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By JACK ELDER

A.A.A. ACCOMPLISHMENTS MILK PRODUCTION **CORN BELT CONDITIONS** SAGA OF SCARCITY

WASHINGTON .- News from the New Deal's agricultural front becomes more ominous from day to day. What crop curtailment failed to accomplish, the drought has brought to a dramatic finale. Supplies of meats, grains, vegetables, gest gun in the Sacramento crimdairy and poultry products are, as inal syndicalism trial. This week a consequence, running short. The Sam Darcy, District No. 13 organshortage reflects itself in the con- izer, took the stand and testified. tinued boosting of food prices.

February 1, 1935, an official publi- keynote of what was to come by cation of the United States De- his abstract vagueness on all quespartment of Agriculture gives a tions, and by his assertion that straight-forward and frank account. "the power might fall into the laps Farm stocks on corn (as of Jan- of the workers". Then came cross uary 1) amounted to 800 million bushels-about 300 million bushels this leader to explain to the jury "under the shortest supply previously recorded"

less than 580 million bushels of crisis, in the critical hour, the big corn were used in the country, as gun refused to roar; the trigger compared with about 920 million was pulled and from the cannon's bushels used during the same period a year earlier. As the government experts put it,

"That gives an idea as to how the feeders have tightened up. Of course there are fewer pigs to be fed. But men everywhere are feeding with one eye on the granary and mows and the other on the calendar."

Milk Production Lowest on Record Consider the effects of the tight feed situation upon the production are revealed as a complete capituof milk. The production per cow in January was 10.88 pounds. This is the lowest yield which the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has ever recorded. It compares with an average January yield during past years of 12.12 pounds. Even this average, it is important to note, was by no means sufficient to provide American children with the quantity of milk required for health and growth.

More than a million milch cows were disposed of last year, the "greatest reduction in the 55 years recorded". Why such a reduction in the face of higher prices for milk, butter and cream? The answer is simple: Feed prices have iets.



C.P. Organizer Testifies **His Party Stands** For - - Reform!

By Special Correspondent

SACRAMENTO, MARCH 8.-The Communist Party has fired its big-In direct examination this member The Agricultural Situation for of the Central Committee set the

examination: the stage was set for and to the workers of California the fevolutionary platform in thun-From October to December 1934, dering tones. But there in the

> mouth issued . . . social reformism! The crass opportunism of Darcy's testimony came as a shock even to

those who were expecting the worst from a Communist bureaucracy which is becoming increasingly racked by the delusion that it is to be forced underground. When contrasted with the revolutionary testimony offered by the Workers Party defendant, Norman Mini, three weeks ago, Darcy's statements lation to middleclass reformism.

Is This the Communist Party? When asked what his party would do when a majority of the people supported it, Darcy, instead of describing the road to power the workers must inevitably follow (as Mini nad done) refused to say anything! The question of the seizure of

power was the showdown. Where Mini had told how the Workers' Councils would develop from simple united fronts for workers' defense into national organizations embracing all the toiling population, Darcy in the same situation said not one word about the sov-

soared to such an extent as to throw out of balance the cost-price ratio sentative told about the formation which doiny formers depend for of the proletarian militia that ascism and would defend the workers' organrallying of revolutionary forces izations and enforce the will of the throughout the world, after a per-Councils, Darcy, believe it or not, iod of demoralization and defeat, said: "The workers' and farmers' for a victorious attack upon capigovernment might come about by talism and imperialism - the universal suffrage." achievement of all these depends in Mini told how the Workers and large measure upon the building Farmers Councils would declare themselves to be the new governin the United States. Delay in uniment in the name of the whole fying the revolutionary elements, people and would use the revoluand especially those which are altionary forces to suppress and exready agreed on accepting neither propriate the capitalists; Darcy, the Socialist party nor the Comin his furn, told how the American munist party. the Second Internagovernment might "collapse" and tional nor the Third, is dangerous "fall into the laps of the workers" and may be fatal. On the other by drawing a parallel between such hand, further positive steps toward an event and the collapse of Czar-

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 11 .- | vention stayed in continuous ses-Action toward impeachment pro- sion from 10 A.M. Sunday to 4 P.M. ceedings will be started against Monday.

Governor Martin L. Davey if he refuses to comply with the demands unemployed from 63 counties in of the unemployed, according to a Ohio, 380 delegates declared that resolution adopted at a special emergency conference of the Ohio Unemployed League here yesterday and today. Conference delegates were to see Davey today. The con-

WorkersParty Sends Letter To P.P.

The following letter calling for the "further unification of the revolutionary forces" has been sent to the Proletarian Party by the Workers Party:

Proletarian Party of the U.S. c-o John Keracher, National Secy. Chicago, Ill.

Comrades: On December 1-2, 1934, the Comnunist League of America (Trotskyists) and the American Workers Party held a unity convention in New York City. The Workers Party of the United States was formally launched by the merger of these two organizations on the basis of a Declaration of Principles and Constitution which had been formulated by joint committees and unanimously adopted in the conventions of the two organizations preceding the unity convention. We regard it as a noteworthy

development that after a decade of splits and disintegration in the revolutionary movement, two organizations should have set an example of unification on the basis of a thorough-going Marxist and Len-

inist program. The problem of unifying all healthy revolutionary forces in the United States is of the utmost urgency and importance. The mobilization of the left progressive forces in the unions, the organization of the masses in the basic industries

war, as well

Representing 128,859 organized "the brutal indifference and criminal neglect of the welfare of the disemployed displayed by Gov. Davey demonstrate that he is unable or unwilling to serve the interest of the people and should be gain some of its lost strength, the mpeached."

Hit Sales Tax

the taxation of the rich" and ad- bureaucrat and organizer for the vocating in its place taxation of rubber industry, told newspaperincome of corporations and indivi- men. viduals earning \$5,000 or more per year.

Support was voted for the Work-National Unemployed League. This provides for a \$10,000,000,000-a-year public works program, unemployment and social insurance, and a minimum wage of \$30 a week for a 30-hour week for public and private employment. Funds for the

public works program are to be ob tained by taxes on incomes over \$5,000. Pending establishment of unem-

ployment insurance, the bill pro- forestall any real action. Of course, vides that Congress shall appropriate \$5,000,000,000 for immediate cash relief of \$10 a week for each unemployed worker and \$4 for each will be called early in April, or dependent. The Ohio League is that they can wait until then to preparing to participate in the Car- | pull a successful one. Progressives avan to Washington of the Nation- are fighting hard to press action al Unemployed League in May, be- immediately before the slack season fore Congress adjourns, to press sets in and it is an open question passage of the Security Bill.



Father Coughlin Wins Fame and Fortune with Red Scare - Says Henry Ford Is a Communist

By DAN EASTMAN This is the second of a series of articles on Father Coughlin, his prime minister! delayed for a month for lack of space. It proves timely in the

light of Coughlin's recent burst | fer?" he asks helpfully. "There are became the order of the day. ews with a semi-in-

Mendieta Sustained By Wall Street Army Alone **Akron Strike** Intolerable Conditions Result of American Sugar Imperialism, Cause of Permanent Unrest All Support to the Cuban Workers!

Wall Street's most important semi- tions have been declared dissolved.

Leaders Fear They Are Losing Grip On colony, Cuba, is now in the throes A great struggle is under way be-**Rubber Union**

Sabotaging

of a nation-wide general strike. tween the workers, professionals Martial law has been declared. The and students on the one hand and death penalty has been decreed for the agents of American imperialism AKRON, Ohio-Desperately strivall those offering open opposition on the other. Hundreds of thou-to the government. The trade un- sands of the most oppressed people ing to keep its grip over the rubberworkers unions here and to re-

A. F. of L. is bringing those clever demagogues and notorious working class betrayers, John L. Lewis, The League also voted to initiate president of the U.M.W.A., and referendum to repeal the state Francis J. Gorman, of textile strike sales tax, declaring that "the tax disrepute, to address mass rallies, is a burden on the poor to relieve Coleman C. Claherty, A. F. of L.

> This action resulted after a three drive for membership weeks brought but few of the thousands of workers back into the union.

ers' Security Bill initiated by the They had dropped out because of the A. F. of L. inactivity. of the rubber unions, and special tion to press "immediate action". Similar motions on union meeting floors have led the workers to believe that a strike is sanctioned,

but they are reckoning without the ingeniousness of the bureaucrats to no public mention of strike is made. Unfortunately, the workers are

under the impression that a strike whether they can succeed or not.

desperately attempting to over-Ark. Workers usperately attempting to over-throw the Sugar Trust's Cuban For weeks, strikes and bombings have harassed the Mendieta gov-**College** Is ernment which in turn has replied with a reign of terror against all In Danger of its adversaries. A strike of teachers and students, spread from one province to the other, extended to various industries and profes-By GERRY ALLARD sions. As this issue of the New

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Common-Militant goes to press, practically wealth Labor College, the Arkansas all labor and professional groups trail blazer for workers' education, in Cuba, including most of the govis in danger. The state legislature ernment employees as well are on Meanwhile, even the United Rub- of Arkansas, a special investigating strike. The nation is paralyzed. berworkers council, governing body committee, the Ku Klux Klan, and The capitalist press reports the other landlord-capitalist agencies strike is being broken by military tool of Claherty, passed a resolu- are working overtime to wreck the terror. Its accounts are obviously proletarian institution-product of

exaggerated. ten years of painstaking work. The present outburst in Cuba The college needs no introduction came as a surprise to no one acto the militant labor movement. quainted with recent developments Back in 1930-31 this institution sent on the island. The very narrow a delegation of teachers and stusocial base that Mendieta once dents to black Harlan County, had, as with Machado in 1934, has

Kentucky, to aid the hungry coal been washed away from under him diggers establish a union. until his sole supports today are Again when the Illinois miners the army under Batista and Amermarched by tens of thousands ican imperialism, represented by against the betrayals of John L. Jefferson Caffery. Lewis in 1932, Commonwealth

Cuban Labor

plunged into the struggle and per-In spite of division and persecuformed courageous work. Though tion, the Cuban labor movement has they were the first to be arrested, recently conducted a number of the Commonwealth delegation perexceedingly militant struggles. The formed a role of solidarity with the increasing poverty of the masses Illinois miners which the Left following the loss of the gains ingers haven't forgotten. When the share cropper situation made during the "Autentico" (Grau popped up, right at the door of San Martin) regime (Sept. 1933commonwealth in Arkansas, again Jan. 1934), drove them again to eachers and students laid aside militant action and revolutionary their studies to enter the fight struggle. New revolutionary conspiracies and terrorist activities of against the reactionaries. Desperthe petty-bourgeois parties and ter and destruction so that Christ ate wealthy landlords, the exploitgroups alternated with strikes of may remain king, and Father ers of vast cotton plantations, were Coughlin continue on the radio as quick to intensify their reign of the workers on plantations and in Floggings, kidnappings, the mills. In some places the peasterror. "Have I any suggestions to of- jailings and threatened lynchings ants and 'agricultural workers seized landed estates.

The impotence of the government plenty of them. We can start with Lucien and Raymond Koch, ncreased as the waves of the new the leaders of industry. We can Commonwealth teachers, were upsurge washed away its social The raiders had a noose with them. base. The general political strike A novel idea indeed! (Why bother Horace Bryant, an unemployed or- is but the culmination of a whole to organize and strike? Just ask ganizer in western Arkansas was series of violent, bloody struggles, those kind hearted capitalists who arrested and charged with anarchy. which open the way for new revoshudder every time a worker is C. C. Williams, a clergyman was lutionary advances of the Cuban murdered on the picket line, to also arrested. Other laborites, masses. A Crisis Regime The Mendieta regime was born in crisis and has lived in a state of permanent crisis. Time and again Summarily a bill was introduced when its life appeared threatened, in the Arkansas house of representhe imperialist masters were obliged tatives aimed to destroy the labor to take steps to prolong it. Among movement in the state, and espethese measures were the renouncecially designed to wreck Commonment of privileges under the "Platt wealth College. Amendment" by which the United The labor movement must an swer these attacks with a real (Continued on Page 3) united counter movement.

their earnings.

The "poultry industry" we are informed, "is another which has had to tighten up its belt this winter". (Nothing is said about the tightening of belts by wage earners who have had to discard the luxury of chickens and eggs).

The number of hens and pullets per flock average 78.4 as compared with the 5-year average number of 88.9. The average farm flock in the Central States was producing 15 eggs in January as compared with 19.3 eggs per flock a year earlier.

CORN BELT CONDITIONS

With regard to Corn Belt condi-

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N.U.L. Paper Announces Club For Jailed Heroes of Labor

Formation of the John Brown of Bowling Green, Ohio, have Honor Society, with Tom Mooney formed the first chapter of the John Brown Honor Society, accordas honorary president, "to honor all workers arrested in the fight ing to the story in Mass Action. The 56, all Unemployed members, for the right of the working people" were arrested January 19, 1935, for is announced in a front page story taking over the relief building when in the first issue of Mass Action, organ of the National Unemployed the administrator refused relief to needy unemployed who were strik-League, which has just come off the ing on FERA projects. When the Dress

were all released.

Honor Society.

Honor Roll.

Members of the 56-or-None Club sheriff tried to separate the workers by releasing 53 and keeping

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cooperate! Please

-Business Manager. dent. this goal will have an electrifying effect upon the working class in the United States and throughout the vorld.

We present herewith copy of the Declaration of Principles and Constitution of the Workers Party of the United States for your immethat you are in agreement with this proposition. If you are, it should

not be difficult to initiate a serious objective discussion on this urgent question of further unification of the revolutionary forces, thus providing added impetus to the building of the new revolutionary party and the new international.

For Political Committee W.P.U.S. Fraternally yours. A. J. MUSTE,

> National Secretary a patriot!"

three of the leaders in jail, the 56 SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT FOR told the sheriff "either we all go free or we all go to jail" They DENTAL MECHANICS

Twenty more dental laboratories The national committee of the N.U.L. has issued a special button have signed up with Dental Techwith red U.L. letters on a white nicians Equity, bringing the total background for all leaguers who of shops covered by agreements to ders about Communists, Socialists, are members of the John Brown sixty, in the first week of the general strike of dental mechanics in

The only qualification for mem- the metropolitan area. As yet, no disorder is reported on and charity' pership is a demonstration of courone of the widest spread picket age, intelligence and solidarity by being arrested for militant action. lines in recent strike history-764 laboratories in the metropolitan League members in the John Brown Honor Society are entitled to the area are being picketed by the 1,100 special honor button and are named members of the union. Negotiations are in progress with on the National Unemployed League

the Metropolitan area, and union king." Tom Mooney, labor's champion officials are optimistic about the who was railroaded to San Quentin penitentiary by the capitalist class agreement with that organization. for his militant action, has been unanimously voted honorary presi-

continues its refusal to negotiate. plosive. Millions for bloody slaugh-

dorsement of that other arehdemagogue, Huey Long, and his tri-corner debate with Long and General Johnson.

Father Coughlin hardly had time to settle down in his new parish of an effective revolutionary party and deliver his first sermon before he was negotiating a weekly broadcast. Three weeks after his appointment he was on the air over

station WJR in Detroit, at \$58 per week, a modest beginning. His sermons at first dealt mainly with quote L. B. Ward again, "Father church and Sunday school topics. social and political problems. By his audiences the advance of Com-1929 he had influences enough to munism in America-he drew a picsecure a three station hookup, but ture of the red serpent as it crawled it was not until after a series on from campus to campus." (Father

early part of 1930 that he really always been on good terms. The hit his stride.

The Red Serpent Let us quote from the first of this articles by the good father on the diate consideration. We believe series on the Red Serpent, it sets nationalization of women in Rusthe tone for his subsequent career. sia, and other choice bits of cheap "America," he announced, "is hysteria.) "He drew a picture of tainted with the purple poison of the serpent crawling from campus Bolshevism. Between it and the to campus. . . . He mentioned by Catholic Church there is war to the name Bertrand Russell (sheer cour-

> State" etc. etc. charity." He goes on to quote from "a personal letter I have received from Harry A. Jung, "The hellish conspiracy fomented by the God- ters.

less government of Russia, etc. etc' " and concludes, "There speaks

Harry Jung, we recall, is notorious as a professional anti-Semite and red baiter, a man who has dedicated himself to raising funds from frightened capitalists, both

of spreading vulgar, criminal slan-Jews, foreigners, etc. An ideal type of what Father Coughlin calls a "patriot", a proponent of "truth

Christ's Prime Minister

"The international socialists." Coughlin continued, "are unwilling navy and a stronger army to pro-

with rifles, machine guns, artillery, guppy fish), meeting in Detroit in The Associated Dental Laboratories bombs, torpedos, gas and high ex-

ask them to better the conditions rested, beaten and thrown into jail. of their laborers."

better the conditions of their preachers, A. F. of L. members, etc. laborers. Why hasn't someone are being arrested and threatened daily. thought of it before?)

Coughlin and Hearst

As for the rest of the series, to Coughlin continued to detail for Russia and the Red Serpent, in the Coughlin and W. R. Hearst have

> Detroit Times, a Hearst paper, has given him much favorable notice, the whole Hearst chain has carried

death. Our weapons are truth and age!) who was a guest at Indiana who engage in "strikes and other

The series on The Red Serpent disturbances"-machine guns, riot brought notice from several quarguns, gas.-And all with the approval of President Roosevelt and

None other than the ubiquitous Norman Thomas who hastens from pillar to post explaining to capital-

ists and workers alike that Social ism is not so had as it sounds. charged Father Coughlin with "A serious misrepresentation of socialism and of the Socialist party, and a hopeless confusion of it with communism." Thomas' endeavours o point out the difference between the rosy beatitude of socialism and the dark horror of communism to Father Coughlin, alas for Thomas proved unsuccessful.

Father Coughlin's Red Scare

The J. Ham Fish Committee in vestigating subversive doctrine (J. Ham Fish is best remembered as to assist in building up a better the red-baiting congressman whose address to Congress, due to a very the Dental Laboratory Owners of tect a country where Christ is still appropriate typographical error, was once printed in the N. Y. Her-Protect the teaching of Christ, ald Tribune, in the weekly pet colpossibilities of signing a favorable cries the Catholic priest, protect it umn under a large picture of a

> of the law. . . . It is an emergency (Continuedu oun uPuage 3) arrangement, not due to any im-

Roosevelt OK's Machine Gun Squads Formed In Sacramento

Below we reproduce excerpts | mediate danger, but one inspired by the San Francisco general from a column, "Sacramento" in the Sacramento Union. It reveals what the good citizens of Sacramento are preparing for workers

the Federal authorities!

"Vigilante talk in the criminal

syndicalism trial has caused sev-

eral readers to inquire if a secret

'Ku Klux' organization is being

formed in Sacramento to exterm-

inate radicals and stir up trouble.

The answer is no. There is no

secret organization being built

up. There is an official special

police system being formed at the

request of President Roosevelt

men, voluntarily enrolled in a

corps that is being given strict

military and police training with

the full knowledge and authority

of Police Chief Hallanan and his

"The purpose of these special

officers . . . is to create a special

defense organization in event of

disturbance by radicals. Their

selection and their activities are

strictly within the law, and part

"These special police are picked

and federal authorities.

department. . .

strike. "Citizens are not being spied on or annoyed, except those who are regularly watched by the federal government's secret agents. The radical movement has always

been kept under careful scrutiny and will be so long as it foments strikes or other disturbances. We have no vigilantes in the community, just a reserve police force functioning without cost to the taxpayer and organized as a precautionary and defensive measure for service whenever needed."

The nature of this "precautionary and defensive" police force, within the law, and part of the law" is shown in another item, from the Sacramento Bee:

"MITTLESTAEDT IS TO TRAIN "POLICE TO QUELL RIOTS

"One of the first official acts of Colonel R. E. Mittlestaedt when he assumes the newly created duties of police commissioner next Monday will be to inaugurate a training course in combatting gang warfare and riotous demonstrations.

"Special squads will be selected and trained in the use of submachine gyns, riot guns and tear gas bombs.

Jew and Gentile, for the purpose

NEW MILITANT

Roosevelt Gives A.F.ofL. Cold Shoulder on Auto Board, Codes, Relief

C.P. Leadership Can't Be Trusted

Write Former Members to Comrade Who Asks Them to Come Back to Party

vitation to rejoin the Communist Party received by Comrades Taylor and Terry of New York together with their reply to the invitation. The reply should prove of particular interest in a discussion on important problems of trade union policy.-Ed. Note.

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Dear Fred: Won't you please read this over (Daily Worker clipping) and see must be to build mass labor organwhether it doesn't fit your own izations and to bring or maintain case? The C.P. is taking real new these unions in affiliation with the action along the lines which you general labor movement, the Amand I have always thought necessary and desirable-a great many old sectarian notions are being the party leadership changed its dropped and it seems a shame you trade union policy and tactics. Was and Jack too-can't get in now this reversal of policy arrived at but the attempt is made, and in a a critical stage. For this action, when the work is beginning to show after party discussion and with the results. When am I going to see TED. you?

Theodore Weeks, New York City Dear Ted:

Jack and I have read your letter with great interest and here is our reply:

real new action along the lines ment of party trade-union work. which you and I always thought This work must correspond to the was necessary. " Is the party deep-going radicalization of the really taking "new action", i.e., change of trade union policy and you forgotten the famous "third tactics? If so, when has the party period" which was invented by the leadership publicly proclaimed this change of policy and tactics? . . leadership? . . . Have the worker-communists in the lower ranks of the party discussed this "new action" and has the party right to "left" expressed itself conleadership changed its trade-union cretely in the following formula of policy in accordance with the ex- the party leadership: "The A. F. periences of the worker-commun- of L. is a company union with fasists who are in the trade unions? In the 1929 Draft-Outline of the T.U.U.L.-pp. 22-23-24-we read: "The so-called Muste opposition . . aims at reestablishing the prestige and organization of the discredited A.F.L. leaders. . . In this period of rationalization and speed-up, of ing dropped"... Not so fast com-

NOTE ON BOSTON BRANCH

The Boston Branch of the Workers Party is now well established its own and that the zig-zag (which at 12 Hayward Place, situated in you describe as "new action") the heart of the city. These new from right to "left" and vice-versa headquarters, consisting of several rooms, are open every evening and by conflicting social forces? . . . If on Sunday afternoons, with a party this is true—and it is-then what member in charge to welcome all we are dealing with here is an those who care to come in.

The weekly meeting of the branch independent policy of its own and tute basis. takes place on Thursday evenings. consequently cannot admit changes These meetings are divided into two of policy. This inability to "ad-

purposes"... This was declared in 1931 and culminated in the famous C. P. annocncement (1934) that it is necessary to build an "indepen-We print below a letter of in- | role of the A. F. of L. is a strikedent federation". breaking one. . . . The experiences The end of 1934 and the beginof many years have shown the inning of 1935 again brought a reability of the A F. of L. to organversal of the Stalinist "policy" ize and lead the masses" . . . On suddenly and without discussion. page 25 of the same Draft-Outline No less and no more than the liwe read: "A new and revolutionary quidation of the "necessary" indesystem of labor-unionism is neces-

pendent unions. . . . At one time we sary". . . . stated at a leading fraction meeting Compare the above with the folof the building trades that the inlowing quotation from William Z dependent Alteration Painters Un-Foster's pamphlet, "Organize the ion must enter the A. F. of L. to Unorganized" . . . 1926---"Our goal strengthen the class struggle elements within the Painters Brotherhood (A. F. of L.) and we were erican Federation of Labor." Obviously between 1926 .d 1929

consent of the party membership? credit the former. . . Any honest party member who lived through the period of 1929 will tell you that the new trade union policy was "handed down" and that all criticism was labeled "opportunist".

In 1929 the party leadership inzag represent? . . . A sudden swing Joint Board. sisted that-"In reality there is no to the right! Are we guaranteed change in policy. What we have against further zigzags to the right You write "The C. P. is taking is a further phase in the develop-

> masses in the third period." Have independent policy of its own. to the "left" by the centrist C.I. further changes of policy by the centrist party leadership.

In the U.S. this zig-zag from cist leaders. . . . We must build new **Teachers** Must Not Rest revolutionary unions" . . , Any worker-communist who opposed this formula was either removed from party activity or expelled. "But"-you will say-"a great many old sectarian notions are beradicalization of the workers, the rade! In the first place, did the party leadership openly proclaim these changes? . . . Of course not!

Is it not obvious to you by now that the Communist Party leadership has no independent policy of is a necessary condition compelled unstable party-regime that has no

we will quote W. Z. Foster's "Lit-**Progressives** tle Brothers of the Big Labor Fakers", 1931 (pp. 4-5-6): "The A. F. of L. is an employers' tool. . . Suspended When unorganized workers undertake to organize and fight they can-From ILG not use the A. F. of L. . . . The A. F. of L. leaders will split the unions rather than let the workers capture and use them for fighting The necessity for a unified pro-

gressive opposition in the I.L.G.W. U. is emphasized by the suspension of two progressive members of Cutters Union Local 10 by the Central Appeals Committee of the Interna-

tional. Oscar Signer and William Zweiborn, members of the Cutters' Welfare League, a Progressive group in Local 10, are the members suspended.

In an appeal to all members of sives to "fight against violations of democratic rights' The basis for suspension of Sig-

ner and Zweiborn, the appeal points out, was the calling of a meeting, branded "opportunists" . . . Now by the Cutters Welfare League, of ook at the speed with which the unemployed cutters, with the anparty leadership is "throwing" the nounced purpose of pushing the lo-Alteration Painters Union into the cal into action on behalf of the un-A. F. of L. Of course now there employed. This was early last

is nothing much left to "throw" in winter, when unemployment was at manner that will only further dis- Zweiborn and Signer were charged with dual unionism and suspended. In one and the same year (1934) On appeal to the General Appeals of the A. F. of L. official leaderwe are told: 1) to build an "inde- Committee, the suspension was uppendent federation" and 2) to li- held after a nine months' delay. quidate independent unions and to At the time of his suspension, Zwei-"build and strengthen the A. F. of born was manager of the Union De- Industrial Recovery Board Presi-L". . . What does this latest zig- fenders Committee of the Dress

MISERY STALKS FASCIST AUSTRIA

VIENNA .--- The number of Austrian unemployed receiving public Bill Green, it could mean only anrelief has risen to 337,333 during right or to the "left" but has no February of 1935. The monthly increase amounts to approximately There can be no guarantee against $|_{3,000}$ people. One-sixth of the population of the Austrian capital is dependent upon public relief. 51,000

households with a total of 130,000 ALFRED TERRY family members report an income of 20 schillings a month. JACK TAYLOR

Role of the Union

Administration Getting Ready for Large Scale Wage Cutting Drive Against Unions

By ARNE SWABECK The rift between the Roosevelt trade union movement.

administration and the A. F. of L. leadership has widened, all indications to the contrary notwithstanding. First President Roosevelt, despite the vehement objections from the A. F. of L. officialdom, extended the automobile agreement of last year, which legalized the company union, and extended the life of the Kollman had been consulted prior Sloan of General Motors and Waler Chrysler together with Leo Woolman had been consulted prior startling and certainly it holds out

to the extension of the agreement, the I.L.G.W.U., the Cutters Wel- but the opinions of Bill Green were fare League calls upon all progres- not solicited. And except for the subsequent "gracious" reception given at the White House, permitting Bill Green to introduce by

> the members of the Executive tomobile workers.

President Roosevelt next an-40-hour week regulation and the 25 to 40 cents an hour minimum wage, and again over the objections ship. To the impassioned criticism made by the latter of S. Clay Williams as chairman of the National dent Roosevelt answered in his "Dear Bill" letter to Green informing him that the former chairman

of the notorious open shop R. J. Reynolds tobacco company was a devoted public servant. However ers showed up, which compares soothing this may have appeared to other kick in the face in so far as the administration's attitude to the issue of union organization is concerned.

Finally, the insistence of the Roosevelt administration upon a \$50 per month maximum wage for workers on relief projects will unnuestionably receive the unstinted support of all the magnates of finance and industry. With that will go an 'effort to squelch the so-called labor lobby in Congress. A number of other measures are

pending before Congress which will, if anything, tend to widen further the present open rift. There is, for example, the 30-hour week bill. On numerous occasions the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacappear that an abuse was corrected | torers Association have voiced their

determined opposition to this bill that is required is a capable lawyer It is a well-known fact that the to draw up legal documents and Roosevelt administration sees eve justice will take its course. Then to eye with them and the hopes what is the necessity for a union? pinned by these labor leaders upon In this sense the victory can be the government for support in reconstrued as a rebuff to the union turn for their miserable failure of movement. This result might have union organization are due for anbeen avoided and positive steps in other blast. Thus, there need be no the militant education of teachers doubt that the rift is brought about

taken, had the necessary legal fight by the initiative of President Roosbeen supported by mass and union | evelt. That is why there is something real about it.

Serious Problems Ahead

yet witnessed to exterminate the mobile workers to a campaign of organization cannot be expected until the unions break off complete-What Is Being Done?

ly from the sell-out tradition es-The most serious questions now arise before every active trade un- tablished by the reactionary leadionist. What is the leadership of ership. It may take a few more the movement doing to defend and kicks in the face from the Rooseto maintain its right of existence? | velt administration to do it, but we What are the organizations doing may rest assured that such kicks to prepare for a serious battle? To the A. F. of L. Executive follow next must be an aggressive Council is credited a powerful lobby policy of organization. The very in Congress. Its success to date life and existence of the trade-union cannot be said to have been very

much less prospects for the future. So long that it serves merely as a shield for the actual failure of organization and struggle it can only have fatal consequences to the movement. In reality that is all to include the tool and die makers name to the President each one of this lobby is today.

The Executive Council has decid-Council, nothing was done to mend ed that it will not now undertake not until after this season is over. the rift, not to speak of dealing to organize the steel industry. It This alone should verify that the with the real grievances of the au- is too busy with the automobile in- strike vote now conducted by the dustry. William Green has even made a tour of the automobile cennounced the tobacco code with its | ters and in his public addresses asalso had their experiences and very likely learned by this time that nothing can be gained unless they fight for it. Consequently the meetings of Bill Green were not very enthusiastically attended. In Detroit less than two thousand workvery poorly with the great overflow meetings held by A. F. of L. leaders last year. But that was before the sell-out agreement had been signed by them. Now the automobile

workers' unions show a serious drop in membership despite the fact that there have been many indications of a sentiment for organization amongst the workers provided they are shown how to organize and how to get somewhere. The A. F. of L. campaign of organization does not meet with great response. The automobile manufacturers are, of course, opposed to it. The Wollman Board tells the workers that if they join the A. F. of L. it cannot help them. The A. F. of L. leaders offer

nothing except its replacement by the National Industrial Relations Board*. The inducements for joining the union under these conditions are slim indeed.

A serious response by the auto-

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will not be lacking. What must movement depends upon that. * * * *The Executive Council has decided that the automobile workers are to have a separate charter for an international union, but it is not or the maintenance men, nor is it to take effect until June, that is,

automobile workers federal unions, with the actual call for a strike, however, left to Wm. Green, can sured the manufacturers that the have no serious meaning. But it is A. F. of L. does not intend to strike only one of the straws in the wind the plants. All it asks is a fair indicating that the Executive Coundeal. Such a message does not cil is determined to resist any move sound very inspiring to the automo- for industrial unionism. At its rebile workers. After all, they have cent meeting the Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers Union appealed against a decision to split up the workers in the Butte copper mines among craft unions, leaving in the main only semi-skilled and unskilled workers to the mine union. John Frey of the Metal Trades Department, supported by Arthur Wharton of the machinists and by other craft union chiefs, succeeded in thwarting any attempt of industrial union jurisdiction.

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With Vanderwoude Decision ter of the capitalist state institu-By a Teacher tions. To teachers who do not un-A decision handed down by State derstand what is involved, it must Commissioner of Education Cole has compelled the New York City by an appeal to the state! All Board of Education to appoint some 1.700 qualified teachers to jobs in the city public school system. This

pressure

decision, the commissioner's renly to a brief filed by one of the eligible teachers. Edith Vanderwoude. finally halts one of the most odious of the numerous "economy" practices of the board; namely, forcing teachers on eligible lists to serve in existing vacancies on a substi-

These teachers had to work at a schedules provided for by state

or to the "left"? . . . To ask this question after what we have indicated above is, to say the very least, naive. This leadership swings to the

Comradely yours,

parts: the first part given over to | mit" expresses itself in suppression party business is closed; the second of party democracy and the resigpart which is devoted to education nation of its best fighters. Do you and current events is open to non-ask us to come back to such a members. The branch membership | "party" and to such "leadership"? has increased by over 30 percent. For the sake of "completeness"



Big Gains in Middle West Chicago, New York lagging Wayne, Mineola, Mt. Carmel, Oak-Forging ahead this week are land, Paterson, Salt Lake City, other into submission is evident. Chincinnati, Davenport and Youngs- | Springfield, Staunton, Throop, town all tying with a 40 percent | Washington, D.C., Winston Salem score. Minneapolis comes next and Waukegan. with no gains since last report. Iouisville has achieved 20 percent in the first week.

needs improvement.

week.

Comrades in branches are urged bility of compelling eligibles of to take up the matter of the drive work as substitutes in existing vawith their literature agents. See

Compared with these scores the that the drive is put on the agenda | The labor press, in its jubilance, 9 percent of New York and the 5 of branch meetings and that definite has failed to analyze the nature percent of Chicago do not stand up plans are made for intensive work and consequence of the victory. very well. More concentrated ef- to achieve our goal. Send in re- Serious teachers must not be confort is needed in these cities which ports. You are interested in the tent solely with winning concesshould be leading the way. Phila- progress of other branches and they sions. They must inquire: What is delphia is doing a bit better with want to know what you are doing. the result of this victory in terms

Plentywood has achieved 20 per- friends and fellow workers. Get same time result in building a since the New York Association of maximum wage, that they can keep New York district office, in charge cent and Worcester 10 percent. them to subscribe. Send your re- movement can be washed away to-Considering the difficulties involved n.ittance directly or through your morrow. these scores are not to be censured. | literature agent. If you send it |

But San Francisco, with only 15 yourself be sure to mention (a) teachers are affected immediately, percent certainly could do better. your name, (b) your branch, if are assigned to jobs at the regular

All other branches have a score connected with the W.P., (c) that rates of pay. But several thousand of less than 15 percent. It is time you want this sub credited in the that they get busy and put in some drive, (d) full name and address actually nearer to getting jobs. real intensive work on the drive. of subscriber. Note that subs will Moreover, a number of teachers Especially should Toledo, St. Louis, not be credited unless this informa- who were working at the substitute Pittsburgh, Newark, Boston, Colum- tion accompanies the remittance. Subs on combination offer will at all.

bus and Los Angeles be able to make a better showing by next be credited only if remittance is rayable directly to the New Mili-There are still some branches tant.

from which we have had no subs And now-another week of effort! Let's get all the percenat all. They are listed here as a reminder. This means that it is tages up to-well over-the 50 time for you to show some results: percent mark by the 15th of this Akron, Biloxi, Buffalo, Charlesmonth! We can do it!

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law; moreover, they were deprived of the tenure, increment and pension privileges attached to regular appointment. This practice, the board's contribution to the "economy" program of the banker and

so extensively that in some of the largest high schools "substitutes"

one group of teachers to force an-What of the Future?

The Vanderwoude decision, definitely establishing the impermissi-

canies, is a victory for the teachers.

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similarly situated teachers are not pay rates are now without work

Purely Legal Fight The fight was conducted on a

Union of New York participated in up the lobbying and legal fights. to follow the most fierce campaign it only to the extent of contributing | Yet the victory which the offspring \$50 to help defray legal expenses. of the Progressive Group claims all organization, the New York Association of Unappointed Teachers, pushed the issue to its conclusion. The union has about 2,000 in its anks; the Unappointed about 50. The union has prestige and influence. The Unappointed is generally unknown and has very little the teachers; and by fight, we do nfluence. Since the fight was won on a he teachers in the "just" charac- organic part.

Jointly responsible are the lead-These issues which stand out in ership of the union and the Progres- the recent events in Washington sive Group, one of its left-wing foreshadow the serious problems mission 25c. Refreshments included groups. The leadership of the un- | that the trade union movement will ion is right-wing Socialist in the henceforth have to face. In fact, main. Its suport is in the higher the breach between Roosevelt and

salaried teachers. Its policy is the labor leaders is merely the prerealty interests, had been applied limited to lobbying in Albany. It lude to a wage-cutting campaign is not interested in the condition on a large scale that is now in preand needs of the unemployed and paration. It is signalized by the comprised fully 75 percent of the the partly employed. That is why proposed \$50 monthly maximum wage for workers on relief projects. teaching staff. The effectiveness it could ignore for years the needs ton, Cleveland, Dickson City, Fort of this plan as a method of using of these teachers, and finally look But the issues go even deeper. They will raise the very question on placidly while another organiza-

tion conducted a struggle which of life or death to the trade union movement. the union was duty-bound to lead. It was the duty of the group

Of course, the labor leaders are correct when they insist that two gles in the Basic Industries". Aus- About 50,000 members organized in which claimed to be progressive to wage levels, a higher for private conduct a struggle in the union against this leadership: to have the industry and a lower for govern union take up this fight. But it ment relief work, cannot be mainwas not its duty to build an organtained. The higher rate will be ization of union members and forced down to the lower rate. At teachers eligible for union mem- | first the unemployed workers who bership outside the union, and make are dependent upon relief will be this organization the "leader" of compelled to work for the low rate. the fight for appointments. Economic experts will next get

Yet this is precisely what the busy and manipulate statistics to a score of 16 percent, but even that But don't wait for branch action. of building a militant movement? Progressive Group did. In the fall show that workers on relief pro-Go right out yourself among your For victories which do not at the of 1931 it set up and has led ever jects get by on the \$50 monthly Unappointed Teachers. The union on producing on that wage rate, of tickets. is now reaping the fruits of this that the family budget can be

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shaved down to that level and that there is, therefore, no valid reason

Struggie Within the Union So will the Progressive Group. for paying more in private indus-In the union it wages a struggle try. Wage reductions will be on with the right-wing Socialist lead- the order of the day in every industry and it stands to reason that ership. And strange as it may one of its inescapable accompaniseem, the axis of the struggle acments will be in the first instance cording to its own analysis is prewell-prepared and deliberate efforts cisely the question of the leader-

ship's line of limiting its efforts almost exclusively to lobbying and to a system of compulsory arbitralegal fights, versus the real progrespurely legal basis. The Teachers sive's line of mass pressure to back Failing in that, there will be sure

It stood by passively, while another | for itself must strengthen the reformist leadership against the Progressive Group. Such is the result of the Progressive Group policy, essentially factional.

Teachers should repudiate such policies. They should demand that the union fight for the interests of not mean legal fights alone, we mean primarily mass pressure by

ourely legal basis, the result must the teachers and the labor moveend to strengthen the illusions of ment of which they should be an

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"Farmers in the Corn Belt in

1935 will be faced with widely

varying relationships between

feed and livestock prices. Feed

scarcity in 1934 reduced the num-

ber of bushels of corn equal in

value to 100 pounds of live hogs,

at farm prices (the so-called

corn-hog ratio) to less than two-

thirds of the long-time average

relationship between corn and hog

prices. Spring pigs farrowed in

1934 were 26 percent fewer than

in 1933, but corn production was

41 percent less; hence corn prices

rose more than the price of hogs."

(So long as this disparity contin-

ues, it should be noted, pork and

lard must move upward in price.

The unfavorable status of the corn-

hog ratio holds back the farmer

from fattening his swine to the

full; he sends them to market be-

fore they are fully grown; the ag-

gregate of meat moving into and

out of the packing plants diminish-

es. And the "American standard of

Only half as many fall pigs were

farrowed in 1934 as in 1933. Pres-

ent estimates of the 1935 spring pig

crop indicate a further 17 percent

reduction from the short farrow-

ings of last year. All this should

be highly enlightening news to

wage-earners, particularly the low-

est income groups. It serves to

ort into its true perspective the

New Deal's claim of having aug-

mented mass purchasing power, if

it has accomplished nothing else.

MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

A Dangerous Alliance

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An item in the press recently, in connection with the General Johnson-Huey Long controversy, reveals a growing line-up of forces that may prove of the utmost danger to the working class. General Smedley Butler came out in hearty support of the "two lions" Long and Coughlin. Here we have a triple alliance of three demagogues who supplement each other in the possibilities of building up the mass basis for an American fascist movement. To the forces of the Delta Dictator, Father Coughlin brings the aid of clerical reaction hiding under the pseudo-radical guise of "social justice", and Smedley Butler contributes the strength of the military arm of reaction. The real motive of Butler in making his revelations concerning the attempt by Morgan interests to bribe him into leading and organizing a fascist movement here, now becomes clear. Butler resorted to a clever bit of advertising to permit him later to act completely in the interests of promises. c pitalist reaction under the halo of a great lover of democracy.

The danger to the proletariat from these elements can hardly be exaggerated. They are the symbols heralding the conversion or transformation of the capitalist offensive to terrorize the working class so as to stop further organizing of the unorganized, into a fascist mass movement. The "white terror" of the bosses is intended to prevent

the workers from fighting to regain lost ground in the matter of wages and living conditions. The offensive is apparent in the recent court decisions against the labor provisions of the NRA, the Roosevelt decision against the "prevailing wage", the drive for company unions and against the A. F. of L., the Hearst anti-red campaign, the Sacramento criminal syndicalism case, etc. The answer to this offensive and to the incipient fascist movement will be given by the increased militancy of the working class.

* * * The Labor Party Fallacy

Nothing reveals more clearly the utter fallacy and bankruptcy of the Farmer-Labor Party (which those who call for the formation of might be substituted by any other an American labor party, than a labor party). As the New York speech by Alfred Bingham, Farmer- Times reported: "The movement Laborite supporter and editor of for a third party under radical-Common Sense. The contention of progressive leadership that is rising the labor-partyites runs that the in the West is in imminent danger American toilers are beginning to of being captured by the "demagorealize the need to separate from gic movement" headed by Huey the bourgeois parties and to resort | Long and Father Cougnlin, it was to independent political action in asserted last night by leaders of their own interests. Owing, how- the Farmer Labor Political Federaever, to the political backwardness | tion." And to fight the demagogy of these masses, resulting from his- of Long, Bingham proposed a simitoric conditions, they are far from | lar type of demagogy-the "dramaready to join any outright revolu- tization" of the appeal of "Plenty tionary organization. Hence, rather for All". Bingham's speech conthan permit the workers to fall into tains his own refutation.

Mendieta Sustained By

the clutches of the capitalists Fellow Worker: through an apparently working class party which is in actuality a how the Workers Party came into third capitalist party, the vanguard existence, after many years of must gain control of the movement splits and disintegration in the radby rallying the toilers around a ical movement, as a new unifying program of proper immediate demands.

To separate immediate demands from the revolutionary tasks of the Marx and Lenin which have been proletariat means to foster illusions in the minds of workers. It means to hold out the hope that the worker can win security and a better life by fighting for concessions under capitalism. This is all the more illusory in this period of the decline of capitalism when the bosses, far from granting more concessions, are actually wiping out all the previous "sops" granted to the workers. Unless immediate demands are made the means of rallying the workers in struggle for the purpose of teaching them at one and the same time the need for revolutionary action as the only real solution, the effect will be to disillusion the workers with false chinery of production.

Our task is not to traffic on the ignorance and backwardness of the masses, not to attempt to win them unawares and by stealth, but on the contrary, to enlighten them and to show them the necessary steps ods. to take along the road to power.

Shall We Compete with Fascism? When it comes to immediate demands as such, divorced from a have just been living through two revolutionary program, we cannot hope to compete with the fascist demagogy of fake "promises". Our you know only too well what that answer to the demagogy of the Huey Longs and the Father Cough-lins is not a different brand of for the conitalist class. Factory demagogy, but enlightenment and e'ear revolutionary answers conterning the meaning of events. To dends and profits 150 percent. The compete under present conditions with the fascists on the basis of worker who was lucky enough to rainbow hopes, is to bring about have a job at all last year was the inevitable defeat of our class. Instead of building a bridge from the labor party to the revolutionary Marxist party, we would build a bridge to fascism. And it is precisely this that Bingham revealed. He was peeved that Long and Coughlin were stealing a march on

there isn't an extra loaf of bread pocket.

By A. J. MUSTE Π In my last letter I wrote about

center for the revolutionary forces. concluded by stating that we base our party on the teachings of tested in the experience of the international revolutionary movement of the working class and seek to apply these principles to the reali-

ties of the American scene. When we speak of our party as "revolutionary" we mean, on the one hand, that its aim is revolutionary and on the other hand that

we believe in the revolutionary method. We do not believe that the masses can be delivered from poverty, unemployment, degradation, war, by any reform of the capitalist system under which we live. That system must be abolished, wage slavery must be done away with altogether. The workers must own and control the ma-

We do not believe that the workers and their allies can overthrow the capitalist state, governmental system, and the capitalist economic system by purely legal, "democratic", peaceful, parliamentary meth-They will have to take the revolutionary road to their goal. An Example of Reform

As for curing the ills of the workers by reforming capitalism, we years of the Roosevelt New Deal which was to do just that. And has got us. "Salvation" has been for the capitalist class. Factory pay-rolls are only 60 percent of the 1926 level for example, but diviaverage wage of the American around fifteen dollars a week. The citizenship paper of millions of "the proud American working class, sons and daughters of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln", is a relief ticket-which entitles them to nicely calculated rations after snooping social workers have made sure that

in the closet or a nickel in the pants This takes place in a country where everybody could have a decent, comfortable home, plenty of attractive clothing, abundant food, educational opportunity, money for travel and amusement, if factories were not standing idle, food being plowed under, and so on. There is always some one who promises the workers to fix things her American and European rivals p. Hoover with his chicken in every pot and two cars in every market, or by demagogic maneugarage. Roosevelt with his New | vers, entrench herself so as to make Deal. Hooey Long with a house, Europan and American economic

automobile and radio for everybody. Isn't it about time that the workers realized what Marx taught thus far it has been impossible for long ago that it does not make any Japan to undersell her rivals. difference how well-meaning these

Why Join the Workers Party

Letters to a Worker Correspondent

Things might be better. Plenty | crisis is not resolved; it gets worse. and security can be had. But even if the American working class were willing to accept meekly the fifty percent cut in its standard of living since 1929, it will not be given the "privilege". Capitalism will force the standard lower and again lower. It will lead the masses to slaughter unless tney take things into their own hands. Thus the workers become con-

vinced that capitalism cannot be reformed, it must be abolished.

For the most part, however, the workers who have reached this conviction have been under the influence of the "Social-Democratic" philosophy of the Socialist parties and the Second International. According to this philosophy, we can gradually replace capitalism with ocialism and we can do it by peaceful, parliamentary, "democraic" means.

Riding In Opposite Directions

What has happened in Germany and other countries since the war shows plainly enough that this phiosophy of "Gradualism" means ruin for the workers and their movement. The idea of running a capitalist and a Socialist, a profit and non-profit, system side by side is crazy. It is like trying to ride on two horses going in opposite

By SIMON WILLIAMSON

"color" relationship.

among the Negro masses.

"Friend" of the Negro.

cautious. directions. The capitalist system remains under all these "Socialist workers are killed in strikes when housing schemes" etc. and so the they try to assert their right to | tant)

existence.

The Pacific Movement

inevitably do this everywhere.

Japanese Imperialism Stirs Up Race Hatred in America

Western World has been organized nity from Tsarist Russia. This ances-class solidarity, the unity of drought areas, even the breeding then is the wretched story of Jap- all workers, black, white, yellow herd has been sacrificed", and a an's first victory over the "White and red in the struggle against all shortage of "foundation stock" in the United States by Japanese agents and Negro nationalists to Civilization" at the expense of create solidarity among the "darker China, the "Darker Civilization". races" against the "white race" The "Friend" in Action

Seeking to establish itself as the And once having gained Formosa, imperialist power in the Orient, the Japanese government is endeavorvhose people greatly resemble the ing to make allies of the oppressed Japanese but whose culture is much American Negroes on the basis of older and higher, did Japanese imperialists seek to preserve and to Branches of this movement are further this culture and insure the located in all of the large cities growth of a "Darker Civilization"? where Negroes reside. It is grow-They most assuredly did not.

ing daily in numbers and influence Japanese soldiers were sent to Formosa, the native culture was For Japan finds herself in a crisuppressed and an era of terror was tical position. Her natural reinaugurated. The natives were desources are limited and her oppornied educational opportunities and tunities for expansion are blocked shot down by the thousands whenby the imperialist aims of other ever they tried to revolt against world powers. She must undersell their awful state. Japanese brutality to the Formosans was equal to gain monopoly of the oriental only to that of the United States in her treatment of Hawaii.

More recently the Japanese entered Manchuria, shot down and aggression in the east impossible slaughtered thousands of natives, without a serious war. However, slashed off a part of the country and formed the buffer state of Manchukuo.

Three or four years ago, Japan

collective bargeining under Section 7a of NRA. The militia is called out against them. not against the tions in particular, we learn: bosses! Radical parties are kept

There was a time when capital- off the ballot. A big movement is on foot to deprive the unemployed ism was able to make concessions to the workers, better the standard of the right to vote.

Under these circumstances, to of living, without cutting into prorely on "democracy", to say that fits. Then the "gradualism" of the we will gain our ends by electing social-democratic parties and the a president and a majority of unions brought certain results. Now congress pretty soon, is to disarm capitalism maintains itself only by the working class while capitaltaking away concessions --- wage ism arms itself to smash us. That rates, social insurance benefits, etc. is what the Social Democracy has -which it once gave. To stick to "gradualism" now means one redone.

History gives us no instance of a treat after another for the workers. ruling class which voluntarily Furthermore, "democratic" megives up its power. It took the thods acomplish nothing. For English Revolution, the French, the capitalism itself destroys every American, to smash feudalism. It vestige, every pretense, of demotook four years of civil war in these cracy and maintains itself at last United States to smash the slaveby means or an open, brutal, Fasholding aristocracy of the South cist dictatorship. Capitalism will (even after a president and congress representing a new class had Why? Because capitalism must been elected by parliamentary drive the standard of living lower methods) and to put the new capi-

all the time. In face of this, if talist class in power. the masses have any freedom at all, The capitalists will not quietly any union or party no matter how Land over their power to us, fellow |living" receives still another body conservative, meek, legal, respectworker. We cannot use the capi- blow!) able, peaceful, they will offer resistance. They will fight for mere talist state, system of government, Therefore capitalism whose very purpose is to maintain capitalism, in order to overthrow it. wipes out "democracy", smashes every trade union, farmers' organ- We have to smash the capitalist ization, political party. The work- state and put the workers' state in

ers cannot save themselves or their its place. Then we can begin to movement by being humble and build a new society on new foundations (A third letter will be published

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"The drastic reduction in the number of cattle in 1934", to eontinue, "makes likely a relatively high price of beef for several years. (Still more cheerful news for the wage earner who luxuriates in the 1904. In 1905 Japan was victorious | fought on the basis of "color" al-The Pacific Movement of the and gained Formosa as an indem- liances, but rather economic alli- benefits of the codes). In the worst

become so acute, that the Depart-

(Continued from Page 1) July 1930, called on Father Cough-

lin to testify. Although the police chiefs of To continue with the sage of Fliut and Pontiac, the President of scarcity, how about wheat? Farm the Detroit Citizens Committee, and stocks of wheat on January 1 dethe personnel manager of General clined to 136 million bushels, "the Motors, all testified that there was smallest quantity for that date since ists (and who would be quicker to these data became available in ists (and who would be quicker to bolster a red scare than police bists attices and per-hists attices and personnel managers?) Father Coughlin figure since January 1928". With alone testified that the red menace oats and barley, the same story: was acute. scarcity.

With an eye to publicity and Butter production? The total perhaps to his own welfare, he December production of 103 million charged that none other than Henry Ford was the man responsible for month since 1929. Cheese producthe insidious advance of commun- tion? The December total of 21 ism in Detroit . . . because he had million pounds was 8 percent less signed a contract for \$13,000,000 than in 1933. Wholesale butter with the Soviet Union prices in New York have reached Why did he pick on Henry Ford? such a high level that for almost We can only record that four Fisher the first time in American history, brothers, who all sit on the board substantial quantities of imports of directors of General Motors, are from New Zealand and Denmark Catholics, and their mother is a have hurdled over the tariff barrier member of Father Coughlin's flock. of 14 cents per pound. As for stocks General Motors, of course, did not of eggs in cold storage on January sign a contract for \$13,000,000 with 1, they were 11 percent lower than the Soviet Union. a year earlier and 35 percent lower On October 5, 1930, as a reward than the 5-year average. Little for his stalwart battle against wonder then, that egg "prices have Communism and the Red Serpent, shown considerable resistance to Father Coughlin was promoted the usual seasonal decline". from a small three station hookup | The New Deal cannot of course to a nation-wide hookup on the Co- be blamed for the drought. But lumbia system. His affairs began the effects of the drought would to run into money. A \$750,000 be much less severe had not the Shrine under way, \$200,000 per Triple A program of man-induced year for the hookup, perhaps \$100,- scarcity been superimposed on a 000 more for publicity, mailing re- good, stiff dose of natural scarcity. plies, secretaries, etc. Where does Capitalist economists in the U.S.A. have long professed to be scornful he get it? We confess we don't know. There of Russian agricultural policies; is a story, a sort of fairy tale goes that is, forced collectivization and the rounds, that his listeners, mil- liquidation of kulaks. These polilions strong, support his colossal cies, it is argued, were responsible business with contributions, a few for grain shortages and the decents here, a few cents there. We struction of livestock, to the detrican't deny his tale, for Father | ment of Russian standards of liv-Coughlin has never allowed anyone ing. understand that it does not matter to look into his affairs. However, These economists can now rest ism in the Orient. When Admiral whether they support the greedy if we don't know where he gets the from their labors of Red-baiting. If Perry entered Japan in 1854, he aims of Japanese or American cap- original capital, we do know how they have scorn to lavish, they can he tried to increase it, how he has lavish it at home. The AAA procountries as Cuba (over eighty per- from labor propaganda is conceded period of decline, the general trend feudalism, and for some years after, tinue to be oppressed, terrorized involved in a nice little deal in sil- gram of 1933-1935 will go down in cent of Cuba's economic life is best chances of early success. It is toward greater misery for the Japan remained reluctant to accept and lynched. Oppression of the ver, some five hundred thousand economic history as one of the madsugar; eighty-five percent of the makes it "illegal to influence a sol- workers. Capitalists make their Western capitalist culture. But Negro is a result of economic con- ounces, which might have netted dest orgies of capitalistic sabotage ever known to man. ditions. It cannot therefore be him a neat profit.

MORE CHEERFUL NEWS!

capitalists, Japanese, American, seems imminent. The situation has regardless of their color.

Wall Street's Priest

"For all classes of livestock the keynote should be maintenance and building up of breeding herds be limited rather than to sacrifice foundation stock".

nent of Agriculture advises:

SAGA OF SCARCITY

Wall Street Army Alone capitalist saviors may be, there is no way out for the masses under of the unrest existing among op-Britain and the United States in

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legal right to intervene in Cuba at any time it saw fit; and the Reciprocal Trade Treaty, signed between the U.S. and Cuba in August of last year for the purpose of saving time, however, it will have greater that he must run his business at a erican Negro workers. They want The first of these measures gave Mendieta a short breathing space

from the attacks of the middle class nationalist elements, while the second promised a small degree of economic improvement.

These two "concessions" were such in appearance only, as the trade treaty also reacted in favor of American exporters whose Cuban trade had fallen off five-sixths in four years. and the Platt Amendment had outgrown its usefulness and no longer fitted in with the "pacifist" policies of the U.S. State SUPER RED-BAITING BILL TO Department. Thus the Sugar Trust and its political allies tried to stem the once more rising tide of the Cuban revolution.

A Single Product Country But the general contradictions of capitalist economy are inevitably that war or Fascism may bring, the sharper in such "single product" capital invested in Cuba is Ameri- dier in almost anyway," said Rep. profits by paying the worker in once having accepted Western incan controlled). Cuba is equipped Maury Maverick (D., Tex.) "It is wages a smaller value than he dustrial methods, Japan took over with a highly efficient and modern producing between 51 and 6 million thing you want with it." But nev- value. It is the only way profit allots it a quota of approximately by the military-minded in the ad- ditions expensive plants and equipaffairs in the island republic.

break at its Cuban link. Therefore textile strike, it is "patriotism" ap- of profit. ican workers in their struggle fill the soldiers' minds with wildest found a way out by getting outlets against the class enemy, to extend distortions of labor's aims. But for surplus capital, possibilities of their solidarity to their Cuban fel- let some of the worker brothers and exploitation, etc. in so-called "backblow may be dealt imperialism.

The Cuban masses stand alone and it will be "sedition" under this in America, as masters of the tech- bill, punishable with the severest nique of the political general strike. penalties. In this respect, as well as for their JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY. heroism and great sacrifices in the struggle against the common ene-

my-Wall Street-they stand out ORDER W. P. PAMPHLETS NOW. the making.

as an inspiration and example to States had, since 1901, reserved the as well as those of the other Latin

American countries. In August 1933 the general strike wages so the masses and full government, and the their purchasing power to buy the out- Japanese workingman, hide their overthrow of the government. This then turn around and tell the boss cloak of "friendship" for the Amdifficulty in accomplishing this aim. profit in competition with other the Negroes to believe that al-Machado had lost the support of bosses, and his chief concern is though they treat their own work-Wall Street; the forces of Ameri-necessarily to put his prices up as ers like slaves-long hours, misercan imperialism are on the side high as possible and to keep his able pay, wretched ilving condiof the present government.

to support the struggles of the elling on wages, the speed up, etc. Cuban workers. Our slogan must under the codes and other New ship". be: Hands off Cuba; All support to Deal rigmarole. the Cuban masses in their struggle against our common enemy-Wall are maintained, the boss looks for Street and its lackeys, Mendieta, some other way to squeeze out Batista and Co.!

KEEP TRUTH FROM SOLDIERS

Of all the flock of red-baiting bills that hover vulture-like over Congress and state legislatures, in

hungry anticipation of the feast work! bill to guard soldiers and sailors

capitalism?

costs, including his labor costs, as tions-they really love the op-

We must be alert and prepared low as possible. Thus all the chis- pressed Negro masses in America

If for the moment the wage rates profit, as by putting in "labor-saving" machinery and putting workers out on the street. The steel barons have a new process with which 1,600 men can turn out as ization" in its stead.

much as 32,000 do now. Out of every 320 now employed 304 can be fired and the other 16 do the

General Trend Today

tion to the history of the birth and development of Japanese imperial-

another bill through which you can creates by laboring. The capitalist all the features of vicious western sugar producing system, capable of drive a 10-ton truck and do any- thus gets what Marx calls surplus imperialism with a vengeance. In 1894 she engaged in war with tons per year. The U.S. government | ertheless it is a bill that is wanted | can be created. Under modern con- | China. The price of her victory was Korea, which she gained from 2 million tons. These are the fun. ministration, and they are getting ment are increased, but the work China in 1895. However, by 1900 damental reasons for the state of most of what they want these days. is done with fewer workers. Thus the Chinese peasants joined hands

When National Guardsmen are they must be exploited ever more with the Chinese bourgeoisie in a The chain of American imperial- used to gas and shoot down strikers, fiercely in order that surplus value relentless effort to drive out Japist economy is today strained to or when the regular army is ready - profit-may be squeezed out of anese overlords. It was here that the atmost and is threatening to for duty against them, as in the their labor, the only possible source the Japanese imperialists showed their love for the darker Chinese it is the foremost task of the Amer- parently for the powers-that-be to At an earlier period capitalism peoples by drowning this revolt in blood.

But if weak, backward China could not defend herself. Tsarist low workers so that by the joint sisters of these soldiers try to tell ward countries". But as the situ- Russia was not going to stand by efforts of both, a really serious them on whose side they are ordered ation grows more tense in the ad- and see her "dear friend" China to fight in these labor struggles, vanced capitalist countries and the fall into the hands of Japan, since imperialist Russia also had her eye "backward countries" also become industrialized, it is a case of bigger on the rich booty Japan had capand hungrier dogs fighting for few- | tured from the Chinese. The quarer and fewer bones. Terrific and rel between Japan and Russia-a

awful wars break out. We have quarrel of two greedy imperialist had one world-war. Another is in nations over colonial spoils-culminated in the Russo-Japanese war of

pressed peoples in other capitalist the South and Central American For example, you tell employers nations, and, through her agents, market. Never before 1930 had the workers of the United States that we now have a New Deal, no poses as the "friend" of the Amer- Japanese commodities been sold in one is to get below a certain mini- ican Negro. In this new venture, Panama. The quantity was small mum, everybody is to get high the powerful Japanese who control but i frightened the American fiwages so "the masses may have the government, and oppress the nance capitalists. Japan, on the was directly responsible for the put of our mass production" and ambition and greed behind the thin to survive she must become the other hand, realizes that if she is chief power of the Orient.

In order to accomplish her objective she seeks to win friends among the oppressed people of her rivals She seeks to fool the American Negroes into supporting her on the basis of "color" friendship in order to build up powerful supwith whom they have a "color kinport in America for her imperialist greed, turning the Negro masses Japan points with pride to her against the capitalist government victory over Tsarist Russia. She of America in case a war between teaches that this was a conflict be- Japan and America occurs.

tween races, rather than rival im-The failure of previous labor perialist interests, which served as movements in America to interpret a prelude for the overthrow of properly the economic causes for "White Civilization" and for the the condition of the American establishment of a "Darker Civil-Negro makes his plight the more severe. He is left at the mercy of all sorts of fantastic ideas.

However, let us turn our atten-The Negro working masses must Under capitalism, in this its found the country in a state of ialism, in either case they will con-

LIBERALS

(With Quotations From the Authorities)

IBERALS are a sensible breed Well-tempered and soft-spoken; Truth in the middle is their creed, And the peace that's never broken

Tney view with calm and liquid eye The smoke and storm of battle. Wretched millions scream and die; They see them die like cattle,

And coldly talk of what they've seen In terms of the sum and total, Considered through the golden mean Of the dead Greek, Aristotle.

They "deplore" and "find regretable This epoch's wretched madness' That "for convictions most debatable Cause all this cosmic sadness

And call "for a moment's thinking Of just and impartial sort To keep the ship of state from sinking And bring it safe to port."

If one would ask which ship of state Or which the proper port? "These questions only agitate, And they furthermore abort

The movement to pacificate This raging social sea, Torn by greed and racial hate And partisanery.'

For "Violence is the Major crime, And Peace the major goal; And change will come in God's own time With Progress of mind and soul."

Yes, Liberals are gods of common-sense, And so it isn't strange That wanting change without violence, They'll get violence without change.

-LOUIS BREIKR

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The Hooey Long Way

HOOEY LONG says to the press, "Organize a Share-the-Wealth Club and elect me President. Then you can have a house, auto, radio plus \$2,500 a year." Everybody will admit that the masses in this land could have plenty and security. The big question is: Is Hooey Long's way the way to get them?

Hoover said, "Elect me President and you will have a chicken in every pot and two automobiles in every garage." | Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "Hoover is a wash-out. Elect me President and you will get a New Deal."

Hooey Long says, "Roosevelt is a flop. Elect me President and you will have a house, car, radio, etc."

What guarantee can Hooey Long give to the masses that if they elect a clown like himself instead of an oyster like Hoover or a perpetual smiler like Roosevelt, he can end the woes under the cavitalist system? The answer is, None.

Long plays the capitalists' game. Long also prepares the way for Fascism, for the ruin of the masses, because he distracts attention from the one way in which they can get freeedom and plenty.

Forget the Hooey Long palaver!

Do not expect him to give you the factories, the mines, the houses that you have built! Prepare to take them!

Ask Long why he helped to smash the longshoremen's strike! Why he keeps the workers in the Lane Cotton Mills in peonage!

Build the unions! Build the Unemployed Leagues! Build the revolutionary party! That is the Only Way Out!

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A Bloc with Reformists?

I S the Communist Party preparing to make a bloc with "liberal" politicians to form a Labor Party? To make not only a zig-zag to the right but a leap out into empty space?

In New York it is participating in a "united front" anti-Hearst meeting with representatives of the Republican and the Democratic parties! Presumably this will help the workers to know their true friends.

In the Sacramento criminal syndicalism trial. Darcy, C. P. district leader, testifies that "a group of left congressmen" might set up the "new" government to deliver the masses.

An editorial in the Daily Worker for March 11 comments on the organization of a bloc of "liberal" congressmen in Washington. The "test" which, according to this mouthpiece of the infallible revolutionary (?) leader of the masses, the workers must use on these "liberals" is whether they fight against Roosevelt's war appropriations, for the prevailing wage on public works, for H. R. 2827, for civil rights. If no, this is only "a new trick to gain the support of labor with false promises".

If yes-and a "liberal" might easily vote thus-are the workers then to accept these "liberals" on the recommendation of the C.P. as making trustworthy and not false promises to labor? Are these "liberals" then to be included in the mass-class-federated-class struggle-not reformist-not revolutionary-highest form

straight into a swamp of confusion, into an alliance with "liberal" politicians, into a by-path which can end only in zero results, as did the Federated Farmer Labor Party-LaFollette adventure of the C. P. in 1924. Meantime, precious time and energy which should go into building up a genuinely effective revolutionary party in this period of insurgency among the masses, is lost. Our answer to these proposals of "unity" with

anybody and anything is: Unity of the revolutionary forces! Build the Workers Party! 0-0-0-0

The Socialist Party

RECONCILIATION will be the major note at the National Committee meeting of the Socialist Party to be held in Buffalo on March 16 and 17. The New York "Militants" and the Old Guard will both go there with the aim of winning to their respective support the reformist groups of McLevy, Maurer and Hoan.

Aggressive moves are avoided by both the "Militants" and the Old Guard precisely out of fear of alienating the McLevys. Maurers and Hoans. That is why the Old Guard at the eleventh hour seated the delegates from the branches it had suspended at the recent New York Central Committee meetingafter the delegates in question had gone home!

However, the nine suspended branches have not been reinstated. The "Militants" have called a meeting to protest the high handed action of the Old Guard.

The appeal for the meeting is addressed: "To All Comrades-Left, Right or Center." It is accompanied by Norman Thomas' open letter to the members of the N. Y. Socialist Party which endorses the 'Militants' " protest and meeting.

Thomas concludes his appeal: "I ask your support in order to save our party. This be it remembered, is an issue independent of, and infinitely more important than any opinion you may have on the Declaration of Principles, or the United Front."

Unity above principles! Thomas repeats his old slogan; this time with the aim of making the most of the rift between Oneal and Waldman within the Old Guard to win over sections of the Right. Waldman may yet become the "common enemy". Be that as it may.

There is as yet no clear Left wing group inside the "Militants". As matters stand now the elements in control are not adverse to compromise. The Socialist Call is intended not as the organ of the centrist "Militants" alone, but a rallying center of all "Socialists", that is, reformists, centrists and revolutionaries.

The probable compromise at Buffalo will settle nothing. For it can take place only on an unprincipled basis. Discontent among militant and revolutionary Socialists is certain to arise.

The need of the moment in the Socialist Party is a clear cut Left wing grouping which will conduct a principled struggle against the Old Guard and reformists and those who conciliate with them. For this is required a revolutionary Marxist program on the basic questions of the revolution and on the immediate problems confronting the American working class.

QUESTION BOX

S. B., BRONX-

Question: Where can I find formulated the idea of the increasing misery of the masses under capitalism? Answer: Marx summarizes his demonstration of the laws of motion of capitalist society as follows ("Capital", vol. I.): "The greater the social wealth the functioning capital, the extent and energy of its growth, and, therefore, also the absolute mass of the proletariat and the productiveness of its labor, the greater is the industrial reserve army. The same

relative mass of the industrial reserve army increases closely tied together than at any however, that the nation's widows would once and for all do away therefore with the potential energy of wealth. But time in American history.



The Paris Commune

By JOSEPH CARTER

know what bloody work had to be cessor to the baron of old, who the capital and the country from hand fair against the plebian while by the former owners. the deadly menace." (New York in the hands of the plebian a wea-Times, February 8, 1934.) a crime."

In these words the spokesmen of he American master class rightfully consider themselves the heirs

this editorial the bloody work against the Communards was repeated in the civilized Europe of today, by the reactionary, Fascist

soldiers of Dollfuss against the Austrian workers.

Violence against the oppressed, against the masses, that is patriotwhich all means are justified.

"All this calumny, which the their own government on March 18, Paris Commune, murder French party of order never fail, in their 1871. orgies of blood, to raise against their victims," wrote the founder rule, the church was separated from Once again showing the internaof the modern militant workers' the state, education was taken out tionalist character of the class novement after the suppression of of the hands of the priests, the sys-struggle, which knows no national

Banks Increase Control of Gov't. Thru Bond Purchases

NEW YORK .- Franklin D. Roos- | bearing debt increased \$10,962,000,- | iled or imprisoned. 100,000 victims | Here are a few phrases selected evelt once talked of driving the 000. More than 75 percent of this was the toll paid by the heroic money changers from the temple, was absorbed by the banks, the rest Paris Communards. In this way, causes which develop the expansive power of capital, but today the federal government going to corporations, institutions the narrow-minded and short sightdevelop also the labor-power at its disposal. The and the nation's bankers are more and individuals. It is obvious, ed reactionaries thought that they friend and comrade, our chief, our

the greater this reserve-army in proportion to the active labor-army, the greater is the mass of a con- government debt is held by the The Federal Reserve Banks alone

the Paris Commune, "only proves tem of fines for workers was abol-"When the Commune was set up that the bourgeois of our days con- ished, night work for bakers was in Paris after the war of 1870, we siders himself the legitimate suc- prohibited, plans made for the taking over by workers' associations

for its oppression was replaced by

the growth of the vigilante groups Commune of three score and four in the United States, the terrorism ministration in which the officials years ago. And four days after against the trade unions, the Hearst received the equivalent of the averred-baiting campaign, these are the age wages of the Parisian workers. acts of an outlived, but desperate In a word, they rid themselves of parasitic class which glories in its the reactionary government and put Street", "Fascists", "stool pigeon

Deadly Menace to Whom?

ism and justice; but violence of the the incomparable leader of the in- could not suppress the rebellious tactics. Finding that the more they masses against the handful of ex- ternational and Russian working workers by itself. The French "na- attacked the A. F. of L. the more ploiters for the purpose of building class, Lenin. Provoked by the re- tional patriots" did not hesitate to the workers supported it, they have a free and human society, that is actionary national government, the call upon their yesterday's enemy- decided to support the A. F. of L. treason, a "deadly menace" against workers, supported by the small in-war, the Germany of Bismark, in the hope that this will drive the

So large a proportion of the up recent government bond issues. Iution!

done by French soldiers to rescue thought every weapon in his own of factories and shops abandoned The standing army, which stood pon of any kind constituted in itself | apart from the people as a power

> How true this is to this day! the armed people. The Commune The march of Fascism in Europe, abolished the old apparatus of government and replaced it by an ad-

Paris Commune traditions. proletarian government".

This was too much for the para-"The Commune was a deadly sites who were accustomed to live ions in the A. F. of L." It theremenace to the old world, founded by the labor of the masses! The fore appears that the Stalinist turn on slavery and exploitation," wrote national government of France is not a change in policy but in shopkeepers of Paris, established to supply hordes to suppress the

workers, destroy Paris. And Bis-In the seventy days of workers' mark willingly supplied the aid. borders! An excellent lesson for the workers!

Toll of the Bloody Work

some executed, thousands were ex-

and orphans have not been buying with the threats of workers' revo- live our dear leader, our darling



By BILL SHERMAN

Oh, Deah, Deah! The "Pacific Weekly", sole offspring of Sam Darcy, Communist Party organizer in California, and Ella Winters, reporting Stratchey's San Francisco address, gurgles-"He spoke of the class struggle in new and delightful ways".

Race Prejudice

In reporting the gangster attack of Ben Gold's (Fur Workers Industrial Union) thugs on members of the Joint Council of Furriers, A. F. of L., the Workers Age (Lovestone) says: "B. Collenberg was attacked by an Italian thug, not a furrier, on the payroll of Ben Gold. This same Italian thug was involved in the crippling of Joe Ferber some months ago." Appeals to race prejudice so strongly and correctly condemned by Lovestone when made by Stalinists in Local 22, I.L.G.W. U., are apparently O.K. in the fur market.

Reviewing the Crisis

IOU-SOS-FDR-NRA - AAA -PDQ-SOL. —M.L.

Building the A. F. of L. From the Swan Song of the T.U. U.L., Daily Worker, March 11, we

quote : "It is no accident that where the T.U.U.L. unions were most active (coal, garment, textile and marine) the workers were most able to build mass unions in the A. F. of L."

It is a fact known to all that the T.U.U..L.-(C. P.)-denounced the A. F. of L. union in each of these industries as "tools of Wall in its place "a truly democratic agencies", "White Guards", etc. etc. Under this barrage "the workers were most able to build mass unworkers away from it.

> From the New York Herald Tribune, March 9, we quote: "The move to glorify Stalin was begun by his colleagues in the Polburo and spread rapidly down through the Communist Party ranks until today it behooves every speaker at a political meeting at Moscow or

the provinces to pay glowing tri-The bloody work was successful. bute to the dictator before taking 30,000 Parisians were brutally mur- his seat: A picked group of peasant dered, about 45,000 were arrested, delegates to the recent collectivefarm congress fell into line easily. from their speeches. Delegate Sidorov-'Our dearly, our warmly beloved Stalin,' and 'our beloved Stalin.' Delegate Pilipenko-'Long Stalin.' Delegate Masonova-'Our What an illusion! For the devel- shock worker, our best of best, our

|Stalin.

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of united front-"Labor Party" which the C. P. is solidated surplus-population, whose misery is in inadvocating?

The C. P., with all its prestige and apparatus, after six years of crisis knows the masses have no confidence in it, will not respond to its call. Therefore this "Labor Party" cry must be raised. Some typical C. P. "boring-from-within" other organizations, especially unions, is to be pulled off.

The workers, if this trickery succeeds, will be led in original.)

Unemployed in Ind. Organize Out of the SP

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind .-- A state convention of the unemployed is leaders. planned in Indiana, following a trip through the eastern part of is a factional fight. The Socialist League, and Robert Birchman.

Talking with the unemployed in the important centers, they were urged to bring the N.U.L. in to help organize. They visited Fort Wayne, Muncie, Marion, Wabash, South Bend, Kokomo, Huntington, Hartford City and Indianapolis.

Conditions among the unemployed continue to get worse. An unemployed man in Kokomo said, "Since they broke up our organization here, they have begun to cut us down again. I have six in my family and get \$2.40 per week for everything. That means we are out." slowly starving."

"Organize or Starve"

In Muncie the unemployed had come the news of the plan to ora strong organization, but its life ganize the Indiana Unemployed was short. A leading Socialist League. said: "We had them organized but we didn't know whether to make the unemployed into temporary Johnson has gone to Kentucky for members of the Socialist Party or the first convention of the Kentucky not. While we were discussing Unemployed League. this, the organization went to **PITY THE POOR OWNERS** pieces."

Marion has had all kinds of or-"We have before us the instance ganizations; now they are all try- of a father, with a wife and seven ing to revive. In Wabash the Un-|children, working in an apartment employed Council was taken over . . over four years, receiving \$65 and smashed by the American Le- a month for 70 hours a week, and compelled to live in part on charity gion.

Indiana's unemployed have gone from several directions. They are through many disappointments; but proof of the increasing distress of now they are ready to organize building owners."-From the report again. "It is organize or starve," of the New York real estate arbithey told us in place after place. tration committee.

Darcy Takes The Socialist Party is starting a campaign of letters to its members, from at least four places, trying to get them to organize into the Indiana Unemployed Union, which has its base in the small town of Montezuma. Most of the unemployed never heard of the place. The letters come from Lasser, Porter, Rasmussen and other

S. P. Begins Writing Letters

(Continued from Page 1) ism in Russia in 1917 and even

The basis for this organization went so far as to assign the setting up of the "new" government to "a the state by Arnold Johnson, sec-retary of the National Unemployed [Party of Indiana has withdrawn] up of the "new" government to "a group of left Congressmen"! Where from the Socialist Party, and in Mini said that "the workers would turn has been suspended by the have to take hold of the capitalist National Executive Committee state and destroy it", Darcy made The fight resulted in rump convenabsolutely no mention of the class tions, a referendum, then another nature of the state! referendum on the first, threats and squabbles of all sorts.

How the C. P. Uses the Counts

The Stand In

Sacramento

"The Socialists can't organize Not satisfied with opportunist themselves," a former militant S. betrayals of Marxism, the Communist Party is further aggravating his notes were destroyed, and he P. leader remarked. "so now they are sending us letters from all dithe trial by using the capitalist rections on how to organize the court as a rostrum to denounce its unemployed. I. think this Indiana political opponents. No opportunity Unemployed Union is just a way has been let slip for introducing for one gang of the S. P. in this into the proceedings the maximum state to try to get another gang amount of Stalinist "argument" against the Socialist Party, the

Hearing of the victories of the Workers Party and Lovestone. N.U.L., Indiana's unemployed wel-Whole pages of slander and lies against Comrade Muste and the

former A.W.P. have been dragged in. Darcy went out of his way to Birchman is staying on the job, read something that called Comwith others from the state, while rade Cannon a "petty bourgeois careerist" and so on.

-Calif. Packing Corporation, As- of the defendants, repeating the

sociated Farmers, Bank of Ameri- stale lies against the "disrupters": ca-have been completely forgotten Jack Warnick, Norman Mini, Atsince the first of the week. The prosecution and the court have contented themselves with playing the merely passive role of ruling out

would go to show what the actual (last year's policy!) is.

Outside the courtroom, however, California workers.

country's banking system that the verse ratio to its torment of labor. The more ex- picture almost looks like a chart of the bond flotations. The reserve ing workers together in large factensive, finally, the lazarus-layers of the working of a holding company system. Now class, and the industrial reserve-army, the greater holding 13 of the government's 26 in buying activity. The first came conditions for renewed workers' is the official pauperism. THIS IS THE ABSOLUTE GENERAL LAW OF CAPITALIST ACCUMULA- banking system has a close rein on height of the world financial crisis; litical organization, for revolution-TION. Like all other laws it is modified in its government activities. And while the second came in the second half ary action. From the defeat of the flexibility of back-bones and knees workings by many circumstances. . . ." (Emphasis stock in United States of America,

Inc., the nation's bankers do have the financial control and the power to enforce what they "suggest" to Washington.

The facts are revealed in a survey just released by the National Industrial Conference Board which shows the amazing increase in bank holdings of government securities during the depression years.

Who Buys Bonds?

In the 4-year period ending June 30, 1934, the government's interest-

the reactionary campaign against | Banks had accumulated \$2,430,217,the "reds" continues full blast. The 000 in government securities, which newspapers continue their vicious amounted to 99 percent of their Vigilantes train openly in total earning assets. Member banks Sacramento. Defendant Jack War- in the Federal Reserve system held nick stumbled upon a group of more than nine bilion dollars worth them drilling with pickhandles last of government bonds on June 30,

Sunday. When Warnick tried to 1934, equivalent to 62.4 percent of take down the license numbers of their total investments. All banks tne "cavaliers" cars he was caught, reporting in the survey indicated was threatened with a beating. When Warnick reported this to the court the attorney general asked "Why doesn't Warnick mind his own business?'

But C.P. Yells Trotskyism

And what is the Communist Party doing about all this? It is ican Bankers Assn. in Washington intensifying the attack on . . . Trotskyism! The latest issue of the ty told Roosevelt what it wanted.) Western Worker announces, in the main frontpage editorial, a "united front" between Hearst and Comrade Trotsky. Covering half of the back page is a "statement", writ- dustry show any desire to borrow. Russian class struggle arose the In this barrage the capitalists ten by the Western Worker's chief But if administration policies lead Soviets, the councils of workers of the American workers. In the as real people and not abstractions hack, Mike Quin, signed by most

torney Goldman!

the Communist Party is hastening ing.

its complete collapse in California. of evidence almost anything that In the meantime it will do its best to disgrace Marxism, to make the policy of the Communist Party ideas of communism the laughingthat they now have.

stock instead of the ideal of the is in the offing.

accounted for almost two billions opment of capitalism itself, bringthey don't actually own voting of 1933 during the early days of Paris Commune the workers learn

the NRA. The theory behind the reserve money poured out would stimulate trained workers' party. The Pariflation, business activity and pros- main artisans or workers in small

because trade was shrivelling away italism had not yet reached that

Banks and Security

In the 4-year period covered by the survey and ending in December, 1934, the Federal Reserve

Russian Workers Learn Lessons Drowned in blood, the Commune has remained an inspiration for the their government bonds constituted 43.5 percent of their investments. producing masses the world over. With the banking system its larg-As the first example of a workers' est single creditor group, it would government it served as the guide seem that the administration can to the victorious Russian working ill afford to cross with the bankers. class.

They built their revolutionary This situation is reflected in the administration's swing to the right leadership, the Bolshevik Party,

with a clear understanding of the since the convention of the Amertasks of the revolution. last year when the money fraterni-The Bolshevik Party understood The huge accumulation of gov- ther its form be that of a monarchy ernment securities in the reserve or of a democratic republic, had funds of the banks is a potential to be smashed and replaced by source of credit inflation should in- workers' institutions. Out of the

-as now they do-the government's barracks and forts, peasants from lutionary organization which unites credit rating and the value of its the fields. Later the Soviet form the most intelligent, courageous bonds may fall. The banking sys- arose also in Western Europe, and experienced workers on the

It is by tactics like these that sure to prevent that from happen-

cut away even the bare subsistence overthrew Russian capitalism and

On this showing it must be adbunk records show two great spurts tories, mines and mills, creates the mitted that the peasant delegates are one up on the American Stalinbillion dollars' worth of bonds, the in the first half of 1932, at the struggles, for trade union and po- ists in this international servility competition. However, knowing the plus the readiness of tongue of such the lessons of their future conflicts. "leaders" as Olgin, Browder, Mike

Gold, etc., we are sure that they The Communards had no strong banks' buying spree was that the trade unions or clear headed, can catch up and surpass any and all contenders before many moons private trade and lead to credit in- san workers of 1871 were in the have passed.

perity. The 1932 attempt failed factories. The development of cap- Olgin, God, and Father Divine The New York press reports that faster than a billion-dollar expen- stage where the working class could M. J. Olgin, editor of The Freiheit, diture could counteract. The half- be sufficiently developed to unequi- Communist Party Jewish daily, billion buying spree in the fall of vocally go forward to socialism. writes in Pravda: "Two hundred 1933 similarly failed in its purpose. They had little experience of past and fifty thousand ignorant, disease

workers' battles to go by. ridden, poverty stricken Negroes That is why the Communards did live in Harlem. Thousands connot understand the need of concensider Father Divine their God. and trating the political power in the James W. Ford their political leadhands of the Central Committee of er.

the National Guard, starting an | Hailed before Judge Panken on immediate offensive against the some charge, Father Divine was national government at Versailles, jasked-"Are you God?" Divine had to answer, "No, but thousands of taking over the national bank, before proceeding with the elections people believe I am and I like them for the Commune. to think so.'

If James Ford were to answer truthfully the question—"Are you the political leader of Harlem's Negroes?" he would have to answer -"No but some people like to be fooled and Olgin is the boy to fool them.

socialism. On the basis of the experiences of the Commune they succeeded in warding off internal counter-revolution and imperialist intervention. That is how the present workers' state, the Soviet Union, was established.

Commemorate the Commune **Build Workers Party**

The lessons of the Commune and of the Russian revolution must become part of the living movement to an ever greater government debt from the factories, soldiers from the present period, the need of a revoshowing that it is not a purely basis of these lessons which form

puts these lessons into daily practise, is greater than ever. The true commemoration of the Paris Commune is the building of the Workers' Party of the United States as It looks as though a battle royal ment as the first stage of the world a section of the coming Fourth Inrevolution to usher in international ternational of revolutionary labor.

tem will expert every kind of pres-

On the other hand, the 22,000,000

Russian phenoménon. Under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party, the Russian workers on relief will fight any attempt to and peasants, organized in Soviets,

of Commune

established their workers' govern-

that the old state apparatus, whe-

an integral part of Marxism, and