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Why the Weekly

Without the Weekly-where would we

How would we carry on the struggle to rebuild the left wing in the reactionary

How would we carry on the struggle to consolidate all left wing and progressive forces in the laboratorial and progressive forces in the labor movement in the struggle for militant trade unionism?

win the workers for a Labor party?

gro masses? How would we be able to carry on the work of winning the workers to the struggle against unemployment, to the struggle for a concrete program of immediate unemployment relief?

How would we be able to carry on the struggle for the reunification of the Communist movement in this country

and internationally? How would we be able to carry on the struggle for a return of the official Communist movement to the road of

How would we be able to carry on the gigantic task of salvaging the prestige of Communism which the present policies of the Communist Party are helping to

All of these tremendous tasks require WEEKLY REVOLUTIONARY But we will only be able to KEEP the

Weekly Age if we put over the \$3,000-Keep the Weekly Drive. Will you do your share? Send in your contribution! Make collections! Put over the Drive.

DURING NOVERBER

Nincty-Three Wage Cuts In 29 Industries

Ninety-three wage cuts for the month of November are reported by the Labor Buro, Inc. These wage cuts took place in twenty-nine industries and included reductions in union rates of clothing, textile, metal trades and panies and many brokerage houses have cut wages. Farm wages have fallen 13% for the year ending July state. Rykoff is one of the most captured and the most striking manner that the Labor government is carrying thru a completely capitalist policy, such a capitalist policy, in effect, that the 1930.

sult of the notorious Hoover-Green number of years against every sign of "no strike" pact of a year ago which opposition that has arisen in the Comtied the hands of organized labor but munist movement, within and without allowed the bosses free rein in their | the USSR, to the great detriment of attacks on the workers.

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEFENDING THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS

Progressive Group Carries Cloakmakers Elections

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The elecion of 26 progressives out of 28 for How would we carry on the struggle the executive committee, of six to break the two-party system and to progressives out of nine as husiness agents, and of the progressive block How would we be able to carry on the candidate for manager, were the rework of making the first beginnings of sults of the local elections in Local I real Communist activity among the Ne. (cloakmakers) of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union which took place in December 16. The results of the elections constitute a striking defeat for the reactionary clique that has been dominating this

local and the ILGWU as a whole, The progressive block, that scored the victory in these elections, is com-posed of the United Cloak and Dress Makers Progressive League, a left wing organization, and the Trade Union Center which operates on a progressive platform. (The minimum program for this election block is

printed elsewhere in this issue-page 3). This progressive block became the object of attack from two directions—from the reactionary burocrats of the ILGWU and from the sectarian burocrats of the Needle Trades Work-ers Industrial Union (the TUUL) organization). The reactionaries of the local (Student, Heins) tried to push

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Opposition Leader From High Position

MOSCOW, USSR. Dec. 19.-Alexi Rykoff is no longer chairman of the council of people's commisars of the put thru an "electoral reform" meas-USSR. He has been removed from ure thru which the Liberal representhis position, thru a formal "resignal tation will be increased considerably, tion", and V. I. Molotoff has been appointed to his place.

This pact between the Labor gov-

The removal of comrade A. Rykoff in the most striking manner that the 1930.
The ninety-three wage cuts are listed as "openly admitted" wage cuts. The Labor Bure, however, reports other wage cuts which are not "openly admitted". One method consists in firing workers and hiring others at firing the first and the society of the society of the British workers as to what their right-wing readers really are: errand-boys for the capitalist particular for the society of the soci firing workers and hiring others at a lower rate of wages. vanced stage of the destructive factional-burgeratic methods which the These wage cuts are the direct re- Stalin clique has been using for a the revolutionary movement.

WHILE THE JOBLESS INDIAN UNIONS STARVE FOR MASS STRIKE DRASTIC

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An Ad in the "New York Times'

MacDonald Forms Deal

With Liberals

BOSS POLICY SHOWN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The rumon

of a definite Liberal-Labor pact that have been running riot here for the last few weeks were finally confirmed today in the speech of Prime Minis-

ier MacDonald at the Parliamentary

Labor Party caucus.
The basis of this paet is: Agreement on the part of the Liberals to

maintain the present Labor govern-

ment in power by sustaining its most

important measures. On its part, the Labor government pledges itself to

19 \$9,500

17,500 \$17,500

All India Unions Adopt Important Decisions

REVOLUTION ON RISE

CALCUTTA, India, Nov. 20.—A general strike against the steadily worsening economic conditions of the Indian workers as well as against the campaign of repression of the British imperialist administration was deeided upon by the Executive Committee of the All-India Trade Union Congress on November 18, 1930. The same session passed resolutions congratulating the workers of the G. J. P. Railway for their brave fight against the imperialist administra-tion, condemning the Round Table Conference, expressing support of the struggles of the peasants, and de-manding the release of the Meerut

The resolution after analyzing the (Continued on page 2)

Congress Rejects Relief to Jobless and Farmers

Compromise on "Drought Relief" Appropriations But No Relief For Famine; No Jobless Relief Measure Even Proposed!

CONFLICT OF EXPLOITERS BARED; WORLD COURT POSTPONED

it is clear that Hoover has won the game he and the Senate were carry-ing on of "playing politics at the ex-pense of human misery."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Altho fully arranged that only the richer, the secretary of agriculture, Hyde, formally a compromise was reached, farmers should profit by this appro- was given power to allocate this priation, the poor farmers being treated with brutal contempt. The full callousness of these "relief measures" was shown in the determina-tion of the Administration and of Ad-In the debate on the "dreught reministration supporters to prevent a lief" measure mules won over men! cent of the \$45,000,000 from being The House rejected the Senate amendused to relieve the starvation and ment for a \$60,000,000 appropriation hunger that is raging thru so many by a vote of 225 to 147 and then farm regions. It is perfectly "legal" passed a measure appropriating \$20, to use appropriations to kny cats for to stop raising children and go to 600,000. Later on, at a conference mules but Congress carefully struck rasing Missouri mules." between the two Houses, the sum was out of the measure the word "food". The whole struggle in Congress un raised to \$45,000,000. But it was care i for humans. To add insult to injury, covered an open clash between the

money-the same Secretary Hyde who only a short time ago declared that relief for mules is "scientific" but that relief for starying farmers and their families is "a dole, pure and simple". "Coming from Secretary Hyde thinks it more imperative to lead mules than men, declared Senator Connaly of Texas. "I am going to wire Texas families

representatives of the interests of financial-industrial capital and of the big farmers and agricultural capital. Very little attention was paid to the

millions of poor farmers.

The House bill appropriating \$150,000,000 for use of Federal Farm Board "to help stabilize crop prices and provide for more marketing' (that is, for increasing the hold of the marketing trusts over the farmers) was reported on favorably by the Appropriations Committee but was held up thru the resistance of Senator Borah.

Nothing for the Unemployed Absolutely nothing was done or even proposed for the relief of the unemployed. The entire Hoover pro-gram consists in the carrying thru of public works long ago decided on and in getting "scientific statistics". Meanwhile, let the unemployed starve and freeze! To use some of the millions of wealth wrung out of the working class to relieve unemployment distress is, according to the errand-boys of the bosses sitting in Washington, "unscientific" and " dole pure and simple!"

"Playing politics at the expense human misery"-that character one-hundred percent the swindle of boss politics.

WORLD COURT POSTPONED WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. - The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations decided today by a vote of 10 to 9 to postpone consideration of the World Court protocols until Decem-

"Mules Win!"

CHRISTMAS 1920—FOR THE WORKERS

U.S.BusinessandCzaristPlotters

The YMCA and Harvard University Take a Hand-The Fourth Article in the Series "Anti-Soviet Plots in the United States."

SPANISH MASSES JOIN IN REVOLT: **WAVE OF STRIKES SWEEPS COUNTRY**

But Workers Are Without Revolutionary Leadership-Reign of Terror Proclaimed

most brutal suppression by the Ber- imprisoned for some months because enguer government, the Republican his loyalty to the government was movement in Spain is spreading and doubted, captured the airdrome at is assuming ever greater proportions, Cuatro Vientes, near Madrid, and The outstanding feature in this move- using the planes and flyers who sided known as the Russian Student Fund. ment is the intense political and econ-, with him, he hombarded the city with of the working class. leaflets calling for the establishment giving money to students who are to In the course of the last two weeks, of a republic. He was routed by artithe strike movement has spread rapid-lery fire from the loyal troops and ly, and the general strike which was had to flee to Portugal, where he is declared after the military insurrect now interned. tion in Jaca, involved no less than a . Martial law prevails thruout Spain. million workers. Unfortunately the Clashes between workers and the milident Fund, stating that "Russian reworking class is split into several lary are of daily occurrence, workers construction" has begun and that kinds of unions and political groups, being merellessly shot down wherever students could now go back to Rus-The Communist movement in Spain they congregate in groups. The for sia. This Fall, however, the Russian has been almost destroyed by the incign legion, as well as African troops Student changed its tune and score. fore the revolting workers find no the government cannot rely on the to go back to Russia today."
unified leadership which could direct home troops. After the general strike

The Russian Student is an their efforts into revolutionary chan- and the uprisings of the last two nels extending beyond the limits of a weeks, there is a lull, but it is only bourgeois revolution. Therefore, in the lull which precedes the oncoming spite of the broad participation of devastating storm. the working masses in the revolutionary movement, it is still under the leadership of bourgeois and petty bourgeois elements, and military offi-

MADRID, Dec. 20.-In spite of the trans-atlantic aviator, who had been

ernal factional struggles, and there- are being rushed back to Spain, as It then said that: "It is moral suicide

Pregress of the Buy-Now Drive

As an aid to the Buy-Now campaign the Government is trying to block The number of military revolts has Russian sales and purchases in this lso been spreading. An uprising on country. Further, the Post-Office De-he French frontier (Jaca, Ayerbe partment has cut off % of its letter und Huesca) was put down only carriers force in residential districts.

a member of the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. As we have pointed for Bakhmetieff's appointment being momentarily delayed

The YMCA Takes A Hand

But the Y. M. C. A. is much more deeply involved in Russian White Guard affairs than even the suggested appointment of Bokhmetics would indicate. The Y. M. C. A. has what is giving money to students who are to prepare themselves to help "Russian reconstruction", at some future date. Three years age there appeared an article in the Russian Student, a magazine published by the Russian Stu-

The Russian Student is an artificially maintained magazine. It really has no basis of existence, except as a White Guard organ maintained by American capitalists. It is published in the English language and has a circulation of about two to three

We have already seen that it was proposed to have Bakhmetieff become etc. The Russian Student Fund was E. F. Hutton and Company, etc. initiated and founded by Mr. Alexis Viren, the son of a Czarist admiral, out, it was only the temporary unprepardness of the Russian White hmeticff in 1920. Today, it is a sort Guard forces that was responsible of clearing house for Russian White

ferred in one of our previous articles, one of the leading spirits of the Czar-ist "Circle of Spiritual Intercourse." is occupying the Chair of Professor in Russian History at no less important a citadel of American education than Havard University.

How Professor Ostromishlenski was able to make so many contacts for the Czarist movement in the United States, was already shown by us in our examination of his utilization of his laboratory for experimenting with synthetic rubber. As an expert on prominent American technicians and ary hostility of the powerful insurpropagandizes them for joining and supporting themovement in this country for the overthrow of the Soviet

The way in which former Czarist thousand. Its circulation is primarily Pogromschiks, heads of the Moscow amongst Americans who contribute Ochrana,—the notorious Romanoff money for its publication and who spy system-Russian admirals and are interested contributors to all counts have wormed themselves into phases and kinds of Russian, mon-archist activities in the U. S. On its board of directors, are such figures corporations, has already been made fter two days of fierce fighting. The That should increase the demand for aders of the uprising were executed. American goods, and, of course, defew days later Major Franco, the crease unemployment.

as Professor Stephan P. Duggan, a very clear by us in examining some prominent educator-politician, Mr. of the leading personnel of such instructions as the National City Bank.

Insurance Cos. Support Czarism

the bloodiest Czarist executioners, a industries. Russian monarchist agents have certain Mr. Pod. This Mr. Pod was risen very high and have assumed the head of the progrem department rather prominent positions in American intellectual life. For instance, with the special task of executing Professor Karpovich, to whom we re-Communists. In this light, it is easy October which is the statistical way to understand how it is that Petchkovski, the legal advisor and secretary to the Metropolitan Platon of the Russian church, is today employed by the New York Life Insurance Compapy as an attorney, in charge of a department on "How not to pay Russumple to comprehend why it is that the late Haley Fiske, once president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, found it timely and necessary to be one of the trust of the Prosess assumption of the Prosess assumption of the millions of unemployed and their families. sian claims." Likewise, it is now very sary to be one of the trustees of the Orthodox Russian Church in the U.S. Here we have undoubtedly additional synthetic rubber, Professor Ostro-Here we have undoubtedly additional mishlenski comes in contact with welcome light shed on the extraordinance interests to the Soviet Union.

> The other day, the press carried the story from Paris to the effect that Grand Duke Cyril had again been proclaimed, "Czar of all the Russias." This "Czar" already has his representative working in the United States. His name is V. V. Vodkovski. He also is a close friend of Mrs. Loomis. This is the same Mrs. Loomis whom the Pranda recently so well characterized as a "Swoyachnitz" (of the same crowd) of Secretary of State Stimson.

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UNEMPLOYMENT UP 2% IN NOVEMBER; **BOSSES PROFIT ON JOBLESS RACKETS**

Wage Cuts Accompany Unemployment; Millions Forced Out of Workers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A decrease of 2.5% in employment and and merchants, pile up their millions 5.1% in payroll totals during No-out of the sweat and toil of the work-But it is in the insurance companies | vember, as compared with October, ing people. Then, when because of hmeticff in 1920. Today, it is a sort of clearing house for Russian White Guard intellectual activities in the United States.

Harvard University "Fills a Chair"

But it is in the insurance companies venture, as compared with October, img people. Then, when because of the fifteen major industrial groups, the fifteen major industrial groups, the first insane capitalist system millions was amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work found the best places for themselves.

Thus, in the Metropolitan Life Information of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The sharpest decrease es on the workers who happen to be ment, as compared with October, img people. Then, when because of their insane capitalist system millions was amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, their insane capitalist system millions. Was amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, their insane capitalist system millions was amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, the fifteen major industrial groups, as amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, the fifteen major industrial groups, as amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as amounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as a mounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as a mounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as a mounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as a mounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen major industrial groups, as a mounteed yesterday by the Buro of workers are thrown out of work in fifteen maj

that "per capita carnings of workers unemployment relief. October"-which is the statistical way lers by their bosses will now be used of saying that the growing unemployment is accompanied by a sharp wage cut offensive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19,-Over \$1,-185,000 has been extracted from the miserable wages of about 175,000 em-"Emergency Unemployment Commit-tee" (the Prosser committee). A half a million dollars has been forced out: of the employees of eight of the larg-

solidated Gas, Metropolitan Life, Western Electric, Western Union, etc. These companies which are so generous with giving away the wages of their employees are known as the worst exploiters of labor in the coun-try. Wages are miserably low already ind the unemployment crisis is used by all of them as a basis for initiating a big wage cut drive. The "contributions" of the firms, which the What a vicious racket: municipal hoss papers hail as gifts of the emdepartments and bosses can now fire if any employee refused to give what-committee get unemployed workers ever he was told to the Wall Street for the jobs—at much reduced wages! committee; he ran the immediate How long will workers stand for danger of being fired.

ndustries.

Especially significant is the fact and try to stave off a real system of

The hundreds of thousands of dollars forced out of the employed workin graft, soft jobs, and the financing schemes of indirect wage cuts, by firing workers and hiring unemployed at lower wages, thus "relieving the situation."

The workers must fight for: a system of government unemployment in-

How the Wall Street "Emergency Employment Committee" is using the est business houses here, including money forced from the meager wages New York Telephone Company, Conworkers for the purpose of financing a vicious wage-cutting drive on a large scale is shown in the report of this committee that it has provided "20,540 unemployed men and women who are heads of families" with jobs at \$15 a week! These jobs include painters, carpenters, and other forms of skilled and unskilled labor;

ployees, were really forced taxes, and employees and thru the Wall Street

Get on the Job! Put Over the \$3,000 Drive!

Bombings Faked to Break Textile Strike

WORKERS HOLD FIRM

DANVILLE, Va. Dec. 19.—The attempts of the mill owners and the mill-controlled government officials to suppress the Danville textile strike has now reached the stage of frame-up. A number of bombs have been exploded at the homes of mill owners. scabs, county officers, etc. Curiously cnough, as mostly always happens in these frame-ups, nobody was hurt and no serious property camage is recorded. But these planted bombs have been made the occasion for a worked-up hysteria of the "terrorism" of the union men. But the striking workers are prepared to meet even this form of attack and the front will not be broken.

The strike of the workers in the Riverside and Danville River Cotton Mills arose as a result of an offensive of the bosses taking the form of mass discharges, wage cuts and rationaliz-ation. The mills in which the strug-gle broke out were precisely those in which the much advertised capitalist "welfare" schemes were installed in full blast. A company union was es-tablished and everything scemed "quiet"—so the mill owners thought. But the discontent of the workers rose steadily, the United Textile Workers extended their organization, and now these workers are engaged in a bitter struggle:

The only way in which the strike can be fought thru and won is by militant policies and mass struggle of the workers. Any tendencies that may exist on the part of any element of the strike leadership to put reli-ance upon "negotiations" or "arbitrawith the bosses and to play down the fighting activity of the workers will prove a serious danger to the strike and must be carefully

The struggle of the textile workers in Danville is one of the most important workers struggles taking place in this country today. It deserves and should receive the moral

MASS STRIKE OF INDIAN UNIONS

sult of increasing pressure of imperi-

ht in spite of the sabotaging acy of the reactionary Indian labor vs and of the Indian bourgeoisie.
\text{calls upon all affiliated bodies}

· immediate preparations for a mands: minimum wage, 8-hour day, abolition of anti-labor legislation, the right to strike and picket, freedom of press and assaults managed the manage press and assembly, unconditional release of all political and class war prisoners, immediate relief for the unemployed, social insurance, free and compulsory education, abolition of taxation of peasant lands, of the sait aside the objections committee on tax, and taxes on food, withdrawal of which there was a progressive majori-British troops, complete independence of India.

The resolution on support of the peasantry calls upon the workers "to support energetically the struggle of the peasants to secure land for those who toil on it and to help organize the peasants for the struggle." It calls for "efforts. . . to organize the peasants of Bengal for a general non-payment of land revenues and rents, suspense the peasants of land revenues and rents, succeeded in defeating those tricks and opposition movement in the ILGWU decreases.

The objections committee, however, administration to put thru a fighting policy for improving the workers conditions, for strengthening the general opposition movement in the ILGWU decreases.

The leaders of the NTWIU conditions of the progressive block.

The leaders of the NTWIU conditions of the progressive of one union and the progressive block. usury interests, . . and all other taxes imposed upon them."

The decisive action of the All-India Trade Union Congress makes an agitated during the elections for the important stage in the development of reactionary caudidates against the the Indian revolution. It shows the progressives. Fortunately, however,

will deliberately disregard a statute.

But always it pursues towards the

Russian pogromschiks an attitude of

country and their unlimited stay.

U. S. BIG BIZ AND CZARIST PLOTERS (Continued from page 1)

Paris is today the world center of Department of Labor Helps Czarist The U. S. Department of Labor, olutionary plots, conspiracies and which is so vigorous and watchful in its deportation activities against any only field of operations of these its deportation activities against any foreign-born worker who is class-conscious and who engages in the revolutionary movement, goes out of its way thursting for the blood of the Rusto help the importation of Czarists sian workers and peasants. Just as and monarchists and White Guard Larichef, Ramsin, Kondratiev and agents to the United States. The Detailed States and technicians the other professors and technicians partment of Labor pursues a very friendly policy toward the admittance of all Russian White Guard forces. It goes out of its way to look for loop-holes and even encourages the admission of leading Czarist agents the monarchists, Russian Czarist into this country. Sometimes the De forces, are feverishly at work in the into this country. Sometimes the Department of Labor will "overlook" an United States, under the guidance of imigration regulation. Sometimes it

drown the victorious proletarian revolution in blood, the authoratitive benevolence and does everything to make possible their entrance into the American representative is Col. Niko-Big Corporations Feed Czarist

| lacff, the former Russion Military Attache in Washington. Colonel Nik| Finally, the heads of some of the classification of the last Russian | biggest corporations of this country government to which the U. S. govern-



JOBLESS IN N.Y. AT CITY AGENCY

Seven Hundred Workers | 500 Hear Communists

NEW: YORK, Dec. 19 .-- A splendid meeting on unemployment was held here on Friday, December 19, noon, at Bryant Park. The meeting held under the auspices of the CP-Majority Group, was attended by about 700 workers who cheered the demands raised by Ben Gitlow, chief speaker.

Gitlow exposed the fake "relic?"

measures trumpeted by the press, such supposed to march to City fall where:

At newlong who last is pacifist the numicipal unemployment agency can not lead the union to victory in a struggle. Only a fighting leader-supposed to march to City fall where:

At newlong who have the interest.

ployment crisis.

The other speakers at the meeting were I. Zimmerman, Bert Miller and Nearly 75 copies of the Revolutionary Age were sold.

and financial support of all workers against imperialism and gives the lie most decisively to the imperialist propaganda that the Indian revolutionary wave is receding. On the con-trary, the upsurge of the Indian revclutionary movement is growing every day and is winning broader support among the Indian masses.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The London rapidly "worsening conditions of the gress and the League Against Imworking masses of India as a reperialism organized a big demonstration of increasing processing processing the conditions of the perialism organized as a tion in protest against the opening of alism and a general offensive of the the Round Table Conference. The offect. mptoyers," calls attention to the demonstration was in the form of a procession. The demonstrators carried the little of the form of a procession. The demonstrators carried the little of the form of the demonstrators carried the little of the litt national flags and shouted slogans "Long live the Indian Republic." "Down with the Round Table Conference!" "Gandhi-Ki-Jal, etc.

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the joint board, where they could

ducted a systematic and open propaganda against the progressive block, without saying very much against the reactionaries. The supporters of the policies of the NTWIU openly

Fund. It is from such respectable and prosperous Americans that the "Fund For Saving Russia" is drawing most of its vitality and substance; in plainer words, most of its cash. The collections, which range from a dollar month up are rushed to the Paris committee.

Russian monarchist and counter-revwould-be hangmen of the U.S. S. R., of these Czarist hooligans who are of the *Prom* party (counter-revolu-tionary "industrial party") were en-ergetically at work in the Soviet Union for the over-throw of the Soviet Union, so the White Guard,

the Paris committee. In all of these nefarious counterrevolutionary activities aiming to are supplying the network of Czarist agents in this country, the swarm of monarchists, with the necessary life blood, with money. Particularly amongst some of the largest shareholders of the U. S. Steel and General Motors corporations is there to be found a number of individuals who cave beavily to the Russian Student. gave heavily to the Russian Student ers Soviet Republic in the world.

Attend Progressive Demonstration

Conference for Progressive Labor Action on Wednesday, December 17, at (Sol. Mutterpearl) speed-up, lay-offs, Lafayotte and Leonard Streets, where the Leonard Streets and Leonard Streets, where the Leonard Streets are led to the speed of th

supposed to march to City Hall where All workers, who have the interest measures trumpeted by the press, such supposed to march to City man where as the Presser Comittee, the salvation a committee was to present the mean of the union at heart, must rally army, etc., and urged the workers to ployment demands to the mayors committee. As explained, by Louis Buttee, the thousands of workers who are demand to the conference for Progressian and the left wing is a notice that the thousands of workers who are demand to the conference for Progressian and the property of the property o sive Labor Action, the parade had to be postponed for a future date on account of the refusal of a permit by the police department. It was an-Joe Rosen. Bill White was chairman nounced by Budenz that a committee of six was going to see the mayor, present their unemployment demands and ask for a parade permit. He also growing influence of the proletarian asked for twenty-five volunteers from the crowd to accompany the committee to city hall.

After waiting for an hour and a half, the committee of six came out from the mayor's office with the usual answer that "the Mayor will study the situation." Less reliance on the mayor's promises and "distinguished citizens" and more work in organizing a powerful united front unemployment movement is the need of the

their influence is slight and had little

The victory of the progressive block in the largest local of the ILGWU (it has from eight to ten thousand members!) marks a new stage in the development of the rising left wing struggle in this union. It will serve to greatly stimulate this struggle in the future and encourage those workers who have been misled by the arguments of the TUUL burocrats that it is "useless to fight in the company unions" (they mean, the reactionary

only the beginning. It is now neces- finds itself today. sary for all the progressive forces, ty. They attempted to put the polling uniting on the program on which the places in the office of the local and block was made and the elections won, to utilize the advantages of local

Read the article by Chas. S. Zim-merman on "Two Tactics in the Needle Trades" on page 3 of this

EINSTEIN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST WAR

But Pacifism Will Not Do: Militant Labor **Action Needed**

COMMUNISTS SHOW WAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 15,-Speaking before the New History Society on the subject "War and Peace" Albert Einstein, the great scientist, declared himself a "militant pacifist," He advocated two methods of resistance to war, the individual and the interna-tional, and said "action, nor talk,

was essential".

If only 2% of the men liable for war service would refuse, declared Dr. Einstein, "there would not be fails enough to hold them."

His whole talk was a bitter attack on war and militarism.

No one can doubt Dr. Einstein's sincere opposition to war and militarism. But mere opposition to war and militarism is insufficient; it is necessary to know how to fight war. From this viewpoint, it must be clearly recognized, that Dr. Einstein's proposals combinations and manouvers, against

POCKETBOOKERS IN UNION VOTE

Thru This Week

VOTE FOR LEFT SLATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—This week the members of the International Pocketbook Workers Union will vote

came into power one year ago when theworkers forced out of office the Shiplacoff burocracy, failed to strengthen the union. Its own ranks

The union is faced with a hard struggle with the bosses. The present manager of the union declares new York, Dec. 18.—About 500 he is a "pacifist by nature". Certain-unemployed workers took part in ly the bosses have proven that they the open-air meeting called by the are not pacifist. Already they have Conference for Progressive Labor Acceptated the Fight by catting representations.

terests of the union. A vote for the left wing is a notice to the bosses that the workers are determined to defend the union.

All workers should vote for the following as the next administration of the union: Manager, II. Gevirtzman; Chairman, M. Meyrowitz; Sec-retary, J. Bialick; Sec. Treasurer, Charles Shapiro; Bus. Agents Grant, Charles Shapiro; Bus. Agents Grant, M. Lyons, J. Distelle; Organizer, Carl Millman; Joint Council Operators, R. Axelrod, F. Margolies, J. Lom-brozo, R. Smith; Helpers, A. Margo-lies, M. Andervelt, Katz; Catters, M. Ganapoler.

MUSSOLINI HITS U. S. A. IN SPEECH

An Attempt to Head Off **Unrest of Masses**

Premier Mussolini took occasion to deliver a bitter attack upon the United The victory of the progressive block States as responsible for the financial is not the end of the struggle. It is and economic crisis in which Italy

States comes as the immediate reachas been placed in most of the important financial centers of the world, largely upon the initiative of Wall Pascist dictator to shunt off the rising dissatisfaction of the masses brought on by the economic crisis into anti-American "Uncle Shylock" channels. It also marks the new orientation of Italy in foreign relations, delegates.

fake "peace conferences", against the fraudulent "disarmament" meetings, etc. Furthermore when war does break out not individualistic "refusal to serve" but mass action of the work-ers can have any effect. Above all the workers should understand that the main task of the workers will be to take advantage of the instability forward the necessary supplies. of capitalism to overthrow the capi talist governments and establish the rule of the workers under which war will be forever abolished.

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of the present agreement the coming May. The present administration that came into nower one year non when Revolutionary Age. The workers are ready to discuss their conditions especially since the Age brings concrete and realistic proposals to better these conditions of the secretary of State Stimson and the new Labor Secretary Doak expressed themselves as in favor of a pressed themselves as in favor of a proposals to better these conditions it is necessary to being the Age to these along the Line. are split into two groups each one it is necessary to bring the Age to these along the line.

excention of the left wing, follows employed workers. We must not be sat-fully in the footsteps of the right isfied with reading the Age, but should be isfied with reading the Age, but should be stanuch supporters of the Age financially and organizationally. It is our duty to our class to make Revolutionary Age a mass working class paper. -HELEN TAUBLIEB

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SUB DRIVE ON!

We informed you last week that a subscription drive is to begin shortly. We have the new sub blanks on hand now. Section Agents in New York and Agents in the outside cities must immediately EFFECT OF LOAN BAN prepare the comtades for the drive, Lists over, a New York business man, the of sympathetic workers should be prepared and a careful canvas made for new same opinion in the New Republic, subs. Expired subs should be renewed Unless such loans are extended, Sen-ROME, Italy, Dec. 18.—In the discussion on the bill for a 12% cut in cussion on the bill for a 22% cut in the new basis. If you did not receive ator Borah declares, there is danger that the entire American trade with the salaries of government employees, the renewal list inform us immediately that the entire American trade with Premier Mussolini took occasion to and we will forward it to you.

MORE SPEED AHEAD!

The compaign for the \$3,000 Fund is of being \$150,000,000 easily could going entirely too slowly. We recognize that the immediate reactically the enormous difficulties of raising 000." tion to the ban on loans to Italy which this fund in this severe crisis of unemployment. Nevertheless we are sure that there are sufficient workers in our group and sympathetic workers and readers of Street. It marks the attempt of the the Revolutionary Age who, if properly organized, can make the drive successful.

NEW LISTS READY!

The drive must not only be intensified as was already visible at the Geneva in our own group but must be taken into conference where the Italian dele- the ranks of the organizations who are gates took an open stand against the sympathetic to our movement. For this United States and France and gave a purpose special collection lists have been specious support to the proposals of issued. These must be taken into the he German and the Soviet Union shops, factories and mines. Collections in the organizations (fraternal and trade unions) must be made. This should be! done quickly and the lists turned over immediately to this office. All contribu-tion lists will be listed in the Revolutionary Age.

Readers of the Revolutionary Age who are not in contact with our organizations in the various cities and who desire to should another world war break out help in this drive for subs and for the \$3,000-l'and should write us and we will

WORKERS LEAGUE MAKES PROGRESS

San Antonio, Texas. December 8, 1930. The Liga Obrera (Workers League) is progressing gradually. Our Sunday meetings are well attended and we are gaining more and more influence among the Mexican workers. The authorities renewed their attack against us. The Union Hall was denied us under the prefense that it was reuted to another organization the it stays closed every Sunday. But we have succeeded in getting another meeting place. We also have great obstacles in holding open air meetings on the Plaza. The police do not permit our speakers to appear before the workers. Last Sunday the Mexican consulfurnished a good band of music to play on the Plaza in order to draw away the attention of the workers from our speakers. But in spite of all difficulties we are marching steadily ahead in our work.

THREATEN STOP OF IMMICRATION

Linked Up With Campaign Against Foreign Born

SEC'Y DOAK IN SCHEME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — The portant task-to help unify the workers; complete stoppage of immigration for and their organizations for more effective two years is the main purpose of the

Over 150 workers listened with great interest to A. J. Muste, chairman of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, who lectured on the "Program of the Progressives" at the forum of the New Workers School, 62 Madison Avenue, New York, on phony, and I feel that I come away Sunday, December 14. A lively period of questions and discussion followed gain, in fact, I feel like a gourmand the report.

ditions that gave rise to the organized set before him. progressive movement (CPLA) over a year ago. He then outlined the program and policies of his organization, referred to the processes of differentiation now taking place with in it, and concluded by discussing the question of the consolidation of all progressive forces for a militant struggle in the unions and for the organization of the unorganized.

BORAH OUT FOR CREDITS TO USSR

Credits to Soviet Union Would Help Trade

on December 18 by Miles M. Sherauthor of an article advocating the article Mr. Sherover argued that "if article Mr. Sherover argued that "it above all the joys and sorrows of the Russia had had credits here, its busi Tem-Becky affair—are all to be found ness with the United States, instead

There has been a noticeable increase recently in Russian orders for factory equipment and tool-making machinery, the demand for which has been 50% greater this year than in 1929. The Soviet Union is paying for these purchases largely with agrarian products, lumber, manganese, ore, and

ANARCHIST PAMPHLET the comparison is certain to arise because HELD UP BY CUSTOMS.

A bundle of pamphlets entitled "Anarchy" by Enrico Malatesta, famous Italian anarchist, has just been seized by the New York customs officers as seditious. The pamphlet, an English translation published in Lon- | ture, go and see it. don, has been coming into the United

States freely for years.

At the request of the "Road to Freedom," anarchist monthly, published at Stelton, N. J., the American Civil Liberties Union has taken up the case.

ers, told the American Academy of gible.
Political Science last week that "unemployment insurance is un-American" and that the workers must save as a remedy for unemployment. He urged 'patience and Christian toler-ance and the study of the Holy Bible kets to the Paramount Theatres will and the Constitution." Unemployed be awarded as prizes to the writers

M-U-S-I-C

by Harwin

The Philharmonic Symphony Society

Last Sunday afternoon the Philharmonic Symphony Society under the direction of Arturo Toscanini gave another one of its well balanced programs at the Metropolitan Opera House. The program opened with the Wolf-Ferrari overture to the Se-erets of Suzanne and was followed by the exquisite Beethovens 6th sym-Pocketbook Workers Union will vote for a new administration for the year 1931.

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The most dangerous situation conforming the workers is the confusion existing in the union. Of the six groups that exist today in the union, except the left wing have any program for the trade, and each, with excention of the left wing, follows:

it is necessary to bring the Age to these along the line.

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The symphony was followed by Kodaly's Marosvezker Taenze (Hungarian dance). The orchestra gave a splendid rendition of the few gypsy airs, quite different from the Hungarian dances we have been accustomed to hearing from Brahms and Liszt.

Leader of Progressives
Explains Policies
The program closed with the performance of Bach-Respightit's Passacagulia which is considered one of Bach's most important compositions. Passcaglia was originally written for the organ and later arranged for the orchestra by Respigliti. The orchestra interpeted this work with profundity and understanding.

It is always a treat to hear a symphony, and I feel that I come away from these concerts with a distinct who has just left the banquet hall Brother Muste explained the con- after feasting on the delectable dishes

MOVIES

Tom Sawyer

TOM SAWYER, with Jackie Coogan, Mitzi Green, Junior Durkin, etc. A Paramount Picture. At the New York Paramount Theatre.

Mark Twain's undying story of an America long gone by is here transferred to the talking screen with a discriminating fidelity and with a full appreciation of the technical possibilities and limitations of this type of medium. A splendid talkie results.

Jackie Coogan comes back to the screen after an absence of some years A loan by the United States to the:

Soviet Union was urged by Senator Honors in this picture. But the Becky William E. Borah in a letter received Thatcher, Huck Finn, Joe Harper, Thatcher, Huck Finn, Joe Harper, Aunt Polly, Sid and the rest are close behind and uniformly excellent.

For Tom Sawyer lovers it is only necessary to say that most of the classical episodes—the fence painting achievement, the scenes in school, the adventure in the graveyard, the discovery of the hidden treasure, and in consummate form in the talkie

-Criticus.

Morocco

MOROCCO, a United Artists produc-tion, with Gary Cooper, Marlene Dictricks and Adolph Menjon. At

It is certainly unfortunate that I saw this picture after The Blue Angel. It does not stand comparison at all, althoof the appearance of Marlene Dietrich

MOROCCO is a picture with an ordi nary, very ordinary plot, but with excellent acting and good camera work and direction. If you like this kind of pic-

TOM SAWYER CONTEST

In order to ascertain the definite appeal of such pictures as "Tom Sawyer" to children, the Paramount Theatres of New York and Brooklyn, John E. Edgerton. President of the today announced an essay contest in National Association of Manufactur- which public school children are eli-

these picture houses for one week commencing Dec. 19. Essays of 100 words may be sub-

of the best essays.

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Einstein and Marx

Theory of Relativity and Dialectic Materialism

by Will Herberg

We have emphasized more than once in these articles that the theory of relativity has generally been utilized to undermine the foundations of philosophical materialism and to bolster gives rise to two sorts of philosophiis true that Einstein himself has not sharp distinction must be made be nounced degree towards the empiricalidealist viewpoint (Machism) and rerelativity while the consistent materi- else—that is, there is nothing objeceven more significant that the Germ- our knowledge improves and tant all this may be, it is neverthe- part of the "systematic relativists." less clear that to determine the real philosophical meaning of Einstein's stein's theories an independent examination of these theories is necessary. in this article.

The thesis of the following paragraphs is that the theory of relativity not only does not stand in dis- he no length and therefore no obagreement with the viewpoint of dia- | ject? A real understanding of Einlectic materialism but is, on the contrary, a striking confirmation of this viewpoint as applied to natural sci-

The Criterion of Existence

The essential feature of Einstein's scientific methodology is given in the famous dictum: "What cannot essentially be observed, cannot be said to exist." Time and again Einstein emphasizes that if you want to know what a physical entity ("space", "time", "simultaneity") really is, find out how it is measured. "The defini-

himself open to the idealist-empiricist interpretation. It is easy to twist this riterion into declaring that: "What s not observed does not exist," and, lince "observation" is a subjective process and depends upon the presence of an observing mind, therefore existence is purely subjective —and we have idealism, pure and simple. But say or mean; it is very much the con-

What these results actually do de-

ceptions, conceptions, ideas, etc.) is tical viewpoint. the reflection in mind of the independently existing natural world. To establish the objective validity of human thought, its correspondence with the external objects it reflects, is the task of human activity, of human practice.

"The question if objective truth is to be attributed to human thought is not a question of theory but a question of practice. It is in practice that man proves the truth, i.e., the reality and force, the this-sidedness of his thought".

Einstein's criterion is essentially this. "What cannot essentially be observed"— what cannot in its very nature enter into human practice-- cannot be said to exist"—since the criterion of existence is human practice. When Einstein says that the "definition of a thing is given in its measurement" he is putting one-sidedly in the terminology of physical science approach nature from the point of the criterion of Lenin: "The definis view of the relativity physics. The tion of a thing must be given thrus "fixed lines of demarcation" disapits relation to human practice."

How quickly the ultra-left course has told on the fighting powers of the Communist Party of Switzerland to what it calls the bankruptcy of high grade ladies shoes. and always been gaining in influence and votes in the elections. In the 1930 elections, however, the CP of Switzerland lost about 10% of its votes and one mandate while the Social-democrats gained nearly a thousand votes and several mandates. The gain of the Social-democrats was especially noticeable in the working class districts of Basel. Basel is the center of Communist strength in Switzerland.

Relativity, Relativism and the

ap idealism in some form or other. It cal problems. In the first place a drawn any such conclusions or indeed tween the relativity of Einstein and any conclusions of a philosophical the "relativism" of the empiricistnature but the impression is probably idealist philosophers. Since these philjustified that Einstein leans to a pro- osophers deny the very idea of objective existence (as independent of human thought) they must naturally gards his discoveries as something of deny the possibility of "absolute a support of this viewpoint. On the truths", i.e., of truths corresponding other hand it should be made clear exactly with an objective reality. All that Mach himself refused to have truth to them is merely "relative" anything to do with the theory of and cannot essentially be anything alist and anti-Machist scientist, Max tive (absolute) towards which our Planck, has accorded complete recognition to Einstein's discoveries. It is proaching more and more closely as an "fictionalists" (extreme idealists), creases. This of course, is not the such as Lipsius, Links and Kraus, viewpoint of Einstein nor is there consider themselves as thorogoing any point of contact between his philosophical opponents of Einstein's theories and "relativism" except the views which they regard as a bulwark accidental similarity in terms and of materialism. Yet, however impor-; perhaps deliberate distortion on the

A more serious problem is the question of the apparent subjectivity of relativity. We say: "A length (spaceinterval) on System A (moving at in merely outline form will be made System by in reference to on System A than to one on System B." Does this not make the length of an object depend upon the existence (or condition) of an observer so that i f there were no observer there would stein's ideas will show that this idealistic conclusion is thoroly illegitimate. A length is shorter as measured from p. 221. one system than from another notibecause of the subjective condition of the observer but because of an objective relation between the systems of reference-their state of relative motion. The observer could well disappear, yet the objective relation would remain just the same and so would the effects on length-intervals and time-intervals. A simple illustration will make this clearer. We say tynching as told in S. Chicago is "to the East" if the ob- book "Elack America". server is in San Francisco but "to the West" if the observer is in New tion of a thing is given thru its York. But, of course, this does not measurement." Now it certainly must be admitted that in formulating this criterion Einstein is quite ambiguous and lays essential thinking mind upon whom

this is NOT what Einstein's results as "empty forms of existence", as neighborhood. metaphysical non-material vessels for: As Christmas approached, Lowry, objects and events, which would main-the Negro, asked Craig for a "settletain their existence even if no objects ment". He had been working about, married dauguter, and wounding both clare is that the only way the existence or events existed at all, have always two years for the white planter and it of anything can become known to man been something foreign both to mail is said that Lowry was intending to is thru entering into his experience, terialism and to dialectics, especially move and wanted to know where he If something cannot, in its very nather the latter. Engels expressed his philips stood financially. O. T. Graig or ture be observed (enter into our exposured dissatisfaction with New dered him off the place and threw a perience), then it cannot be said to ton's absolutist conception more than billet of wood, which struck Lowry. exist. How does this square with once. The Einsteinian conception At the same time, Dick Craig one of which makes space depend solety upon the sons, who had the reputation. An hour before the train bearing the relation between objects, and time, among the Negroes, of being a "bad bound solety" and the two deputy sheriffs maked Solvies. Mississippi, half

determined.

Unity Out of Disparity

"In nature there are no irreconcilable contradictions, no fixed lines of demarcation or distinction and if certain contradictions and distinctions are discovered then their immobility and absoluteness are read into nature by us alone."

This expresses in the clearest possible form the basic proposition of dialectics in natural science. The irreconcilability and absolutely mutually exclusive character of space and time, matter and energy, according to the old physics, constituted a serifundamental form of reality and of viewing reality.

But the hottom falls out of this hitherto insuperable obstacle once we pear, the "irreconcilable contradic-tions" (space vs. time, matter vs. energy) are synthesized in the rela-THE SWISS ELECTIONS willy physics into a nigher organic unity, the space-time world, the equivalence of matter and energy. Out of disparate categories-dialectic unity!

But it is precisely here that contemporary hourgeois philosophy points was shown by the recent elections in materialism. If matter is equivalent Basel for candidates to the Buerger- to energy and both are essentially rat. In the last three years the Party | conditions of space, then does not matter disappear, is not the universe "dematerialized"? Those who raise this cry may be passable scientists but they are very indifferent philoso-

"The error . . . (of these physic-

(also: energy, space—W.H.) exist as objective realities outside of the human mind? The scientists must answer this question without hesitation and the answer must be an affirmative one. Thus is the question now decided on the side of materialism for the idea, matter, . . . means nothing besides some objective reality existing independently of the human mind and reflected by it."

So far from contradicting dialectical materialism the new developments in physical science even confirm it, emphasizing the dialectical nature of the processes of the universe.

We Must Face the New Problems!

"With each epoch-making discovery in the department of naturscience, materialism has been obliged to change its form."

Thus declared Engels-and Lenin adds: This is the type of revisionism "which is an integral part of Marxism." It is now surely time for Marxist thinkers, for dialectic materialists, to take up seriously the task of evaluating recent advances in science from the viewpoint of dialectic materialism and of revising the form of dialectic materialism on the basis of the most recent advances in natural science.

(1) Marx's "second thesis on Feuerbach." Appendix to Engels: Lodwig Feuerbach

(2) Lenin: Materiolism and Empiriocriticism, p. 211. (3) Lenin: $Materialism_r$

(4) Engels: Ludwig Fenerbach.

Minimum Program of the Block | between the United Progressive League and the Trade Union Center in Local 1, I.L.G.W.U.

1. We will work and fight for the strict carrying out of the conditions of the cloakmakers won thru long struggie.

2. To organize and establish a mass organization and picket committee which shall patrol the shops that violate union conditions.

3. Frequent meetings of district and general shop chairmen meetings which shall take up and discuss conditions in the shop and in the union. 4. To carry thru and intensive struggle against the spread of the

our industry. 5. Organization work thru workers in the shops organized in building and district committees.

piece-work pest and of other evils in

6. We fight against every clique rule in the union because we want that the union should be conducted in an honest, democratic and progressive manner thru the membership of the union. No discrimination, persecutions or any sort of swindles must be practised at meetings and elections of any sort.

7. No expulsions, discriminations or persecutions for any sort of economic or political opinions and activities on the part of union members may be practised, because the expulsion of members is harmful and leads to the destruction of unions.

8. We will fight against any sort of increase of dues or against the levying of taxes on the membership without their agreement thru a referendum.

9. We are for the admission with minimum initiation fee and with all possible rights of membership of all cloalmakers who are still outside the union because of the past internal fights in our union.

Problems of the Needle Trades

Two Tactics for the Left Wing

by Chas. S. Zimmerman

In the needle trades there are today and join the NTWIU; this policy is today than it has had all along. It two fundamentally distinct tactical admittedly a dismal failure. Well, certainly cannot stop the development lines fighting for recognition among then, what are these "united front of the progressive movement. the masses of the left wing and pro-gressive workers. The fermentation one cloakmaker asked: "What is this, now going on among these workers a third union we are asked to join?" and the movement that is arising for a renewed struggle to transform the reactionary unions into instruments of class action makes the struggle between these two tactical lines especially significant. It is necessary for every wide-awake needle trades workevery wide-awake needle trades work-er to be quite clear as to what each tactical line means and as to what each tactical line promises in the left wing struggle.

**Contradiction between re-garding the reformist unions as "com-pany unions" and the gesture made at carrying on work within them. On at carrying on work within them. On wing struggle.

The Line of Isolation

One tactical line is championed by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, under the direction of the Trade Union Unity League. The leaders of the NTWIU give no encouragement to the rising left wing movement in the reformist unions. Instead they are engaged in a systematic campaign against it, attacking it most viciously. But what do they propose instead? They propose the organization of united front committees from below, consisting of members of the NTWIU and of the ILGWU. Among the cloakmakers, for example, the program of these "united front committees" includes a fight against the Schlesinger menouvers for piece work, against the Schlesinger proposal for a dollar a week dues, for better conditions, etc. It calls for the election of a "large committee of 100" and to call a "large conforence." Members of the HGWU are not required to leave their union

Deputy Dixon stood guard.

"Approaching them from behind

Destructive Contradictions

the one hand the workers are asked gressive and on a number of in the reactionary unions, which position, but at the same time they ire assured that it is "useless" to tricks of the burocrats, A fundament- expulsion policy. al conflict between reality and the false trade union course!

mands in the most imperative manner to form a block of all progressive clements in order to defeat the reacthe organization of a strong opposiion within the reactionary unions The false line of the RTWIU funda, in the union. They therefore formed mentally rejects any work in the re-, a block with the Trade Union Center actionary unions, aims to split them on the basis of a minimum program. by detaching individuals and groups in a leaflet recently issued by the from the reformist unions with the United Progressive League, it is depurpose of getting them to join the clared; STWIU. The policy of the "united front committees" is essentially the old policy, so many times proven a failure, under a new cloak of con-fusion. Such a line leads only to further isolation from the masses of. "Lowry was handeuffed to Dep- abandoment of the struggle against uty Greer, who was asleep, while the reactionaries.

The Line of Left Wing Struggles

the mob members soized the deputies and disarmed them. One of Fortunately, however, this suicidal line of policy has had no effect upon the left wing and progressive workers them took the handcuff keys from Deputy Dixon's pocket and released Deputy Green's wrist. who are rallying more and more to "With the Negro between them they filed out of the coach leaving the officers behind."

the officers behind."

the line of policy proposed by the new organized left wing movement in the officers behind." Final City Edition carried the following headlines: "Lowry Lynchers Announce Program; Negro to Pay Mob's Penalty for Crime." The Memphis Press on the same evening in its which they concentrate their offensive Home Edition carried a headline extending across the entire front nage. the tactical line of this new left wing? "May Lynch Three to Six Negroes This Evening," The Home Edition of the Memphis Press the following day To build fighting opposition move ments in the reformist unions with the objective of winning the unions, ousting the reactionaries, and transforming the unions into real fighting organizations of the workers. The fundamental objective of this move ment is the elimination of the state of divided organization of the needle trades workers and for one union in the industry. In the struggle of this left wing against the reactionaries the question of blocks and united fronts with center elements naturally arises. In Local 1 of the ILGWU, for example, the United Cloak and Dressmakers Progressive League has made an election block with the Trade Union Center (Levy group) against the reactionaries. Today the center of attack of the NTWIU leaders in this block with the Levy group. They are trying to discredit the left wing movement raising the issue of Levy as a scarecrow with the object of preventing the cloakmakers from supporting this new movement. They speak of "election deals" and "election manouvers". But, of course, such demagogy will have no more effect

> most of them controlled by the Boot & Shoe Union. The Independent Shoe shaps employing 5,000 shoc workers.
> Under the combined action of the bosses, the government and the Boot reactionary attack upon the union came a change of policy to the leadership of the Independent which un-wittingly aided the forces that were bent upon its destruction.

> The Shoe and Slipper Workers conservative discontented elements.

The Boot & Shoe Workers Union policy of betrayal, sell-out and scab- actionary burocrats. The other leads bery made the workers lose faith in to the building up of a strong left this organiation.

It is therefore obvious that we shoe workers find ourselves in a terrible condition. How long are we going to uffer this slavery and oppression? Let us shoe workers in the various

leadership for the unification of all ers already see which line of policy unions fight over the heads of the the unions into one powerful indus- holds out the promise of victory for trial union that will enable the shoe the left wing. They will rally in workers to organize and make a stop to these conditions that we find our-

Center

What is the real situation? Several The contradiction in the policy of hese "united front committees" is a weeks ago a group of cloakmakers, members of Local I, H.GWU, organized the United Cloak and Dressmakcontradiction rooted in their very nater's Progressive League and adopted to fight against the Schlesinger tions unclear and confusing. Some of schemes for dollar a week dues and the leaders of the Trade Union Cenagainst his manouvers for piece work for have a had record in the union and on the other hand they are told because of their former support of the that it is "useless to fight in the com- expulsion policy. But at the present pany unions." They are told to fight time the Trade Union Center is carrying on a fight against the policies means in effect, to function as an op- and regime of the reactionary administration of the union. At the present time these leaders claim that they huild oppositious in the "company recognize their mistakes and that they unions" and that such oppositions are definitely and openly repudiate the

conflict between reality and the In the elections taking place now in ulse trade union course! In the elections taking place now in Local 1, the United Progressive League realized that it was necessary tionary administration and its policies United Progressive League, it is de-

> We are not making any election deals or uniting with anybody. We came to an understanding with the Center group on the basis of the following program (The program is printed elsewhere on this page. -Editor.)

"It is clear for us that some of those with whom we are making this block have sinned consideraly against the workers. They will have to work actively to make up for their past. They will be able to do this only thru proving thru action that they are willing to fight in the interests of the workers, that is, to fight for union conditions in the shops, to fight against every leadership which will pursue harmful policies in the union and in relation to the bosses. The progressive movement in our union will in the future judge every one according to his conduct."

This action in forming an election block should certainly be welcomed as a first step in the crystalization of a fighting progressive opposition. The United Progressive League cetainly acted wisely in making the block and at the same time me.... taining their identity and independent program and activity. Such a course is thoroly in line with the best tradi-tions of the militant left wing in the rade unions. It is the line of policy that Lozovsky, the chairman of the Red International of Labor Unions, championed as the only effective line or struggle against the reactionaries:

"What must be our attitude to

this oppositional movement (the centrist opposition movement in the Amsterdam trade unions—Edi-tor.)? There are still in the actions of many of its leaders relies and traditions of an ideology alien to us. But in spite of the lack of adequate forms, lack of ideological clarity and consistency in these groups, Communists have no occasion to adopt a hostile attitude towards them or to act against them. On the contrary, we must support their work, we must cooperate with them and must support them to our utmost to increase their influence in order that new sections of workers be enlisted for the idea of the united front and unity. Every tendency within reformist economic and political organizations which is in opposition to the policy of these organizations must have our whole hearted sup-port. We can form a bloc with them by adopting an acceptable and concrete program of action. This program will not include our ment with them and form a bloc Such are the two tactical lines pro-

posed to the needle trades workers. One leads to isolation and impotence, to strengthening the hold of the rewing, the consolidation of all progressive forces, to the defeat of the reactionaries, to the establishment of one union in the industry.

The wide-awake needle trades workthousands to the rising new left wing and progressive movement.

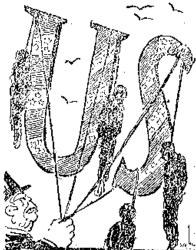
In the west there are still certain 'Communists' who . . . want to attack the trade unions from the outside and who regard them as enemy organizations. They do not understand that as a result of such a policy the workers will naturally regard them as enemies. They do not grasp the fact that the average worker still regards the trade unions—whether they are good or bad—as his fortress, which helps him maintain his wages, his working day, etc. These 'Communists' do not understand that such a policy instead of facilitating the penetration of Communists into the masses of the workers, makes this impossible.

The Story of a Lynching In view of the tremendous increases

of lynanings within the last year we publish below the story of a typical lynching as told in Scott Nearing's

Henry Lowry, a Negro about 40 years of age, was lynched in Arkansas |

Lowry, with his wife and a 6-year reality depends but as the designation old daughter, were living on the for the objective basis of reference farm of O. T. Graig, a large planter relative to which the direction of a in Mississippi County, Arkansas. city, or the length of an object, is Lowry was rated an honest, hardworking Negro. Craig, the planter, On the other hand, the Newtonian was an extensive landowner. He and (the "common sense") conception of his sons controlled the political as "absolute" space and "absolute" time well as the economic life of the



was arrested in El Paso, Texas, where to Arkansas.

An hour before the train bearing

carried a headline across the front page: "Kill Negroes by Inches." The story written from the scene of the lynching begins: "More than 500 persons stood by and looked on while the Negro

All of the evidence indicates that the plans for the lynching were very

was slowly burned to a crisp. . .

tains as a first principle that matter exists independent of and prior to human thought. Human thought (perceptions, conceptions, ideas, etc.) is the relation between discovery and the two deputy shorts among the Negroes, of being a "bad reached Sardis, Mississippi, half exceptions, and time, among the Negroes, of being a "bad reached Sardis, Mississippi, half exceptions, ideas, etc.) is the relation between objects, and time, among the Negroes, of being a "bad reached Sardis, Mississippi, half except and the two deputy shorts are the lynching were very reached Sardis, Mississippi, half a dozen automobiles entered the little bulleting the plans for the lynching were very reached Sardis, Mississippi, half a dozen automobiles entered the little bulleting that human thought (perceptions, conceptions, ideas, etc.) is

Shoe Workers Forum

A Plea for Unity in the Shoe Trades

by Jack Grossberg

It is hard to remember a time when the situation among the shoe workers was more confused than today! Never was the need for a powerful union of the shoe workers more argent than today in the face of terrible unemployment and wage stashing.

The chaos in all existing shoe workers unions makes it more necessary than ever to have a clear analysis . York City. In 1929 it controlled 44 ous challenge to dialectics itself as a of the problems confronting us and to work out a clear line of policy for organizing the shoe workers. It is for the purpose of getting your viewpoint on the best methods of organizing the shee workers of New York that we have started this Shoe Workers Discussion.

k that we have started this Shoe Workers Discussion.

Every shoe worker—no matter to what union he belongs or if he belongs to no union at all—may write in fighting policies. Together with this discussion.

Write your article or letter. We will print it just as you write it. Only it must be no more than 600 words. Shoe workers! Let us make this discussion an expression of all points of view among the shoe workers! The first article in this discussion, written by Sidney Jonas, former vice-president of the Independent Shoe Workers Union, was published in last week's issue. Get it! Read it!

following categories:

The Stitchdown Shops

lown shops, the workers work for starvation wages and long hours. Sanitary conditions in the shops are inadequate and as a result disease lurks in every corner and endangers ists and philosophers) . . . is that the health of the workers. The wages the foundation of materialism is are at starvation level. As an exignored. . . . To put the question ample take the shop of Jacob & Sons, from the only correct, that is, dia- one of the largest shops of its kind lectical-materialist standpoint, we in New York City. In spite of the must ask: do electrons, ether, etc. long hours and wages of \$20 and 325 a week for skilled workers and \$8 to \$15 a week for unskilled, twho compose most of the erew, the bosses still find further ways Here is one method they use on for much lower wages. Since this shop has been lost by the Independent is no work and decide to the state of the stat is no work and decide to make shoes for stock. The boss argues that in making stock he takes a chance and therefore the workers must accept a wage reduction of 10 to 20%. The

(1) jobs. But in reality all work is regu-A few words about the conditions in the various shops. In the stitchdown shops, the workers work for

> In the Felt Shops to work under the same conditions as in the stichdown shops for a misof the crew, the rest of the workers on the shop being mostly unskilled work scale. Shoe styles change very young workers. In the Pfeiffer Bros. often and for every new style new skilled workers who comprise 10% shop the sole and padding operators (mostly skilled work) were until recently mostly men. Today many of the men have been replaced by wom-

> cut and a very powerful spy system has been installed. The Ladies Shoe Line Now let us take the third and most shoe workers today are organized and

The shoe industry in New York workers find that all year around important branch of the industry in Union of America headed by Smith is composed of three grades of shoes, when there is work all but a few cases New York City, the ladies high grade and Hodgson, to which the I. S. W. U. made by 25,000 shoe workers divided of the shoes produced are marked shoes. Rationalization in this line has gave birth as a result of its sectarian been advanced to such a high stage line, rallies around itself a group of stitchdown shoes, a cheap grade shoe; !lar work to order which we make un- that the season of work is reduced to (2) felt slippers, for housewear; (3) | der a 10 to 20% wage reduction. The | no more than five to eight full weeks workers are also forced to join a twice a year. Thereafter the workers "club" organized by the firm, con- average from one to two days a week trolled by the superintendents and for the rest of the year. This makes

> Shoe Co., one of the largest shops. The workers are forced to sign a yel-In the felt slipper shops we have seasonal work. The workers are forced to work under the same conditions. This money is deducted by the boss from their pay every week. A comerable wage of \$25 to \$30 a week for pany union is another feature of this shop as in other shops. Ninety perprices are being settled and with every new style there is a further reduction of the workers pay. The spy system is so developed that out of every 5 to 6 workers there is one put in charge to report all activities to the foreman. The same thing takes place in most

> > Organization of the Workers No more than 1500 of the 25,000

It is impossible not to discern clearly the partisan struggle in philosophy, a aggle which ultimately expresses the tendencies and ideology of classes hostile each other in modern society. Recent philosophy is as partisan as it was two

nd years ago. The contending parties are in the main materialism and altho their nature may be concealed under a pseudo-crudite phraseharlatanry or beneath the guise of stupid non-partisonship.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Amidst the glow of Christmas preparations ugly poverty under capitalism in the richest country in the world is once more permitted to appear in the columns of the paper that prints "all the news that's fit to print." In good times and bad times, since 1912, the NEW YORK TIMES has selected for Christmas time chacity slush-writing, a hundred cases of dire distress. What the rest of them are to do, what is to be done when it isn't ground, as is pointed out in the thesis Christmas-such questions are not discussed.

Yet the accounts are illuminating.

Case No. 20, is headed "Mary Sacrificed Her Dreams." It reads in part:

"In high school her teachers told her she showed great talent This resolution runs quite true to and urged her to go to art school. Then her father lost a leg in an i.e., the pursuance in an intensified accident. . . . Inadequate food left him with serious stomach trouble. form of the old ultra-left course un-Her mother had diabetes. . . Mary went to work in a factory. She der cover of a mock war against dreamed of painting; instead she painted candy boxes. . . her face "ultra-left sectarianism" with the grew whiter. . . at 17 responsible for an invalid father and mother "main danger"!! But this resolution and two children. grew winter. . . at 1/ responsible for an invalid father and mother | "main danger"!! But this resolution at the consequences. In fact, in this and two children, . . . One day, soon after her 20th birthday, on her than the factory that the consequences are laid down to the factory the factory that the consequences are laid down to the factory that the consequences are laid down to the factory the factory that the consequences are laid to the consequences are laid to the consequences. return from the factory, she fell across the doorsill and lay quiet. . . the present character of the Party which will certainly make things even that should be enlightenening to the party membership. The resolution departy membership. The resolution departy membership. The resolution departy membership. The resolution departy membership are tool that the party membership are tool that the party membership. The resolution departy membership are tool that the party membership are tool that the present character of the Party which will certainly make things even the present character of the Party which will certainly make things even the present character of the Party which will certainly make things even the present character of the Party which will certainly make things even that should be enlightenening to the party membership. The resolution departy membership are tool that the party membership are tool the party membership are tool that the party membership are tool the party membership are tool that the party membership are tool the party membership are tool that the party members go hungry or be put on the street. . . ."

In the land of "opportunity", ... talent thwarted, father invalided by industry, mother and daughter starved and overworked, just one case out of many

Case No. 17: "Last Days of a Woodcarver."

to be devoted to the education of their only son, who would look it is interesting to note that in its ning the majority of the working masses to the flag of revolution! class is by penetrating the mass or Away with the suicidal sectarian after them when they were old. The son died after two years' illafter them when they were old. The son died after two years' illness which took most of the savings. Mark was old, his hand was not quite as steady as it used to be; his employer let him go. He was

These cases are typical and selected at random. With every added i case, the picture of misery grows. Such is the lot of the toiler in capitalist America. Such is the poverty of the builders and creators of wealth in the land they have made the wealthiest in the world and the wealthiest

In so-called good times, the worker's lot at best is to work, to each money, to buy food and clothes and shelter so that he can continue to work, to earn money, to buy food, to work, to earn money, to buy food, to work . . . like a tread mill or a squirrel cage with starvation never more than two weeks away. Then come the dread terrors of accident, illness, old age, unemployment—and the wheel stops turning. Then it's the mission. breadline, the soup kitchen, the flop house, the park bench, the gospel mission, the insolence of warm-coated, paunch-stuffed hypochical officials who fear that "some jobless are standing on several breadlines in succession bitter wait in the cold, and the hypocritical slush about sweet charity and so liberally strewn thru all the Parry study this document carefully and Christmas dinners for the more one day out of three hundred and visto conditions which were arge all young and adult workers to. and getting several helpings" of beliy-wash as a result of a whole day's Christmas dinners for the poor one day out of three bundred and sixty resolutions within the last year and

In the Soviet Union where the workers rule, a primary charge against coming revolutionary wave"? What are to be care of those who have grown old or ill in its service. Even has occurred to "radicalization"? Imagsociety is the care of those who have grown old or ill in its service. Even arrance or miserable dole for the unemployed. But the president of the est country in the world, thanks to the disordanized and divided erate. a capitalist England and Germany there is at least some little pretense of

est country in the world, thanks to the disorganized and divided state "reformist, reactionary trade unions" of the working class, is able to boast that not one cent in taxes will be and not "company unions" in the good increase in section work, the spreadspent for the relief of the unemployed, while his erstwhile "rival", the Democratic presidential candidate, Alfred E. Smith, speaking to the New York millionaires who are raising a fund by docking their employees, and York millionaires who are raising a fund by docking their employees, and are using it to enable their companies to fire their regular staffs and take and to let the old terms drop out of numbers of young workers involved.

On desperate unemployed workers at \$15 a week, declares:

to our Christmas dinner our inner conscience may say, 'you deserve this—you deserve all the joy and happiness you have.' "

or christmas dinner our inner conscience may say, 'you deserve the struggle against the "xenegades".

or deserve again in everymay aguation and in the struggle against the average no more than \$15 a week
(full time) the hours are long. Unemployment has hit the vounce workers

Such is "sweet charity" under capitalism; such its "relief" and such its "Christmas spirit." The answer of the awakened worker is: "Not Christmas dinner one day a year, but food, clothing, shelter and a decent human life three hundred and sixty five days a year! Not starve but fight! Not charity but social justice! Not crumbs from the parasites' surfeit or slop from the gospel mission, but immediate and effective relief! Not relief alone, but the wealth to those who create it, the tools to those who use them, the establishment of a workers' world!

DOING THE NEGRO A FAVOR

Paul Block, publisher of a chain of newspapers, ran an editorial in all of them on the death of Charles Wesley Hill (the "angel Gabriel" of "Green Pastures") The editorial is entitled: "No Color Line in Heaven" but the color line in Block's mind is evidenced by the revealing statement:

"He was a colored man, but he was whiter than some people we:

These patronizing words contain the quintessence of race prejudice.

marines to uphold his dignity.

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A New Thesis and an Old Line

The Party Plenum Admits Bankruptcy but Resolves To Continue on the Same_Line

The Background of the Thesis The Plenum thesis has a backitself. In October of this year there the state of the Communist movement in the USA and which thereupon adopted a resolution on this question.

This resolution runs anim

"The Party . . . remains a propagandist organization which has! not understand how to mobilize the

How good a propagandist organ: This is a turn away from trade ization the present CP is we may be union work! Leninism teaches us that masses for struggle. of our Party the Ecci declared:

erican proletariat. . . The Party has for the first time appeared in the role of a party of political ac-

In 1923 the Party was already "the talwart leader of mass action" but n 1980 it "does not understand how to mobilize the masses for struggle. Apparently therefore, the new line produced a turn away from mass work, away from leadership in struggles. This is a very significant ad-

Where Are the Old Phrases?

the resolution is the absence of many a half. What has happened to the REVOLUTIONARY AGE. third period"? Where is the "onine! "Radicalization" is not mentioned

"Conditions Are Positively Alarming!"

moeracy. . . . There is at the same older workers, their actual position hit hardest at its weakest point, the time in practise an almost complete in the industry is far worse.

Of a fundamentally false estimation goods, and fur.
of the nature of the conservative The Needle The The REVOLUTIONARY AGE brings you weekly information of any leadership but as leaders ary leadership but as bosses organ- ognizes the role of the young workizations! Of a fundamentally false ers and the necessity for organizing orientation towards the masses of the workers, as expressed in the insanitrade union work—aiming to "smash" the conservative unions instead of trying to win them and transform them into fighting organizations! Of a fundamentally false method of trade

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no document has yet done, the utter | tendency within reformist economic . . this entire false system, anti-Lenin, the road of Leninism ist in its every phase, was completely | * * * formulated in the resolutions of the VII Convention of our Party. Did the

> confirmed the perspectives and general line of the Farty.'

In other words the Plenum proposed to maintain (and to intensify!) the anti-Leninist line but was "alarmed"

tionary trade union movement is the first task of the Party without which no consolidated progress can be registered towards winning the majority of the working class.

"Mark worked for 24 years in one shop, saving a sum that was permitted to judge for ourselves; but the fundamental road towards win
adverted to the adverted to the adverted to the description of the property of the saving as a sum that was permitted to judge for ourselves; but the fundamental road towards win
adverted to the adv recessely in the period following the convention of 1927 the Party has been acting with increasing frequency as the stalward leader of mass actions of the Am.

The thesis adopted at the recent stead of fighting from the *inside* and the organizations themselves for (November) Plenum of the Central against the reactionary misleaders! the class struggle. The new line tells Committee of the Communist Party Of a fundamentally false attitude us that the road must be to desert of the USA is politically one of the towards the different tendencies with-most worthless documents ever thrown in the trade union movement—brand-struggle there, and form our own at the unoffending Party membership, ing all non-Communists as "agents simon-pure "revolutionary trade union Yet it deserves the careful study of of Wall Street" and as "social-fas-movement." And if this road leads to every communist for it mirrors, as cists' instead of realizing that "every a swamp, it does no good to issue or document has yet done, the utter i tendency within reformist economic... theses every three months and scatter bankruptey of the new course after two years of experience.

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tendency within reformst economic.

organizations which is in opposition go on the same old way at increased must have our support!" Of a conspect. It is necessary to face the ception that "the only genuine pro- facts: the road is wrong, it must be gressives are the Communists!" Now, changed. The Party must return to

> How Many "Musts" Make a "Do"? The rest of the thesis is beneath

notice. It is a "must" thesis. The Party "must" do this, it "must" do that, it "must" and it "must". "Events since the Seventh Con- that, it "must" and it "must". . . . vention of the CPUSA have fully By actual count in thirty lines there are fourteen "musts". Who will pay attention to these "musts"? Who can pay attention to these "musts"? What your fundamental line (disagreement) with which makes one a "renegade"!) leads to precisely the opposite re-sult! Theses then become empty verbiage impotently covering up the disastrous truth! Self-criticism then becomes the burecratic scape-goat system, conscious responsibility-dodging, demoralizing evasion.

An end must be put to this system

The Youth Movement

705 VOUT IN THE HELDLE TRADES

Program Proposed by the Young Communist League (Majority Group)

We begin publication in this issue of the Youth Program for the Needte Another very significant feature of Trades proposed by the Young Commountst League (Majority Group). We

In the needle trades as everywhere else the role of the young workers in old style? Why is there not a word of ing out of the trade into the small economic analysis, of political analytical anal vsis? It is clear: in order to avoid ands of young workers. In trades "right" or "left" deviations it is far such as white goods, cap and mil-"Let us put every bit of our energy in it so that when we sit down brought out again in everyday agita- in the industry are very bad. Wages employment has hit the young workers very hard and yet where overtime is worked there is generally no extra pay for the young workers. The ex-But, of course, the most striking isting systems of apprenticeship agpart of the thesis is unquestionably what it has to say about the condition the needle trades. In those special breakles, of industry in which the tion of the Party's trade union work: beanches of industry in which the "The weakest point in our work young workers are mostly found, the The weakest point in our work young workers are mostly found, the during the three year period preis in the trade union field. Sanitary and health conditions are ceding the present crisis and era of conditions here are positively alarming. We have regression in the trade union work. The basic the trade union work. The basic the big cities, these conditions are was reported by Miss Grace Abbott, and the light cities are conditions are was reported by Miss Grace Abbott, and the conditions are was reported by Miss Grace Abbott, and the conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions are conditions. roots of this are in the neglect even worse in the small towns to chief of the Children's Buro. This of the immediate demands of the which the industry is moving. Altho fact proves conclusively that precise workers; . . . absolutely insuffici- the young workers ought to have bet- ly in periods of prosperity the bosses ent development of trade union de ter conditions and protection than the profit most and the working class is

neglect of systematic work in the reformist, reactionary trade union needle trades are unorganized. The and 33 states and with returns as general policy of the reactionary lead-Every phrase here may be dupli- ers of the AP of L is against the working certificates were issued to These patronizing words contain the quintessence of race prejudice.

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STUPID STIMSON WINS THE PRIZE AGAIN!

This time, with a revolution brewing against the government of President Chaeon of Guatemala and the latter playing sick as a form of retirement, Stimson hastened to recognize his successor and henchman Baudilio Palma, just one day before he was ousted by a coup d'etat.

This adds another to the "beat-'em-by-one-day" records of our great secretary of mistakes. Now Mr. Stimson will want to send down the patronizing words contain the quintessence of race prejudice.

Every phrase here may be duplicated from what we, the CP-Majority Group have called attention to time without number in our criticism of the young workers on a large without number in our criticism of the young workers on a large without number in our criticism of the Plenum scale meets with the resistance of the Party line. Every charge here is scale meets with the resistance of the Plenum suddenly turn "Lovestoneite"? Is number of organized that the suddenly turn "Covestoneite"? Is number of organized young workers on a large with propaganda. What the reactionary labor leaders. Neverthe-tificates were issued to children between the age of 14 and 15 under the propaganda. What the propaganda what the propaganda. What the propaganda coeded in getting into its ranks over a 5% increase over 1927. The "alarming conditions" to which the thesis refers are a result of what? Of a findle such as drosses white the trades such as drosses white the trades are a result of what? 1000 young workers in New York

The Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, which in its program recthem, has not speceeded in keeping any sections of the young needle trades workers in its ranks. In spite of some early successes in winning influence among the youth in the needle trades, the NTWIU has now lost practically all contact with the young workers. This is largely a result of the sectarian isolation policies that the leadership of the NTWIU has been following all along the line for the last year and a half.

The Youth Section of the NTWIU which was established with the organization of the union and which made some base for itself in the struggles that followed, lost all semblance of heing an economic organization of the young needle trades workers and became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats became merely a section of the Young Communist League burcerats because they supported the leading Communist League. The thousands of November 19. The delegates represented 400 members of the agrantage of the composed of former members of the compose young workers in the reactionary sented 400 members of the organiza- cooperatives.

unions were completely disregarded and the only attention paid to the un-organized young workers was the issuance of some "left" sounding siggans which nobody could understand. Naturally the Youth Section of the KTW1U became impotent and without the least influence in the industry.

Such are the conditions in the needle trades as far as the youth is concerned. These conditions place very great tasks before the whole left wing because the winning of the youth union movement and the struggle against the bosses is the task of the entire labor movement, and espy cially of its militant sections.

New York Figures Show Big Rise in Child Exploitation

A steady increase in child labor during the three year period pre-

The report shows that 137,786 chil-

needle trades such as dresses, white regular certificates for the first time There was a lively discussion upon goods, and fur.

There was a lively discussion upon in 1929, and that "of the 220,087 cer- the report of the provisional district tificates, 199,287 were reported to have been issued to children who were released from full time school attend-

Represented at Meet

SUPERIOR, Wise. — Thirty-five regular delegates from 19 of the 22



PORTRAIT OF A DIPLOMATIST by Harold Nicolson, New York Houghton Mifflin & Co., 1930.

The biography of Sir Arthur Nicolson, written by his son, summarizes his father's activities in Athens, Persia, the Near East, Morocco, Algeciras, Russia, and records the history of British diplomacy during the half century prior to the Great War.

Thru the eyes of the British diplomat we catch glimpses of the imperiany, Austria, Russia, France, England, the Bulkans and the lesser states of Europe. England at the end of the and Einstein. He spoke as follows: 19th century, with more of the earth's surface than she could manage withbuilding of buffer states to protect parts of her far-flung empire; and in Europe she was busy creating alli-ances that would prevent Germany from forcing "her place in the sun."

As an attempt to whitewash British; hypocrisy and international black-mail of capitalist henchmen, it is unconsciously and eminently successful. It tells in the greatest detail the hisgood does it do to say that a certain. It tells in the greatest detail the historical declined to commit him-movement "must" be built up when tory of the decade prior to the Great self, but is reported to be deeply im-War. While one peace conference followed on the heels of another, each nation kept building new alliances and preparing for war.

Notice of these maneuvers never leaked to parliaments, cabinets and least of all to the masses who were Sept. 14 1911, Sir Arthur Nicolson

"Most careful preparations have been made to meet any contingenties that may arise... It's not merely Morocco which is at stake. It travelling in the guise of a mathereally amounts to a question as to matician. He should be deported." whether we ought to submit to j any dictation by Germany, whenever she considers it necessary to raise her voice. I may tell you in confidence that preparations for lending four or six divisions on the

mobilization scheme prepared in his turn on the bread line and 1910, had worked from the first flop house, we'll believe that. moment of the 'precautionary period' without a hitch. All that remained by 9 p.m. on Aug. 4, 1914, was to despatch the warning tele grams to every British Comusul on the face of the globe. The telegrams had already been printed in advance and had reposed for years in what was known as the Warpress. All that was required was to affix with the rubber stemp the one word Germany in the blank Thru the half century covered by

this book the threads of European relations kept getting more and more tangled. Each country pronounced it self incapable of disentangling the growing knots—and prepared for wat Capitalism can find no other way of solving its conflicts. It is true that the German Emperor predicted a rev olution in Russia in the eventuality of war. It is true that some countries tried to postpone the fatal day as long as they could"-that is until they were better prepared. When the crisis finally broke it was charged that the trascibility of Austria's prime minister and the duplicity of German Foreign Office precipitated it so as to make it suitable for brushthe conflagration—that a different prime minister at Vienna and a more discrect Foreign Office in Berlin might have avoided the outbreak. But the MACY'S (it's ritzy to be the British diplomats who insisted most on this point of view believed least in it-for all their own acts lead inevitably toward war.

The Portrait of a Diplomatist is it's meal time), absorbing as a picture of the decaying SAKS FIFTH AVENUE (It's stages of capitalism. It is useful for thrifty to be ritzy) has cut the price points of comparison with imperialist of its sable coats to \$4,500. intrigue of our day. Altho the nations have been regrouped somewhat since 1914, we see much similarity in method and aim. Capitalism has once more reached a stage where it is unable to solve its conflicts except thru War. Again it is trying to postpone the "evil day"; again there is sparring for more effective preparation. In 1914 Capitalism feared a Russian revolution. Today they fear the existence of the USSR and the lessons learned by the international working class from the betrayals of the Second and the program of the Third International, But they are powerless to prevent the next war. Capitalism has no other solution for its international conflicts. Social Revolution is the only Force that can prevent or terminate the coming mad--Tenai.

tion. Including fraternal delegates and visitors over 150 were present.

committee. Greatest interest was exhibited in the discussion of the con-stitution and in the reports of local

A small delegation of the official Young Communist League was present and their spokesman was given that voted for him. the floor. He contented himself with abuse and with declaring that the Cost hard luck with those Latin American op Youth League must be "smashed." governments.

Why comparties setted fractural of Mike: Right! Every government he

The convention voted fraternal affiliation with the Northern States Co-Over 400 Young Workers operative League, and thru it with the Cooperative League of North America. A district committee of 17 members was elected.

**The Time thing about the crisis that it gives the rich a chance to do charity.

**Mike: Yeah, and as the Rible si



Night Club Jimmy on Relativity of

New York it still the greatest show on earth. Last Saturday New York's chief wise-cracker and captain of gangsterdom, the Honorable James Walker, made a speech on relativity to Albert Einstein

This column, regardless of the fact that it lays itself open to the charge alist intrigue and blackmail of Germ- of unfair competition with Will Herberg, reprints herewith Jimmy Walker's explanation on Marx Brothers

"We have the understanding . . that there is no such universally sicase, engaged aggressively in the multaneous thing as time. We have the understanding that while it may be noon of a Saturday in New York, it may be next Wednesday some other place in the world-or last Monday."

"We also understand . . . that the world is round and the universe is diplomacy the book is a total failure, running in a circle. While we don't but as a picture of universal intrigue, know that, we know that it is a matter of comfort, both these instances, to many American politicians." (Laughter and applaase)

Einstein declined to commit himpressed and considering revising his theory in the light of the above ob-

Zeal for Science!

Albert Einstein had the temerity to fight in the war. In a letter dated to declare himself a pacifist. Still worse, he urged those of military age to refuse to fight. Now the American Legion of Los Angles is preparing a warm reception for him. Dr. Hough-

Finstein may get a lesson in the relativity of popularity.

Believe It or Not

"We are not dealing with charity continent have been worked out to but with the equalization of the imthe minutest detail." During the past of disaster--." Oven D. Young. Later Nicolson records that "the When we see process Communication that the his turn on the bread line and in the When we see brother Owen taking

The Christmas Spirit

"While it is harder to give in a time tile this, the satisfaction is immensely greater, and if, as I believe, your appear has aroused a spirit of sacrifice, then I must think that hard times are not only a blessing but a spiritual necessity." —Letter in Times "Hundred Needlest Cases". Thank God for unemployment!

Your Xmas Problem Solved!

(Note: This advice to unemployed on their Christmas shopping is com-piled by our special shopping expert, Betty the Shoplifter, and is printed without charge as our contribution to the Buy-Now-Campaign)

STERN BROTHERS are selling slippers at \$18.50 with bags to match at \$14.50.

BLOOMINGDALE'S has flasks (empty) at \$17.75. ARNOLD CONSTABLE'S, cloi-

sonne compacts at \$7.95. JOHN DAVID, a brush for your it and coat (with an owl carved

OVINGTON'S Ash trays are only

MACY'S (it's ritzy to be thrifty) offers \$145,000 worth of clocks at \$52,000 (But then you don't need a clock when you're not working and it doesn't do any good to know when it's meal time).

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The Great American Vaudeville Ike: What's Hoover buying so much Mike: To feed all the jackasses

Ike: Stimson seems to be having

backs goes so fast he can hardly

recognize it. Ike: The fine thing about the crisis

Mike: Yeah, and as the Rible st "It's more blessed to give than to

Ike: Now that Hoover's try keep taxes down, don't you t'