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# oin the Communist Opposition!

you are a Communist, if you are a revolutionary worker anxious to do your bit fowards ridding mankind of the murderous capitalistic system and replacing it by a new social order, then your place is in the ranks of the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (Opposition).

The startling contradiction today is that while the economic and social breakdown of capitalism is slowly but surely preparing the conditions for the emergence of a mass Communist movement and for the winning of the workers to the cause of militancy and revolution, the official Communist Party, even taking into consideration all the in-flated boasts of its leaders, is only a powerless sect, divorced from the masses, with far less effective influence among the workers than in the hard days of the Coolidge 'prosperity." In spite of the years of crisis, in the face of a growing rebellious mood of the masses, no increase in membership but rather a continuous decline—the shrinkage of influence in the labor movement almost to nothing-so low a vote in the elections that it must have shocked even the most thoughtless! In a word, the Communist Party, from whom the workers had every right to expect leadership, has itself surrendered the opportunity and has completely failed to measure up to the historical tasks facing it.

### Unite the Communist Movement!

The tragic failure of the official Communist Party to rise to its tasks is not peculiar to the United States alone. It is unfortunately true of the Communist movement in all countries of the world outside of the Soviet Union. And the basic causes are the same everywhere too: policies and tac-tics are being applied which are the very opposite of what the conditions demand and of what the teachings of Lenin and the experiences of the labor movement dictate. Owing to these utterly sectarian policies and tactics, the official Communist movement has almost everywhere converted itself into an impotent sect, has intensified confusion, multiplied division, discredites militancy and isolated the Communists

from the masses of the workers.

In the United States the official Communist Party has lost all sense of American reality; it lives in a world of romantic, revolutionary-souding phrases. It has deserted the mass labor organizations, segregated its members and sympathizers into special "Red" unions and similar bodies, and undermined and destroyed their influence among even the advanced workers. It has obstinately rejected the traditional Com-

munist tactics of the united front and has thus built up an almost insurmountable wall between itself and the non-Communist workers. It is unable to lift itself out of this desperate condition because of the suppression of all freedom within the party because of the oppressive weight of the burocratic system that has grown up. Worst of all, the very ideas of Communism and militancy are being discredited among the workers by the suicidally irresponsible course of the official Communist Party.

It was in resistance to this suicidal sectarianism that the Communist Opposition arose in this country, as in the rest of the world, and it is to the restoration of the unity and fighting power of the Communist movement that it has dedicated its struggle from the very first. The Communist Party of the U. S. A. (Opposition), as part of the International Communist Opposition, strives to unite all Communist forces in this country in the fight for the rehabilitation of the Communist movement on the basis of effective Communist taction taction form of effective Communist tactics, tactics formulated by Marx and Lenin and tested by years of class struggle. The Communist Opposition stands for a realistic examina-

tion of American conditions and the form-ulation of strategy and tactics on the basis of such an examination. We stand for Communist work in the conservative trade unions to turn them into organs of class struggle. We stand against all varieties of union splitting and dual-unionism; we stand for the united front as the road to labor unity and to labor militancy. We stand for real party democracy and for a fundamental change in the system of the leadership in the Communist International, providing it with a real international col-lective leadership and guaranteeing the in-dividual parties the initiative and self-dependence absolutely essential to their functioning as the vanguard of the proletariat.

A strong and politically effective Com-munist Party is a life-and-death necessity for the struggle of the workers for emancipation. The fight of the Communist Op-position is a fight to transform the Communist Party into a leading and inspiring force in the American labor movement to-

Members of the Communist Party! Revolutionary workers! Are you not ready to strike a blow in the fight to make our Communist Party into such a party?

Support the struggle of the Communist Opposition! Join the Communist Oppo-

### CONFIRM GAINS IN U. S. S. R.

To Consolidate Advances Of 5-Year Plan

Moscow, U.S.S.R.

With the completion of the Five-Year Plan in a little over four years, the Soviet government has decided that the year 1933 should be devoted to strengthening and consolidating the economic advances of the last four years and to preparing for the second Five-Year Plan, the main outlines of which were laid down in the Spring of this year. The plans for the year 1933 provide for a decided shift to light industry and to the production of articles of mass consumption in order to bring about a rapid improvement in the living conditions of the masses. In this way it is expected to compensate for the sacrifices the Soviet workers and farmers have had to make this year to overcome the effects of the world economic crisis, the Far Eastern war danger, the drought, and the other factors that have operated as obstacles in the completion of the Five-Year Plan.

The proposed concentration on light industry in 1933 is made possible by the fact that a basis of heavy industry has already been created thru the Five-Year Plan.

In spite of the fact that grain collections from State farms are not yet complete, they are already 10% higher than last year. It is expected that the increase will be at least 25%.

The decision to devote the year 1933 to the consolidation and expansion of light industry has been utilized by enemies of the Soviet Union to spread the idea that the first Five-Year Plan was a "fail-ure" and that the second Five-(Continued on page 2)

# Whose Depression Is It?

Whose depression is it? Whare the real sufferers from th consequences of the present crisis The capitalist papers and the other paid apologists of capitalism te us heart-rending stories of th awful plight of the "poor" ric men, "ruined" on Wall Street, an millions of thoughtless working people really believe the shameless fraud: "We have all suffered."

What are the facts? In a recent article in "The World Tomorrow", Professor Paul H. Douglas presents these facts in an astoundingly effective manner. Their lesson is unmistakable.

The total amount paid out in wages to American workers in manufacturing industries since 1926, taking 1926 as a standard (100), is represented in the following table:

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fall in the cost of living since 1926, we see that real wages (wages in

clippers, the class of rich capital-(100), the following figures show to make the rich richer and the the course of total dividend and poor, poorer interest payments in the years un. Whose depression is it?

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	1932		160.
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If we take into consideration the higher purchasing power of the dollar today, it is clear that diviwe see that real wages (wages in dollar today, it is clear that according to the workers in manufacturing industries were a little less than half (49%) in 1932 of what they were (in 1926.

And now what about the coupon-

These figures speak volumes. ists who live on dividends, for They throw a devastating light up-whom we are asked to weep? on the workings of the capitalistic Again taking 1926 as a standard system which utilizes even crises

### FAKE 'FREEDOM' FOR FILIPINOS

Congress Passes Bill To Strangle Isles

Washington, D. C. By a division vote of 171 to 16, the House of Representatives voted, on December 29, to approve the conference report on a bill for "in-dependence" of the Philippines that had been ratified by the Senate without a record vote the week before,

The bill now awaits the signature of President Hoover. expected that Hoover will veto the measure.

so-called "independence" bill, now finally adopted by both houses of Congress, is one of the tortuously deceptive and fraudulent measures ever framed. It aims exclusively to destroy the Philippine competition with certain American agricultural interests, especially sugar, cocoanut oil, cordage and fibers. It provides for a long "probationary period", nom-inally ten years but actually much longer, during which United States sovereignty will be maintained. Even after all the complicated requirements are fulfilled and "independence" granted, the United States would still retain military posts and reservations upon the islands! But, as soon as the "probationary period" begins and long before even the alleged "independence is in effect, the free entry of Philippine imports into the United States is to be stopped and regular tariff rates are to be imposed on the most important products of the islands. Filipino immigration to the United States is to be practically barred.

The Philippine "independence" bill, now approved by Congress, has aroused great resentment and (Continued on page 2)

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### FOR FREEDOM OF M. N. ROY

Whereas, this public meeting, held at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on December 16, 1932, under the auspices of the League for Prisoners Rights, being informed of the incarceration in the penal col-ony at Mareilly, India, for a per-iod of twelve years of Manabendra Nath Roy; and

WHEREAS, this body Jearns that M. N. Roy was convicted solely because of his activities on behalf of the exploited peasants and workers of India; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting demands of the govern-ment of India that M. N. Roy be immediately released and that pending such immediate and unconditional release that Roy be placed in the category of Class A prisoners so that necessary supplementary food, medicine, etc., be provided, together with those privileges which will permit newspapers, additional correspondence and wisits from friends and relaand visits from friends and rela-

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. that copies of this resolution be sent to Lord Willingdon, Viceroy of India, the Home Office for In-dia, London and the public press.

### FAKE 'FREEDOM' FOR **PHILIPPINES**

(Continued from page 1) opposition in the Philippines among all sections of the popula-tion. The Filipino legislators, sitting as the independence commission, have condemned this bill as a "grim joke". In the commission. Senator Quezon attacked the bill as being foisted on the Filipinos by the National City Bank and other big capitalist groups in the U.S. A in the interests of their

### CONFIRM BIG GAINS IN SOVIET UNION

huge investments in Cuban sugar.

(Continued from page 1) Year Plan is being "discarded."

HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONALS, by H. Zam Fridays, 7:00 P. M., begin Feb. 10.

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### Discussion Meetings

pership drive, the New York or ganization of the Communist Party (Opposition) is arranging a series of open discussion

WHAT IS THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION?

The meetings follow: DOWNTOWN

Wednesday, Feb. 18 Jay Lovestone, Speaker. HARLEM (East) Friday, Feb. 20 B. D. Wolfe, Speaker

HARLEM (West)

Friday, Feb. 3
Jay Lovestone, Speaker. WILLIAMSBURGH

Wednesday, Feb. 25 B. D. Wolfe, Speaker BROWNSVILLE Wednesday, March 8 B. D. Wolfe, Speaker

BORO PARK Friday, Feb. 3 B D. Wolfe, Speaker

Further information as place of the meetings will be found in the next issue of the "Workers Age".

### Collectivization In the USSR

by Upton Sinclair

In the August issue of the "Liv ing Age" I read with sorrow of soul an article by Nikolaus Basseches, reprinted from the "Neue Freie Presse" of Vienna, telling

Russians had succeeded in planting less than 30% of the 264 million acres called for under the Plan, "and a few weeks later the Plan was only 42.7% fulfilled." There is a good deal more about this, nearly three full pages, and it winds up with the statement. "Afwinds up with the statement: "After four years of the first Five-Year Plan, which is now supposed to be completed, the total output of grain, which has risen during recent years to 21,600,000 tons in 1931, will amount at most to ten million will amount at most to ten milion

\$2.50

change in the history of mankind.

I have predicted that it will bank-I have predicted that it will bank-rupt small-scale peasant agricul-that the reduction should be twice a settlement could not be reached. At that time the union was in a

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August 15th. In it I find an argue, and the Harvesting Cambridge and the Canadian paign." To be sure these are Sovution and the constitutional possibilities were exhausted; the opposition and the Canadian was ruled out of order.

Everybody in the meeting saw three characters are Sovution and the Canadian page article on this definition of \$4.50. Thus the constitutional possibilities are charged and the Harvesting Cambridge and the Harvesting Cambridge and the Canadian page article on this definition and the Canadian page article on The year of consolidation will counting the number of acres trick. John Sullivan, the opposition for closing meetings, a morning ready strengthen the basis of the which have been planted. Neither tion candidate for president in the time set by the constitution for closing meetings, a morning transport of the property econd Five-Year Plan and will do I suppose that the correspond-imulate its speedy success. | do I suppose that the correspond-ents of any White newspapers in ery of the administration and call-be recessed and the next meeting Riga or Warsaw have been per- ed on the members to vote down all of the proposals. stating an amend-

> According to the figures, I learn that the results of the spring learn that the results of the spring sowing campaign up to July first show that "the plantings were men should take what they could 99.6% of the record area sown last get now and look for more later year." I learn also that by August on. There was not one decent spokesman for the administration 1st the harvesting campaign "was who was not an officer of the well under way, and a total of union. When the vote was finally taken, all proposals were defeated vested." Russia expects eight mil-Such is the temper of the meminstead of twelve million less. Also enraged were the members against I learn that 80% of the sowings this piece of official trickery that this year were done by the social- they rejected a reduction of duesized sector of State and cooperative farms. That is the thing that really counts: so believers in so cial progress may cheer up.

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## The World of Labor

### Doings Among the Electricians

by Transformer

about the terrible failure which is coming in Soviet agriculture.

To put it briefly, Mr. Basseches says that the 10th of last May the Russians had succeeded in planting Russians had succeede

electrical workers are the new of the work is alteration work. The an amendment to the constitution as Radio City, locked our men out demanding that we accept a \$12 This hurt me in spirit, because of the Class A journeymen were I am on record as having said that the socialization of agriculture in quarter, a four dollar reduction. take our men back at the \$13.20 take our men back at the \$13.2

ture thruout the world, and as much, or \$8. The administration position to force these contractors make inevitable an agricultural resorted to a trick to prevent the to sign up. The union could have revolution. The peasants of every opposition making the necessary signed up the independent contraccountry being the backbone of superstition and reaction, I was hopeful of change, and sad over the Basseches article.

opposition making the necessary amendment. According to the constitution, revised by H. H. Broach, International president, when a proposition is before the house, fellows have had plenty of time to construct the members of the association. only an amendment to the motion and an amendment to the amender contractors with the result that But I remembered how many and an amendment to the amend- er contractors with the result that other sets of statistics I had read, ment were allowed; no other mother mother ment were allowed; no other mother mother ment were allowed; no other ment were ment we over a period of fifteen years, proving the collapse of the Soviet propositions are before the house! jobs being completed. proving the collapse of the Soviet system. I decided to wait a few days before giving way completed in line with this piece of parliamentary trickery, Frank Wilson, president of Local 3, recognized two administration men, one after two administration men, one after the Soviet Union," published by Amtorg in New York, dated August 15th. In it I find an are ticle headed "Results of Spring."

propositions are before the house! Jobs being completed.

To get back to the last meeting, Wilson, after some cautious rambling, tried to introduce International Representative Bieretz. Bieretz stepped from his usual place behind the stage. A long storm of protest met his appearance. After some discussion a more decided to wait a few line with this piece of parliamentary trickery, Frank Wilson, after some cautious rambling, tried to introduce International Representative Bieretz.

ment would be brought in for the desired \$8 reduction. All of the opposition speakers took up Sulli-

lion extra tons of grain this year, | Such is the temper of the member shows so bership of Local 3, I. B. E. W.: so an unheard of thing!

was the wage question and the new selves, if the opposition works toagreement. President Wilson an gether on the things they agree, ounced that Business Manager they can put their ideas across. Prees had taken sick and could not | There are doings in the electribe present to report on the nego- cians union.

tiations for the new agreement. In a roundabout way Wilson told the members that things didn't look New York City.

The New Year promises to be a have to accept a \$9 wage scale for

offering the union arbitration i

be a recessed meeting where we take up the agreement as left off it would hove been considered impossible to pass a motion to prevent the International representative from speaking. A second victory had been won for the opposi-

Everybody is looking forward to see if the members can safeguard their present wage scale and get Besides the stupid tactics of the administration, the reason the opposition was successful is because they appeared united in purpose at this meeting. Special credit is due to John Sullivan, William Sorenson, Moe Smith, Steve Kransey, Alfred Terry, Sam Rosenthal, Tommie Beaman. Eddie Hoffman The New Agreement showed that, altho there may be differences of opinion among our

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Jay Lovestone Communist Party (Opposition) WHAT COMMUNIST OPPOSITION STANDS FOR

### BRIDGMAN CASE **IS REVIVED**

To Try Red Leaders After Ten Years

year old criminal syndicalism case United States was not moved by against William Z. Foster, Jay Lovestone, Alex Bail, Max Bedacht and other Communist leaders is to be revived, according to the decision of the State Suprement to the decision of the State Suprement to the avalanche of hypocritical states was not moved by unselfish philanthropy or by a big-brotherly desire to "protect" the poor Filipinos. But it, at this moment, necessary to call attention to the avalanche of hypocriers is to be revived, according to the decision of the State Supreme Court on January 3 upholding the ruling of the Berrien County court of the Capitalist press in connection with the bills before of ngress of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or ngress of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or ngress or nating the columns of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or ngress or nating the columns of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or ngress or nating the columns of the State Supreme tion to the avalanche of hypocritical nonsense filling the columns of the State Supreme tion to the avalanche of hypocritical nonsense filling the columns of the State Supreme tion to the avalanche of hypocritical nonsense filling the columns of the State Supreme tion to the avalanche of hypocritical nonsense filling the columns of the State Supreme tion to the avalanche of hypocritical nonsense filling the columns of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or nating the columns of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or nating the columns of the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or nating the capitalist press in connection with the bills before or nating the capitalist press in connection with the capitalist press in capitali

for participation in the 1922 Bridgman convention of the Communis

After having allowed the case to drop for ten years, the authorities are now trying to revive it in order to utilize it as a basis of attack upon radical labor.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Within the past few weeks M. Harris, International organizer of the Interna-tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, has suspended three active workers from Local No. 11 is a desperate effort to smash the progressive forces in the Capital District.

The suspended workers are John Chickering, removed from the Ex ecutive Board and suspended for one year; Arthur Oliver, suspended for six months; and R. Carmichael suspended for three months.

The progressive group in this local succeeded only a short time ago in removing the business agent who had been installed by the In ternational office, and is at pres ent leading the struggle against the increased dues rates and for the reestablishment of the three locals in Albany, Schenectady and Troy The union burocrats merged these three locals into Local 11, decreasing the vitality of the union forces and robbing the membership 🕊 local control, with the result that in the past year 125 members have

# What Price Philippines? | MORE WAGE-CUT

An Answer To The "Liberal" Apologists Of Imperialism — Charging Against The Filipino People The Expenses Of Enslaving And Oppressing Them — What The Islands Mean To U. S. Imperialism

It is unnecessary to tell any one vho does any thinking that when LANSING, Mich. — The ten it took hold of the Philippines, the

supposedly granting "independ-

nce" to the Philippine Islands.

WAR DESTS

by I. Zimmerman

campaign of misrepresentation, misinformation and confusion. Under the heading: "The Philippines have cost the U. S. a billion in cash and 5,000 lives," Mr. Simms presents us with this gem in his opening paragraph: "If Congress makes the Filipinos a Christmas present of their independence, it will be the most expensive Christmas present in history." In the mas present in history." In the

U.S. TRADE

pines is interesting enough. Let us take up some of his points in

1. "General Aguinaldo," runs misinformation and confusion. Un the article, "who had set up a Philder the heading: "The Philippines ippine Republic, started an insur-

facts. Aguinaldo led a rebellion of terborough Employees, had given the Filipinos against the Spanish its "consent" to the cut, of course man convention of the Communist Party, which was then an illegal organization. Foster and Ruthenberg were tried in 1923; Ruthenberg was convicted and Foster was released because the jury disagreed. Subsequently, Ruthenberg greed. Subsequently, Ruthenberg died.

After having allowed the case

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By a vote of 4,513 to 1,086, representing the returns of 282 out of the Spanish in 1896. The movement resulted in the Treaty of Briac-na-bat-o, under which the Filipino people the Filipinos with the cost of sending Dewey's fleet to the Far East or the cost of the Battle of Mangalery, is a good example of this deems chargeable to the Philip
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FOR WORKERS

Railroad, Printing And Subway Workers Hit

A wage-cut reducing from 10% to 30% for all employees except those receiving less than \$22 a

book and job shops, organized in Typographical Union No. 6, accept-ed a cut of 8%, bringing down day-shift wages to \$50 and nightshift wages to \$56 for a five-day week. The 8% cut is a compromise with the employers who demanded a much higher wage slash.

The extension of the 10% "temporary" wage reduction for another nine months was accepted by the representatives of the standard railroad unions, in session in Chicago, as the basis for the new contract signed with the companies. At the same time, the railroad companies have announced that in June 1933 they will petition under the railway labor act to effect wage rates of the railroad workers.

New York City.

A very effective parade and demonstration with over 1,000 participants, protesting against the anti-Jewish pogroms in Poland took place here before the Polish Consuate on December 23. The movement was organized by a united front of student and youth organizations including the National Student League, the Young Paole Zion Alliance, Menorah groups, and Social Problems Clubs of various New York universities, etc.

### Slavery in Mississippi

The Truth About The "Land Of The Free"

compared with which, according to accepted bids of private contracthe A. F. of L. report ("American Federationist", March 1932), "slav- Those private contractors, supery in its most trying days was posedly under government supermild", has been exposed by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its investigation of the virtual peon-

P., we quote:

"The slavery of 1932, like that before the Civil War, is rooted in the exploitation of black men's later than the exploitation of black men's later to overlong daytime hours without one cent of overtime pay.

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"4. Unsanitary Conditions: the primary decencies that civilitude of authentical cases the zation owes all human beings. It men have been summarily disquarters, no garbage disposal, no controlled and financed by the ed only a fraction of the pay stipu-United States Government, the lated; and almost universally have screens in mosquinfested country.

ple, during the summer of 1932, by cents, regular price 8 cents.

Miss Helen Boardman, a college "3. Beatings: Men and women Miss Helen Boardman, a college graduate, former Red Cross relief worker who had been in charge of relief work in former Mississippi ers are so terror-stricken that they ed. A committee appointed just tary respectively.

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Incredible Conditions

"What are the conditions which these two independent investiga-tions have established?

The existence of conditions, | "The Federal government has

age under which Negro laborers work in the private camps have suffer on the ederal Mississippi flood-control projects. From the as much as 12 and in many cases circular issued by the N. A. A. C. 14 and 16 hours a day, and have been worked at night in addition

is practised on work undertaken, charged without pay; have received screens in mosquito and malaria tories until recently. United States Government, the Mississippi Flood Control project, intended to curb the devastating floods of the Mississippi River over the adjacent land of the Delta states.

"Two investigations independ-"

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### Against the Sweatshop Evil!

Conference Is Formed In Connecticut

tions in the state of Connecticut are only too notorious. Cases are not uncommon of girls working a full week for less than \$2.00 unof Connecticut had the audacity to der the most unbearable conditions. send a representative to be an ob-In fact, things have become so bad that they have aroused the protest not only of the radical elements assert that the association would in the labor movement but also of be willing to "help" the anti-sweatsuch social and civic organizations shop drive! These manufacturers, as the Consumers League of Connecticut, the Y.W.C.A., the League of Words Viters and Progressive labor legislation, posing of Woman Voters, etc. Protest as the enemies of the sweatshop meetings against the sweatshop But nobody took them seriously

tary respectively.

Hartford, Conn. | struggle. Means discussed includ-The terrible sweatshop conditions in the state of Connecticut cion. Plans were broached for en-

At the end of the conference a but no real effort made to unite motion was made and accepted that the various organizations in a comganizations, be chosen, with the

conditions prevalent in that sec- were elected chairman and secre- from the fact that the Connecticut (Continued on Page 7) sion as to the best methods in this bor bodies as the New York working men do." The lesson is clear: The unionization and the organiza-J. P. Cannon
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In a unionization and the organization of the workers is the best way of fighting the sweatshop evil!

# Marxism and Democracy in America

America. The development of the machine, with the resultant advance of big business in the form of industry and finance, has brought to an end the day of the individual—whether he be individual farmer, individual artisan, in dividual shopkeeper, or individual

nificance have been unaffected by the influence of the Marxian out-

Hudson, of course, did not understand the dynamics of the Marxian approach, and was not interested in the larger fact that the influences which he traced in litimature. dialectic continuity with the whole Is There a "Crisis' in the U.S.S.R.? erature were bound up thru structure of society. He likewise was not concerned with the fact Yes! In what respect does it differ that the influences involved were from the crisis in the capitalist part of an entire social process, world? The crisis of capitalism is a process as active today, in how- a crisis of decay and disintegraever different form, as in the condition of a system that has outlived eighteenth century. Nevertheless, its usefulness. The "crisis" in the as non-Marxian as Hudson was, U. S. S. R. in the main is caused the soundness of his scholarship by: (a) The rapid tempo of indusonly confirmed the theoretic ac- trialization, the lack of trained curacy of the Marxian approach. skilled labor; (b) a sharp drop in

A little over two years ago huture. But one does not need teenth century prophets of demomanism flared up like a skyrocket, to turn merely to these writers cracy, but Karl Marx who, as early blazed a brief trail across the sky, for such materials; one can even as the middle of the century, point-

flame, or will it prove to be a new constellation, as enduring as the sky into which it has sprung?

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Marxism And The American Soil

The answer to that question does not lie in the lap of the fates, as many suggest, but in the bowels of the nation itself. The fate of Marxism will be one of growth instead of death. America of the nineteenth century was the land of the india.

But what does this all go to of that truth. It is only today that teachers and students as well as and students as well as not struct. It is only today that teachers and students as well as not struct. It is only today that teachers and students as well as many student truth. It is only today that teachers and students as well as not stant truth. It is only today that teachers and students as well as not stant truth. It is only today that teachers and students as well as not of the modern temper, and scanning the stars for sight of as world in which all the hard guys, the brutal barbarians, will not be able to find a place to hang their days on. Others, in bitter dismay, are already beginning to chant: "Democracy is dead; long live the King"—altho their king must adopt the robe of a modern Moses of how popular that realization has already become is to be seen in the fact that Marx's works have just been introduced into the Modern douted into day the real democratic douted into the modern temper, and democrate douted the areal

blazed a brief trail across the sky, and vanished almost as rapidly as it had risen. Today there is another disturbance in the American literary firmament—Marxism. Will Marxism turn out to be another skyrocket, tending to flicker almost as soon as it has begun to flame, or will it prove to be a new flame, or will it prove to be a new flame, or will it prove to be a new flame, or will it prove to be a new flame, or will it prove to be a new sky into which it has sprung?

Industrial across the sky, for such materials; one can even turn to the academic journals and turn to the aca

"Proletarian democracy, of which the Soviet regime constitutes one of the forms, has given the world a hitherto unknown growth of democracy for the gigantic majority of the population, of the exploited and laboring masses. . . . Proletarian democracy is a million times more democracy is a million times more democratic than the most democratic regime in a bourgeois republic."

—LENIN

A little over two years ago humanism flared up like a skyrocket, lazed a brief trail across the sky, and vanished almost as rapidly as more varied and shore turn to the eacademic journals and wind varied and shore the materials; one can even as the succession of the forms, has given the world a hitherto unknown growth of democracy for the gigantic majority of the population, of the exploited and laboring makes. . . . Proletarian democracy of the Marxian thesis. Among radicals thematers. But such objections at root simply reveal an ignorance of what masses who are democrats at increasing masses who are democrats at increasing masses who are democracy as an economic principle. It was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to democracy as an economic principle. It was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to democracy as an economic principle. It was the first truly democracy as an economic principle. It was the first revolution, since it was the first revolution which first gave meaning to democracy as an economic principle. It was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to the significance of Marx. Because it was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to the significance of Marx. Because it was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to the significance of Marx. Because it was the Russian Revolution which first gave meaning to the significance of Ma

will be one of growth instead of death. America of the nineteenth century was the land of the individual; America of the twentieth century has already begun to become a land of the classes. It was the habit not many years ago, during the manic-elation days of the manic-elation of Europe; in the Americanization of Europe; in the future it will become the habit to speak of the Europeanization of America. The development of the maching with the resultant of the maching the manic-elation days of the future it will become the habit to speak of the Europeanization of Europe; in the democracy, and therefore, will never appeal to the American. The development of the maching with the resultant of the maching the manic of the twentieth century has already begun to become a land of the twentieth century has already begun to become a land of the classes. It was the land of the individual; America of the twentieth century has already begun to become a land of the classes. It was the land of the individual; America of the twentieth century has already begun to become a land of the classes. It was the land of the twentieth in American many intellectuals in this country have contended in the library series. At last America mourners is that they got their corpses confused. They have been labrary series. At last America mourners is that they got their corpses confused. They have been labrary series. At last America mourners is that they got their corpses confused. They have been labrary series. At last America mourners is that they got their corpses confused. They have been labrary series. At last America watending the wrong funeral. It is not democracy which is dead but to wake up the English-speak been introduction in Russian to wake up the troobe function and funder of the kard Marx's works h ure of democracy, therefore, in reality should be tears shed over the failure of plutocracy, that is the failure of plutocracy to work out in favor of democracy in practice. of democracy in practise. Democracy has neither died nor even failed; it has never been tried be-

a thing of the future instead of the past, something to be achieved rather than something already de-

employed, it needs a revaluation in ian method that a really democratic society can be born.

Above all, what Marxism has already begun to teach the American writer is that he does not live in a social vacuum, nor write in one either. His ideas, his convictions, even the tenor of many or

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### THE "RUSSIAN QUESTION" AND OUR GROUP

was individual-infinitely twentieth century America, especially in this decade, is becoming class-minded.

It will be in the soil of that new America that Marxism will take root and grow. It will be an Americanized Marxism that will expand and fructify in the fresh soil which has already begun to well-come its seed. The present interest in the leading magazines, combined with th ing magazines, combined with the rapid leftward swing of so many intellectuals, are but the first signs of its maturing power. The signs of its maturing power. The very fact that within the last year of the distatorship of the very fact that within the last year lishment of the dictatorship of the few American writers of any sig-proletariat and the building of soproletariat and the building of so-cialism. Does the general line re-present a straight narrow course towards the building of socialism?

The execution of the strategy in the execution of th To take the position that it does would be looking at the matter in

present a straight narrow course towards the building of socialism? how profoundly it has already shaken the minds of the American literati.

In the past, there have been a number of literary critics who have applied the Marxian method in part without ever having been aware of it. Take, for example, such an academic critic as William Henry Hudson, a man whom no one, I am sure, would ever have thought of in terms of Marxism —least of all himself. Yet if one turns to a small, obscure book of literaty critics the position that it does we can disagree sharply and critic is the very faith in dewocracy which Marxism holds we can disagree sharply and critic is the present leadership of the sole dominting force. The Co. n. must have a genuinely collective in ternational leadership," etc., etc. Soviet Union, which our resolution on the general line and inner-party course of the C. P. S. U., condemns. At one time War Communism, next time the New Economic Policy, and at the present the Five-Year Plan. These plans were and are turns in the objective of the general line. To condemn would be much more difficult, but once achieved the road would be comparatively easy toward the estimate of the sole dominting force. The Co. n. must have a genuinely collective international leadership," etc., etc.

Our Resolution

The resolution on the general line and inner-party of the Soviet Union is the outstanding analytical as well as critical approach to the general line. To condemn the problems that confront the general line because of disagreement with the inner-party report of the sole domining force. The Co. n. must have a genuinely collective international leadership," etc., etc.

To take the position that it does would be comparatively easy to the main reasons why Marxism on the sole domining force. The Co. n. must have a genuinely collective international leadership," etc., etc.

To take the position that it does would be necessated as uccessful appeal to the find many institutions. Therein, I —least of all himself. Yet if one turns to a small, obscure book of his entitled "A Quiet Corner in a Library" (who could imagine a more innocuous title!), one will discover a more thoro discussion of the influence of the bourgeois class the influence of the bourgeois class tion, because of the economic backupon eighteenth century literature wardness of Russia, plus the althan one can find in many so-called Marxian studies of the period.

Yet not only Hudson, but writthe commodity prices of raw maers as scattered and diverse as terials in the world market (ex-

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Because of this situation it is very unfortunate that we find a regime that makes an arrange of the constantly extending inner-party democracy in the C. P. S. U."... "A new relationship in the C. I. For that reason alone, it is logi-whereby the C.P.S.U. will be the first among the first among the call to assert, Marxism will have leading party, the first among equals in the Comintern, and not the sole dominting force. The C. people; it is the very faith in de-

view of the above facts.

Berlin, Germany.

The national council of the Communist Party of Germany (Opposition) has called a national confer- his emotions, the American writer ence of the organization for De is beginning to understand, are cember 31 and January 1. The bound up with the society in which he lives, the class of which he is a (1) Activity report of the national part, and whether he wishes to or council —Reporter: H. Brandler.

(2) The political situation and the tasks of the Opposition—Reporter: litical stand before the decade August Thalheimer. (3) The C.P. which now faces him is closed. It G.-O. and the trade unions-Re- is that very fact which will giveporter: Waldemar Bolze. (4) Or-ganizational statutes—Reporter:

Fritz Wiest. (5) Miscellaneous and and more challenging character in the elections of the national lead- the future than it has had in the

# "Russian Question" Critically Considered

1. What is the "Russian question?" It is the question of the policy adopted by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union for the carrying out in life of the Five-Year Plan. But, since the original that the Russian question corns the line of policy pursued by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in the period of the construction of socialism initiated by

the Five-Year Plan.

2. Is the "Russian question" therefore confined only to the policies adopted for carrying out the Five-Year Plan or, as some com-rades put it, the Five-Year Plan is the "Russian question?" If the Five-Year Plan is the "Russian question", then how explain the differences between Rykov-Tomsky-Bukharin and Stalin? They all voted, approved and fought for the Five-Year Plan at the firteenth congress of the Communist Party cialism and Stalin and the majority of the party another line, even tho they claimed the same objectives, namely the fulfillment of the Five-Year Plan and the speediest construction of socialism thru the building up of heavy industry and

However, since the consideration of the line involves the period of tiated by the Five-Year Plan, it cannot be narrowed down just to a consideration of the Five-Year the consideration of the party line in all its aspects. You cannot create, to suit yourself, pigeon-holes and then proceed to label them. One pigeon-hole contains the party line—it is the Five-Year Plan. But the other pigeon-holes, one labelled the regime, the other the Communist International, etc., have nothing to do with the party Confronted by counter-revolutionline. In other words, they are di- ary armies on many fronts and by vorced, separated and have absolutely nothing to do with the line. sian proletariat and peasantry had This way of chopping up, dividing to struggle for the life of the revothe line into separate entities, is a lution. During this period there the line into separate entities, is a lution. During this period there method of reasoning which leads existed "War Communism", equalione to the conclusion that the inone to the conclusion that the in-ternal economic policy of the Com-munist Party of the Soviet Union is independent, for example, of what goes on in the Communist In-what goes on in the Communist In-Cluster would have meant the loss. In the N. E. P. to be considered a permanent institution? NO! To the degree that socialist factories and the socialist sector of agricul-ture will be able to replace the prowhat goes on in the Communist International and in the working class outside of the Soviet Union.

The "Processor question" only in the victory of the Victory of the loss of the land by the peasantry fought state by

3. Is the "Russian question" only side with the worker and supplied turally, the market is to be controlled by the government. The ing up socialism by proving the small-scale industry and of collectivization over individual peasant feated on all fronts, it was necestives. But it would be wrong to tivization over individual peasant agriculture? A number of comrades have actually written articles which imply that the only question at issue is to prove the necessity of building up heavy industry and collectivizing agriculture. I take it for granted that all comrades are convinced that the Soviet Union must, in order to achieve socialism, build up heavy

I n view of the shortage of compared to reestablish what was destroyed during the years of civil govern economic relations not based on realities but thru desires expressed in resolutions and decrees. While Lenin was still alive there were evident tendencies which sought to do away with the N.E.P. Comrade Lenin combated these tendencies. In 1923, he came out with an article dealing with this achieve socialism, build up heavy industry and collectivize agricul- modities to permit the handicrafts ture as speedily as possible. It men to produce and to establish is absolutely imperative and nect the open market. essary that this be done. The question which concerns us in this dis- bring his surplus to the market. cussion is how this is being done, what steps have been taken to rea- and the poor and the middle peaslize the above objective. In other ant to continue on a new level—exwords, what is the general line of change of city products for agrithe party to achieve this. For us, it is not a question only of the superiority of large-scale socialized position to the N. E. P. Many leadndustry over small-scale produc- ing comrades were afraid that, if tion or the advantages of collective this sort of capitalist forms would and gigantic Soviet farms with mo- be permitted, the petty bourgeois dern technical means and methods waves would wash off the gains of over individual small peasant the October Revolution. To which farms with antiquated methods and Lenin answered, in the discussion equipment. If, as Communists, we on this subject: will keep in mind that we are discussing the question of party line, that we have not under consideration an agitation or propaganda thesis on heavy against small-scale industry, etc., then we will be able to examine the achievements, errors and mistakes in a constructive Communist manner, then we will be able to determine the correct-

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plan is undergoing continual It is also to be hoped that our changes and modifications, it discussion, including the criticisms tions and resolutions and to forthand modifications, it discussion, including the criticisms and made made made will in a measure help in the more accurate to state made will in a measure help in the and purposeless. No one proposes and purposeless. No one proposes and purposeless. No one proposes and purposeless. The "Russian question" con- correction of errors and the adoption of the Cormen On- the resolution was adopted. Furwould be more accurate to state made, will in a measure help in the with end the discussion as useless in the Soviet Union and thruout the world. Such a discussion, if i is kept free from demagogy and unprincipledness, if it does not de-generate into factionalism, is pound to be beneficial to the Comnunist movement.

Our Group And The "Russian

then it would be perfectly in order to entertain a motion to table the "Russian question" altogether, not to have a group position on it, to file away in the archives all mo-

(Continued from last issue)
During the years 1917-1920,
the Russian proletariat could not

center its attention on production.

About The N. E. P.

In view of the shortage of com-

To also allow the peasant

The alliance of the working clas

"Because of the general poli-

tical and economic conditions

which have now been establish-

ing in its hands all the sources

of large-scale industry, when

there can be no talk whatsoever

about denationalization, we are

not to be afraid of him (the

small capitalist). And when we

ed when the proletariat is hold

by Ben Gitlow

such a step. The "Russian ques- the resolution of the German Option" has agitated our group from the very beginning of its organization. It was the "kussian question" and differences on the "Russian question" in the leadership of the leadership of the Soviet Union and

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"HISTORICALLY INEVITABLE AND NECESSARY...

by L. Becker

are suffering from almost such

a complete lack of products, from the whole pauperization of

the population, . . . it is laughable to be afraid that capital-

ism on the basis of small-scale

production is constituting a dan-

Is the N. E. P. to be considered a

permanent institution? NO! To the degree that socialist factories

and the socialist sector of agricul-

trolled by the government. The State shall do all in its power to

direct the private producers in the

of the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in Russia with its line in the Communist International of which it is lectivization, Stalin's letter on "Dizthe ruling and decisive leadership, ziness", March 1930, and the first position of the National Buro. Un-

Comrade Lovestone, our delegate to the international conference of

position on the "Russian question."

This resolution was a full en-Communist Party of the Soviet Union and in the leadership of the Union and in the leadership of the Stalin regime was correct, history and inevitable.

The research and inevitable. Communist International which brought about the split in the Communist International resulting in the organization of the various communist Opposition groups, in-Our group could not, as a Com- of the National Buro. As a result, The "Russian question" is of decisive importance to our group. Our position on the "Russian question" determines whether or not tion" determines whether or hand to the "Russian question" and policies of the Stalin regime, the "Russian question" and policies of the Stalin regime, the "Russian question." The resolution was a compromise resolution of the "Russian question." The resolution was a compromise resolution of the "Russian question." I will quote from the "Russian question." I will quote from the "Russian question." I will quote from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from the pages of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the articles and from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the articles and from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the articles and from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the articles and from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the articles and from declarations of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the "Russian question." I will quote from some of the "Russian question." I will quote from the "Russian question congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Rykov made the main report on the plan. The fact that differences developed on how to proceed to industrialize the Soviet Union, how to collectivize agriculture, what kind of tempo should be adopted, etc., indicates that Rykov, Tomsky, Bukharin had one line on how to proceed with the construction of soceed with the construction of the communist Party of the U.S. A., ceed with the construction of sof the leadership of the Communication of the Communication of the Communication of the Communication of the Stalin regime, and policies of the Stalin regime, ignore the "Russian question" and proceed in the Court group had to take a position. Since the inception of the group, its position on the "Russian question" has undergone certain than the communist International and in the Communication of the Communication of the Communication of sufficient information. But our membership meetings that he still the construction of the communication of the communicati

But we cannot supply all products, not by far, and we will

not be in a position to do it in the near future, at least not

"Then what shall we do?

Either to try to prohibit, com-

pletely close down the develop-ment of private, non-govern-

ment exchange, i.e., bartering,

capitalism, which is inevitable

while there exist millions of small producers. Such a policy

would be foolish and suicidal

for the party which would try it. Foolish because it is impos-

sible economically; suicidal, because parties that try such a

policy inevitably suffer a blow.

We have to admit that some of

our Communists have sinned 'in thought, in word and in deed'.

following precisely this policy.

We must try to do away with

these mistakes. We must positively do away with them, other-

The question then is: Can the

socialist sector produce enough to

satisfy the needs? Can it pro-

handicraftsmen which would ease

creased.

wise it will be very bad."

the country.

can be no adequate discussion of the present Buro's position. The old resolution adopted in the Spring of 1931 does not reflect the factors in the situation of the Sov If the present National Buro is to lead and guide the discussion,

and the membership has every behind the old Buro and come out openly and boldly with its position. Our group at the beginning, whenever it had occasion to do so was not afraid to speak out vigold Buro that agreement with the general line of the leadership of the Communist Party of the Sov-An examination of the pages of the "Revolutionary Age" definitely that our critical attitude

has been changed to one of whole hearted approval. (Continued in the next issue)

(3) on the other hand, imports of necessary machinery are determined by the amount of agricultural products which can be exported; (4) the increase of productivity of labor is dependent on the degree of supply of food and articles to the workers. In order to be able to produce, the worker must reproluce the invested energy in the process of production thru the con-sumption of a sufficient amount of food. The 100% yearly turn-over of the factory workers is proof that the supply is not sufficient. Then it becomes evident, that in

ouilding socialism the importance must be attached to all branches he needs, from the production of the large-scale socialist fac- to concentrate on a particular tory in exchange for bread and branch. All branches are interderaw material. This would be the most desirable and most 'correct' policy—we started this.

About Thermidor

A lot has been said about Theruntil we will complete the first midor. Trotsky accused the Stalinpart of the task of electrifying Bukharin leadership that it was burocratic, that the revolution was degenerating, that the leadership was preparing the ground for the restoration of capitalism. What is the position of the Stalin leadership in regards to the position of Comrade Bukharin who fought the sliding of the Stalin leadership towards Trotskyism? A Trotskyite position! Comrade Stalin, speaking at the Moscow Plenum in October 1928, said:

"The victory of the right deviation would mean a tremendous strengthening of the capitalist elements in our country. What does it mean the strengthening of the capitalist elements in our country? It means the weakening of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the in-crease of the chances of restoration of capitalism. Therefore, the victory of the right deviation in our party would mean the accumulation of conditions, necessary for the restoration of capitalism in our country."

Substitute the name Trotsky for case, the State should have en- Stalin and you have the Thermidor couraged the production of the theory in its full bloom.

The National Committee fails to the goods famine. Today while note these deviations. In that there is a slight increase in the measure it fails to give the propproduction of light industry, the er leadership which is expected of decrease in production of the pri-them. It fails to see the political vate sector is much larger. The reasons for the present Stalin reresult is: The in the socialist secgime. The disagreements are potor an increase in production is litical and they deserve a political to be noted, the total output in the answer. The National Committee light industry nationally has de- must come forth with a new resolution. Comrade Lovestone in the Again: In order to get agricult- face of all these facts, still claims ural products it is necessary: (1) that the present leadership is "histo give in exchange manufactured torically inevitable and correct." Is goods; (2) in a large measure, under normal conditions (normal The present difficult in the Sov-

crop), the success of grain collections is determined by the amount bourgeois world. They begin to of goods given in exchange—the create sentiment against the Sovsame applies to raw materials; (Continued on Page 7)

petty peasant all the products for agricultural products? Obviously not yet! If that is the

"Then what kind of a policy

could the socialist proletariat

execute in the face of such eco-

nomic realities? To give the

V. F. Calverton

question. He stated:

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# Out the Painters

by H. Edwards

The party press dared not come out with the official splitting policy. But a few days after the appearance of this leaflet, when the

and its role in the painting trade, now resumed by the Alteration Painters Union, were misled to vote in favor of the two scales of wages. But, regardless of all schemes used to trick the membership into voting for the acceptance of a twoscale wage agreement, it was re-jected overwhemingly in the referendum vote.

### Ed. Ackerly Tries To Put It Over

Detroit, Michigan.
Well over 1,000 people gathered here on Sunday evening, December 18, to hear Jay Lovestone speak 18, to hear Jay Lovestone speak 19, to hea Vice-President Ed. Ackerley did not disappoint those who "elected" him to such a high position in the Brotherhood of Painters. Without

Nazi movement back to its basic historical factors. He carefully As vice-president, Ed. Ackerley had full power to negotiate and analyzed the parts played by the conclude agreements with the employers, without having them approved by the District Council delegates and the general membership. which practically opened the way Yet, after signing the agreement with the employers, in which, as pre-arranged by the Lindeloff-Norman Communist Party which made open meeting of the Chicago orman deal, the interests of the workers were sold out by establishment of a united labor front extremely difficult. workers were sold out by establishing, besides the two scales of wages, also a third scale for painting done in the mills on manufactured parts (doors, bastes, castal scales) and the situation in Germany. The meeting was held on Friday various working class organizations, of the I. W. W., the Socialist ence included representatives of all ing done in the mills on manufactured parts (doors, bastes, casings, sash, closets, etc.) and also party, the Anarchist groups, and by abolishing the extra pay for overtime, he proceeded to reorgan rtime, he proceeded to reorganize the District Council so that it Party present did not in the least challenge Lovestone's analysis. opposition to his and the employ-

ers schemes.
Mr. Ackerley discovered that there was too much "democracy" in the District Council as originally constituted! Because there were some left wing and progressive delegates who bitterly opposed and exposed his treachery, he ordered the regular District Council, elected by the membership, to meet once the rise of the Communist move-

a month instead of weekly and replaced this representative District Council by an Executive Council

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were also at the meeting.

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CHICAGO

In spite of very bad weather,

The following evening Lovestone

met with a group of members and sympathizers of the official Com-

munist Party. Problems of Com-munist policy and tactics were dis-

On December 27, A. Rainey, se

cretary of the Chicago organiza-tion of the Communist Opposition

cussed to good effect.

over 175 workers attended the

bor movement.

Chicago, Illinois.

### How Pres. Lindeloff Sold | City Elections | Harlem Unemployed Win Relief Demands

ed workers was elected by the Har-lem Branch of the Association of the Unemployed to go to the Har-lem Precinct of the Home Relief

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On the jobs of the union employers, the speed-up has tremendously increased and Vice-President Ackerley's scale of wages is not we refused to do. We told him we being paid. The workers, starved due to long unemployment, are being forced to accept any price that the employer offers them. Whenever the workers demand the scale and force the District Council to the scale and force the scale a when the official splitting policy. But a few days after the appearance of this leaflet, when the strikers were met on many jobs of the However, the appointment of the Association employers by the Lepke-Garrah gang, who were the appointment of the membership in all locals. When the strikers were met on the employers, and threatening the membership in all locals. When the membership in the membership in all locals. When the membership in the membership in all locals. When the membership in the latest actions of Ackerley became known the membership in the membership in the membership in all locals. When the membership in all locals. When the workers were on the membership in the support their just demands, Mr. the policeman saw the delegation,

### Some Reports of the Lovestone Tour MONTREAL

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organization were represented in

### The Christmas Eve Dance . A. 100% victory for the delega-

In New York New York City. Over 300 people, largely sympathizers of the Communist Opposition, were present at the dance given by the "Workers Age" on Sat urday evening, December 24, 1932. The striking features of the affair tendencies and groups in the lawere two very clever improvisations by some Group Theatre ac tors and a dance by Ida Sawyer.

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> "I give my boy to my country," said they—but forgot to add: "office boy."

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### The Resulls

Inside we presented our demands to the supervisor and the net results are as follows:

1. The supervisor called in the investigator handling the case of the client needing rent and instructed him to make out a rent

plication was dug up right thei and there and the supervisor promised to see to it that he got immediate relief.

As we left the building we no-ticed the same long line of hungry and cold unemployed workers stil waiting, the only difference was— that the line had grown longer!

### Voluntary Contribution

But what really made the stock brokers cheer their "patriotic" heads off, was when Harvey D. Gibson announced that 12,000 employees of R. H. Macy and Company had "made a spontaneous offer to contribute". Every worker lutionary Age, Vol. II, No. 14, knows how "spontaneous" the of-March 7, 1931, to complete the meager pay of their employees sets for binding. Comrades as the paytriots of the stock ex-

### What Price Philippines?

(Continued from page 3)
taking no long chances in saying that Mr. Simms knows perfectly well that two years later, in 1898,

American imperialism. From August 13 to September 8, 1898, American troops under General Herritt and Filipino troops under Aguinaldo jointly occupied Manila On September 8, with Missings of the Filipinos for independence of Manila On September 8, with Missings of the Filipinos for independence of Manila On September 8, with Missings of the Filipinos for independence of Manila On September 8, with Missings of the Filipinos for independence of thousands of men and women through the carried of the Carried of the Soviet Union be disappointed. The Projectaria of the Soviet Union de disappointed amusements, religious ideas, superstitions, dialect, fishing and monshining, but he does not find it necessary to say anything at all about the character of their conditions of men and women through the carried for of their political institutions, which are, after all, the spottanties? To begin with, the philippines are a valuable source of raw materials. In this connection, Charles Hodge, of New York University, says: "The crux of the stable government upon the people of the Philippine Islands under the Free flag of the United States."

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It was in order to cram the "blessings" of the "fire flag of the United States" down the throats of the Filipinos and the loaded also: coal, iron, the world of the States of the Filipinos that the U. S. A. first engineered a revolt and then used its might to suppress it. It took 122,000 soldiers and millions went to suppress the striving of the "fire flag of the United States" down the throats of the Filipinos and the soldient of the Soviet Union, encircled from the outside Manilance of the mind and momentations, failed from the control to the character of their control to the character of the control to the control From August 13 to September of American trade."

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### Charging The Filipinos For En-

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2. The United States, says Mr. Simms, maintains in the Philippine Scouts. The United States pays all expenses of United States pays all expens this military force besides a naval about \$250,000,000 while the anoutlay of \$3,000,000 a year. From nual value of industrial products is this, he concludes that were it not for the Philippine the "U. S. army The Philippines are of a century of occupation would islands occupy a commanding position in regard to China, Australia,

well that two years later, in 1898, Aguinaldo and his staff were brought back to Manila on the U. S. gunboat McCullock, that American can naval authorities engineered a "revolt" to oust the Spaniards and to make the Philippines safe for American imperialism.

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The Philippines And War Even greater is the importance ploiting and enslaving it?

THE OZARKS, by Vance Ran-dolph. The Vanguard Press, New York, 1931. An interesting but very super-

ficial sketch of the manners and customs of the curious people of the isolated regions of the Ozarks. Mr. Randolph discusses such matters as the Ozarkers food, clothing, family relations, songs and amusements, religious ideas, superstitions, dialect, fishing and moonshining, but he does not find it by imperialism, aided from the

Union in the Far East. He talks independence, to maintain the iron heel of American imperialism. In-

Exactly! But is it not the sum mit of imperialistic arrogance to hold as a charge against a people the expenditures involved in ex-

# Inevitable"

(Continued from page 5) iet Union. The Mensheviks are again beginning their speculations.

Once more will the enemies of

institution of a Soviet system the world over.

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### WHAT WE STAND FOR

### What to Do?

by Bertram D. Wolfe

We conclude below the series of articles by Bertram D. Wolfe, "What the Communist Opposition Stands

The object of a Communist is not merely to "belong", not merely to have a party card in his pocket, but to build the party. The party is not a church calling for blind faith, nor a Society of Jesuits calling for unthinking obedience to superiors; it is a revolutionary party to be built, to be strengthened, to be made into a mass party, to be linked up indissolubly with the masses, to give correct leadership, to guide on the path that leads to working class victory.

The Communist sympathizer may well say: "My party right or wrong," for the Communist Party is the only hope of the working class. But there is a far higher, far more Communist loyalty, which says: "I'll keep my party right at all costs," for it is only the hope of the working class if it leads aright, if it pursues policies that make it grow and will give it victory. It is a poor Communist, indeed, that does not know how, or that does not dare, to transform the slogan: "My party right or wrong," into the genuine Communist slogan: "My party must be right! I'll fight like hell to keep it right-and, when it goes wrong, I'll fight harder still to set it right again."

That is the meaning of the Communist Opposition. We did not choose expulsion! Too many of the best years of our lives went into the building of the Communist Party; it means too much to us for us to accept expulsion lightly. Yet we would have been cowards and traitors to Communism, if we had seen our party set on the wrong track, isolated from the masses, following paths that lead away from growth and ultimate victory, and remained quiet just so that we might hold on to party cards or party posts. For a while we wavered between loyalty to the party's true interests and the keeping of our party cards at the expense of treason to the interests of the party. We offered to obey mechanical discipline, to carry out the line we found so harmful, until a new discussion should open. But the party burocrats helped us to decide. The new puppet leadership did not dare face a discussion. The new line could not bear examination. So they split

the party, and forced us to carry on our fight for a healthier party outside of the regular party channels. We have never recognized our expulsion. An examination of our organ, "Workers Age", will show how loyally we have carried on our fight for a better party in the face of shameless provocation and abuse. The party officials combined with the needs of the party to force us to understand the difficult decision of Lenin as written to Gorki. "You must and certainly will understand that once a member of the party is convinced of the absolute incorrectness and harm of a certain doctrine, he is duty bound to take a stand against it . . . . at all costs."

### A WORD TO HESITATERS

The party officials did not limit themselves to the expulsion of conscious elements fighting to correct the line of the party. They expelled hundreds for merely questioning or doubting. They repulsed thousands by their stupid tactics. They demoralized countless loval, old members who grew disgusted and dropped out. These forces stand now on the side-lines watching our struggles and the party's blunders, demoralized. without hope. They wish for correction of the party line as for a miracle but they do nothing about it. To them I say, quoting an old proverb: son from standing water."

Look out lest you wait so long away from the stream of struggle that you indeed become a stagnant pool. "He who desires, but acts not breeds pestilence." The true Communist is one whose desire is harnessed to his will and directed by his understanding. The sooner you join us and the harder you work with us, the sooner will our fight be crowned with victory and the painful period of party blunder and isolation be over, the sooner will party unity be restored and the party begin to go forward.

### ON COMMUNIST UNITY

The Communist Opposition stands unswervingly for the reuniting of the Communist movement. There are two possible roads to unity. One is the road offered by the official leadership of the party and the International. First, we are asked to denounce ourselves as "renegades" and "counter-revolutionists" and thereby proclaim our "fitness" for membership and end our usefulness to the working class forever. Second. we are asked to drop our struggle for the correction of the line of the party and thereby connive at the injury that the present leadership is doing to the party and the cause of Communism.

The other road to unity, our own road, is the road of restoration of party democracy, a full and free dis-

cussion of differences in the party and the International. We do not insist that the party accept our line as a condition for unity. We abide confidently by the results of any untrammeled discussion of the is-

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Many party members and sympathizers have come to us expressing agreement with our views demanding "guarantees" that if they joined us, it would be a short fight. "How long?" was the constant burden of their inquiries.

We can not honestly give any promises as to the length of the fight. We can only point out that the fight is necessary, that the party cannot grow nor give real leadership to the American working class, till it shakes off the curse of its wrong sectarian, unionwrecking, isolating line. Long or short, the fight must be made, must be fought to a finish.

All we can answer to such queries is: "Come in and help us and the fight will be shorter. The more there are of us, inside the party and out, the quicker we will win, the sooner will this painful period of reorientation and reconstruction will be over. Therefore, if you are truly a Communist, if you are more than a "church member", if you are not content to ignore and condone the errors of our party just for the sake of being a "card holder", at any price, even at the price of injury to the party, then you will raise a struggle inside the ranks of the party to set it straight, and, inside or out, you will join with us in our struggle for the reunification of the party and the Communist International, for the future of the party and the Comintern, for the building of a powerful section of the Communist International in the United States, a Communist Party truly equal to its tasks, the defeat of the most powerful ruling class on the face of the earth.

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### THE EVENTS IN ALABAMA

AMP HILL—July 1931! Tallapoosa County—December 1932! The recent occurrences in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, culminating in a murderous attack of the local authorities, aided by a lynch gang, upon a group of Negro farmers who had the temerity to resist seizure of their farming implements and livestock and to organize a Share-Croppers Union in their own defense, are developments of deep significance. Taken together with the tragedy at Camp Hill a year and a half ago, they cast a revealing light on certain profound changes that are taking place in American social life, changes that are nowhere being appreciated as their deep import would seem to merit.

What is happening today in Alabama and in the deep South? For the first time in fifty years, for the first time since the few brief hours of freedom during Reconstruction days, the Negroes in the depths of the Black Belt are rousing themselves to independent action in open defiance of the white slave masters. They are daring to organize leagues to defend their economic interests. They are daring to take a stand in resistance to the merciless exploitation that has been their lot for generations. They are daring to speak out for themselves as Negroes and as toilers. And the astonished fury with which the white masters are meeting this unheard-of turn in events is convincing proof of how vitally it has hit them.

For the first time in fifty years the authentic voice of freedom is arising from the depths of the Black Belt. The first real outburst of slave revolt in half a century! To the Communists belongs the inestimable distinction of having served as the instrument of history in these momentous developments. For it was the Communist Party that led the Camp Hill share-croppers last July and it was the Communist Party that organized the share-croppers in Tallapoosa County in recent months. Yet such is the sterility and ideological paralysis induced by the false general tactics of the Communist Party today that precisely the official Communist press seems least able to appreciate the events in Alabama for what they really are.

The official American labor movement has hither o maintained an attitude of the most callous unconcern for the miseries and struggles of the Southern share-croppers, black and white. What concern indeed have the self-complacent craft union leaders for the desperate plight of starving masses living under conditions of virtual peonage? What concern have the "lordly white" for the despera plight of some millions of miserable "niggers"? To the shabby pride of craft is added the poisonous prejudice of race! And yet, among the rank and file of the American trade unionists today, hard prosed by the attacks of capital and increasingly ready to embark upon more militant action, it would not be so difficult to evoke sympatize and solidarity for the awakening Negro toilers of the South did not the official Communist Party, upon whom falls the great responsibility in this case, obstinately divorce itself from the real labor movement in this country thru its sectarian tactics and thus deliberately deprive itself of whatever progressive influence it might exercise in the present situation.

All signs point to the fact that the long inertia of the Negro toiling masses in the South is about breaking. A new era of slave revolts is on the order of the day. But history does not stand still. The struggle of the new emancipation is no longer taking place, as it did seventy years ago, under the flag of the bourgeoisie, which has today lost every vestige of progressive tendency and has made common cause with everything that is old, outlived and reactionary. It is proceeding under the inspiration of the revolutionary proletariat, the dauntless champion of all the exploited, of all oppressed, of all the unprivileged!

### THE ILLINOIS MINE DISASTER

THE awful mine disaster in Moweaqua, Illinois, which has sent a shudder thru the country, should give the workers much cause for thought. On Christmas Eve, fifty-four miners were entombed by an explosion in an old mine engaged in some "self-help" unemployment "relief" scheme. As we write, hardly five have any hope of survival. Another "mine disaster," the press cold-bloodedly reports . . . coal mining is "hazardous . . . " "inevitable . . . "

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Between two and three thousand lives have been lost every year in the coal mines in the last two decades, altho the total number of miners has been on the average only about 700,000. Competent estimates place the proportion of "avoidable" deaths close to 70%. Thirtyfive thousand miners lives, therefore, might have been saved by the strict enforcement of existing safety regulations, by the full utilization of our present technical knowledge in this direction, meager as it may be. These lives were sacrificed on the altar of the murderous greed of the mine operators whose consistent policy it has been to reduce safety expenses to the minimum, to disregard legal regulations by getting the authorities to look the other way, to jeopardize human lives for the sake\_of profit!

How ghastly is the grim joke about the "risks" the capitalists take in industry! For allegedly "risking" their capital—the apologists of the system of wage slavery tell us—the exploiters are entitled to live in luxury off the toil of millions. What, then, is the reward of the miner who actually risks his very life every time he leaves the surface of the earth? A mere starvation pittance, continually cut down—because, you must know, it is really the mine owner on Wall Street or in Palm Beach who "takes the risks!"

### Thoughts from the Some Senate Gallery

by Calvin R. Hoover

ceedings are quoted from the Congressional Record, Proceedings of the 72d Congress, 1st Session, Vol. 75, No. 33, Page 2801.)

. and there they are. The Seats of the Mighty. The Fathers of the Nation. Beneath this same roof rang the voices of Daniel Webster, Henry Clay and James C. Calban Links with a mighty page. Calhoun, Links with a mighty past. Who's that one there? That gen-

tleman with the cultured, refined features? The soft persuasive voice? Oh, yes, Senator Neely, of West Virginia. He's speaking. Listen a minute:

"Mr. President, from the North to the South, from the East to the West, in every place in which news papers circulate and information and pleasure ride upon the wings of the printed page . . . "

There's eloquence and ability ... a pleasing delivery ... a mind to solve the problems of the Na-

humanity lives and labors and loves, yesterday was a red letter day."

What's he talking about? Yesterday? Hm-m I don't remember. Must have been some unnoticed event whose historical significance failed to register on my limited mentality. Takes a smart man like a United States Senator to catch and winnow and interpret the chaf-fy grist that Time blows along these days. Well, wonder what it was HE saw that I failed to notice? He's going on:

"It revived no memories of camps and seiges and battles; it brought no reminders of wars or earthquakes or other calamities; it suggested no thoughts of the

agonies of the wounded and dying."

Lord, how that man expresses himself. No doubt how he won his Senatorial toga! But what is

he driving at? Go on:
"It was rich with memories as

ragrant as the incense from censers carried by angels hands."
What a vocabulary! Wish I could express myself like that! But what does he mean? Must have what does he mean? Must have been a turning point in some international crisis to inspire such language on the floor of the Senate of the United States. Well . . .?

"Yesterday was the twentieth anniversary of . . . ."
What now? Twentieth anniver-

sary? World Court perhaps? No... ... the creation of Maggie and Jiggs, the world's most delightful

comic strip, by . . . ."
I knew I shouldn't have taken hat second highball. Look what t's done to me now. Must be my hearing—or else—try again!

"Mr. George McManus, who, for fifth of a century, has most industriously and successfully con-secrated himself to the task of daily giving to hundreds of millions of men and women and children sunshine for their shadows, joy for their sorrows and smiles for their tears.

It's the highball, I guess!

(Extracts from the Senate pro- | began, countless thousands monuments have been erected to commemorate the achievements of the world's good and great, wildernesses of storied urns and animated busts' have perpetuated their memories; on the banks of all historic rivers, such as the Euphrates, the Ganges, the Nile, the Seine and the Potomac, stately buildings, 'with spires and steeples crowned' have been dedicated to their glory." their glory . . .

Yes, that must have been it. Some radio broadcast interfered and had me dizzy for a minute. What a colossal jest! And here's Senator Neely devoting his eloquence and fire to . . . what? Well I'm not just sure yet. Go on:

"As a rule 'the temple of fame stands upon the grave,' and those who have accomplished great things return to the silent dust before they are appreciated by their fellows. Martyrs, benefactors and heroes seldom live to see them-selves in bronze and marble . . . "

Sounds like a tribute to a great colleague—or perhaps some Presi-And Patrick Henry couldn't have done it better. But who is he talking about? Ah, that ges-He's going to name him. ture. Now:

"But GEORGE McMANUS who is happily in the very prime . . . has erected his own memorial monuments, statues and temples . . . ."

Oh, Lord, again. It MUST have been that highball. I'll bet there was a hasheesh in it. But no-there are smiles on the floor. God forbid, but I AM hearing straight!

". . . — not in public places, not on mountain tops, not on river banks, but in the throbbing hearts of the unnumbered millions, who love him beyond the power of ex-

pression. . . ."

Maybe its a joke! Maybe he's being facetious. They're laughing in the press gallery. But then those damned newspapermen never take anything seriously. haps I haven't a proper sense of values. After all, who am I to sit in judgement on a United States Senator? Well—

"Mr. McManus, with a soaring imagination, a clear head, a happy heart, a cunning hand and a facile pen for his obedient servents."

vants . . . " Yes, I guess I was hasty. I've never thought seriously enough about these things. I never realized before how important a comc strip artist was in the scheme of things. I see my mistake now It's all in the scale of values . . Go on, Senator:

"... and the preeminently great INTERNATIONAL NEWS SER-VICE as the world wide distributor of his joyous handiwork .

International News Service? Oh, yes, that's the William Randolph Hearsts service. String of papers

from coast to coast. But I didn't know he had any in

West Virginia. Oh, well!
"... has made the lovable Mr. else I'm crazy as a bed-bug. Maybe | Jiggs and the irritating but indissomebody crossed the wires with a pensable Maggie part and parcel radio ad. No, that's Senator Neely of the daily life of all the children of mirth of all the ages. . . . "

INTIMAS CARTAS (Intimate Letters), by V. I. Lenin. Translated by Andreas Nin. Cenit, Madrid, 1931.

This volume of Lenin's letters covers the quarter century from 1894 thru 1919. The letters are addressed to his mother, his sisters, to other members of the family and to N. K. Krupskaya, and were written from prison and from exile. They are grouped as follows: 1894-1897: from St. Petersburg, Paris and Berlin; 1897-1900: Siberia; 1900-1902: Austria and Germany; 1902-1903: England; 1904: Switzerland; 1907: Finland; 1908: Geneva; 1909-1912: Paris; 1912-1914: Cracow; 1915-1917: Switzerland; 1917 (Sept.): Helsingfors; 1919:

The most extensive correspondence covers the years 1897-1900 while Lenin was in Siberia preparing his two most important works, "The Development of Capitalism in Russia" and his "Materialism and Empirio-Criticism." These letters deal principally with continuous requests for material which he needed in their preparation.

All the other letters of this volume reveal Lenin's great hunger for books and for all kinds of material on practical problems as well as theoretical ones. absence of nolitical and party discussions is explained by Krupskaya in the last letter in which she describes the rigid censorship of Czarist Russia and where she tells that all letters dealing with party and politics were written in invisible ink and destroyed upon read-

We find in this series a Lenin, at home, brought close to us. We see his extraordinary stability in his personal relations, his family's complete sympathy with his revolutionary aims. We are deep-ly stirred by the firmness of his convictions and his great calm, whether in prison, in Siberia or in exile on the continent. moved by the superhuman tenacity with which, under the most adverse circumstances, he stayed with each task until completed. His periods of rest and relaxation were few with those he took in the outdoors. A sunset, a mountain, a tree—were his great delights. But even in those quiet moments this dynamo was dreaming of a better world and constantly generating forces for the building of it.

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luscious corned beef and cabbage which he has rescued from obliv-

You missed a bet there, Senator. Might have made it eternal obliv-

may be as eternal as the everlasting hills. . .

My error! You were going to use eternal four words later. Well. it just shows how presumptuous it is for ME to criticise a United States Senator, whose mind is polished by wrestling with international problems. To continue:

"... and we fervently wish Mr.

all right. And he's going on.

"'Since first the flight of years of men.

"We hope that Mr. Jiggs and the Charley Chaplin, Joe Cook and Aristophanes all at one sweep. But go on:

"... perfect health and immeasurable happiness to the end of his days and a life so very long that, in comparison to him, Methuselah, with all his years, will seem like a babe in arms.'

Oh, hell!

But what's this? Another speaker? The Vice-President.

"The morning business is closed.

And who said the Vice-President doesn't earn HIS salary?

Which reminds me; Wonder what a Senator gets? Lets see. \$25,000 a year for a session that averages six months. Must be about \$2,000 a week.

Well, they earn it-wrestling with international problems that way and, Gosh yes, listening to other Senators talk.

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