

Workers! Mass at Union Square Saturday, Aug. 19, 4:30 P.M.!

S.W.P. Calls for United Labor Action Against The Fascist Invasion

The following letter calling for united labor action against the Coughlin provocation was sent on August 11 by Edward Frank, organizer of Local New York, S.W.P., to the following organizations: Avukah, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Council, Poale Zion, Socialist Party, Social Democratic Federation, Young Circle League, Workmen's Circle, Workers Sick and Death Benefit Society, Independent Labor League, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Jewish National Workers Alliance, etc.

Dear Friends: After weeks of unprecedented anti-Semitic and anti-labor propaganda, the storm-troop followers of Father Coughlin, America's Number One Fascist, are organizing a "mass demonstration and parade" to form at Columbus Circle on Saturday, August 19th, at 6 P.M. and March into Union Square.

The Fascists, in their circular, call their provocation a "manifestation of Christianity." That is not true. The Fascist parade is simply a mobilization of strike-breakers, thugs, Jew-haters and union-busters.

This provocation was forecast by Coughlin two weeks ago in a nation-wide broadcast entitled "The Call To Action," in which he attacked the "Bolshevik" leaders of the American Trade Union Movement, the "non-religious Jews," and stated that he would resort to the use of "force." "I will meet you in Franco's way!" he declared.

Father Coughlin is organizing a Fascist movement in America, with the same methods and the same aims as Mussolini and Hitler.

The Fascist demonstration of August 19th is an open challenge to the whole Labor Movement, as well as to the whole anti-Fascist movement of this city.

We cannot afford to wait until Coughlin converts the United States into one huge concentration camp.

Time is pressing! Let us join hands now against this terrible menace to our liberties, our rights, our very lives!

Let us all join hands to stop Fascism in America!

We call upon you to join with us and rally in Union Square on Saturday, August 19th, at 4:30 P.M. to protest against this Fascist provocation.

Fraternally,

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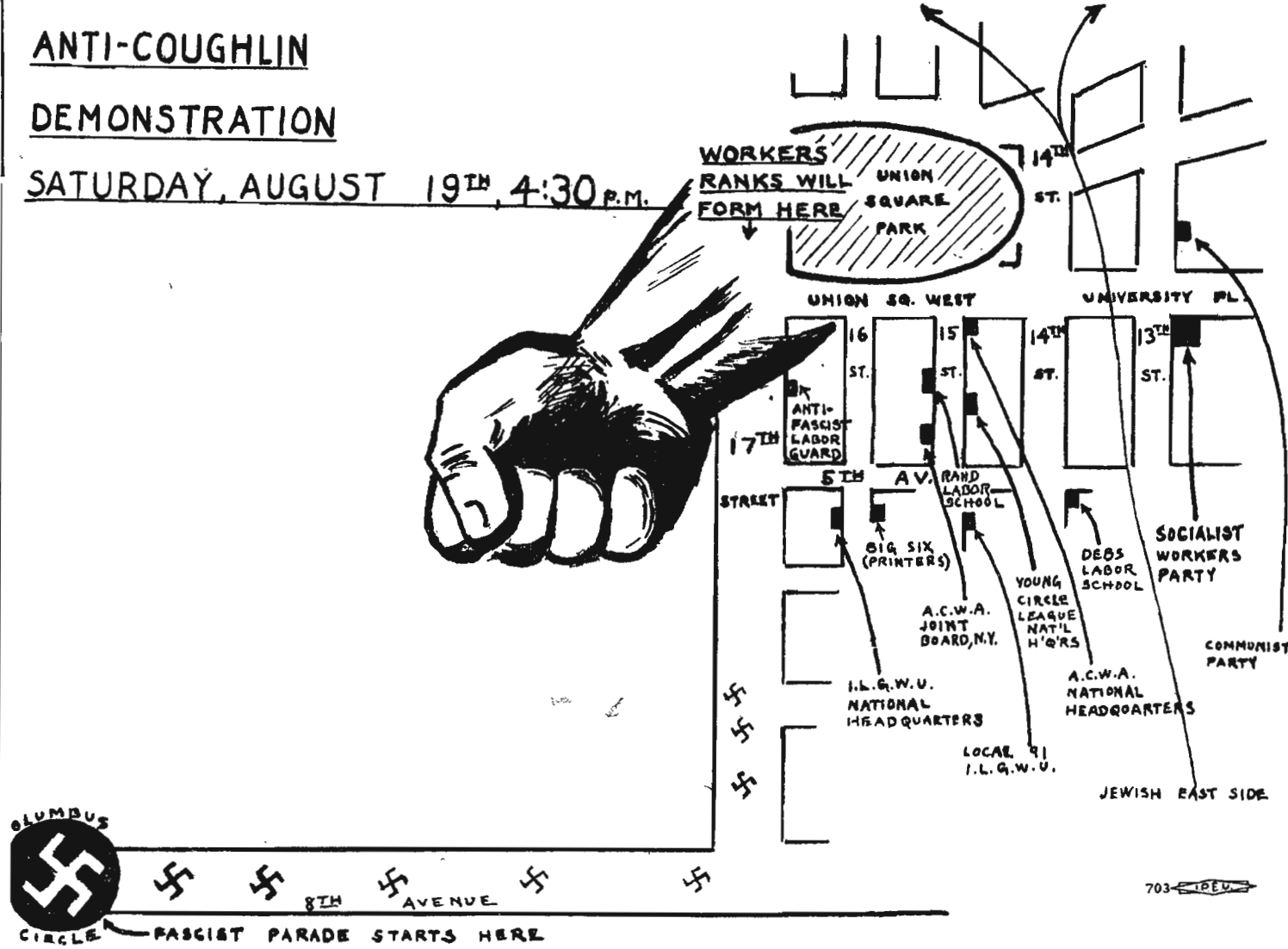
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NEW YORK WORKERS GIRD FOR ANTI-COUGHLIN DEMONSTRATION

Rally at Union Square Against the Fascist Provocation!

ANTI-COUGHLIN DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 4:30 P.M.



Response at Rallies Points to Huge Turnout August 19

Anti-Fascist Workers Respond to Rallies Called by S.W.P. in All Sections of the City—200,000 Circulars Distributed

Anti-fascists throughout the entire metropolitan area responded with preparatory rallies and parades over the weekend to the call of the Socialist Workers Party for a counter-demonstration against Father Coughlin's projected march on Union Square next Saturday evening.

All indications point to a larger and even more militant demonstration than that staged last February 20 at Madison Square Garden in protest against the meeting of the German-American Bund.

MANHATTAN: Beginning with a Friday night parade at 7th St. and 2nd Ave., anti-fascists shouted slogans against Coughlin throughout the East Side and called on the workers to demonstrate next Saturday at Union Square. Rallies were held at Rivington and Ave. B and at Norfolk and Delancey. Hundreds of copies of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal were sold. Tens of thousands of leaflets were distributed. Workers everywhere responded with cash contributions and statements, "We'll be down and bring the neighborhood along with us."

Tempers Rising Bronx: Rallies were held Friday and mass sales of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal Saturday. At a Coughlinite meeting in South Bronx anti-fascists who challenged Christian Mobilizer speakers were attacked by knife-wielding Mobilizers. A drunken Mobilizer stabbed a policeman, and the crowd swelled so rapidly that police decided to call the meeting off. Throughout the Bronx, the temper of the anti-fascist workers is rising. Several organizers of the Christian Mobilizers during the past few days are reported to have suffered the wrath of workers who object to their anti-Semitic and anti-labor slogans.

Papers Sell Fast Queens: Anti-fascists are conducting parades to mobilize the workers and get everyone out for the demonstration against Coughlin next Saturday at 4:30 P.M. in Union Square. At rallies, sales of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal were brisk. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed.

Brooklyn: Street rallies and parade in Brownsville. Rallies at Coney Island and at Brighton Beach. Loudspeaker rally planned for Brownsville. Sales of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal very good. Leaflets distributed by the tens of thousands.

Square Will Be Packed Before Saturday the entire supply of a quarter of a million leaflets will be exhausted. Edward Frank, organizer for Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party reported today.

"We expect a far larger demonstration next Saturday than that held last February 20, when the workers of New York expressed their anger at the fascist provocateurs," he declared.

"The anti-fascist workers of New York are becoming thoroughly tired of watching the police protect Coughlinites and practice gross discrimination against those who wish to stop fascism from taking over the United States.

"Everything indicates that Union Square will be packed next Saturday at 4:30 P.M. when the anti-fascists of New York assemble to protect with ACTION the march of the Coughlinites toward a fascist dictatorship in this country."

Stop Fascism In America!

Will Father Coughlin Become Dictator of the United States?

By JOSEPH HANSEN

(Third Installment)

Mussolini Assassinate Labor

When it became clear that Mussolini had managed to ensnare a large section of the population behind him, the big stockholders gave the word, and King Victor called *Il Duce* to Rome to take power.

Il Duce began immediately to put his real program into effect.

With the army, the police department, and the National Treasury at his disposal, he mopped up all the working class organizations. Not one escaped him.

Not a single one.

The heads of the working class who had derided the idea of organizing Trade Union Defense Guards were among the first to fall victim. Those who did not succeed in utilizing their passports in time were thrown into concentration camps and prisons. Many died of torture. Many were murdered outright. Those of the militant rank and file who were not executed were herded behind barbed wire and set to breaking rock under Black Shirt rifles.

Mussolini stepped up the mass production of laws to full capacity in accordance with his promises.

He had promised a militant policy against the capitalists—*Il Duce* broke that promise by smashing every trade union in Italy. He did not spare even the Catholic trade unions (whose members were workers, not priests—religious workers, not non-religious workers).

In place of the militant unions which had existed previously *Il Duce* set up Fascist "unions." He appointed Black Shirt commissioners in charge of these "unions." He made it compulsory for every worker to join. These "unions" were capitalist dreams of company unions done up in bullet-proof glass.

When the employer wants to lower wages, say 30 per cent, he informs the commissioner in charge of the Fascist union. The commissioner as "representative" of the workers demands in return not more than a 28 per cent cut.

Since strikes are illegal in Italy, a Labor Court composed of employers and Mussolini appointees judges the merits of the conflicting claims. They may decide for the employer of the workers or they may decide for the commissioner in charge of the Fascist union, but generally they arrive at a compromise, which would make it a 29 per cent wage slash.

In this way *Il Duce* has done away with "costly" strikes and composed the differences between capital and labor through mutual agreement and amicable discussion among the employers.

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Board of War Dictators Set Up by Washington

Representatives of Sixty Families Run the Board Which Will Become "Executive Agency of the Government" in War-time

The most sinister step thus far taken in the war preparations of the U. S. Government was made known in Washington August 9.

This was the definitive setting up of the board of war dictators who are scheduled to take over governmental power in this country upon the outbreak of war, under the terms of the notorious Industrial Mobilization Plan.

The statement handed out by the War and Navy Departments announced that the new body has been given the innocentsounding title of the War Resources Board. It is to function at the present time as a civilian advisory board to the Army and Navy Munitions Board, in charge of perfecting the plans for the mobilization that would follow M-Day, the official designation for the first day of war.

But "in the event of an international emergency" it would "lose its semi-official status as an advisory organization" and "become an executive agency of the government with broad powers in many ways similar to those exercised by the War Industries Board of World War days."

In line with the statement made in the Industrial Mobilization Plan that the head of this "War Cabinet" should be an "outstanding industrial leader," the man who is named as chairman of the Board is Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who is chairman of the board of directors of U. S. Steel, the kingpin of American war industry. Other members named so far are: Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone and Telegraph; J. L. Pratt, director of General Motors; General R. E. Wood, head of Sears Roebuck; Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the

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New Wage Slashes For WPA

300,000 Slated for Axe—Murphy Stalls On Prevailing Wage

By NEIL WHITE
With the WPA rolls down to a new low of 2,100,000 on August 2, a reduction of one and a quarter million workers from last January's figure of 3,350,000, new dismissals of 300,000 workers in September were projected this week by the WPA Administration, bringing the rolls down to 1,800,000.

The Administration also is carrying through dismissals of 600,000 workers who have been on the rolls eighteen months. These dismissals are already

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Four Jewish Boys Murderously Beaten by Christian Fronters

Coughlin Christian Front gangsters murderously beat up four Jewish boys on Friday evening at 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, New York.

Saul Wolff's jaw was broken in three places, Sonny Levine sustained severe bruises, and two other boys were also beaten.

The four boys, who have had no connection with anti-fascist activities, were strolling down St. Nicholas Avenue. A Coughlin Christian Front meeting was taking place at the 183rd St. corner. As the boys passed without stopping, a hoodlum recognized Wolff as a former schoolmate at George Washington High School. The hoodlum then instigated a gang attack on the four boys.

Bleeding though he was, Wolff refused to be taken to a hospital until, at his demand, Policeman Schrader and another officer made the rounds of the neighborhood bars, until Wolff found and identified the ringleader of the attack.

Indicating how police avenues of information are open to the fascists, the next night the hoodlum's "family" appeared at Wolff's home and tried to put pressure on him to withdraw the charges. The Coughlinite is an ex-convict.

Mighty Parade of New York Labor Opens AFL Convention

"30-Hour Week to Solve Unemployment" Is Outstanding Slogan of March

A twelve-hour parade of 125,000 members of New York locals of the AFL on Saturday greeted the 800 delegates to the 76th annual convention of the State Federation of Labor opening here Tuesday.

It was a mighty and colorful demonstration of labor's strength. A holiday spirit pervaded the marchers, reflecting their joy in recent victories and their assuredness for labor's future.

COUGHLINITE SHOCK TROOPS RIOT IN BRONX

Attack Anti-Fascists Who Challenge Jew-Baiting of Speaker

NEW YORK, Aug. 14—The Christian Mobilizers, Father Coughlin's shock troop organization, rioted last night in the Bronx in preparation for their march on Union Square next Saturday.

The rioting began when members of the Anti-Fascist Labor Guard, the Maccabees, and Americans All, a league organized to fight intolerance, challenged rabid Jew-baiting statements made by a Christian Mobilizer speaker at 141st St. and Crimmins Ave.

Without attempting to make any reasoned reply to the questioners, members of the Christian Mobilizers began swinging fists, knives, and blackjacks.

Two Arrested The 14 uniformed police and six plain clothes detectives protecting the Coughlinites at first attempted to quell the disturbance so that the Christian Mobilizer speaker could continue his harangue against the Jews, but the fascist shock troopers swung indiscriminately, stabbing one policeman in the cheek. Police arrested Benjamin Stafford, 29, a boxer by profession, 603 Beach Ave., who claimed that he headed the Christian Mobilizers organization in Brooklyn, and Louis Popchinski, 41, a chauffeur,

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