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**Trade Unions In Politics
 Prepare To Fight Back**

By MARTIN P. DURKIN.

labor movement persisted because its men and women had the will to fight. Lockout's, blacklists, spies, private police and even murders did not stop trade unionists who had the will to give their children a better opportunity in life.

Today that same will exists, but it is not necessary to prove it by physical courage. What we need today are men and women who recognize the current political dangers and are willing to get out and vote.

New Battleground

Whether we like it or not, the continued existence of the American trade union movement depends upon our ability to fight in the political arena. Today we are "in political" not by choice; we are in because the anti-union employers have picked this new battleground.

The anti-union employers' shift from the economic arena to the political realm is an accomplished fact.

The American Federation of Labor has stepped forward to defend the wage-earners of America. It is calling upon every trade unionist to make use of his ballot in a fight to defend his hard-won standard of living.

"We are all in a tough fight. We shall need every ounce of courage and willingness to work. I am sure the members of our international union will not be found lacking in either courage or willingness to work."

Down through the years the American trade union movement has followed a policy of relying principally upon its economic strength in collective bargaining to win for its members higher pay, shorter hours and better working conditions.

The history of this policy is written indelibly in the annals of America. The benefits of this policy are all around us.

Turn To Politics

The anti-union employers—who tried to starve us out with lockouts and strikebreakers; who endangered our lives with gas, guns and civil warfare — have now turned to less crude but just as vicious methods of "putting labor in its place."

Today these employers have transferred their activities from their plants to the legislative halls of the federal and state governments, where "influence" produces laws that effectively reduce the economic strength of trade unionism.

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