

## *A Mutual Admiration Clique*

Most amusing was the attempt in New York the other day of the rag-tag and bob-tail elements formerly vitiating the revolutionary movement with their presence to organize an anti-Communist two-and-a-half international group. Ludwig Lore, social-democratic opportunist, joined hands with the bourgeois lawyer, Louis B. Boudin, and that clownish perverter of Marxism, Harry Waton, in a futile effort to create a political party representing their own disordered views. The majority of those who attended had a good laugh at the antics of the self-appointed triumvirate and, after endorsing the Workers (Communist) Party as the vanguard of American labor, left the hall.

Certainly a more grotesque combination of disappointed "saviors" of the workers would be hard to find. Lore, editor of the *Volkzeitung*, whose shifty opportunism is well known to our readers; Boudin, the anglophile who some years ago wrote a book on Marxism, perverting the theory in a typical left social-democratic fashion; and Harry Waton whose "contribution" to the gaiety of the movement consisted in seriously propounding that unique doctrine that the way to interpret Marx is by utilizing the system of Baruch Spinoza, whereas orthodox Marxians hold that the only explanation of Marx is to be found by applying his own method known as historical materialism.

Waton has never been taken seriously by responsible revolutionists in this country; Boudin is only a feeble echo of Kautsky in the United States. Lore is the only one who has had any standing in the movement within recent years. His incurable opportunism recently placed him outside that movement. Nothing that has happened since his expulsion from the party has so thoroly vindicated that action as his association with Boudin and Waton in an effort to give birth to a hybrid that turned out to be only a puny abortion.