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# AARON GROSS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4:--Aaron Gross, militant needle trades worker and Communist, died here on Saturday, Jan. 3, 11:30 P. M., of heart failure.

Comrade Gross was born January 28, 1893, at Chrzanow, Poland. He came to the United States just before the warthus passed into the Communist movement here. From its very organization he became a leading member of the Communist Party (Majority Group).

### Statement of National Council of the CP-Majority Group

Agron Gross, former vice president of the International Fur Workers: Union and the leader of the memorabel furriers strike of 1926 and who was brutally assaulted in the strike of 1927 as a result of which assault he suffered a serious illness, died suddenly at Los Angeles on Saturday, January 3, at 11:30 P. M.

Aaron Gross was an outstanding Communist leader in the trade unions. He was one of the organizers of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union and up to its last convention, June 1930, was vice president of that union and manager of the fur department. In 1928 he represented the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union at the Fourth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions.

Aaron Gross was one of the out-(Continued on Page 2)

ed on Saturday, December 27, with some

'LEFTS' SHOW STRENGTH AT CITY

Muster 41 Against 61 on Trade Union Question;

CONVENTION OF SOCIALIST PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—By a vote of reiterated the old policy of the Socialist

Both resolutions were presented to the control the trade unions than it will per-

city convention of the S. P. which open- mit the unions to dominate and control

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tion it was evident from the heated disclof the influence of Socialist Party mem-

Sharp Conflict on Soviet Union Resolution

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEFENDING

THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS

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of the fact that the inevitable historical

collapse of capitalism is clearly apparent

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lapse is inevitable."

and how will it be reached?

CLEVELAND, Ohio. Dec. 30.-In a | paper presented to the American Anthropoligal Association meeting here, Dr. Leslie A. White assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, declared that the capitalist system of society is doomed everywhere, to be sup-planted, as it has been in Russia, by a further stage of social development. He also sharply criticized former Secretary of pological Appraisal of the Russian Revo-

"Any one who has any vision and grasp of cultural processes must realize that war is not only likely but even imminent," Dr. White asserted.

"Indeed, one might say that capital-ism needs a war now for it would solve the two most pressing problems of the day—it will consume our excessive production of commodities and it would slaughter the unemployed. But the new lease on life would be tem-porary at best; war will eventually destroy the system that promotes it. The logical conclusion of capitalism is martinl suicide.

All life means growth and change. Nothing is static and permanent. Capitalist society cannot continue to exist. It has almost realized itself, and signs of disintegration are visible on

of raw materials. The markets are rapidly becoming industrialized, as in the case of China and India, and in

Tells Danville Workers To End Strike, Submit to Arbitration

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 31.-In addressing seven thousand workers, mostly strikers, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, urged the ending of the strike. He "suggested" that the men and woof the fact that the inevitable historical collapse of capitalism is clearly apparent to anyone who has the eyes (and the courage!) to see. Dr. White should now miral Ryrd or former governor Harry

address himself to the question: What F. Byrd.

form of society will replace capitalism. This shameful strikebreaking at-(Continued on Page 2)

HERE, MY GOOD MAN, HAVE AN APPLE!

# GREEN TRIES TO Eastern Railway Consolidation SMASH VA. STRIKE DI L. LICENSTRE Planned by Hoover

Economic Situation and Coming War Preparations Factors in Gigantic Merger; Will Drive At Least 75,000 Men Out of Work; Workers Must Demand Six Hour Day; Railway Unions Must Be Amalgamated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A plan rectings, held in New York City, of about one-fifth of the mileage of the per consolidating all Eastern railays (with the exception of New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and the Nickel Plate systems.

In his public statement, Mr. Hooving the proposal wielly make a margin of the mileage of the entire land but their specific importance is far greater since they actually dominate the entire railway industry, so that the merger proposal wielly make a margin of the mileage of the entire land but their specific importance is far greater since they actually dominate the entire railway industry, so that the merger proposal wielly make a margin of the mileage of the entire land but their specific importance is far greater since they actually dominate the entire railway industry, so that the mileage of the entire land but their specific importance is far greater since they actually dominate the entire railway industry. for consolidating all Eastern railways (with the exception of New England) into four great systems was announced on December 30 by President Hoover for the conference of Eastern railway executives called together by him. Hoover declared that the plan was the result of a series of

HOOVER

er declared that this merger was im-"especially at this time, as a contribution to the recovery of business by enlarging opportunity for employment, and by increasing the financial stability of all railways, and, particularly, some of the

> The groups involved in this merger are: (1) the New York Central group New York Central, Lackawana; (2) the Pennsylvania group—Penn-centralization under government susylvania, Wabash; (3) the Baltimore pervision and control is absolutely and Ohio group-Baltimore & Ohio, Central New Jersey, Reading, Chicago & Alton; (4) the Chesapeake and Ohio group—Erie, Chesapeake & Ohio, Nickel Plate; Lehigh Valley. The merged roads will have a mileage og about 60,000 miles; the outstanding stock value is \$2,350,702,940; the total assets amount to \$8,085,442,-

The plans for merger, according to President Hoover, are made in accordance with "the transportation act passed by Congress in 1920 (which) provides for a consolidation of rail-ways into a limited number of strong sustems . .

Sharp criticism of the railroad merger plan came from Senator Couzens of Michigan, chairman of the Senate committee on interstate commerce, who declared that the plan

"more of a proposal to help them (the railroads) out of their financial difficulties than it is in the

The plan, he further went on to

"is in reality worse than playing politics with human misery, because politics is a transient affair, while the proposed undertaking seems to intend to tie the public up with it in perpetuity."

Senator Couzens was especially indignant over the fact that the Interstate Commerce Commission had not been consulted in the negotiations of for the railway workers and a dethe President with the executives of pression of the conditions of the workthe great railway lines.

The proposed merger of the many meet the coming offensive is by start-Eastern railway lines into a gigantic ing a struggle for the shorter worksystem of four super-roads is of very great economic and political significance today. These roads amount to (Continued on Page 2)

really means a merger on a national

The proposed super-merger is an expression of the rapid development of state capitalism in the United States along the converging roads of industrial and financial consolida-tion, on the one hand, and the fusion of hig business and government on the other. Secondly, it is a measure of military-economic necessity. The last war has taught the American ruling class that in times of war strict necessary. "In time of peace, prepare for war"—is the motte of Wall St., and so the war-time centralization and government control are being ar-ranged for today as a preparation for the coming war. Finally, the merger is an attempt to overcome the effects of the economic crisis in the railroad industry thru methods of fi-nancial and industrial rationalization at the expense of the workers.

In his report President Hoover has the brazeness to declare that the mer-ger will "help unemployment"! The utter hypocrisy of this declaration is obvious. As a matter of fact, a moderate estimate shows that about 75,-000 workers, if not more, will be "re-lieved of employment" by the mer-ger. The workers must realize: the railroad super-merger is one of the ways in which capitalism, in spite of itself, prepares the objective economic basis for a Socialist system of society. As long as the capitalists rule they will use all of the advances in economic centralization for their purposes of exploitation and wa preparations. But as Loon as tworkers will take over the powers government and overthrow the

talists, as they have done in the iet Union, they will know well how to utilize centralized and consolidated industry as a basis for a Socialist sys-

The proposed merger will mean a tremondous growth of unemployment ers who will remain employed. The only way the railway workers can

### Scientist Sees Era of World War and End of Capitalism

and immediately became active in the State Kellogg who recently asserted in struggle of the needle workers in this his Nobel prize speech, that "there was country. He had been a member of the no possibility of another war." Dr. Social democratic Party in Germany and thus passed into the Country and pological Appraisal of the Pussian Parallel Country asserted in the Puss

"In the course of social evolution, as in organic evolution new patterns are formed, grow, realize themselevs and then give away to new forms." all sides and already a post-capitalist society has formed itself in our midst.

"Imperialism, and hence capitalism, can exist as long as it can exploit fresh markets and untouched sources turn they look for markets to exploit. And practically all of the world's raw materials have already been appro-

### Sandino Revolutionaries Show New Life

61 to 41 the right wing burocracy in the Party of supporting the burocracy in Socialist Party of New York defeated the trade union resolution of the Stanley of the resolution was: "That the party of the resolution was: "The resolution was: "That the party of the resolution was: "That the party of the resolution was: "The resolution was: "That the party of the resolution was: "The reso MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 1 .--Eight United States marines were killed and two wounded vesterday in a skirmish between a Marine patrol and a band of Nicaraguan Sandinista revolutionaries.

> This is the first serious clash since November. It is expected that it signifies the opening of a new offensive by Agustino Sandino. Whether this will mean a revival of the anti-imperialist movem-nt in Nicaragua is not yet clear.

## Will Fight Deportation

The Civil Liberties Union will seek to have a deportation order against Wolf Gordin of New York revoked and the bail of \$500 cancelled. Gordin was carried across the Mexican bor-der at El Paso and back into the Socialists into groups in the various or ganizations. Instead, the resolution calls upon the Socialist Party "to arrange conferences with the members of the Socialist Party "to arrange confist Party who are trade unionists". A number of rank and file speakers, how ever, spoke bitterly about the activity of the Socialist Party in the unionists. As he cannot be deported to the country of his high so ever, spoke bitterly about the activity of the Socialist Party in the unions. One speaker referred to the Socialist Party members as having replaced their red Civil Liberties Union will contend, as the country of his birth so the United States minister Davis. It inspits to significant also that one of the first tion. Civil Liberties Union will contend, as the United States banks in Panama City. membership cards by a deck of pinochle it has done successfully in similar ly under bail. during the struggle against the left wing

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### MEETING

Friday Evening, January 9, 1931 at 63 Madison Avenue

Subject:

ist Party, the CPLA, and the Tasks of the Communists.

Reporter: WILL HERBERG. BE SURE TO BE PRESENT!

National Buro Communist Party of the USA (Majority Group)

### QUICK "REVOLT" WINS IN PANAMA

### Apparently U. S. Inspired Rebellion Triumphs

very touchingly on the "good offices" has all the earmarks of a Wall Street of the United States minister Davis. It inspired and WallStreet-directed "revoluthe United States banks in Panama City cases, that it is improper for the Labor Department to hold him indefinted."

(Chase and National City) so that "not even the papers on the desks were disturbed." The change of government in Panama son.

## bendi and aims at the restoration of the

Under Reactionary Cloak

Discontent of Masses

Expresses Itself

REPRESSION PLANNED

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 30.-Vig-

prous measures are being taken by the

Turkish government at Angora to sup-

press a serious rising that has broken out

and spread in the Menemen area of the

Smyrna province. Martial law has been

declared throut the province and additional troops have been sent to the disaf-

fected areas. These measures followed an all-day session of the People's party

(the ruling party of Mustapha Kemal)

The rising in Smyrna has a distinctly

reactionary character and leadership. It

is led by a dervish sect called Nakichi

Caliphate. But it is clear from the re-

ports that this reactionary character is

only a superficial cover for a blind and

held at Angora.

Page J. P. Morgan! . "Your acquisitive man is a man be-

### come feminine." -Sherwood Ander-

## REVISED TARIFF IN FORCE IN CHINA; LIKIN TAXES ALSO ABOLISHED

### But Measures Are Only On Paper As Nanking Can Not Carry Thru Any Real Reform Policy

same date all likin and similar taxes will

from one part of the country to another. Chang Hauch-liang, war-lord of Manchuria, has "petitioned" for a postponement of the date of the abolition of the likin in Manchuria- which is a manner of saying, that it will not be put into ef-fect in Manchuria.

is an expression of the interests of the revolutoinary movement, under the leader Shanghai merchants. The low tariff rates which were forced on China thru the will be able to make a real revolutionary imperialist powers, have always been a transformation of Chinese economy and great obstacle in the way of the devel-The likin taxes were an even greater ob stacle in the consolidation of a unified all Chinese markets, which is the primary nim of the Shanghai bourgeoisie. The intimate connections of the Nanking government with the imperialist powers (especially the U. S. A.) and with the feud- to invade the Yunnan province. In al-reactionary elements in the country all this they are aided by two Yunnanese ways acted as a deterrent factor in the generals who have revolted against abolition of the likin and the raising of General Yun Lung, Nanking's govthe tariff but the pressure of the Shang- ernor of Yunnan. hal bourgeoisic was insistent. The diverse class forces affecting the Nanking diate echo in the provinces of Szech-

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.-The Nank then withdrew the order; then set a new ing government has announced that on date, October 10; then withdrew this January 1 the new higher tariff sched order; then set the date for January 1, iles will go into effect and that on the 1931. Now it is clear that the abolition of the likin will not be carried thru in Mancheria and perhaps in other districts, The likin tax is a sort of internal tary Whether the Nanking government will iff levy to be paid on goods transported persist in the execution of the likin and from one and of the likin and

The reactionary Nanking government is fundamentally in no position to initiate and to carry thru any important financial economic reforms because of its intimate connections and complete dependence i upon the mendal-reactionary and forcing This move of the Nanking government | imperialist elements. Only the national ship of the heroic Chinese proletariat, provide a basis for the rapid develop-ment of the forces of production.

> SHANGHAI, Dec. 31 .-- A new revolt has broken in South China. Chang Fa-kwei, the leader of the old "ironsides," and Pai Chung-hai, leader of a Kwangsi faction, have joined forces

The Yunnan revolt may find immeregovernment explains the vacillation in the wan and Kweichow, military leaders matter of these reforms. The Nanking government had originally set the abolition of the likin for January 1, 1930;

#### The Unemployment Issue In the discussion on unemployment, as far as the supporters of the Stanley and the presentation of the Unemploy-

ment Insurance Bill, the left wing failed | during the discussion did they refer to the to score. They satisfied themselves with Jusion of the Socialist Party leadership a criticism of the S. P. failures to develop an unemployment movement and by sub- avoided in the discussion and in the reso was carried across the Mexican box an unemployment movement and by submitting a series of non-committal motions lution the demand for organization of the all of which, with one exception, were Socialists into groups in the various or accepted unanimously. The only motion on which some differences developed was a motion for an unemployed delegation to the State legislature in which should be included the wives and children of number of rank and file speakers, how-unemployed workers. This was a little ever, spoke bitterly about the activity of too much for Hillquit who promptly der the Socialist Party in the unions. livered a characteristic speech in which the chief arguments were that the wormen and children can not present the position of the unemployed and there cards. Anothed speaker spoke of the fore are not needed, and that this procedure of utilizing women and children which the Socialists united in the unions in demonstrations reminds one too much during the struggle against the left wing of "Communist tactics." That finished and that now it was impossible to disludge the question. The chairman knowing them from the unions unless the Socialhis business promptly took a "yes" and ig. Party definitely took a stand for strug-"no" vote and declared the motion lost. In the discussion on the Insurance Bill it appeared that the old guard was not a unit. While Hillquit, reporting for the Bill, proposed that the funds he raised thru the employers and the state, Waldman proposed that the workers also should pay an equal share--to make them feel, as he explained, that they were cotitled to it and were not receiving char-One of the left wing delegates very bluntly told Waldman that his argument,

The first presented by Oneal

cussions in the corridors that there would j bers in the trade unions" in order to "opbe plenty of "fire works," as one delegate put it. The three questions on which sharp differences existed in the commit-bat the philosophy of the identity of funtees that prepared the resolutions, were damental interests of labor and capital, the unemployment question, the trade take the lead in organization work and union question and the attitude to he advance industrial unionism as the only form of organization for the workers able Civil Liberties Union to cope with trustified capital," The discussion was rather inadequate resolution, were concerned. Not once

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as such no more desires to domin

Tammany and Republican elements with

#### gle in the unions in an organized manner The Right Wing Mobilizes

If the Stanley left wing was vague in its demands and in some of the speeches made on the floor the same cannot be said about the right wing clique. They were quite clear in their speeches and spoke words which the Stanley group should remember. The whole battery of heavy guns in the Socialist Party were mobiliz was precisely the argument of the capic ed for the barrage against the left. The very same Hillquit, Oneal, Lee, Claessens and Panken who were in the fore-The Trade Union Question front of every struggle for the destrucvention was faced with two distinct reso ; since its inception, were also prominent (Continued on Page 2)

### The WEEKLY AGE is in Danger!

The Revolutionary Age is in danger—unless the \$3,000 Fund Drive speeds up this week! With the Weekly Age better than ever before, with

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### **Against Discrimination**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A drive on discrimination against Negroes by labor unions and to promote close solidarity between workers of both races will be started soon, it was announced yesterday by the Conference for Pro-

gressive Labor Action.

The first step will be the appointment of a mixed committee "to carry on educational work for the purpose of teaching white workers in unions and out of them the dangers of discrimination against colored workers and the importance of working class solidarity," the announcement said. and the importance of working class solidarity," the announcement said. The committee will also "teach Negro workers the facts about our present economic, social and political system, their position within that system, and labor organization on the economic, political cooperative and educational fields as the only way to secure the material and spiritual goods to which

they are entitled."

A. J. Muste, chairman of the conference, declared that "never again can there be a real labor movement in this country unless the colored workers are included."

"It is impossible for Negroes to organize a separate labor movement because American capitalists can get along without them if necessary and so crush any movement on their part for a separatist unionism," he said.
"On the other hand it is equally impossible for white workers to organize effectively without the Negroes for the latter constitute an actual and potential labor reserve with which other separatist organization on the part of the whites can be smashed. Workers of all races and groups must combine to build a militant labor movement including industrial unions, a labor party, cooperative organizations and a free and progressive education movement."

### **GREEN TRIES TO** SMASH VA. STRIKE

(Continued from Page 1) tack upon the fighting front of the Danville strikers comes at a time when the mill awares are sharmaning their the mill owners are sharpening their repressions against the striking workers. Orders for the eviction of the strikers living in company houses has begun despite intumerable "as-begun despite intumera surances" by company officials that one of its leading figures. He was a mosuch measures would be practised. member of its National Council.



speech of Green is just as much ses weapon as the injunction or

boss labor leaders. The workers must transfer of the body from Los Ange-chase these traitors out of the unions. les to New York. The Danville strikers must not listen to Bill Green but must fight on.

### PLAN FIGHT ON Farmers in Drought Area Storm BIG MINE STRIKE Forward Editor Defends Western City for Food

Progressives Begin Drive Cry Families Are Starving and No Government Aid; Merchants Are Greatly Alarmed

> ENGLAND, Ark., Jan. 3.— Over work for 50c a day but we're not 500 famished farmers stormed the going to starve and we are not going business sections of the city today deto let our children starve." manding food and threatening to take it by force. When George E. Morris, an attorney, tried to head the farmers off, they shouted: "Our children government relief whatever has been forthcoming and the farming population finds itself in a state of actual famine.
>
> The terrified merchants of the town

(Continued from Page 1). mendously the power of the railway companies as against the workers. The organized forces of the workers are divided into over twenty unions! while tens of thousands of railway workers still remain unorganized. How about a merger of the railway unions to meet the merger of the railway companies? The railway unions must be amalgamated into one consolidated and united industrial union of railway workers! The unor-

ganized workers must be organized! The railway companies are led by Division and California, N E corner. men who see clearly and follow single-mindedly the interests of the boss class. But the railway unions are today led by men who are not interested in the workers side of it but who Bruchkie's Store-Kedzie near North. are more interested in bringing about "peace in the industry"—peace with the worker down and the boss on top of him! The railway workers must put at the head of the unions good militant fighters who are loyal to the workers cause and energetic in fighting for the workers interest!

(Continued from Page 1) standing members of the Communist fighting against the present wrong line and policies of the present Com-

Aaron Gross was forced on account of illness to leave New York and go to Los Angeles. At the time of his death, he was thirty seven years old. He is survived by a wife, Sarah Gross N. E. 11th and Market Streets. N. W. 13th and Market Streets. and two sons, Morris and Arthur.

The death of Aaron Gross deprives the labor movement and particularly N. E. 13th and Market Streets. the needle trades workers of one of S. E. 15th and Market Streets. the most devoted and fearless fight-

ers.
The body of Aaron Gross will lie in state at the headquarters of the the eviction order.

In addition to the outside enemies—
the bosses, the government, the courts
the workers have enemies inside their

The function of the function of the courts of the workers have enemies inside their meeting will be announced as soon as own ranks-the treacherous and pro- arrangements are completed for the

The terrified merchants of the town finally had the local Red Cross hand OF PRESIDENT back and storm the town again, as Mr. Morris himself pointed out to the merchants. "The merchants of Eng-Mr. Morris himself pointed out to the about 150,000 went out on strike. stores," said the attorney.

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Expulsions from International

Workers Orders in Chicago

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29, 1930.

# IN SOUTH WALES

150,000 Men Now Striking; Labor Government Helps the Coal Bosses

The strike broke out in protest the tailors. land either must move their goods against the attempted wage cut upon or mount machine guns on their the introduction of the 7%-hour day under the new Miners act.

> The MacDonald so-called Labor REVOLUTIONARY AGE government immediately rushed emissaries to South Wales to "get the miners to settle their differences," that is to break the strike. So far the miners are holding strong. \* \* \*

> > (by 8%) on January 15, there is every likelihood of a big miners strike next few weeks.

ers in twenty collieries of the Ruhr announced that the internal probests themselves could tell him. And Nel-Valley coal mines laid down their tems of the Amalgamated would not be son called upon the tailors, the thousands tools today in a strike.

Dissatisfaction among the coal miners is great due to notice to discharge received by the workers effective as of January 15. After that date, the notice says, they will be re-employed only at reduced wages.

### MILITANT STRUCK BY "LOYALITE" IN CLUB

When A. Gladstein, member of the United Cloak and Dressmakers Progressive League, and well known needle trades

Some time ago Gladstein was "ex-pelled" (without a hearing) from the club because he was so active in organizing a left wing in the reactionary needle trades unions without the blessing of the Party burocrats.
When Gladstein came into the club

headquarters a "loyalite" member came up, began abusing him, and ended up with the very striking argument of a punch. When punches replace arguments, its a very sad state for the punch-

"My tip is that wheat is a good Buy."—Farm Board Chairman Legge Sure, good buy for the speculators

Letters from Workers

# Hillmanism at Forum HELD BY LOCAL 1

A Letter From A Clothing Worker

GERMAN STRIKE NEXT

widely an open forum to be held in schenbaum mentions in his pamphlet the Hunts Point Palace, Sunday, December to case of a certain union official who be 28, and invited the tailors belonging to came a manager of one of the biggest the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be clothing concerns in the country. Why LONDON, Jan. 1.—A complete the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be stoppage of work in the South Wales: present and partiticipate in the discussion. The Forward also announced that Louis the Miners Federation of Great Bri-Kinschenbaum would be present at the Kinschenbaum would be present at the city of the stoppage of the Amalgamated the Miners Federation of Great Bri-Kinschenbaum would be present at the city of the stoppage of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be city of the Forward keep quiet about the fact that in the New York Amalgamated the Miners Federation of Great Bri-Kinschenbaum would be present at the city of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be city of the Forward keep quiet about the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be city of the Forward keep quiet about the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be city of the Forward keep quiet about the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be city of the Forward keep quiet about the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued that Louis fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued to the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued to the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued to the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued to the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing Workers to be continued to the fact that in the New York Amalgamated Clothing tain to begin on January 2. A. J. meeting. Kirschenbaum is now suing Cook, secretary of the MFGB, and the ACW of A in the capitalist courts nounced that, apart from a few men for \$50,000 because the Amalgamated involved in maintaining the safety of burocracy expelled him from the union the Forward also keep mum about the out allowances of about \$2.75 for each the mines, all miners of the territory and is preventing him from getting any graft in the Analgamated? Not a month family. But as soon as this pittance are out, There are about 200,000 work. This Kirschenbaum has also write passes but new graft scandals pop up, passes but new graft scandals pop up, the formers will come. is exhausted, the farmers will come miners in South Wales, of whom 50,back and storm the town again, as 000 are out of work; this means that

corrupt the Amalgamated officialdom is and with what brutality they dominate

The Forward gave big publicity to the fact that the lecturer at the meeting would be the labor editor of the Forward, Shaffer. So I though to myself: Has some black cat crossed the trails of the Forward and Hillman that they have suddealy become enemies?

Let's go-I said to myself-and hear how the Forward and the SP take the part of the tailors.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—In the face of er, and the fellow who answered the a mine owners decision to cut wages questions—everything, altho it was advertised that Kirschenbaum would answer questions. Evidently he didn't want to involving 300,000 workers within the rely on Kirschenbaum because Kirschenbaum might go too far in spilling the beans and infringing on Hillman's inter-ESSEN, Germany, Jan. — Workes in twenty collieries of the Ruhr announced that the internal probe or themselves could tell him. And Nelthing would be limited to the Kirschen baum affair.

How the Kirschenbaum affair could posibly be separated from the actions and policies of the Analgamated as a whole only the labor editor of the Forward knows this. Shaffer spoke about everybody and everything - but not about the tailors and their problems. He attacked Hillman but not Hillmanism. In fact he defended Hillmanism and other birds of the same leather.

Then came the discussion of the Kirsive League, and well known needle trades militant, came into the headquarters of the Bronx Workers Club he was greeted with a punch in the nose from a member of the club!

Schembaum skied and down by Sharter.

A tailor by the name of Goodman was the first speaker. Goodman asked and answered his own question: The Amalganswered his own question: The Amalganswered his own question of stagmant. water, and what can you expect from such a pool except a stink? Then two local chairman of the Amalgamated spoke and you can understand what can be expected today of Hillman's local chairmen.

Shaffer also gave the floor to Nelson but warned him not to speak about the Analgamated but only about the Kirschenbaum affair. Nelson asked Shaffer why the Forward and the SP are so afraid of discussing the internal affairs. and policies of the Amalgamated and

The Jewish Daily Forward and the So-nothing to say about them and no forums mialist Party of New York advertised very are called. Nelson asked further: Kir--but not as workers but as managers foremen, contractors. And the Forward keeps mum about them. And why does And why do the Forward and the SP keep mum about he unemployment in-surance fund which is "paid" to the tailors in dues stamps. You must keep mum—Shaffer, the S. P. the Forward because one of the administrators of the unemployment insurance fund has hitherto been Beckerman, one of the shining lights of the SP. And today, the big guy there is Hershkowitz, a member of the SP and Forward Association. And surely you can't mention the Amalgamated Bank, the bank that lends money to clothing manufacturers which they pay back thru wage cuts on the workers. Because Shaffer was the chairman, the lecture the president of the Forward Association is also the president of the Amalgamat-

ed Bank! several times but the workers applauded him very strongly. He challenged Shat-fer to ask the tailors right then and there if what he said was not only a drop up for questions and discussion; every of Kirschenbaums, to unite in the struggle against the betrayers in the Forward, Amalgamated, SP, and the rest because they are all tarred with the same stick. Not thru capitalist courts can we win better conditions and drive out the traitors from our unions which we built with blood and sweat. Only thru unity of the workers in our ranks will we be rid if these traitors. These were Nelson's inal remarks. Shaffer then refused to give the floor

o any more tailors. He announced the meeting was closed.

# WITH GUATAMELA

### State Department Refuses principle but a question of tac-Recognition on Pretext ist unions expel those who disagree with them from their ranks? He made a bitof 1923 Treaty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. - The United States has refused to recognize the the reactionary International officials at why forums should be held on one member, when tens of thousands of tailors and their families are literally who ousted the Conservative government dying of starvation and Forward has in Guatamela on December 16 by a coup Hoffman), editor of the union's Jewish d'etat. The notice was given by Sheldon paper, Gerechtigkeit (Justice). Zivion Whitehouse, American minister at Guar, made a sanctimonious appeal for "peace tamela City, who declared that the refusal and harmony". He urged that all of recognition was "in accordance with "groups" (that is, the progressive groups) the Central American treaty of 1923 should be "abolished." He made an of which binds the five Central American fer to divide up the union positions republies not to extend recognition to any among all groups if this could be accom-

en Latin American republics, which over made, the progressive election victory turns, "legitimate" governments over-night thru landing a few marines, which sets up puppet governments thru coup manager of the local, who refterated the detats and "revolutions", this same Yan remarks that had been made by Brother kee imperialist government now suddenly grows finicky about recognizing a government that arose as a result of a revolution! Perhaps this delicate conscienhis ism, using tyncking as a lover, thousness is not altogether unconnected with the fact that the old government of Guatamela was a pliant tool of Wall

## BELGIAN-FRENCH TREATY SHAKEN

Makes for Estrangement Sunday Nite at 8 -- Admission 35c With France

PARIS, Dec. 28.-The campaign has been resumed in Belgium for the tevision, that is to say, the abolition of the military agreement which has existed between that country and France since 1930. This movement is led by Emil Vanderminister of foreign affairs.

This growing estrangement between France and Belgium is a reflection of a simultaneous Anglo-Belgian rappyoachment of the growing Anglo-French an tagonism.

### THREATENED WITH DEPORTATION

Alleging that membership in the Communist Party brings them within the scope of the immigration laws, authorities at Portland, Oregon, are holding for deportation nine Commuheadquarters in Portland last Sep-Irwin Goodman of Portland, attor-

ney for the International Labor. Defense, representing the nine men, has

tion are resisting being returned to their native lands, where they fear they will face prosecutions and penal-

# **BIG INSTALLATION**

Dubinsky and Zivion Hit 3 the New Progressive Administration

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Over 1,000 vorkers attended the membership and installation meeting of Local I, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, held here in Bryant Hall on Tuesday, December 30. The meeting was called primarily to install the new progressive xecutive and officers that had been elected a short time before in the local elections, but certain last minute business

was also transacted. To this installation meeting, the reacionary old executive had invited all the locals of the ILGWU except Local 9, which had also recently elected a progressive executive. Nevertheless, Local 9 came down as a group to this meet-

Last Minute Business The first part of the meeting was de-

voted to business. Student, the old chairman of the local, presided. Heins, the eld manager, read the reports of the executive and the minutes of its last session, as well as a financial report. Two points in these reports especially aroused dis-cussion among the membership. The proposal that the outgoing paid officials be given a two weeks paid vacation was referred to the new executive for action. The payment of \$135 to special watch-Shaffer interrupted Nelson's remarks ers that had been hired by the reaction-everal times but the workers applauded aries for the elections was rejected by the meeting since the supervision of the elections is supposed to be the task of the objections committee.

The Installation After the business came the installation part of the evening. Abram Rosenberg,, former president of the union opened the proceedings and gave the chairmanship over to the new chairman of the local, R. Zuck-erman, who declared in his remarks that the new executive was going to light for the conditions of the workers, that it would not practise any "pacifism" in regard to the bosses, and that the union would not put any reliance upon the good offices of outside parties but would depend upon the power of

the membership. Dubinsky and Zivion Speak He was followed by Dubinsky, the reactionary secretary-treasurer of the Inter-

national, who urged the incoming officials and executive not to be "bound by their promises" (that is, by the progressive platform on which they had been elected), since "in such bad times it was hard to get another form the bares." to get anything from the bosses." On the matter of expulsions from the union, he said that it was not a question of tics. Do not, he asked, the Communter attack upon the labor editor of the New York Day who had called attention to the panie that was spreading among the progress of the progressive movement.

He was followed by Zivion (Dr. B. I shall of course appeal to the City his text the editor of the Negro World Committee and also the National Committee, A motion was also passed that a committee be appointed to write up a resolution for the press would have been impossible.

The last speaker was Levy, the new Zuckerman.

#### "Third Party or Labor Party" Who was the Government? Whose

Hoover is It; Where is Norris Headed For? The Political Circus at Wash-

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## "LEFTS" SCORE AT SP CONVENTION

(Continued from Page 1) and threats against this, as yet, weak unclear leftward movement,

### Panken Issues Warnings

Panken rode out on a high horse and warned that the policies proposed by Stanley would cause the S. P. to "drift into a position which will result in disaster for our movement"; but finished his talk in a meek and "get together" spirit -demanding that the convention find a middle road between the two opinions. Obviously a maneuver of the right wing clique to confuse and disrupt this leftward tendency! Hillquit started with an attempt at heavy-handed humor but, failing to relieve the tension, he waded into a sweeping indictment of the Stanley He charged them with the attempt at reviving the tactics of the Socialist Labor Party which resulted in the formation of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance. With a mighty sweep of the hand he "destroyed" all contentions of the Stanley group that the great majority of the workers in the United States, especially the unskilled and semi-skilled are totally unorganized. He insisted that there were unions in every industry and that therefore the Socialist Party has no responsibilities and no tasks in this field.

### Oneal Threatens Expulsions

The most characteristic speech of all was that of Oneal, who openly threatened the left with expulsions. He told the lefts whom he called "youthful enthusiasts" (a polite form of "knee-pants boys") that their struggle is not new, that "we have seen such struggles be-fore" (how well they remember them!) and that those who began such struggles "left us." (He failed to explain however that they left via the route of the most ruthless expulsions of tens of thousands of members.) He ended by warning the lefts that if they did not desist "some of you will leave us just as others have left

Despite the continuous cannonading from these heavy guns the ranks of the Stanley left group stuck fairly well and the vote showed 41 delegates for the Stan-

### The Attitude to the Soviet Union-

The clearest expression of the differoffices, their places of business and their ficial position, as incorporated in the maofficial jobs in their unions to heap abuse | jority resolution, is an outright reactiontion that has come from any group in

### DEBATE

What is the Solution of the Negro Question? **GARVEYISM** 

M. G. MUDGAL Editor-Negro World COMMUNISM

EDWARD WELSH

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Frederick Douglass Interracial Forum

the Key Question ences within the Socialist Party is to be found in the question of attitude to the Soviet Union. On this question the ofary position which closely approximates that of the Greens and Wolls. The only exception being their mild request for recognition of the Soviet Union because "it has proven to be a stable govern-ment." The resolution submitted by the Stanley group, however, is one of the clearest and most consistently left resoluthe Socialist Party since the 1919-21 split. It is a resolution which, basing itself on the proletarian character of the Soviet;

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ley resolution and 61 for the Oncal reso-

charter member, joining, when the branch was first organized a number of months ago. The interesting part of this is that she was asked to join the branch by comrades who were perfeetly conscious that she was part of our group (non-party people—true loyalites, however). As far back as that, she let them know that when she joins, it will not mean a throwing over of her political stand. This was understood. It so happened that Comrades

(an adult branch). Three individual I.W.O.) sent in charges against these grossly insulted in this camp solely two comrades to our branch member-becaue of their racial identification. ship. At that meeting, which had state, very closely approximates a Communist position.

The fear of the Socialist Party leader ship to engage in further discussion in attack, saying that we cannot tolerate CPUSA. Some time ago these communists, at one time ago these communists. ship to engage in further discussion in view of the strength of this discussion for a track, saying that we cannot contain the view of the strength of this discussion for a the YCL, who togother with many the view of the track, saying that we cannot contain the view of the track, saying that we cannot contain the view of the vie

> The reason that the entire attack was concentrated on me was because These facts form the background of officially Duke is not yet a member the case of the Scout Camp. of the organization, and altho she The WIR camp at Beacon is conof the organization, and altho she had functioned on various committhis particular meeting she was remajority of the branch is League-

'renegades' spoke, attacking Rogers

most viciously, on the basis of a string

almost a League unit). was part of the same political group as I, and would certainly continue her activities as a member of that group -but to no avail. She was not permitted to speak. the Executive committee. I stressed

the point that the LW.O. was a fraternal and not a political organization altho under the ideological leadership of the Communists, etc. One non-party compade wanted Miller to prove where I had been destructive, etc. The result was -- Motion for expulsion -- carried 17 to 5. One League mem-

on the expulsion, which will also take are a few comrades in Chicago who are members of the International Workers Order Youth Branch. Of these, Comrade Rose Rogers is a meeting.

Comradely, R. ROGERS

What Really Happened At The W I R Scout Camp

Age: ishes a letter, over the signature of Comrade Rothschild Francis, anent Rogers and Duke sold our Jewish the WIR Scout Camp at Beacon, N. Organ, Arbeiter Kampf, at a meeting of the International Workers Order ter Comrade Francis states unequivocally that two Negro boys were dismembers of that Branch (Branch 1 criminated against, humiliated and

What are the facts in the case of rades were expelled because of differences with the official leadership other League members had joined of the Party. These differences had only to 'save' the branch from the nothing to do with their race. ( Both Comrades Makel are Negroes.—Ed. At first these comrades were sympathetic with and then they joined the Communist Party (Majority Group).

had functioned on various commit-tees, and spoken number of times—at boys of Comrade Makel went to the camp they were told that they could fused the floor, altho non-party peo-ple made motions that she speak. (The tained for the children of "real Com-

> edness of the party leadership." ers who may read his letter.

carried 17 to 5. One League member abstained (and later was sorry for his cowardice in not voting tion "Communists Runnin" Wild" and sive Bloc and to form a "Left Wing."

While the latter of Bro. Francis as:

"Es are organing to undertake progress their native lands, where they will face prosecution they will be a second to the will be also will be a second to the will be a second to using the letter of Bro. Francis as:

der to win the Negro? They promise, in the manner of all politicians, to

telligent independent Negroes are de-serting the Communist party. \* \* \* \* The Communist is not interested in suppressing tynching but in spreading Lamb, two independent and courage-To the Editor of the Revolutionary our Negroes wanted to put forth plans; Street and the new government is not so to suppress lynching they were not complaisant? The Negro World, organ of Garvey- unity not allowed to do so but were exism, under date of November 22, publishes a letter, over the signature of their social equality we print elsewhere on this page a letter from Mr. Francis who holds membership directly from the headquarters of the Third International at Moscow. In it he tells how two Negro children; called 'wiggers'. Let the Communists New English Orientation HERBERT ZAM watch their step if they want to play with the Negro. Their insolence will

not do. It is hard to conceive how any editorial writer could have crowded more falsehoods into a given space than does this genius of the Negro World but the pretext for his editorial is the unfortunate letter of Comrade Fran-eis which called it forth. Permit me to take this opportunity to call attention to the tissue of falsehood and velde, Socialist leader and former Belgian lies contained in the editorial of the Negro World as well as to the mis-leading letter of Comrade Francis. -C. B. JENKINS.

### Detroit Jugoslav Progressive Bloc Makes Progress

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26, 1930.

The executive committee of the South munists" and not for the children of Slavic Workers Progressive Block (the dimost a League unit).

"renegades." This action of the camp progressive wing of the Croatian Fragranger and the same political group leadership, in excluding children of larly and carrying on good agitation at 1, and would certainly continue here a fellow worker from the camp under larly and carrying on good agitation and the control between the camp under larly and carrying on good agitation and the control between the camp under larly and carrying on good agitation and the control between the camp under larly and carrying on good agitation and the control between the camp under larly and carrying on good agitation and the control between the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the camp under larly and carrying the control between the camp under larly and carrying the camp under larl his control because he disapproved of for the purpose of discussing the questheir parent's political beliefs is in-tious raised in our first statement. About defensible and surely is another ex- 100 workers attended this meeting. Dur-I had previously been a member of ample of the intolerance and pighead- they the meeting the representatives of the Communist Party took the floor seve tember. Had Comrade Francis chosen to confine himself to this and told what happened at the camp his letter twenty five of them marched out, thinks but as it stands now he has only succeeded in damaging the cause of Communism in the eyes of all Negro work. In the meeting went on quietly and the discontinued until 12:30. As a result free them. munism in the eyes of all Negro work- of the meeting a larger number of workers are beginning to understand why the

### NINE PORTLAND WORKERS

nists arrested in raids on Communist

### Lenin or DeLeon?

# Opportunism and Dualism

by Herbert Zam

### Unions

In the 90's, amidst a severe crisis and deep unrest in the ranks of the workers, a group of Socialists, mem-bers of the SLP, under the leadership of T. J. Morgan, made an intensive drive to place the American Federation of Labor on record in favor of Socialism. This movement made tremendous headway and swept the unions. Gompers himself was instructed by his union to vote for the proposal at the A. F. of L. convention. There is no doubt whatsoever that the overwhelming majority of the members of the A. F. of L. were in favor of the proposal, but due to the control of the officials and the bad organization of the Socialists, the question was sidetracked, and finally declared defeated by a small majority. During the entire campaign, De Leon, in control of the SLP and its press, did not by a single word or act support this work which was being carried on by members of his own Party. The results were a positive proof of the necessity and possibility for working in the existing unions: they were a striking argument against DeLeon's pet theories of dual unionism. He therefore decided to cut the Gordian knot with one blow, and in 1896 he organized the Socialist Trades and Laber Alliance (ST & LA) as a new which would immediately proceed to do everytring the A.F.L. had failed to do, from organizing the unorganized to overthrowing capitalism. Speaked to overthrowing capitalism. Speaked ing approvingly of this action, Compared Raisky declares that American used "political action" in the sense workers to use, knowing that with

uditions "in some cases make inevit- we use it today, he explained that:
Lole the policy of dual unionism." and "Political Action" is a purely techadds that "in recent years the develop- nical expression. It means the peacement of the labor movement in U. ful trial of strength in social issues. S. inevitably led to the formation As such, the term is generic. It employees the control of new unions . . . which broke with braces a number of things, that is, "industrial force," as against military the AFL and joined the Profintern old the things necessary for its real-force, which he went into great detail At the beginning of September of this year (1929) a national convention was held in the United States which created a new trade union center to lead those organizations which Thus Comrade Raisky himself draws the deadly parallel between the DeLeonist sectarian course and today's sectarian Party line. History repeats itself indeed. When DeLeon organized the ST & LA it was a deep tragedy, for it separated the revolutionary workers from the conservative backward workers and made much more difficult the task of revolution-izing them. But the organization of the TUUL and the whole series of "industrial unions" was nothing but a farce because it had no basis whatever in existing conditions and no support among the workers. Comrade Marmor praises DeLeon's sectarianism even more highly and pictures him as having forseen thirty years ago that the AFL was made up of "company unions." In spite of all this praise, Comrade Raisky is compelled to admit that after several years of existence the ST & LA had only 1400 members! What wonderful revolutionary strategy these figures indicate!

### Split After Split!

It is over trade union policies, revolving around the ST & LA, that the SLP in 1900 split into two almost equal parts, one of which later became a part of the SP.

and DeLeon joined with his dwindling ST & LA. This marriage did not last long, for in 1907 Del.con, after trying vainly to capture the IWW, led his trial Union. Incidentally this action brought about another split in the SLP. Perhaps Comrade Raisky will tween revolutionists and reformists! We shall see,

because it had become an organiza- lost time of unemployment. tion believing in "sabotage, direct action and violence". Even if DeLeon What Does the Administration Do? were right and the IWW wrong on What does the administration of the issue, that was no issue on which to split an economic labor organization of DeLeon's inherent sectarianism and opportunism. DeLeon's organization (the WHU) earned for itself a quiet and all-embracing obscurity, while the IWW passed thru fifteen years of history-making existence, during which period its activity on behalf of the American workers made its very name anathema to capitalism. History has passed judgment on the "revolutionary" nature of De-Leon's theories and organization.

### Politics and Parliamentarism

A discussion on the tasks of the People, edited by DeLeon, in which members of the SLP participated. The most brilliant presentation of the case of the "direct actionists" y Arturo Giovannitti, in the

g terse paragraphs; can we believe that even with

The Socialist Struggle in the Trade Christian charity and will not com- explain the revolutionary nature of mute the death sentence of capital- these beliefs of Del.con as to how to ism? Are we then to understand that capitalism will commit suicide . . . ? Is there an example in history that can justify such a sweet dream of peace and love?

"It is then by main force and thru violence only that we can transform society, but collective, organized viclence, not as it is now in Russia, but us it was in this country fifty years ago. It is not a conspiracy but an open and loyal fight, not an assault but a regular duck, and it will not be o riotous outbreak but a good and proper civil war."

To which DeLeon answered:

"Not everything that capitalism has wought about is to be rejected. Amony the valuable things that capitalism has introduced is the idea of peaceful methods for settling dis-putes." DeLeon then proceeded to praise courts and the ballot. "Political agitation . . . places the revolution abreast of civilized and intelligent methods—civilized because they offer a chance to a peaceful solu-" (Emphasis mine-H.Z.)

ful method of social debate . . . "The HVW teaches the class struggle' because it plants itself upon the
non-Russian, that is, upon the civilized principle of solving social dif-Laber Aliance (ST & LA) as a new freedland, and so on . . . sur- in "defending the revolution." De-which would immediately proceed to rounding with an idyllic halo the Leon was well answered by the revo-

ization. It embraces primaries; con- to prove useless and impossible. This nentions, or any other established worship by DeLeon of the "civilized" neutions, or any other established worship by Deleon of the cryinzed neuthod for the nomination of candimethod of "social deliate" (that is of dates for office in the 'political', that class struggle) made it absolutely is, the class rule government; cam- impossible for him to work with any adhere to the platform of class strug- paigning, that is, agitation in favor part of the working class which deof the principles and of course, the candidates of the party; voting (not and only deepened his sectarianism. private voting) but noting in the same So in 1907, the "revolutionary" Deplace where the opponents vote; fin-

Let those who consider DeLeon the

bring about the revolution. Let them explain how these beliefs made De-Leon an "opponent of parliamentary cretinism." They will no doubt turn to Delleon's dissertations on "force" and show that he favored it under "certain circumstances." That would indeed be enlightening. Here is how DeLeon believed in force, as he him-

self declared:
"The SLP bullot demands the unconditional surrender of the Capitat-ist Class. The SLP accordingly preaches the revolution, teaches the terrupt the normal course of things, revolution, and thereby enables the All spoke, but no one made such a enforce the revolution. The SLP does all this, including the latter, because it strikes the posture of holding the victory that every revolutionist present ruling class to the civilized method of felt that such a generation must be vica peaceful trial of strength. It organizes itself with the requisite physical force in case its defeated adversary should resort to the barbarian's way of enforcing his will. The civilized man answers force; the barba-

rian begins with force." And further: "Political action is the civilized, because it is the peace-ful method of social debate."

We thus see that DeLeon's so-called belief in the use of force was the same as Hillquit's, that is, the "right" to defend the same as Hillquit's, that is, the "right" to defend the revolution by workers to use, knowing that with those weapons alone the revolution is impossible of attainment. It is of no further importance to show that even DeLeon's "force" was subject to his

Leon, who was carrying on the "inally as a consequence, 'parliamentary veterate struggle "against opportunism," expelled from the SLP those Let those who consider DeLeon the Lenin of America and even a fore-tion and violence," showing the way runner of Lenin, who "anticipated some elements of the Soviet system," the same in 1912—five years later!

### WHAT ABOUT LOCAL TEN?

By L. A.

The general rise of the progressive members, as long as they get their movement within the locals of the I. dues and taxes collected. It is enough L.G.W.U. has had an effect also on the sentiment of the membership of Local No. 10 (cutters). At the time when the largest locals were unside a single local when the largest locals were unside and taxes confected. It is enough the participate in these discussions to find out that if a group of militant cutters would organize for progressive action in Local No. 10 good residence. ment, Local No. 10 was the only large period of time. local that kept up the old reacti policies. Naturally it couldn't be expected that a local with such a history and tradition should immediately become very much affected by the revival of the progressive movement of other locals. Yet local No. 10 shows ame a part of the SP.

In 1905 the IWW was organized, some good signs of a beginning.

### The Situation in Local 10

stalwarts out and again organized a had its effect also on the needle indus- for work and consists of people that "new" and "truly revolutionary" central and on the cloak and ter, the Workers International Industry in particular. The readvancement and that is the reason again say that this was a division be- and dress industry on the other, and for quite some time there was no We shall see.

The Leon split with Hillquit behundreds if not thousands of cloak before election in the local a few memand dress cutters can't find work for bers began trying to revive activities cause he was too pportunist, then he a few days a week to keep their split with the IWW because it was families from starvation. And at the too revolutionary. Altho a good deal height of the season which is the of the struggle was over the question hope of every unemployed cutter to but to have two candidates of the club of politics, specifically whether the make a few months and cover up the running for the executive board and 1WW need participate or believe in lost time of slack, even then, you can with them endorsing the entire adpolities, in actuality the issue was find hundreds of cutters going around ministration slate under the name of much deeper. DeLeon himself later idle while the more lucky ones find "progressive unionism" is more than explained that he split from the IWW work for a few weeks to "cover up"

What does the administration of Local No. 10 do to meet these conditions? Does it make any attempt to tion, which in its essence, in spite of help the cutters in this time of dismany and serious shortcomings, was revolutionary. It is another indications when thousands of cutters are time when thousands of cutters are running from one corner to another to find a friend that might help them find a few days work, there are cut-ters that work overtime in so-called union shops. Overtime is legalized at a time when so many cutters can't find work to pay up their dues and taxes in the union. Many conservalive unions speak up for a six hour day to climinate unemployment in their industries and we have a point in the agreement allowing workers to work Saturdays in the season in spite of the fact that not all the cutters The administration of Local No. 10 does not make any attempt

### What Do the Members Think?

And the members? What do the Oh, kinsmen! We must meet the members of the local think about these trigid logic, and with the fear conditions. It is enough to pass the rough revolutionary organization and continuous the market corners to understand two market corners to understand to be brave, and for their thousand blows deal one with all their reasonable and make them discontented and until the medal. Burocratism, favoritism and make them discontented and until the reasonable and make th al class that knows no not care about the well being of its

der the influence of the left move- sults could be reached within a short

### The Possibilities for Progressive Action

Is there a group in the local that could be organized for that purpose? There is! In fact, a so-called progressive group under the name of Cutters Friendship Club" has existed The general crisis that threw out this club is that it is progressive in millions of workers from their jobs name only. It has no plan or program duced purchasing power of the broad why they do not make any advancemasses on one hand and rationaliza- ment within their club. For the same tion and speed-up system in the cloak reason this group has broken apart brought a state of conditions where sign of life in that club. But of late "progressive unionism" is more than could be expected from people with minimum political wisdom.

But there are a greater number of How about the beef and beer, mi-people that are looking forward to lord? Does the average Briton still organization for progressive action | get that? Let us unite all these elements that sincerely believe in such a movement in Local No. 10. The time is ripe and the members demand it.

### Karl Liebknecht By N. BUKHARIN

On the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Kurl Liebknecht (January 15) we publish the follow-ing appreciation of Liebknecht and his significance to the youth, from the pen of Nicolai Bukharin.

In the Russian Embassy in Berlin we celebrated the release of Comrade Karl Liebknecht from prison. Many people were present—the society was rather mixed. There was the old revolutionist Mehring with snowy white hair, his body was already half-dead, but his spirit still scintillated. There were Haase and Barth and many others with famous names and famous pasts. We all celebrated the freedom of "Karl," Some in the belief that his enthusiasm would lead the masses through the struggles. Others, in dark coed to make it now. fear that this "eccentric" might not in-

physical force elament requisite to worker. A young man with one arm and a thin face with yellow cheeks. He felt that such a generation must be vic-

> Karl himself felt this also, I remember the scene as though it were yester-



Karl Liebknecht As Youth

day. A long table, at one end of which the young comrade was sitting as Lieb knecht rose to make his answering speech He turned his face towards the young man and his back was toward everyone else. Most of what Liebknecht said was addressed to him, for there existed a close connection between him and the youth reliknecht was always surrounded by the youth, it was these "children" who ahove all took part in the street battles and demonstrations.

Some days later the young comrade was injured in a street fight—a police word had hit his atmestump.

Mehring no longer lives, and Lieb-knecht is dead; even Haase has been buried by the hangman of Scheidemann do not know whether the young comrade with one arm still lives. But this l know-the German working class youth still lives, the proletariat still lives, the revolutionary spirit with which Lieb knecht was haptised still lives.

This spirit once again begins to fume in the country of Noske. The day will come when it will avenge its murdered prophets and leaders.

### |Miss Cities-Service Makes | Her Debut

Henry L. Doherty who cleaned out hundreds of thousands of suckers with City Service Stock has just given his step-daughter, Helen Lee Eames Doherty, a million dollar coming out party in Washington. The Mayflower Hotel; 1000 guests from the social clife; special train from New York; vice president Curtis and a score of diplomats: a dining room a sixth of a mile long, orchestras ga- for the first eight months of 1930 Volstead 1890—all this to let the world indicates the reason for it. lore; glitter of jewels; sparkle know that Helen Lee Eames Doherty, foster-daughter of Cities Service, is Expenditures Risc While Receipts on the marriage market. Next day the flowers used as decorations were distributed to city hospitals. On the same block with the Mayflower Hetel was a breadline! Wasn't there another such banquet in Versailles in honor of Madame DuBarry on the eve of the French Revolution?

"The old-fashioned Briton used to feel that his superiority was than in 1929. However, by some mir-hased upon beef, beer and the aculous logic, the cost of three major Bible?-Viscount Astor to the Y. items of expenditures rose in 1930 M. C. A.

It's a great division of labor—the unemployed sell aples and the officials sell apple sauce.

### That Duranty Interview

# Stalin Speaks on World Politics

by Will Herberg

upon the now famous Stalin interview macy of the internal contradictions" with Duranty (New York Times, December 1). All the while we waited for an official interpretation of this remarkable interview. We scanned the American Party press very care fully. Nothing in the Daily Worker! A very curiously garbled republication of the Times story in the Freheit. Nothing clse! No articles! No explanations! And yet some comment is surely necessary. We will pro-

#### The World Economic Situation

"The present world economic depression is very heavy and will be heavier yet. It is the worst of the periodic crises that mark the progressive decay of the capitalist system but I do not think that it will last or that it is the culminating

Allowing a charitable interpretation of what Stalin means by "periodic crises" this characterization is quite correct. But isn't this "Love-stoneism"? The crisis "will not last." It "is not the culminating crisis." No wonder that in republishing the interview from the Times, the Freiheit carefully omitted the last part of the last sentence! Olgin setting himself up as the censor of "Russian propaganda in America"!

But—if Stalin is permitted to say that the crisis "will not last", why is Lovestone a blood-relation of Hoover and Morgan when he speaks of the "transitory nature of the crisis"? (See Browder's article in Daily Work of the war danger at the present time ar of December 27). Who will answer this question?

One of the war danger at the present time of the war danger at the present time are of December 27). Who will answer this question?

Stalin next addresses himself to explaining the economic basis of the

"Capitalism is still strong and may recover, but this last year has exposed its fatal weakness-capitalism cannot exist without markets, and the mutual rivalry of the capitalist states bars them from each other's markets.' But where are the "internal con-

tradictions" that were supposed to be the "fatal weakness" of capitalism? Isn't it curious that thruout his entire interview, not one word is mentioned of these "internal contradic-tions"—all emphasis is placed upon the "external contradictions"? Isn't this Bukharinist "organized capital-

Thruout the seven years of its exist-

ence the camp enjoyed the greatest

popularity among the workers and

was the pride of the left wing move

ment. Camp Nitgedaiget netted dur-

ing the last several years a clear pro-

fit of from \$35-45,000 yearly. Now

this flourishing camp has, within less

than one year, been brought to where

it is unable to meet even its mort-

gage payments, and it will go to the auctioneer's hammer, to the profound

joy of the enemies of the left wing

movement. How did such a deplor-

able state of affairs come about? A

casual glance at the financial report

Drop

The receipts for the summer sea-

son (May to Labor Day) of 1930 were

\$12,000 below the receipts for the

figures, \$88,000 compared with \$100,-

000. It would therefore be reasonable

to expect, that the expenditures in

1980 would be the same, if not smaller

more than \$15,000 over 1929. Thus,

despite the drop of \$12,000 in income,

food amounted to \$3,000 more than in

1929; kitchen and dining roon

wages, \$3,000; and maintenance and

operating expenses, \$9,000 more than in 1929. The result was a loss of

\$4,839 in the summer of 1930 in

same period of 1929, that is, in round |

THE CRISIS IN CAMP NITGEDAIGET

by George Halpern

### Little Ones"

But whatever Stalin, the "theoretician", touches he vulgarizes beyond recognition. He hit upon the correct idea that the contradictions of the world economy are decisive in the present period, but what does this correct idea become in Stalin's hands:

"Thus the stronger states are forced to bring pressure upon the weak ones... The stronger powers must seek an issue of their own difficulties at their (the weaker powers) expense... It is inevitable that the efforts of the stronger powers to overcome the economic crisis will force them to crush their weaker rivals.'

Who ever heard of such nonsense? Stalin, the "realist politician", declares that first England will "crush" Belgium, France will "crush" Poland, etc. and then perhaps there will be a war between France and England. Stalin should know that the present historical period is characterized precisely by the emergence of many small puppet states (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, etc) ra-ther than by the "crushing" of small states. Stalin just simply doesn't know what he is talking about.

The danger of this weird phantasy of Stalin's lies in the fact that it completely misses the real source tagonisms between the imperialist world and the Soviet Union. The relations with the small powers are of real significance primarily as they are interwoven with the basic antagonisms in world politics.

### "Rash" and "Far-sighted" Imperialists

\* \* 9 .

Stalin's utter confusion on the fun-Stalin, of course, recognizes altho he doesn't seem to be very clear as to what they are. But war actually does not break out because "there are "Lovestoneism"? other elements in strong countries-

Management

What caused the drop of \$12,000

n the receipts of 1930? The leader-

plame upon the economic crisis. But

even a little larger in 1980 than in

did the receipts drop to about a half

of 1929. This sharp turn is due to the fact that the attitude and the

general atmosphere, for which the

tion, have under the present leader-

workers only stayed in the came part

many more did not come out at all.

ship become so intolerable, that many

of the time they intended to, and

To complete the effects of the dis-

astrous management, came the simi-

larly disastrous manner of handling

the erection of the new building. The cost of the proposed building was es-

timated at not more than \$40,000.

However, before it was completed, the

cost mounted to \$70,000. How that

came about was never explained to the

membership, but this added burden

certainly made the bad situation much

Sectarianism-The Real Cause of

How did it become possible, that

the Failure , ,

Only in the month of August

We have hitherto made no comment | Where have we heard of the "pri-more far-sighted men who calculate more cautiously and fear that war .... They restrain the hothcads and there comes a sort of balance of forces be-"The Big Ones Gobble Up the tween the two groups . . " Thus the outbreak of war comes, according to Stalin, not as a result of the con-fluence of social-political forces but as the outcome of a struggle between "sober" and "far-sighted" capitalists, on the one hand, and the "hot-heads" on the other!

#### The War Against the USSR

But absolutely unbelievable is what Stalin has to say about the danger of an imperialist war against the

"They (the imperialists) might have tried it (a war) against the USSR five or six years ago but they waited too long. Now it is too

It is hard to believe one's eyes! Did Stalin really say that it is now too late for the imperialist powers to make an armed attack on the USSR? That there is really no danger of a war against the USSR? Yet the official Communist press neither denies nor explains away these words-ap-

parently they must be authentic. That Stalin actually did express such absolutely false and dangerous ideas about the relations between the USSR and the imperialist world is shown in the following astonishing conversation that passed between the Times reporter and Stalin:

"You see then;" the writer asked, "no reason why capitalist and Communist system should not exist side by side without fighting?"

"They have not fought for ten years," said Stalin drily, "which means they can co-exist. We don't want to fight and some of their

want to fight and some of their people don't either and it is a fact that we 'put water in their mill."

It is necessary to emphasize that this idea of Stalin's is directly contrary to the most elementary ideas of Leninism on the question? damental questions of world politics shows itself in the most ludicrous leader" of the CPSU and the "unquestioned leader" of the Comintern should say war danger directly. That there are objective forces making for war. Stalin, of course, recognized although shameful that the general secretary official Party press?

These are not the only gems of the Stalin interview—but space for-bids! That Stalin is a political ignoramus-this we knew long ago-But that he should harbor such absolutely incredible ideas for one who claims to be a follower of Marx and Lenin and should not hesitate to give public expression to them is certainly something that deserves the concern of the Communists and revolutionary workers of all countries.

#### Camp Nitgedaiget was from the stead of a profit of \$28,218 in 1929, very day of its foundation the most or compared with 1929, a clear loss of successful cooperative undertaking. \$32,557. cooperative. That is why expenditures rose tremendously in face of a decline in receipts. That is why arrogance and disregard substituted the com-Drop of Receipts-the Fault of radely atmosphere in Camp Nitge-

Camp Nitgedaigit is the latest victim upon the altar of sectarianism of the new line. Only a fundamental ship of the cooperative places the change of the Party's policy, that will make possible the activization of this is merely an attempt to shift re- and the cooperation with the broadest sponsibility from its own shoulders, i strata of the membership of the mass paradoxical the it may seem. The organizations, can revive and invigfact is that during the months of May, June and July the income was orate the workers cooperative organizations and make the Party a leading force in the movement.

### Deportation Move Made Against Chinese

T. H. Li, Chicago student belong-ing to the Chinese Educational Mission, Washington, D. C. and now at-tending a New York City technical school, is held by the Department of Labor on the charge of "advocating overthrow of the government by vio

The hearing on December 23rd be fore an immigration inspector was continued to January 7. The International Labor Defense through attorney Isaac Shorr is representing Li. The International Labor Defense says he has been arrested and threatened with deportation because of his radi-cal activities and that he is likely to be executed if sent back to China.

Edward Wing, Chinese radical, who has been held in the Los Angeles county jail for the past six months, says he prefers being deported to China immediately to suffering longer in jail in America, even though friends say worse persecution awaits him: there.

The U. S. government granted him permission to go to Soviet Russia three months ago, but to get through Russia, he needs a German visa. The German consul says he cannot grant the visa until the Chinese consul grants one, which the latter has re-fused to do because he has been described as an "undesirable alien."

The International Labor Defense through its Los Angeles attorney, John Beardsley, will ask the German and Chinese ministers to the United States to help make it possible for Wing to go to Russia.

W'y it's jest ez clear ez figgers, Clear ez one an' one make two; Chaps that make black slaves o'nig-

Want to make white slaves o'you. \_James Russel Lowell.

# The Negro under Lynch Democracy

IF WE MUST DIE . . . .

by Claude McKay If we must die-let it not be like hogs Hunted and penned in an inglorious

While round us bark the mad and hungry dogs Making their mock at our accursed

we must die-oh, let us nobly die to eliminate these evils, leaving these be shed chaotic conditions to the members to In vain; then even the monsters we So that our precious blood may not

defy Shall be constrained to honor us the dead!

Common foe,

What the before us is the open

Like men we'll face the murderous cowardly pack Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back.

FIGHT OR SUBMIT! by W. E. B. DuBois (from: The Souls of Black Folk)

mid his morning's mail, and he did You know I'm a friend to your peoaspirations; but you and I both know, happy?"

ile. I've helped you and your family, he was a good nigger. Well-well are

must remain subordinate, and can never expect to be the equal of white men. In their place, your people can be honest and respectful, and God knows, I'll do what I can to help them. But when they want to reverse nature and rule white men, and marry white women, and sit in my parlor, then, by God! we'll hold them under if we have to lynch every nigger in the land. Now, John, the question is, are The Judge sat in the dining-room sion tactics. you, with your education and Northern notions going to accept the situa- most arrogant disregard for the demonot ask John to sit down. He plunged ern notions going to accept the situa-squarely into the business. "You've tion and teach the darkies to be faithcratic rights of the members. It has transformed the leadership of the cocome for the school, I suppose. Well ful servants and laborers as your ohn, I want to speak to you plainly. fathers were? I knew your father, John, he belonged to my brother, and

such a flourishing cooperative under-taking should in less than one year turn into such a dismal failure? Camp Nitgedaiget owed its success to the devoted activity of the membership of the cooperative and to the unselfish interest in the organization displayed by the active section of the organization. The new line leadership made it as its major task to eliminate from activity all active and experienced cooperative workers. It has set up a purpet leadership in the cooperative of the worst rubber-stamp kind. It has instituted in the cooperative the infamous Sigman expul-

> operative into a clique affair. As a consequence of such methods, the membership of the cooperative grew apathetic and indifferent to the job holding, became rampant in the

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### AARON GROSS-AN APPRECIATION

ARON GROSS is dead! Leader of so many working class struggles, the organized Communist movement selves under four heads and to a convaliant fighter on behalf of the furriers, on behalf of the needle trades workers, on behalf of the labor movement, on behalf of the work- International and the international ers of America and the entire world-he died in the struggle.

Together with Ben Gold and as the real brains of the combination, he led the big and successful struggles against the bosses, police, gangsters, and A. F. of L. burocrats in the für industry. Beaten and stabbed on the picket line, he lay for months in the hospital and emerged to return immediately to the struggle. Expelled from the official Communist Party for his very loyalty to the cause of Communism and his insistence upon defending the line of the Party against disastrous revision, he wavered not an instant but took his place in the ranks of the opposition fighting for the restoration of Communist unity and a line of strategy and tactics which will enable the Communist Party to grow and triumph,

A member of the National Committee of the CP-Majority Group the conference are certain to have he kept his place in its leadership until the ravages of the dread disease that possessed him had gone too far. Then he went to California-"tired of the struggles" ran the shameful comment of the official Party-and strove to build and strengthen our movement on the West Coast, till the very moment of his death.

He died loyal to his cause, his party and his class. He died fighting! His life was not as long as many but such a life is not measured were made for the conference could in years but in acts. He lived more, did more, accomplished more than term today, which sorely needs the those who niggardly guard their forces to last out a century. My last memory of him is the unfailing, shrewd, kindly smile, the unconquerable logical activity. For almost a year belief in the triumph of our cause, with which he bade us good-by before leaving for the West. The frail body contained an unconquerable spirit. On the questions of fascism, the workers government, and other im-Our movement can ill afford the loss of such a one. And he who would be a loyal fighter for Communism can learn much by following his example. and thoroly free literary discussion

### BIG BUSINESS GOVERNMENT

TODAY the connection between government and big business is so open that the big banking houses regularly shift their employees into and out of government positions-wherever they will do the most

The latest example is the entrance of S. Parker Gilbert into the House of Morgan after completing his big job for them, nominally as a government employee, in the German reparations administration. Similarly Lamont goes from finance to the Secretaryship of Commerce. Morrow from the House of Morgan to Mexico to put over the Mexican debtfunding job and then to the Senate. Grundy from tariff lobbyist to the Senate. Mellon into the Treasury post where for a decade he has represented the interests of big business in taxation schemes. Hughes from he Supreme Court to corporation legal defense and then back to the Supreme Court to sit on the final decisions of the very cases in which he be held immediately after the German' the amendment brought in by Walfiled briefs as representative of such corporations as Standard Oil, the conference, were also present. Of the cher- Froelich-Enderle-Koehler. Supreme Court to sit on the final decisions of the very cases in which he filed briefs as representative of such corporations as Standard On, the 68 delegates 58 were members of the viewpoint of the majority of trade unions, 3 expelled members, the National Committee may be sum-Trust agents to the government commission supposed to curb the Power and 7 unorganized (housewives etc.). marized as follows (1): Trust. Guggenheim (copper) is ambassador to Cuba and openly sit with and directs the Cuban cabinet. Banker Dawes goes to the Court of St. James, after being vice-President and member with Owen D. Young of the Reparations Commission. Raskob and DuPont run a political party machine in their spare time. Hoover goes from representing American capitalism in China to Europe, then to the Department of Commerce, then the White House. He sets up a cabinet worth several billions. "Our" government is openly a class government, and a "classy" one. A government of the bankers, for the bankers, and directly and openly by the bankers. The aim of the Communists is to smash the bankers government and troduced the first reporter, Jacob ers. The aim of the Communists is to smash the bankers government and Walcher, on the Activities of the Naput in its place a government of the workers, for the workers and directly the bankers' government gives us legalized robbery, exby the workers. The bankers' government gives us legalized robbery, exploitation, unemployment, poverty, slavery, imperialism, war. The workers' government will give us abolition of poverty and unemployment, ship had been raised by about a thoucontrol of the wealth and machinery of the country by the producers, the sand since the second conference, control of the wealth and machinery of the country by the producers, the now being about 6,100. (The actend of imperialism and war—the establishment of Socialism. Between und membership of the German Oppoend of imperialism and war—the establishment of Socialistic Between sition is of course greater while its bankers' government and workers' government there is today no middle influence is incomparably more ex-

### Robberies Grow as Result Of Economic Pressure situation in Germany (the economic

prison, Lewis E. Lawes declared that ly a refined form of organized class! prison, Lewis E. Lawes declared that I is a retined form of organized class finally the immediate tasks of the the percentage of men admitted to vengeance. No amount of reforms Communist Opposition. A vigorous in in no sense excluded criticism of mistakes when they occur. . . . Sing Sing on robbery charges more here and there (as valuable as they than doubled within the period. In may be) can raise penology to a high-1920 the percentage was 13%; in er social level. Only the overthrow 1927 it rose to 24%; in 1930, 36% of capitalist exploitations (as has The increase in robberies is to be con-the increase in robberies is to be con-the increase in robberies in the Soviet Union) can nected directly with the increasing pressure of economic circumstances, poverty, and misery upon the work- penclogy and make "punishment" an

A series of recommendations which, changes in method of ponal adminis- A. PARKER GILBERT

The report advocates the building of smaller prisons of the "medium security" type, bridging the gap between the fortress type of prison (Sing Sing, Auburn) and the road

rect result of class oppression and capitalism.

In his remarks upon concluding class exploitation and penology (the eleven years as warden of Sing Sing "science" of punishment) is necessaribring about a real transformation in act of social defense and education instead of brutal revenge.

### GETS HIS REWARD

& Company, effective January 2,

1931. Having done his duty to Wall Street and the House of Morgan in enslaving the German workers, Mr. Gilbert new receives a fitting reward-entry In capitalist society, crime is a di- into the Holy of Holies of American

## The German Conference

### German Communist Opposition Holds Third Conference Important International Problems Discussed

munist Opposition have always had a report.

special significance for the international Communist Opposition as a ence was unquestionably the report. thized before the whole world the form of the German Communist Opopening of a new stage in the history position. It was here that the discusof the Communist movement-the dession on the disputed questions took finitive, even the temporary split of place. The questions grouped themand the beginning of a period of par- sideration of these questions we will aliel development of the Communist now proceed. Communist Opposition. The second conference raised before the Communis! Opposition movement of the world the fundamental question of viewpoints presented at the confer-perspective (Party or group) and ence on the disputed questions will presented, to what was essentially in- be made here, for obvious reasons. ternational consideration and discus- This article will limit itself primarsion, the first draft of a platform of ily to stating the nature of these difthe Communist Opposition. But more ferences of opinion as clearly as the striking that that of any of the others limited space will permit. was the thoroly international character of the third conference just held (December 13, 14). The problems raised and discussed there were fundamentally problems facing the Communist Opposition movement all over the world while the deliberations of profound influence on the political development of the opposition not only in Germany but on an international

#### THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

The ideological preparations that well serve as a model for the Cominonly be supplied by independent ideothe discussion on the Draft Platform went on in the local organizations. portant problems there was a long in the theoretical organ Gogen den Strom. As a result, when the conferternal delegate of our American Opposition group declared:

"He greeted the fact that at the conference the disputed questions constructive even if vigorous mauinternational conferences before level of discussion.

#### THE COMPOSITION OF THE CONFERENCE -

The conference was attended by 68 Of the 68 delegates, 4 had been politically organized (members of the Socialist movement) before 1918, and 24 between 1919 and 1926. The average age of the delegates was 36 years.

### THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference was opened on Saturday evening, December 13, by Comrade Heinrich Brandler, who after a few preliminary remarks and the acceptance of the order of business, in form of activity. He pointed out especially that the dues-paying member-

After Walcher came Paul Boett-cher, who reported on The Political Situation. Boettcher analyzed the world situation (quite along the line of our July Conference thesis), the crisis and its consequences, the re-alignment of class relations, the growth of fascism, etc.) the crisis in the German Social-democracy, the situation in the Communist Party, and

The conferences of the German Com- discussion and summary followed this?

The first conference drama- of August Thalheimer on The Plat-

# No attempt to evaluate the various

THE DISPUTED QUESTIONS

4. The Question of Fascism On fascism the original differences of opinion had simmered down to practically nothing in the course of the discussion. The original differences had touched the class roots of fascism, the course of fascist develop-

ment in Germany, the role of the

bourgeoisie in fascism, etc. No dif-

Government

#### ferences whatever on these questions; were manifested at the conference. 2. The Question of the Workers

The question of the workers government, as discussed at the conference, amounted essentially to a critique of the 1923 German events. The majority of the National Committee, as represented by Comrade Thatheimer,

declared that:

"The Workers Government belongs to the general form of the proletarian dictatorship. It represents the initial stages of the dictatorship."

As such it is therefore a stage in the development of the Soviet power, in which stage, as in Russia in Octoence did take place, the value of the ber 1917, other parties may partici-discussion was very striking. The fra- pate in the government. The Workers Government, therefore comes as a result of an armed uprising with the

overthrow of the bourgeois state.

The minority of the National Comwere being discussed in a thoroly mittee, as appears from a resolution introduced at the Berlin membership; ner. He had participated in many meeting and at the district conferences, conceives the Workers Governbut he must declare that he has ment as having some sort of existence been greatly impressed at the high | before the overthrow of the bourgeois state and the initiation of the Soviet

### 3. The "Russian Questions"

But surely the most interesting and important of these disputed questions delegates from 19 districts. In addition there were grouped under the head of Attion there were over 60 guests from titude to the USSR and the CPSU, all over the country while a number | These differences of viewpoint will of representatives of foreign opposi- here be presented entirely in the tion groups who had come to the In- words of the official documents-the ternational Opposition Conference, to thesis of the National Committee and

"The false policy of the CPSU, as leader of the CI, does not signify that the policy of the CPSU as leader of the Soviet Union is necessarily false . . .

"The general line of the CPSU towards rapid Socialist industrialization and towards the rapid collectivization of agriculture is correct: (1) as the only possible road to Socialism; (2) for reasons of the defence of the proletarian state against the threatening attacks of imperialist powers . . . .

"The inner-Party regime in the CPSU is conditioned: (a) thru the the cultural backwardness of the Russian proletariat and its numerical weakness in relation to the peasantry working on the basis of individual economy; (b) thru the fact that hardly half of the Party is composed of workers at work in the factory; (c) thru the close in-terweaving of the Party and state; apparatus . . . (d) thru the fact that the Communist Party is the only legal party and therefore the class enemy is continually striv-ing to make its viewpoint effective within the Communist Party...

"The current party regime in the Soviet Union is therefore historically conditioned and necessary (i.e., inevitable-Editor.). Every Communist must therefore defend it in fundamentals which, of course

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changes in method of penal administration and tration is contained in a preliminary report by the State commission investigating prison administration and vestigating prison administration and restriction and made multile last week reactions payments, will become a reaction payments, will become a recognition that unemployment is a social problem. Aim't it nice that the content of the CPSU, of the expectable problem. Aim't it nice that the content of the CPSU, of the expectable problem. Aim't it nice that the content of the CPSU, of the expectable problem. Aim't it nice that the content of the CPSU, of the expectable problem. Aim't it nice that the content of the CPSU, of the expectation of the CPSU of the expectation of the content of t

"For these reasons we reject our coming out for the slogan of form-

whether this transition . . . will ume would have been remains undone, take place with or without fric- This volume begins with the post-

Parties outside of the CPSU, as

heavy industry (industrialization), thought was proposed, the raising of light industry, the That Parrington di transformation of agriculture (col-

direction of Socialism.

which is the first and still the only

if it is to assure . . . the friction-

sary adaptation to the organizational demands of the future and

### 4. Party or Group?

the Danzig delegation took the viewpoint of a new party. The conferthe movements they led. How many ence was substantially unanimous.

tional Committee was adopted by a words: vote of 50 against 5, with 18 obstendard obstendard from metal word to utter-far tions. The Draft Platform was applied to the grandest proved, 57 for, 2 against, 2 abstain-declaration of popular indignation ing. The proposals on the composition of the proposals on the composition of the next National Committee history in fire and blood. I know the Russian question and the question origins and are driven to certain con-of the workers government were de-clusions. This is a good sign. Such

It is hardly necessary to point



THE BEGINNINGS OF CRITICAL REALISM IN AMERICA-1360 to 1930, vol. 3 of Main Currents of American Thought, by Vernon Louis Parrington, Harcourt Brace and Company, 1930.

With this volume Prof. Parrington: treaty, al inner-Party democracy (in the completes his great work on Main viding the expenditure of one billion, CPSU), as it has been put forward Currents in American Thought. And two fundred and fifty million dollars by various Russian opposition yet does not complete! Planned to for new craisers by 1936. Thus the groups, especially the Trotskyist... treat the period from the post-Civil word "limitation" is given a new "With the forward march of So- War to the present, the work was cut cialist construction the CPSU will short by the sudden death of the auhave to pass over to a democratic thor in France last summer. The inner Party regime. It depends work stands completed to about 1900. upon the leadership of the CPSU About half of what the finished vol-This volume begins with the post-

"The differences in the situation is the gradual but sure conquest of a developing industrial plutogracy. It Civil War period. Its central theme of a Communist Party before and developing industrial plutocracy. It after the seizure of power deter- had already destroyed the feudal solidation of big railroad trusts into mine the necessary differences be plantation system of the South based four super-trusts is "an aid to unentween the inner-Party regime of a upon slavery, and in its place had ployment". He's right. The merger Communist Party, which finds begun to rear a society in its own itself in power, like the CPSU, image. It still had to ward off the additional railway workers and clerks and that of a Communist the attack of western agrarianism Party which is now only fighting supported by the traditional frontier for power, like the CP of Germany.

The merger will throw hundreds of thousands of additional railway workers and clerks out of work. That will help unemployed... For power, like the CP of Germany. in the cast. This is the period of the "It is basically false and danger-third party movements; populisar, ous to transfer the current regime greenbackism, etc. The agrarian and in the CPSU to the Communist petty-hourgeois revolt is crushed, the ed optimistic predictions during 1930 frontier disappears, the home market, we would have been the fattest nation does the leadership of the Comintern..." cracy has undisputed sway by the '90's. Then the march overseas; the visco of the U.S. as an imperialist power, the World War, and the U.S. "The central task of the Soviet energies as the strongest imperialist Union today is the transformation power. This was the indicated econof the economic structure of the omic and social dynamics, in the light country, the creation of a strong of which the treatment of American

complete his task in toto is unfortu- the beach. lectivization) and the cultural rais- nate. From the first to the completed ings find their expression in the Five-Year Plan of the Soviet lengeable in its entirety by any other union. "The most rapid possible reali- America. That part of this volume zation of the basic idea of the which is completed lives up to the Pive-Year Plan is nesessary as virtues of the two volumes previously well for the military defence of published. There is the same treatthe Soviet Union as for the con- ment of the development of ideas not struction of the economy in the in terms of abstract categories, in "Under the given conditions of eternal and classless but in terms of life of the Soviet Union it is un- the economic and social dynamics of avoidable to raise the social tension the type of society from which they if we are not to capitulate to difficulties. But they must not be overgles of the society as it develops. And strained. These limits were obtained in the treatment is not of a divided and viously not maintained in carrying inechanical sort of parallelism between out the Five Year Plan. the "base" and the superstructure that characterizes a good part of the shortcomings and errors of the in- work of Beard (with whom by the ner policy of the Soviet Union are | way Parrington is often compared, intensified and their overcoming much to the disadvantage of the forat the proper time hindered thru mer, in my opinion) but of an organic ployed live by buying each other's anthe absence of democracy within and inseparable connection. To read the leader of the proletarian dictatorship, the CPSU.

The democracy within and inseparable connection. To read to live by taking in each other's washtatorship, the CPSU. "The CPG-O is conscious of the of a society that gave them birth, fact that in a Communist Party, into their naked class content.

proletarian party holding the state power in its hands, . . limits are host of those who can hold up a placed to inner-Party democracy. "radical" mirror to the past and be-For full inner-Party democracy in come eminently respectable in the least of our worries for the coming the CPSU to be realized, it is ob- present is legion. A consistent Marx- year. jectively necessary numerically to ist in method (and that Parrington strengthen the proleturiat in relation to the . . . peasantry and to findings in the idealogic field to the raise the working class culturally economic and social base, would inevand economically . . . itably in the post-war period have to "The top leadership of the CP ground his analysis in international SU does not today stimulate this antagonisms. The existence of the process of the education of the Soviet Union "puts the question" masses to responsibility thru their categorically, as it was never put beown deeds, but on the contrary puts obstacles in its way... "The present system in the top rious. For the peculiar mixture that leadership of the CPSU is also a is Parrington, a Jeffersonian liberal property of the Morrian who appreciately uses the Morrian who appreciately uses the Morrian categorically again. source of mistakes and crisis manish who consistently uses the Marxian ifestations in the Soviet Union, method, this would have been an acid the system of leadership which never admits a mistake but which always insists on the confirmation pillories the liberals of all stripes, always insists on the confirmation of its own infallibility, is a danger cannot yet free himself from his own to the Russian Party and then also liberal yearnings. It is the old sty on the Soviet Union and the Cominof liberty, pure and undefiled, liberty "The CPSU cannot today do in the abstract. He yearns for the without organic and state meas-ures even against Party members realize the programmatic pronunciations of a Jefferson. And yet because "In the realization of Soviet policy.

"In the realization of these fundamentals it is not a question of introducing formal democracy in our Russian brother party, but to so the last sentence of the book cuds. such a type of a society is a harkenlook forward to make the neces-so the last sentence of the book ends on a note of querulous distillusionment. A few minor matters and I am

not to idealize the serious short-done. One reflection is that Parring-ident would be selected when comings of today." past militancy and radicalism in America's history, and makes alive On the question of Party or group many of the important figures of the there was hardly any discussion, Only past. American Communists should the Danzig delegation took the view-know more about such figures and know, for instance, that Wendell Phil-The political resolution of the Na- Paris Commune in the following

unanimously. Both the disputes on tuals are becoming conscious of their cided by the vote on the political reso-, knowledge must become part of the lution and the Draft Platform. arsenal of every worker and must be arsenal of every worker and must be spread broadcast!

-JIM CORK

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#### The Ocean's The Limit

As a New Year's gift to the American people Hoover, the pacifist President, proclaimed the London Naval treaty, "limiting" our navy by promeaning and all unabridged dictionaries now in existence will have to be scrapped. Hoover did it to help unemployment among lexicographers.

#### Hoover's Tryin' Awful Hard

To Hoover everything is an aid to unemployment-except unemployment relief. Now he discovers that the con-

#### Will Roger's New Year Message

"If we could have eaten and digest-

or o Will Rogers"

### Fashion Hint

All of our feminine readers who intend to spend the rest of the winter at Palm Beach are advised to buy a Paniela bathing suit selling at Sterns for \$26.25, and create a sensation in That Parrington did not live to chic while playing backgammon on

#### Sec. Doak Joins Apple-Sauce Vendors

William N. Dope, the new secretary of Labor, gave out the following New Year's message on unem-

"For 1931 let every employer and employee, every business man and every banker, every agriculturist and every citizen put forth the utmost to cooperate with the government in all plans looking toward our general welfare as a na-

But Mr. Dope forgot to tell us what the government plans were. How does he expect us to cooperate? Buy apples and increase the bumper ample sauce crop? Won't an apple a day augment unemployment among doctors? Can nine or ten million uneming? Are there enough apples to go round? Are apples good on an empty stomach? Is it wise to buy frozen ap-We would have liked to see the ples from frozen apple-vendors? Or shouldn't both be baked? We expect an answer to all these questions from Mr. Dope in 1931. But that's the

#### What Every Young Bourgeois Should Know

The author Thomas Beer devised a questionnaire for the youth and tried it out at a fashionable week-end party. Here are some of the things that the young leisure class cub is expected to know:

"1. What eunuch successfully conducted a great military cam-

paign?
2. What is the oldest golf club in the U. S.? 3. What celebrated modern novel ends: 'Walked back to the hotel in the rain?'

4. List five motor cars manufactured in England." We would offer a hammer and anvil to the winner but a fellow who could

### how to use it. A New Year's Present for Guatamela

answer such questions wouldn't know

One day after the United States government announced it would not recognize the government of Pres. Oreliana in Guatamela, he "resigned" and "American officials" says the Times, "were led to hope that a president would be selected whom the

Of course, the United States never interferes in "internal" affairs of Latin American governments. But, then, Latin American governments have no internal affairs.

### A Warning!

Mrs. August Belmont has issued a warning to her fellow-millionaires to give a little charity to the victims of their exploitation, the unemployed. "Little neglect may breed mischief," she declared, and then quotes the fol-"For the want of a nail the shoe

For the want of a shoc the horse

was lost; And for the want of a horse the rider was lost."

Mes. Belmont does not say who is the horse and who is the rider, but the application is obvious.