key-note of the meeting when he declared, "Com-nunisis above all symbolize the efforts to bring peoples together, to unite the toiling masses of all peoples. The line of the Communist Party of Palestine is not to create m but to overcome it by uniting the masses of Jews and Arabs against British imperialism and its Zionist and Arab agents."

Asserting that "those who want freedom for Palestine must struggl against the Zionist organization." M. J. Olgin made a stirring appeal for the support of the Jewish workers for the liberation struggles of the

The Role of Zionists

Speaking in Yiddish, Olgin addressed many of his remarks to those in the audience who were still influenced by Zionist ideas, and he permitted interjections from the floor from Zionist sympathizers, at one time urging one of his hecklers to speak louder so that he could hear

"The Zionists rule the Jews in Palestine with an iron hand," Olgin charged. "They control workers, farmers, banks, credit, the press, and the religious life of the community.

Olgin separated clearly between the masses of Jewish workers and farmers in Palestine and the leaders of the Zionist organizations, declaring that "The masses of Jews in Palestine are working people. They are our brothers.'

Plight of Emigrants

He described the plight of the 3,086 emigrants from Boland, fascist Germany, and other countries who have recently come to Palestine expecting to find a salvation from their difficulties only to find themselves the victims of a race war, because of the Zionist policy of pushing the Arabs off the land, through deals with the Effendi, the

Arab landlords.
"The Arabs," Olgin said, "want freedom from British domination. They have begun increasingly to demand a democratic parliament. But the Zionist leaders want cooperation with British imperialism. They argue that freedom for Pal-

estine is bad for the Jews." Citing the fact that Arabs are not permitted to join most Jewish unions, that they are barred from most jobs by Jewish employers, that colonies that employ Arab labor are picketed, Olgin declared:

Basis of Peace

The Zionist leaders have come to Palestine with a policy of setting race against race, of setting Jew against Arab. This policy of racial hatred is also followed by some false Arab leaders, who would sell names of the men. out to British imperialism in time Olgin denied that the Commu-

to Jewish immigration to Palestine help support him. as such, but asserted that it objected to the present Zionist controlled basis of immigration.

Jewish homeland." Calling for Democratic rule in Pal- had earned.

estine, free of Imperialism, with a Jews. Olgin stated:

for liberation from British domination, and they will discover that the Arabs will stretch out their hands in friendship to the Jews."

Hathaway Speaks

Hathaway admitted that he could not read the editorials in the Jewish nationalist press, but said that he had read Isaac Don Levine's version of these editorials in the Hearst papers. He pointed out that Hearst's sudden friendship for the Jewish people in Palestine was duè to his desire to attack the Communist Party, and to alienate it from

the Jewish masses. The main enemy of both Arabs and Jews in Palestine, Hathaway declared, is British imperialism, the Dally Worker, and Jay Love cede a campaign to disseminate struggle of getting back on relief and its agents who should be driven out, be they Jews or Arabs.

Addressing himself to those with Zionist illusions, Hathaway said: "I want to say to those who are immenced by Zionism: If you per-mit yourself to be led by Zionism, you will follow it into a hopeless

swamp. "If you want national liberation he said, "join those groups that fight for the national and social liberation of all people. Out of that der which will solve your national

At the end of Olgin's address, which was the last of the evening, the chairman invited those wi disagreed with the speakers to take the floor. Several dissidents spoke and were answered by Olgin.

Editors Appeal Seamen Call Mass Picket Of Waterfront Tomorrow

the biggest picket line the docks have ever seen! Sweep the strikereaking activities of the police off

attack on the mass picket line of the seamen last Monday night, when car-loads of "riot-squad" cops oads of "riot-squad" cops sed scores and arrested 250 striking seamen, the strikers and Seamen, have issued a city-wide rallying call for a demonstration of strength at the piers this Saturday morning. Pickets will meet at 164 Eleventh Ave., at 9:30 o'clock.

Led by Eugene V. Connolly, chair-man of the committee, hundreds of who will march with them on the

The cry along the waterfront to-day is "Rally Saturday morning to ranging from church groups to unions, have plededg to be on hand for the picket line at 10 o'clock this

Among the dozens of organizations the Citizens Committee for Striking Seamen, and who are expected to march on the picket line, are the League for Industrial Democracy, the International Labor Defense, the American League Against War and Fascism, the Knickerbocker Democrats, the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation, the Methodist Federation for Social Service, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Preparing for the united front

seamen in the strike zone promise yesterday to throw the lar tingent of seamen on the line that the waterfront has witnessed to date. Several thousand strikers will march, carrying hundreds of strike banners, protesting scab crews and lack of safety-at-sea. Other banners will display the demands of the seamen for a National Maritime Federation, and equality of wages for the Atlantic and Pacific coasts Dozens of protest resolutions and telegrams poured into the office of

Department during the week indignantly demanding a cessation of police attacks on the rights of the to strike and picket:

Business of Brothels Was \$35,000 Nightly

"That's hard to state accurately."

The bonders collected every Sun-

day night, she said. The State con-

tended that the bonders were men

Defense attorneys attempting to

"Didn't your husband have a girl

friend on the side?" Luciano's

girl friend," she answered haughtily.

Arrests Ceased After Bonding

record the fact that prostitutes and

forced to pay the "bonding" fee,

which was to be used in case any

A typical story, perhaps, was

that of Mary Thomas, a stately blonde dressed in green. She said she was born in Elizabeth, N. J., worked in Newark and took to

street walking when her husband

died and left her with two chil-

of them were arrested.

dren to support,

she began paying bond.

Luciano Unemotional

Luciano, slight, swarthy and cold-

eved, displayed no emotion through

enough to take command of a vice

heard the overpainted girls tell of

a year from the "oldest profession."

and the Federal Theatre" at the

Dr. Razey will address the Ham-

Her story was repeated by witness

shake her testimony had little suc-

working for the Luciano gang.

she said precisely "but if a girl

and \$10 for bonding."

Prostitutes Making \$200 a Week Paid Madame \$120—Arrests Stopped After Bonding, Luciano Trial Reveals

An incredible story-incredible were it not for the pinning up of fact upon fact-fell from the lips of prostitutes and madames yesterday in the trial of New York's Public Enemy No. 1, Charles (Lucky) Luciano, on the charge of compulsory prostitution. A veritable parade of

the demi-monde, the nervous women of testified before a blue-ribbon jury in Supreme Court of the intimate details of their "business" and its payoffs -- estimated at \$35,000 a

\$10 for Bonding

The State hoped to prove that the percentages the girls were forced to turn over to "bookers" and "bonders" went to a huge vice ring headed by the beetle-browed Luciano, whose activities have led authorities to place him at the top of the list of enemies, even preceding Johnnie Torrio, Chicago's vice lord before Al Capone chased him

Trim Dorothy Arnold testified she operated a house which the state claimed was one of 200 that paid tribute to Luciano and nine others

Her story was that she originally paid \$10 a week to bookers who supplied girls for her house. Later she paid a similar sum for "bondpurposes. The State laimed "bonding" was part of the \$12,-775,000 that Luciano and his fellowers extorted yearly.

Tells of Card System She talked of Cock-eye Louis and

Jo-Jo and Pete and various other men to whom she paid money. Mostly she didn't know the last

Her husband, whom she called "Slim," now is in jail, she admitted. She said he was an opium smoker nist Party of Palestine was opposed and that she opened a house to

Through her the State introduced a card system that she said she olled basis of immigration.
"We want more Jews in Pales"We want more Jews in Palestine," he said, "but on a new basis, card and she took the money from the Arabs the girl and punched a figure on This will require the understanding the card which the girl kept. By that Palestine cannot become the such a system she knew at the end of the week how much each girl

estine, free of imperialism, with a up to the figure \$62. That indicat-shake many witnesses. They showed this demand. ed, she said, that one of the girls "Let the Zionists abandon their had taken in that much for the present treacherous policies, let the first two days of the week before Jews aid the Arabs in their struggle Mrs. Arnold and those working for her were arrested

Sunday Night Collection

"How much did girls working for ring with a single sentence, he sat you earn a week and what share of it did you take?" she was asked by Special Prosecutor Thomas E

Thomas and Hathaway Speakers Will Discuss Will Speak on May 28 At 3 Mass Meetings On Farmer-Labor Party

Norman Thomas of the Socialist stone, renegade from Communism, information about the WPA Theawill discuss the question of a labor tre. Tonight Dr. J. Lester Razey party in a symposium on Thursday, will speak on the "Modern Dance May 28.

The symposium will be held un. Riverside Branch Public Library, 190 national Ladies Garment Workers at the International Workers Order Union, at Hotel Delano, 108 West Branch, 562 West 168th Street. Porty-third Street, and will begin ilton Fish Park Branch of the

Tickets can be obtained from the office of the educational depart- American League Against War and

SHIP ARRIVALS

SHIPS IN YESTERDAY

Discrimination In Curtain Firm

80 Workers Walk Out When Union Members Are Fired

Eighty workers of the Safety yesterday when the firm fired active the unemployed, union workers. The Curtain and Drapery Workers Union, Local 45B. affiliated with the A. F. of L., has been conducting an organization drive to unionize the shop. When the union members were fired, the took in \$200 a week, I kept \$120 rest of the workers went out on the employes.

of it, \$100 for myself, \$10 for board The firm, which makes the E-Z Venetian blinds, has been paying wages of \$8 and \$10 a week for 47 and a half hours. Almost 100 workers are employed. The strikers are demanding the reinstatement of the fired workers, union recognition, the forty-hour week and wage in-

The workers are determined to stay out until their demands are met, the union stated. The union announced that the strikers will picket the concern's customers, unless they agree to refrain from selling the products of the struck "I was my husband's wife and

after witness, putting into the Project Union we find that even in those where wage minima have keepers of disorderly houses were Pay Increase

The Roosevelt Administration is ers Union in New York announced Later she went to work in houses, she testified. There she earned as here yesterday, when the new fiscal much as \$150 a week. Always \$10 year starts on June 12,

of her earnings went for bonding. she said she worked in many places fifty cents an hour for unskilled lafor Jennie the Fox and Rita and bor, the Project Workers Union will The Greek's and finally for Dorothy demand that eighty-two and a half She was arrested with Mrs. cents be paid on all projects.

The girls testified in clear, preunions, particularly, can help us tract. plainly they were accustomed to dealing with troublesome situations.

Simultaneously with the local actions a mass delegation, represent-ing the projects, will visit Washingthe session. A racketeer powerful sullenly in Supreme Court and demand that all dismissals on WPA their bondage to a vast underworld organization that drew \$12,775,000

Federal WPA Theatre are among those who have received sible. pink slips in the latest drive to slash 42,000 workers from the WPA rolls by June 1. Many heads of lower ten capte an August, 1935, as the maintenance of proper conditions and to weld them into an active and vigilant force, assisting in the maintenance of proper conditions the maintenance of proper conditi Three lectures or the WPA Fedfamilies that have but one child Party, Clarence Hathaway, editor of eral Ti eatre this week-end will pre- have been turned out to face the

Two Ohrbach ernment contract employed the girls from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M., which were The symposium will be held under the auspices of the educational der the auspices of the educational Amsterdam Avenue, and Ned Glass Picket Cases The girls were paid as low as \$3 a Highway Patrolmen came into those week for this time and refusal to eities and took charge, actually Are Dismissed

Judge Raphael R. Murphy of the Essex Market Court yesterday disment, Room 508, 232 West Fortieth Pascism, 44 Avenue C, on Sunday missed the case against two Ohron "The Tt.eatre as a Social Force." bach workers arrested for picketing late Tuesday night. The dismissal of these cases followed the decision handed down Tuesday by Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, who agreed with Local 1250 of the Department Store Employes Union of the A. F.

90-Hour Week on Federal Jobs

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Figures showing terrific recent wage slashes for women workers and forcing of women garment workers on some government contract jobs to work as late as 8 P.M. were cited to the Women's Trade Union League Convention here last week by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor. Green said:

"The lengthening of hours in industry since May, 1935, when NRA was invalidated, resulted in the increase of the average work week in the course of seven months by three Causes Strike hours. Most of this additional work gun to manifest itself in the labor has been added without the corresponding wage compensation and often while hours were increased wages were cut. Thus the departure from code standards meant not only onger hours for the workers but also a drastic wage loss. More than that, the lengthening of hours made it impossible for the industry to absorb in the process of current re-Cedar Products Company struck covery those who are now among

70-Hour Week in Cotton Industry "In many of the industries in which the NRA labor standards have almost completely collapsed women constitute the majority of

"In the cotton garment industry for example, and in the silk textile industry, where the code standards were wiped out soon after the invalidation of the NRA, many women workers have suffered not only a drastic reduction in their weekly wages, but at the same time have been forced to work as long as sixty and seventy hours a week.

"In the hosiery industry, where large number of additional depar tures from code standards are reported this Spring, intolerable work together with lengthened oads hours and reduced wages have been

"In the textile industry generally we find that even in those plants maintained, the speed-up has been such as to make many women workers physically incapable of handling

Women's Work Standards Lowered "In the retail trades, where women workers constitute a major portion of the employes, code standards have been almost universally

"In looking at the post-NRA situover its starvation WPA wage levels ation as a whole, it would not be an on organized unskilled labor, Joseph exaggeration to say that women Gilbert, leader of the Project Work- workers have been hardest hit by the abandonment of the code standards. Those who have remained in employment have their hour lengthened and wages cut, and To meet the present standard of those who are now unemployed have been deprived of their opportunity for re-employment.

All of the lowering of standards in the strengthened with a view to greatly Arnold. She said she had been ar- the forces of the union will be work done by women in different facilitating the elimination of comtypes of industries. These illustra- petition and the maintenance of tions have been chosen not at ran- standards. It must be our object to "Besides our own project locals dom, not from any plant where who will picket 111 Eighth Avenue there might be no direct connection tire membership to the necessity of and attempt to see Ridder and his with supervision by the Federal the strictest observance of union cise tones. They were not bothered to call upon the support of trade ditions, but from establishments shops, to develop broad activities One of the cards was punched by cross-examination that would unions to aid us in forcing through which furnished their products to through which large sections of the The building trade the Federal Government under con- dressmakers will be able to partici-

"A large knit underwear mill in

Tennessee employs 1,200 women and and make them an even more vital ton in June and lay their wage 500 men. This firm maintained a factor in the life of the union than demand on Hopkins's table. At the weekly code minimum rate of \$12 heretofore. Ever larger numbers of same time the delegation will also through December, 1935, but raised projects, 17,500 of which have already taken place, be stopped and that those laid off be immediately reinstated.

weekly hours to fifty-seven for woore hours and, at the same time, men. This firm nandled during that to eradicate whatever traces of the time a large order for the CCC and open shop may still remain. Meet-Contrary to promises made by the forced its workers to work at breakadministration work relief heads, neck pace to have the order filled called as frequently as possible so Gilbert pointed out, married men as rapidly and as cheaply as pos-"A shirt factory in Maryland

low as ten cents an hour with most of the women employes receiving only two or three dollars a week for fifty-two hours of work. "In July, 1935, a garment factory

in Pennsylvania working on a Govthe standard hours, but most of the work until 8 P.M. meant loss of the

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Green Shows Local 22 Groups Wage Slashes RyCovernment Plan Joint Action Through Night

Women Forced to Work Statement Issued by Rank and File and the Demand Reinstatement Progressive Dressmakers' Group Cites the Need of Unity in the Union

> In a stirring appeal for unity to meet the many problems of their union, the Progressive Dressmakers' Group of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and the Rank and File Group of that organization issued a joint statement yesterday expressing their agreement "to work together and to cooperate in

> > work entirely to the advantage of

plied, many of the present difficul-

ties will surely be eliminated. Faults

but no one should be confused or

with the Union to help overcon

these difficulties; no one should

be permitted to exaggerate them

or use them against the interests

of the Union and the dressmaker

We must learn from these weak

Utmost Unity Needed

of fundamental reorganization.

ward-looking elements in our Union

"In full recognition of this duty,

the Progressive Group and the

Left Group, embracing the most

agree to work together and to co-

common program and aims, as

Just as we put up a solid front during the negotiations for the

new agreement in order to win our

our forces and cooperate for the

gains. In this way will we be able

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terest of the dressmakers

"Everyone must now cooperate

the furtherance of our common pro- ready had in the enforcement of the union.

The statement, which is of the ery for settling prices. We are bor movement, reads in full as folmanifested themselves and how to

"Within the past year or two, a strengthen the positive features so new tendency towards unity has be- that the system as a whole should movement. Learning a costly lesson the drossmakers. It is already clear, from the events in Europe, where for one thing, that for effective the division of working class forces functioning we must have definite contributed so much towards the schedules to apply in the settlement strengthening of the powers of reaction, the workers are rapidly consolidating their ranks against the common enemy. Unity in the struggle against the forces of the employing class unity in the struggle against reaction and fascism, is the watchword arising from the deepest needs of the working class today.

"Our union, too, has undergone the same experience and our union, too, has felt the same need. For many years, there has been wide division in the ranks of the active dressmakers, centering around sharp differences of opinion as to policy and methods. In our union, too, as these differences began to disappear and as the harmful consequences of unification of the forces of the active dressmakers on a common pro gram of action became one of the most important tasks of the day.

The Next Step

"As a result of the great general few years, along the lines of jobbers' strike of 1933, we at last succeeded groups. Both the industry and the in building up a powerful union, so that when our agreement expired such a situation as this, in such a last January, we were able to force period of thoroughgeing reconstrucsome very vital concessions from tion, the utmost unity, solidarity and the employers without even the discipline in our ranks are a vital necessity of a strike, simply by a necessity. Under these circumstances show of our organized might and it is the supreme duty of all formilitancy.

"But the new agreement is only to unite their forces for the great the first step. The next and most task ahead, to help imbue our ranks important step is the effective en- with the unconquerable spirit of forcement of the agreement, the unity and militancy. carrying out in life of the gains we have made. To build up such an efficient machinery of enforcement is a difficult task, a task requiring above all, the fullest cooperation of all dressmakers, the firm unity of all elements in the union, thorough discipline and responsibility on the part of the entire membership!

Rebuilding of Union "The very foundations of the structure of the union are now to

be reorganized. The apparatus of the union is to be thoroughly rebuilt along jobber group lines so as to make possible effective control and the proper standardization of conditions in the shops. The jobber group com-"I will give you a few illustrations mittees must be consolidated and pate in the work of the organization. For this reason, we must endeavor to extend the activities of the building and block committees active members must be drawn into these committees in order that they ings of shop chairmen should be as to keep them in constant touch with the life and problems of the union and to weld them into an actions in the shops "From the experiences we have al-

Police Role Attacked SEATTLE, May 16 (FP). - "In some of the smaller cities where there have been strikes, represenusurping the rights and povers of the local police and sheriff without their consent," complains the Central Labor Council of Seattle and Vicinity to Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington

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Death Watch

on WPA and Protest Discrimination

Fifty pickets began a forty-eighte hour death watch of the WPA headquarters at the Port Authority Building at 111 Eighth Avenue, yesterday at 1 p. m.

Led by a tall man immaculately dressed in a dark suit, carrying a large American flag, the pickets ready had in the enforcement of filed past in a slow, widely-spaced gram and aims" for the building of the new agreement, we are learning single file, that stretched the length rapidly how to improve the machin- of the block.

The pickets will continue their vigil day and night for forty-eight points and shortcomings that have at night or in the early morning. hours not relenting their watch late The pickets led by the City Projects Council are demanding the reinstatement of workers fired from WPA, and the continuation of WPA. Many carried signs with the words "48 Hour Death Watch," surrounde by a black border.

Woman with Baby Carriage

One woman, walking along at the low pace of the rest of the picket line, wheeled a flimsy straw baby carriage in which was seated a little and shortcomings are inevitable in the first stages of the new system dark-skinned, dark-haired boy who looked eagerly about at the signs carried by the pickets.

Many of the pickets were young single men and women. This group has already been notified by the WPA that it will be the first to go. Another group that claims discrimination is that of married men with less than three dependents.

es and never cease our efforts to improve the new system of price settlement and the new machinery of enforcement in the in-

1,000 Expected on Line Later in the afternoon, the picket line swelled as it was joined by members by the Artists' Union, the WPA local of the Teachers Union the Project Workers Union and other groups. Leaders of the picket The whole structure of the Union line expect that more than 1,000 is being rebuilt along the lines we WPA workers will participate in the discussed and advocated in the last

Members of the Artists Union were carrying on a picket line of their own at the Federal Art Proje Union are passing through a period ects Administration at 6 East Thire ty-ninth Street, as the same time as the death watch was beginning its slow march.

Police Club Artists

Fifty artists and models, members of the Artists Union and of the Models Union, visited Miss Audrey McMahon, administrator of the artists' project, to demand jobs. When they were flatly refused, they decided to remain in her office in

Miss McMahon called police who clubbed the artists and models, and shoved them down the elevators

until they were out of the building Twenty-five pickets continued their protest in front of the building yesterday as a delegation remained inside the office of Miss McMahon. They say that they will remain in the office until their demand for jobs is granted.

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