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BONUS BILL WINS IN CONGRESS

Hoover Will Veto It But In Vain; What the **Bonus Means**

WASHINGTON.—The Senate, on February 19, by a vote of 72 to 12, agreed to the House homes loan bill. This vote followed the action of the House of Representatives on Mon-day which passed the bill by a vote

The bill will go to the President on February 20 and he may return it with a vote message to the House late the same day. In the opinion of all concerned, Congress will most certainly override a veto and the bill may become law before the end of the

The bonus loan bill passed by Congress provides that World War veterans may borrow from the government at 414 % compound interest onehalf of the bonus money coming to them in 1945. It has been calculated that for veterans who will be unable to pay their interest regularly and will thus be forced to let it accumulare, the interest charges will even-tually amount to almost half the hon-

The opposition of President Hoover and Secretary Mellon to the bonus loan bill is based on the contention that the issuance of Federal bonds to cover the loans would have a depressing effect on the value of the Federal bonds already in circulation and would thus amount in effect to a "capital levy" upon the present bond holders, the banks, and would then "seriously retard the return of prosperity". In these contentions Hoover has been sustained by most of the Chambers of Commerce and bankers associations thruout the country-and by Norman Thomas, the "Socialist" as well! Congress, however, in the face of the mounting unrest among the unemployed war veterans, felt the necessity of making a move of concession in the interests of capitalirm as a whole, whatever temporary disadvantages there may arise to cer-tain sections of the capitalist class. The "farsightedness" of the capitalist politicians is, of course, considerably stimu ated by visions of 1932, of the coming elections.

Burocrats In Attempt to Suppress Discussion: Left Wing Scores

On Sunday, February 15, 1931 at Webster Hall, in New York City there took place the National Nominating Conference of the Workmen's Circle Over 360 branches were represented proletarian revolution in Russia. by 500 delegates. The idea of this conference was to nominate a slate of masses. The storm center of the bat-60 candidates for the National Execu- tle against the capitalists. The mass-

The W. C. burocracy turned the nominating conference into a technical business conference, whose task it was to ratify a state already brought in by the official caucus without any possibility of any discussion of the policies of the organization (only three minutes were allowed under objections for each speaker!)

The two main issues on which discussion took place at the conference the first to come out for Communism were the loud objections to the candidacies of Savetsky, chairman of the were that he was a paper-box manufacturer who is reported to have Ruthenberg was a product of the broken a strike. Attention was called American class struggle. The workto the fact that on the grievance com-mittee Savetsky had with him two of such a staunch fighter, courageous other bosses out of a committee of revolutionist, capable and intelligent five. When Chanin came to Savetsky's rescue and declared that as a member of the organization he could run for any committee, a delegate, not a left winger area and arisingly areas and intelligent leader.

The Communist Party of the United States has always been able to draw advantageously from the experileft winger, arose and pointed out ences and activities of the leadership that by placing him on his list, Chanin and the NEC took the responsibility very death. The traditions of the ity for Savetsky and his kind in the Ruthenberg leadership are those that Workmen's Circle. The Savetsky in- gave the Communist Party to the cident dramatized the growing influ-working class of the United States, ence of the boss elements in the built up the Party, increased its in Workmen's Circle and to what degree fluence, gave it leadership in fierce the Socialist burocracy is tied up with class struggles and made it an im-

of the Jewish labor movement. A so far developed in the United States number of delegates, Fishman (Br.386), Freed-man (Br.388), Lifshitz (Br.521, San Antonio), nointed out that Chanin and Antonio), nointed out that Chanin and Antonio (Br.388) are developed in the United States, and the Chanin and save the REV. These traditions represent a leader-should be suppressed and that all militant labor papers should be suppressed and that all militant foreign-born workers should be away. You know how to hear the That's the spirit we need to save upon the Party and the working class.

C. E. RUTHENBERG



An American Bolshevik

C. E. Ruthenberg

by Ben Gitlow

The present puppet regime in our

the role and significance of Ruthen-

berg for the working class and for

Lenin wrote in 1900;

resents a political line, tactics and methods of work that are based upon "Not a single class in history the actual conditions of the country achieved power without putting and the needs of the working class forward its political leaders and struggle in America. spokesmen, capable of organizing the movement and leading it."

The working class of the United States put forward precisely such a revolutionary leader in Chas. E. Ruthenberg. His untimely death four years wrong analysis and estimation of the importing of all Soviet goods. ago deprived the working class and the Communist Party of one of its most capable and valuable leaders. The working class of the United States and the Communist Party have every mason to may tribute to his

Ruthenberg was not imposed upon the movement. He developed out of turist line upon the American Party, looking for an excuse to raise their thes truggles of the workers and was the Stalin regime in the Communist prices and increase their profits.

He is an outstanding leader of the tion. The Cleveland proletariat is transformed by his leadership, his courage and enthusiasm into a fighting revolutionary force that wins the admiration of the entire working class. In the Socialist Party he is a formist and patriotic Socialists for a revolutionary program against capitalism and against imperialist war and for Bolshevism. He is among and for Bolshevism. and for the Communist International

No wonder that he was the target long periods of time.

Ruthenberg was a product of the

the most extreme reactionary wing diffions of the Communist leadership

SILVER LOAN

Chiang Wants Loan From Wall Street, Against International Pool

WASHINGTON.—The Chinese National government has announced that it will seek a silver loan amounting o about \$260,000,000 from the United States. Judge Paul Lineberger, legal advisor of the National Government, was authorized in a cable message of February 16 from President Hi Hannegotiations with the American government for such a loan.

Kai-shek in semi-official agreement with the United States government municipal courts of the city of New whose agent in China the Nationalist government is to a very large extent. The extension of a huge silver loan to China will not only strengthen the murderous Ruomington govern-ment but it will help to convert China into practically an exclusive field of exploitation for Wall Street.

ANTI-USSR DRIVE SHARPENS

Manganese Interests Call For Embargo; Bosses in Germany For Attack

The anti-Soviet campaign is assuming more serious proportions every

Party is doing everything to ignore bargo against the imports from the Soviet Union. The manganese harons have hitched up with the Committee of Twenty-Five Representa-

every reason to pay tribute to his memory and learn from his experiences and activities how best to develop and build the movement.

He attempting to destroy the best Soviet manganese is the American Soviet manganese is the Soviet manganese is the American Soviet the imposition of a sectarian, adven- States manganese interests are only

trained in their battles against the International has been guilty of doing Simultaneously with this attack in capitalists. We find the young man great damage to the Communist move- the United States Congress, fire has capitalists. We find the young man Ruthenberg the stormy petrel in Cleveland, arousing the workers Cleveland, arousing the workers the Communist Party of the United in Germany. The influential Berg-the Communist capitalist exploitation, against States of America is bound to fail.

States of America is bound to fail. Works-Zeitung, organ of the Rhine Communist Party of the United in Germany. imperialist war and in support of the proletarian revolution in Russia.

He is an outstanding leader of the He fight which the Communist Party U. S. A. (Majority Group) is making, in line with traditions of Ruth-out with a call for all capitalist countries. enberg, is in the best interests of the tries to pool their resources and intermovement. The puppets may look all ests against the Soviet Union. This 60 candidates for the National Executive Committee to be submitted to a referendum vote for a choice of by his message, answer his call to active the Cleveland projectariat is the mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists of the mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists of the mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists of the mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists. The mass-by his message, answer his call to active the capitalists of the capitalists of the capitalists. The mass-by his message is the capitalists of the capitalists of the capitalists of the capitalists. The mass-by his message is the capitalists of the capitalists. The mass-by his call to active the capitalists of t leadership and line that weaken S. R. It is considered very significant the Communist Party and isolate it that the attack comes at this time. In from the masses. The working class many circles this new attitude of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are being taxed to capacate the standard of the tention pens are the standard of the t of the United States which gave us a Rergkerks-Zeitung is considered as ity by foreign-born seized by the Ruthenberg will give up the leader-indicating the beginnings of a more police and Federal authorities and ship which will organize the work-offensive attitude on the part of held for deportation. More than 500

NANKING FOR U.S. \$400,000 GRAFT IN HUGE POLICE SCANDAL; CORRUPTION OF BOSS RULE REVEALED

Speakeasy Bribes, Frame-Ups, Rackets in New York Courts and Police; Judge Forges Records to Hide Brutality

An incredibly sensational tale of a month from the proprietors of 125 more to brokerage houses. The fifty grafting police officials whose rakemin of the Legislative Yuan, to open off went into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, of the frame-up practised as a regular trade, of at least The cable message expressed decided one magistrate who forged her own opposition to any proposal that the loan should be made by an international pool.

tised as a regular trade, of a loan one magistrate who forged her own court records to hide her brutality and worse, of "rooming-house" ractional pool. acies between policemen, court officials The move of the Nanking govern-and bondsmen to extort money, and of ment for a silver loan from the U.S.A. a thousand-and-one other forms of alone as against the proposal of an official corruption unfolded itself in international pool is made by Chiang the course of last week's progress of the Appelates Division inquiry of the

A HALF MILLION SHAKEDOWN

Harry Levey, who said he served as stool pigeon for Plainclothesmen
James J. Quinlivan and William M.
O'Connor, testified before Referee
Samuel Seabury on February 17 that
Subpoenas to 600 banks calling for the

speakeasies on the upper west side one police officials include one inspecperiod of time the two policemen had collected at least about \$400,000, the bulk of which they had handed up to the "higher-ups".

refused to answer any questions on the constitutional ground that his answers "may tend to incriminate or degrade me". The next day another patrolman, Charles A. Wund, was placed on the stand to account for his deposits of \$83,057 in a few months. This he also refused to do on constitutional grounds.

in part of 1927 and thruout 1928 he accounts of fifty-one police officials, had collected a total of about \$7,500 which will be supplemented by 600

of the city, which he turned over to tor, nine captains and one acting capthe two policemen. It was shown that tain, thirty-seven lieutenants and one from 1926 to 1928 Mrs. Sarah Quin-livan had deposited in three banks. It has become the total of \$57,744 altho in the same course of the inv

When placed on the stand, Quinlivan

"Tom Is Quite Optimistic

About the Next War...." From the Secretary of the Board of Commerce of Detroit, Mich., to the National Defence Secretary of the Board of Commerce.

Dec. 30, 1930.

This noon I had luncheon with Tom Lauphier. He has now left for Pittsburgh and New York.

Tom has an idea. He has talked to Win. B. Mayo about it and he said that Mr. Mayo agrees with him. While he is in the East he is going to talk with Gen. Fechet and possibly Sec. Adams on the same subject. Here it is:

Tom wants every transport plane built in the U.S. to be designed with bomb racks. If the structure of the planes made for rommercial use is designed originally so that proper beams, etc., are present, such ships can be

transformed into bombers within twenty-four hours, in case of emergency.

As such ships are being built now, the manufacturer would have to go back to the blue prints and rebuild them, a proceeding which might take several months. By that time the war would be over, and America would probably belong to Peru or Roumania.

I thought that your Committee would like to know about it, and possibly do something about it, without taking credit for Lanphier's idea.

Tom is quite optimistic about the next war. He seems to think

The influential Berg- U. S. GOVERNMENT OPENS DRIVE ON ALIENS; 500 TO BE DEPORTED

Campaign Against Foreign-Born Part of Offensive of Bosses: Fish Committee Plan Being Carried Thru

revolutionary Socialist, a left wing fighter. He fights against the re-

At 10:30 PM, Saturday, February 14, twenty Department of Labor agents converged upon the Finnish Workers Educational Association at 2,056 Fifth Avenue where a dance was in progress. The raiders locked the doors and told the musicians to stor playing. They thereupon arrested 18 of the workers present and took them to Ellis Island for deportation.

Inspector Kaba's flying squadron has raided the Municipal Lodging House and the Scamen's Mission and scized many unemployed and stary ing workers for deportation.

NEWARK, N. J .- On February 18, squad of Federal inspectors under Inspector Kaba raided a large num-

weeks, you can make sure a hun-country is very significant. It is part of the program of the Fish Committee report being carried out before The REVOLUTIONARY AGE oven it has received the "sanction" of (Br.417), Silver (Br.386), Freed-man (Br.388), Lifshitz (Br.521, San Antonio), nointed out that Chanin and the NEC were continuing the policy the NEC were continuing the policy.

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It has become quite clear in the

course of the investigation that the bulk of the graft collected in such huge sums did not go to the police officials under inquiry but rather to officials high-up whose names have hitherto been kept out of the inquiry and who constitute some of the most important figures of the ruling Tammany clique in the city.

POLICE FRAME-UPS AS A BUSINESS

A monotonous tale of "rackets" conrived by policemen, stool pigeons and court officials to squeeze money out of the most miserable and wretched sections of the people was told in the hearings before the investigators for the Appelates Division. Stories of policemen who entered private apart-ments, tore off the clothes of women and arrested them for prostitution were numerous. The "nurse racket" in which doctors were threatened that their nurses would be arrested on vice charges unless they "coughed up" was declared to be quite common. The muleting of lodging house keepers by the police on the threat of vice charges, was converted into a very lucrative and openly practised business. The money extracted by the police and court officials thru such "rackets" was shown to be actually

A BRUTAL JUDGE FORGES HER OWN RECORDS

But surely the most breath-taking incident in the whole course of the investigation was the incident of Magistrate Jean Norris. When Jean Norris was appointed magistrate by Mayor Hylan in 1919, all of the journalistic sob-sisters and social workers hailed the event. Here, they said, was a judge who "understands women", who will "reclaim the wayward", who will deal with them with "gentleness and understanding", who "will restore the young offender to society." And for continued. . . .

Now it has turned out in the course of the investigation that Mrs. Norris was easily the most brutal judge sit-ting in New York on women's cases, that of the 818 women brought before her in 1930 she convicted 86%-more han any other magistrate. It has turned out that so far from trying to "understand" the women whose fate she determined, she bullied her helpless victims and their lawyers in the most brutal manner, refused to listen to their testimony, refused to allow witnesses she didn't like to appear, forced many defendants to plead guilty who were perfectly innocent—and to cap the climan, forged her own court records to cover up the traces of her inhuman cruelty.

In her testimony she declared that she never had occasion to doubt the word of the arresting policemen"policemen who, she knew, were makng a systematic trade out of frameups and rackets!

And finally-Magistrate Jean Norris was a heavy shareholder in a bonding company doing almost exclusive business in her court!

All of these facts and thousands even more scandalous have been uncovered by the Appelates Division investigation. And the Appelates Division investigators themselves—will they bear the glare of the searchlight? It is only a short time that the shining knight of the Appelates Division inquiry, Isidore Kresel, was indicted in the monstrous Bank of United States fraud. Who is next?

All rotten, corrupt, all shot thru with graft! Everywhere you turnthe police, the courts, the municipal administration, all fattening on corruption. And what do you expect of a structure that rests upon a system whose main idea is to squeeze the last drop of blood out of millions so that a (continued on page 2)

the suppression of the Revolutionary Age, of the Vida Obrera, of the Liberator, of the Young Worker and of

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grievance committee, and Chanin, president of the Workmen's Circle and sceretary of the Jewish Socialist Verhand. The United States capitalist government threw Verhand. The objections to Savetsky lim into prison repeatedly and for long that the objections to Savetsky lim into prison repeatedly and for long the long periods of time.

to keep your paper going. This is American working class. no empty SOS call. We are in

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We are at the end of our wits. We few cents, or anybody's to this emer-, in the American capitalist wilder-

York workers, who have already to Ellis Island. done so much, do still more. Our WASHINGTON. - President office is open all hours of the day Hoover announced that he will be and night. Bring your paper some ready to give additional Foderal supmore life-blood, some very tirgent port to the Department of Labor in rounding up and deporting foreignmore of it. Don't let Number 13 advertisements, and without money. The vigorous drive to arrest and There are no wealthy liberals ready Sacrifice. More sacrifice, Still have made possible for thirteen deport foreign-born workers in this

now there are no generous uncles in ers, to the Communists. See what de-our family. It's just you poor wage-votion, sacrifice and energy are saver? Jump in and save the REV- Committee proposed, among other papers. Now the Department of Labor is initiating a systematic

Phila. Mayor Says "Militia May Be Needed" If No Relief Forthcoming

whereby it will be necessary to call of the unemployed workers were to upon the state militia to preserve be welcomed and seated, and drawn

connection with the miserable failure more that it is not interested in the of the Lloyd unemployed "rellef" committee to realize its quota.

"Up to the present," he declared, "a great proportion of the relief funds has been contributed by the working class. Not one-tenth of our citizens have responded, and it is a lamentable fact, but none the less true, that many of our wealthy men and women have failed to respond, while many others who are rich and well able to do so have sent contributions for insignificant sums."

The Mayor stated it was estimated that there were at least 250,000 persons, including 50,000 children, in the cessities of life.

is growing by leaps and bounds. The capitalist politicians hope to dissipate this unrest by fake "relief" and palliatives. But the workers must demand: Immediate relief, unemployment insurance, the 6-hour day with no wage reductions, the abolition of child labor, etc., and for these they

(Continued from Page One) initiated at the Toronto convention (1922) of utilizing the Workmens Circle to do the work of the right wing clique in the Jewish labor movement and of systematically and deliberately working in the direction of provoking a split in the organization. These delegates also pointed out that the NEC had been representative of only one section and that the most reother tendencies whatever (not to accomplished. speak of Communists) are allowed in issues of the international and Am- a solution of the problems of the un- thing. erican class struggle and showed that employed. he burocracy was consciously supporting the Green-Woll ultra-reactionary clique and all the anti-Soviet forces in this country (the case of the Pennsylvannia Hotel conference). These delegates represented the left wing elements at the conference between the left wingers and the burocrats, there were quite a large number of hetrogeneous elements grouped under the so-called Youth Club who carried on a weak resistance to, the policies of the NEC. Their inconsistent character was shown by the fact that while they themselves raised the conficience of the NEC. Their inconsistent character was shown by the fact that while they themselves raised the conficience of the NEC. Their inconsistent character was shown by the fact that while they themselves raised the conficience of the Soviet Union Not one of the control of the unemployment the so-called variety of the demands for the verkers as a whole. The speakers are conficience of the NEC. Their inconsistent character was shown by the fact that while they themselves raised the confirmation of the opening of the unemployment the passing of a state unemployment the exception of the TULL torganization. States Army, we can the torganizers. As there were no Mexican represented. After a ten minute consistent with the exception of the TULL torganization. States are not with the exception of the Tull torganization. States are not with the exception of the Tull torganization. The passing of a state unemployment the the burocracy was consciously supthat while they themselves raised the question of discussing the policies of the organization they were reluctant in supporting the appeal of Lifshitz to set sufficient time to do so.

The vigorous fight of the left wing delegates had the effect of stimulating a number of delegates to more determined resistance.

will appear in the next issue of our

HUGE GRAFT SCANDAL EXPOSED IN N. Y.

(Continued from Page One) few parasites can live in rotten lux-

The workers must realize what these disclosures mean to them. The police officials who are growing fat their methods and have something to on graft are precisely the ones who break their strikes and smash their all delegates represented at this conheads. These thieving magistrates ference to exert enough pressure for and corrupt court officials are precise- the broadening out of their campaign ly the ones who issue injunctions to include all sections of the workers, against labor and who help the bosses maintain the system of exploita-tion and oppression so profitable to militant working class program. them. The frame-up experts are the

The Socialist Unemployment Conference in Phila.

A Letter From Philadelphia

the right to select a Committee of five

instead of electing from the floor a

Only on the basis of a real united

front activities will we be able to

LOAN TO REICH

RERLIN.-After protracted nego-

tiations the Reich treasury depart-

ment is assured of 300,000,000 marks

(\$72,000,000) being entered in the

other gigantic financial institutions.

The Federal railways serve as secur-

this loan to Germany.

An unemployment conference was for carrying on future work is to be called for Saturday, February 14 by elected the chairman takes himself the Philadelphia section of the Socialist Party. To this conference all trade PHILADELPHIA.— Unless some unions and other labor and fraternal real representative committee of at concessions are immediately made to organizations were invited. This con- least fifteen as was suggested. the unemployed. Mayor Mackey of ference was supposed to be a broad this city declared, "there will be a united front conference. All organizacondition in the city of Philadelphia tions ready to fight for the interests develop a real campaign for the uninto the activities of this conference. Mr. Mackey made these remarks in But the Socialist Party proved once gaining some political capital for themselves and create the impression, that the Socialist Party also is "doing something" for the millions of unemployed whose conditions are becoming worse daily. That is why the burocrats of the Socialist Party presented in the name of an appointed (by the same burocrats) credentials committee a motion not to seat the delegates of the Communist Party (Majority Group).

This motion met with tremendous opposition on the part of many rank and file trade union delegates and delegates from fraternal organiza- ities on this loan. city who were without the bare no- tions. The motion made by the writer of this article, who represented Br. 118 of the Workmen's Circle, was met The unrest among the unemployed with tremendous applause. He was growing by leaps and bounds. The followed by many speakers from the floor who supported the motion to big French bank is taking a leading reject the recomendation of the cree role in the loan to Germany has dential committee and seat the delegroused great satisfaction in Paris gates. The representative of the metal financial circles. It marks a new workers union, delegates from other phase in the foreign policy of French unions and fraternal organizations imperialism, a tendency towards a spoke for the scating of the delegates rapproachment with Germany; it is and for about three quarters of an also taken to indicate a certain exhour the discussion went on, on the pansion of French finance. The exquestion of united front action of all treme Right leaders raised a big cry W. C. HOLDS MEET workers, regardless of their political opinions, on behalf of the unemployed workers. It was only by real burocratic maneouvers and steam-roller nethods so characteristic of the A. F. of L. and the S. P. officialdom that Mr. Schwartz, chairman of this sea. Mr. Schwartz, chairman of this session, succeeded in manouvering thru the recomendation of the credentials committee. All motions for further

What the Conference Accomplished

discussion, a request for a show of

hands vote made by many delegates and by Socialist Party members, etc.

were rejected and ruled out of order

The entire work of the conference, the leadership, as was the case with which was very small in size (about Branch 88. In their speeches these 20 organizations with 40 delegates leaflet addressed to the Mexicans delegates raised the questions of the represented), was centered in the called to violence but that addressed defence of the Soviet Union and the direction of parliamentary action as to the whites did not contain any such

> ognition of the Soviet Union. Not one word about the ever growing number zation of the unemployed Negro workers.

An article by Comrade Lifshitz on ers within the A. F. of L. and what the situation in the Workmen's Circle this conference intended to do for and were unable to do anything. Papayail.

Generally the entire unemployment campaign of the Socialist Party can very well be accepted and supported by any one of the bosses parties.

The Opposition At the Conference However, the opposition expressed on the floor of the conference is an indication that the best proletarian elements within the S. P. and the A. F. of L. are getting pretty sick of say about it. It is now the duty of for a real campaign on behalf of the

It is also necessary to make a stop one who railroad union leaders and to the burocratic methods of running labor agitators to prison and to death. a conference at which the chairman An end to the stinking system of capital is appointed, the credentials committee appointed, and when a committee

GANDHI AND VICE-**ROY CONFER**

Negotiations Aimed At Suppressing National

NEW DELHI.—The last week has been consumed with semi-official and "friendly" negotiations between the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, and Mahatma Gandhi. No official reports have yet been issued as to the results of these negotiations but it is already clear that both Gandhi and the Viceroy are bent upon making "peace" and sun-the lies of George I want to craft to the lies of relationship with bent upon making "peace" and sun-the lies of relationship with the my lilness I could not answer any speak. Papeun attacked us as being speak. Papeun attacked us as being of the Mexicans inmediately left the importance of immediately replying to the lies of George Papeun's statement work of Papeun was of a destructive character.

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1931 budget by means of an arrange-ment concluded with Lee, Higginson and Company of New York and ten The French bank, Banque de Paris et de Pays-Bas, is participating in PARIS.-The announcement that a

complete independence and the Constituent Assembly. THE UNEMPLOYMENT DEMONSTRATION

A Letter From San Antonio

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

In preparing the demonstration

At 9:30 in the morning a crowd of

George Papcun began the organiof forming a line for the He distributed 25 placards. Despite the fact that fourteen unions were represented and despite the ever increasing unemployment within the A. F. of L. and the domain not a word was said about the problems of the unemployed workers within the A. F. of L. and what this conference intended to do for them.

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In front of the City Hall we found a crowd of 2,000. They climbed up the steps. None of the crowd accompanied them to the steps but they stood from a distance. The traffic moved on as usual.

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The first speaker was Papeun but (the unemployment demonstration on the crowd received his speech without If one is to analyze the accomplishments of this conference, we have to unit here used the known spies, Alpraised the Honorable Mayor Chamto poll tax payers. The fourth speak-or was S. Levcen who spoke on the Party members only S. Levcen and Sunshing were present. One many secured for the Bonito De-traction of the Women. Of the Party members only S. Levcen and Sunshing were present. One many secured for the Bonito De-traction of the women. Of the Party members only S. Levcen and Sunshing were present. One many secured for the Bonito De-traction of the women. Of the Party members only S. Levcen and Sunshing were present. One many secured for the Bonito De-traction of the women. Of the Party members only S. Levcen and Sunshing were present. One many secured for the Bonito De-traction of the women. Of the Party members only S. Levcen and No attempt was made to present six or seven thousands Mexicans as Sunshine were present. Our group manded an account, he disappeared

-Simon Lewis

The Economic Life of Soviet Russia

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Who is George Papcun?

A Statement by J. Shaffer

February 5, 1931. principled, undesirable person whose

San Antonio, Texas.

I regret that I was not able to replay to the statement of Clearge Par-Revolt Movement

Revolt Movement

NEW DELHI.—The last week has some. Althou for am still confined in the Daily worker and still confined in the Daily worker. Althou for am still confined in the Daily worker and Lifshutz should speak. Papeur attacked us as being understand himself or to understan

said that he cut off relationship with the "Lovestonites." I want to state pressing the movement of national rethat George Papcun was never convolt that has proved such a threat to nected with our group—neither nationally nor locally.

As a leader of the unemployment of the negotiations is to provide a cer-demonstration held April 7, 1930, my tain minimum of economic concessions name and address appeared in the to the native Indian bourgeoiste as a local capitalist press. At that time, basis for their complete desertion of the national movement and at the same time to find the appropriate Antonio, Texas. He came to my house introducing himself as a member of the masses. means of deflating the revolutionary ferment of the masses.

Gandhi has already whittled down his "demands" to a sort of irreductible minimum for the native bourgeoisie: fiscal autonomy, tariff control, etc. He has already practically dropped his demand for amnesty of political prisoners or any of the other demands of corresponding to the interests of the masses.

Soviet Success Felt

LONDON.—"Reconstruction of the British economic system from the top to bottom" is proposed in a "Five to bottom" is proposed in

In reaction to the capitulatory and made the statement that he had manouvers of Gandhi, the revolution never seen such a "degenerate and ary elements in the nationalist move-rotten" unit. Also, that he does not ment are being aroused against the want to have anything to do with big bourgeoisie. A nationalist-rev them. I then gave him our literature olutionary bloc of workers, peasants and Daily Workers so that he might and city poor is being consolidated acquaint himself with the situation under the slogan of the struggle for existing in the Party. He returned existing in the Party. He returned later and stated that he had studied both sides of the question, and that he was in full accordance with our policy. He, therefore, wanted to become a member of our group as he considered the line of the Party to be ntirely incorrect.

We told him that if the reply from our national headquarters concerning him was a favorable one, we would admit him. Since we did not have a favorable impression of him, we had inquired about him at the headquarters of the Communist Party and of our group.

Comrade Gitlow's reply was that gosal of Sir Oswald Mosley some time George Papeun was a degenerate ago. It proposes what is in all essentials a system of "planned" state capitals a system of "planned" state capitals a system of untrustworthy. That, therefore, we should have nothing to do with British out of its present hopeless. Comrade Gitlow's reply was that actionary, in the organization and in that as far as the unemployed of the Lowish labor movement, that no owners are concerned nothing was a loyal citizen of other tendencies whatever (not to accomplished. In the call leaflets the TUUL assur-sisted that he was a loyal citizen of ed the Mexicans that large crowds of whites and Negroes would join hands with them in the demonstration. The Garcia's speech was along the same that Paper had been continued crisis. At the same time it reflects the many continued crisis. At the same time it reflects the Mexicans that large crowds of the U.S. A. and that jobs should be George Papeun and also brought more the growing prestige of the Soviet George Papeun and also brought more definite charges in their statement of the British capitalists to

represented. After a ten minute conference with the mayor, Papeun reappeared and shouted that the mayor beared and t

their demands were not granted they his main assisstants, endeavoured to "would take it by force." We of the obtain a hearing, but to no avail. "would take it by force." We of the obtain a hearing, but to no avail. Workers League went back to the Therefore, he decided to use the only Plaza and addressed a crowd of about effective method which was to pre-

> my degenerate and irresponsible character in order to combat "Lovestone-ism." Despite the fact that many times and long ago our group warned the party of the composition of the local unit, no action was ever taken. Seeing that we are doing such great constructive work among the Mexican workers, the Party now attempts to combat our influence among the workors by cleaning up the unit of all un-desirable elements. However, the fault lies not only in the bad composition of the Party unit, but also in the wrong line of the Party, which they are trying to blame on scapegoats.

The workers are beginning to realize that Papcun is irresponsible, un-

OFFER 5-YR, PLAN the upper circles of allococians of lety. Under the Soviet regime he participates in the work of building the new society as a scholar, as a member of the commissariat of education. FOR BRITAIN

Scheme To Save British Empire From Collapse;

It is declared that the purpose of this proposal is to "transform the British economic system so as to enable it to keep pace with the United Granatov's first wife, an emigree ain from economic decline." Already of the past. Then there are his fath-Haldane, the scientist; of Sir Oswald Mosley, the Laborite; of A. Duff Cooper, the Consequentiation and A. Sir Oswald Inform the planting and A. Sir Oswald Information and Information an Cooper, the Conservative; and of Sir Robert Donald, Liberal.

The plan proposes the transformation of all industry, transport and commerce of Britain into "a series of great amalgamations or federations." Provisions are made for the "representation" of "workers" and "consumers" within each industry and competition is to be "restricted, even almost physical. The "trick" of inte-eliminated." "Self-government in industry" is proposed, altho this is not clearly explained.

The "Five-Year Plan" ties up directly with the dictatorship pro- Granatov delivers his sensational conposal of Sir Oswald Mosley some time aiready. It is proposed to "transform the British economic system"—but capitalist private property is to remain. And as long as capitalism re-

FASCIST ELECTED AS FINNISH PRESIDENT

Swinhufvud Wins; Another Drive On Labor Coming

presidential election on February 16 resulted in a victory for Premier

HEAD OF FARM BOARD RETURNS TO TRUST

Legge Becomes Head of the Int'l Harvester Trust

CHICAGO. — Alexander Legge, chairman of the Federal Farm Board, will retire from that body after March 4, to resume the presidency of the International Hurvester Co., from which he resigned in 1929 to head the Farm Board.

The Federal Farm Board is suposed to be the government agency to look out for the interests of the farm. ers of the country. So, in choosing the head of the Farm Board, whom did President Hoover pick? The president of the Harvestor Trust, the worst enemy and exploiter of the American farmers. As head of the Farin Board, whose interests did Mr. Legge defend: the interests of the farmers or the directly opposite interests of the agricultural machinery and of monopoly in general?

Notice! Notice! The District Conference

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A New Play From the U.S.S.R.

THE MAN WITH THE PORTFOLIO, a play by Alexi Faika. Translated from the Russian by Anatol Vinogradoff. At the Jewish Art Theatre.

A vivid picture of the old aristocrat in modern Soviet society-unthe world around him: this is the new play now showing at the Jewish

Granatov, the "hero" of the play, is the son of an old Czarist general. -J. Shaffer He is a very well educated man and before the Revolution he belonged to the upper circles of aristocyatic soc-To all appearances he has made a place for himself in the new society. But this is merely appearance. In reality he is dominated by his past. His old attachments, his old conceptions, his old outlook on life will not let him rest. His reorientation is

anti-Soviet society will not let him rest. He pursues him like a shadow. A voice of the past. Then there is

But the melodramurder-mystery. matic shell is filled with profound social content quite obvious to the least sophisticated of the audience.

The play is well constructed from technical viewpoint. Its cumulative effect is tremendous and when the climax is reached the excitement is almost physical. The "trick" of intewhile not new, is very effectively

The chief role, Granatov, is played by M. Schwartz in an unsurpassable manner. In the third act, in which

Do you want to see the play reviewed above? Then see it and help Revolutionary Age, 63 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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Over two hundred workers listened attentively to the report of Jay Love-stone on The World Crisis at a lecture arranged by the Bessarabier-Podolier Social and Cultural Club in the Bronx on Friday evening, February 20, 1931. Comrade Lovestone, who has just

returned from a trip thru Europe, described on the basis of first-hand

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Marine Workers Need Unity THE RECENT PLENUM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

by A New York Marine Worker

unions of seamen and marine workers sible, incompetant regime of burocrats due to the lack of a united fighting have been in a precarious position. dominating the organization, the seamen's front, the American work-The marine workers are disorgan- branches in the various ports have ers are welcoming the raids against ized; their unions mere instruments been closed, the union having three the foreign-born workers as an opof the petty corrupt officialdom that or four branches in existence, these portunity of getting jobs for themdominates them. In an industry which branches however doing practically selves while the foreign-born work-demands that a rank and file program nothing. of Industrial Unionism be put into effect you find little headway in this last months a serious wage-cut has prevailing on the waterfront as a reworkers.
In 1902 the International Scamen's

with the A. F. of L. This union was when we had this one union in the industry, conditions for the workers were not as bad as they are today when we have at least eight unions which claim to represent the marine workers. Especially deplorable and wretched conditions for seamen and marine workers prevail in the port of New York. Here big wage cuts have New York. Here hig wage cuts have taken place. The two-watch system born seamen and marine workers. The purpose of this drive is two fold. on the decks is being introduced. Heavier drafts are very common among the longshoremen. The employers are continually speeding up work, reducing wages, and placing added burdens upon the workers. The new unions which have made their appearance on the waterfront and which claim to be "industrial revolutionary organizations" have so far failed to affect conditions for the better or to fight and prevent the en-eroachments of the bosses.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union About three years ago in the port of New York a Marine Workers Club was organized for the purpose of building up in all the existing unions a rank and file movement for militant action against the bosses, for united action of the workers on the waterfront and for the unification of all the scamen and marine workers into the scamen and marine workers into munist Party. Even the elementary one industrial organization. This club with its program of militancy and principles of Marxism are but vagueunity made very good headway among the workers and more and more the marine workers accepted its program and popularized it in the organizations to which they belonged. It did not take long before a national convention was held and the Marine Workers Industrial Union launched. At the time of the launching of the Marine Workers Industrial Union it had a membership of about 4,000 consisting of the best militant elements in the marine industry. The seamen looked with hope towards this organization. But taken the Marine West. ization. But today the Marine Work-ers Industrial Union has dwindled to 300 dues paying members. The sea-lass overlaken the official group which men must seriously ask themselves counts scarcely upon half a dozen what happened in such a short per-jardent souls, mostly in Bombay. iod of time to practically wipe out an organization which was making fore clear that the Communist Party must rise out of a process of the mosuch headway.

What Happened To the Union! Directly responsible for this de-bacle of the movement are the policies once. Before the C. P. as such can pursued by those put in charge of take the field, the factors going into the organization. Officials were put its composition should be brought inin charge of the organization who to existence. The proletariat objec-were incompetent and had absolutely tively fighting for Communism, the no capacities for running the affairs peasantry rebelling against the con-of such an organization and for build-of such an organization and for build-organization and for buildat the Convention was ignored when gle over immediate issues. The prothe delegates to the convention were forced to vote a motion to send Mink as a delegate to Moscow. In addition steam-roller methods were used at to accept as National Organizer a man who they knew would not ororganize a bunch of fleas on the back of a mange pup. The result was that right after the Convention the first action of the Marine Workers Industrial Union in the port of New Or-leans was a flop. Here the union gave publicity that it gained a 20% raise in wages-only to have workers later on discover that what actually took place was a 20% cut in wages. In spite of his knowledge of actual confronting the rise of the C.P. infacts concerning New Orleans, Mink evitably color the immediate perspecnevertheless gave in his report to the congress of the Red International of Trade Unions as a sign of "progress" the "wonderful achieve the struggle must be conducted with ments" of the Marine Workers In-revolutionary-democratic slogans. The dustrial Union in New Orleans. Also sharpening of the anti-imperialist the bluff of New Orleans was written struggle, the maturing of the forces up profusely in a pamphlet by George Hardy, president of the International the hourgeois nationalists (including of Seamen and Harbor Workers, as a result of Mink's report. What happened in Philadelphia? In Philadelphia under the fraudulent phrases hia we had an excellent opportunity. Here we had really built up some thing that if properly utilized would have made the Marine Workers Industrial Union a power on the Phil adelphia waterfront. But the sectartook untiring efforts to build up and our organizers and speakers were driven off the water-front by the workers themselves with stones and

Demoralization Reigns

Demoralization prevails thruout the entire organization. Organizers in the field write frantically to the headaffairs of the organization are getting along. But the few burecrats in control of the national organization pay no attention to these communications and leave them unanswered. The organizers in the field are left to shift as best they can, are given no direction from the center and no support whatsoever financially or other- Indian revolution rejects parliament-

Within the last decade the various | wise. As a result of such an irrespon- The tragedy of this situation is that,

direction being made. Corruption pre- taken place. The following companies suit of the unemployment situation. vails in workers organizations and in place of unity there is division in the ranks of the seamen and marine workers.

The cornell Co., The Trap-Rock deported they will have a place where to sleep and he provided with food.

These are only a few of the companion of the companio ies that cut wages 10%. Outside of Union should surely take up the fight Union was organized and affiliated printing an insignificant leaflet, the against the deportation and to raise union did absolutely nothing to mobil-ize the workers to fight against wage-unity. reorganized in 1908 and also in 1913. ize the workers to fight against wage-We must today register the fact that cuts. It is not surprising that the employers do not look with fear upon the Marine Workers Industrial Union even the it calls itself a "red revolutionary union".

The Drive Against the Foreign-Born Lately the government authorities began a drive against the foreign-To terrorize the foreign born workers, so that they will not engage in militant action against the hosses, port and in every union for united and, secondly to create a division action against the bosses and against within the ranks of the workers on the burocrats in the interests of the the basis of American and foreigner. workers.

ers welcome deportation as an oppor-In the New York harbor in the tunity to escape frightful conditions

Unity Needed The failure of the Marine Workers Industrial Union and the other organ-izations to lead the workers in struggle should make it clear that it is necessary for militant rank and file workers on the waterfront to get together to force their various organizations to do something to get out of the present deplorable situation.

What is needed on the waterfront is a rank and file movement in every

India In Revolt

PRESENT PERSPECTIVES IN INDIA

by S. K. Vidyarthi

(Concluded from last issue) Throughout the country, there are hardly a few dozen people who intellily known, except to a few bourgeois intellectuals whose object is to emas-culate or vulgarize them. The class-consciousness of the proletariat hardly transcends the level of primitive ty to manocuver into the position of discontent with the new conditions of vantage is the decisive factor and, life. In these circumstances a workmunism is bound to remain a small that which we indicate.

of actual struggle and the education ing it up as an outstanding organ-exploitation and the revolutionary in-ization. The policy of unity was aban-tellectuals dreaming of a new social ago that we read in the Daily Worker doned for a policy of dual unionism. order—all these forces should be com-The will of the rank and file even bined on the platform of actual struggram of this struggle will not be a ism", was a "right deviation"! Fur-Communist program but it will be a revolutionary struggle which must necessarily develop in the course of the convention to force the delegates time into the struggle for Commun-

The Hegemony of the Proletariat

The perspective of the Indian revo ution transcending national-demo cratic limits depends upon the hege mony of the proletariat in the strug-Proletarian hegemony, in its urn, cannot be a reality until the C. P. is there as a functioning political factor. Therefore the problems lives of the Indian revolution. While the forces making for the rise of the P. are still partially in operation, of agrarian revolution, the plan of the leaders of the Congress) to smugof "self-government", all these factors place the question of political. power on the order of the day. The forces struggling for the conquest of

power must have a clear idea about the character of the revolutionary ian course of the leadership of the state. Obviously, dictatorship of the union completely destroyed what it proletariat is not the immediate issue. Even the official Communist a situation was developed in which press, of late, has abandoned this in favor of democratic dictatorship. But this is not enough. Clearness about the form of the revolutionary state is all-important. How shall it come into being is an equally vital question. We answer the question by proposing the creation of local committees of deputies from the workers, peasants, employees, artisans, small traders, students and soldiers organiorganization is doing and how the zations eventually to cleek the Constituent Assembly. This proposition not only shows the way in which the revolutionary state will come to

> Immediate Perspectives This immediate perspective of the

being; it also indicates the social basis

of the democratic dictatorship.

ary democracy, on the one hand, and immediate establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, on the other. But this can be only a transitory state. Further development must be one way or the other. That will depend upon the relation of class forces, the class-conscioness and or-ganization of the proletariat. The ability of the proletariat and its parunder the given Indian circumstances, tariat to acquire that ability than

ABOUT TUUL-MINERS UNION?

A Letter from A Miner

February 18, 1931. I have just received a letter signed F. Borich, Secretary-Treasurer of fore clear that the Communist Party what was once the famous "Mine, must rise out of a process of the mobilization of forces, realized in course Union". The letter is dated February of the mobilization of forces, realized in course Union". The letter is dated February of the mobilization of forces, realized in course Union". The letter is dated February of the mobilization of forces, realized in course Union". The letter is dated February of the mobilization of forces, realized in course Union of the mobilization of forces and the mobilization of forces are not only the mobilization of forces and the mobilization of forces are not of the mobilization of the mobilization of forces are not of the mobilization o ary 2, 1931. And what does the letter

1. The name of the "Mine, Oil and Smelter Workers Industrial Union" is changed back again to "National Miners Union", because "the overthat to be opposed to changing the pined on the platform of actual strug-rile over immediate issues. The prothermore why aren't we informed of the result of the referendum in figures so that we could have some idea of the membership of the union?

2. The letter informs us that the nnion is conducting a strike in which "650 miners are participating". 'This," the letter continues, "is the most important strike ever led by our union." There are hundreds of thousands of workers in the mining industry. Strikes with scores of thousands of workers involved are not at all uncommon in the industry. The TUUL miners "union" has been in existence for two years and, according to the Daily Worker, has been "growing" all the time. Now, in 1931, we are told that a strike of 650 miners is the "most important strike ever led by our union"! What kind of union is it? Or is it a "union" at all?

IN THE NEXT ISSUE! THE RISE AND FALL OF A GREAT 'LEADER' WHAT HAPPENED TO

SAM WEISMAN?

A Letter from a Food Worker All food workers, all TUUL members should read this exposure

Confusion in the German Party

OF GERMANY

January 22, 1931. A few days ago there took place a plenary session of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of lermany. At this plenum Ernst Thaelmann delivered a réport formulating and explaining the newest wrinkle in the new course. Out of this plenum there emerged a resolution which is well worth studying. It exposes the boundless confusion reigning in the upper ranks of the

The estimation of the situation The estimation of the situation is a disastrous hodge-podge of the old ultra-left illusions and some halfhearted corrections under the pressure of the Opposition. Quite correctly it

declares:

"With the continual sharpening of the economic and political crisis in Germany there are already arising tendencies of a revolutionary crisis in the country. How for ary crisis in the country. How far these tendencies will grow depends in the first place on the course of

the class struggle. . . . " But a few lines later on we read of an already existing "revolutionary upsurge of the labor movement" whereas what we really see is an upsurge of the Fascist counter-revolu-

The Bruening government is characterized as the "government of the carrying thru of the Fascist dictator-That means that Fascism has already conquered in Germany. But a few lines further we read: "The dictatorship of capital in

Germany has taken on the character of a maturing but not yet matured Fascist dictatorship."

That means—Fascism has not yet triumphed! Which is it? In order to substantiate the "revolutionary upsurge of the labor move-ment" the resolution points to the Communist election triumph on September 14. But this is a mere parliamentary illusion. In the same regions where the Communist Party had such election victories, the workers follow the reformists in their everyday economic struggles. This is the lesson of the Ruhr miners struggle, the Berlin metal workers strike, the struggle of the Upper Silesian miners, etc.

Tactical line: The tactical sections of the resolution are in a miserable state. We are told: "The political mass strike becomes the most importing class party trying to operate only there is no other way for the prole- and weapon of struggle in the project the full-fledged program of Com- tariat to acquire that ability than a property of the project that ability than a property of the project that a bility than a property of the project that a bility than a project the project than a bility than a project than a project than a bility than a bilit -and it is added: "In the present situation every economic struggle becomes an outspoken political struggle"! Added together these two ideas, in the present situation, make syndi calism of the purest water.

The trade union line is even more

remarkable. The road to the establishment of "independent unions" is to "be followed with unending consistency." "At the same time (note: at the same time!) work in the reformist unions must be carried on".

The tactics of setting up "Red" lists in the factory council elections is reiterated; the results this year will be even more disastrous than

ple's revolution" as the "chief. stratogical slogan of the Party". A little later we are told that "people's revolution" is "exclusively a synonym of the proletarian revolution." And on top of it all, Thaclmann quotes from Lenin's article in 1905 (Two Tactics) to justify the new "chief strategical slogan"! Does not the worthy man know that Lenin made a sharp distinction between the "democratic-dictatorship of the proletariat and the peasantry" (in the bourgeois-demo-cratic revolution) and the "Socialist dictatorship" (in the proletarian revulations) are the inspire them, only the trace. They organized leadership of one Madison Washing as many as one thousand slaves and ton, sailed to Nassau, an English cratic revolution) and the "Socialist armed with scythes and knives; they nort, and thus gained freedom. An international marched to the city in the dead of other, which created international dictatorship" (in the proletarian revolution)? Is it not strange that these people who insist on a proletarian revolution in India suddenly discover the "people's revolution" in Germany?

Great responsibilities face the Communist Party of Germany. The labor movement and the entire country face decisive turn that will have tremendous consequences for the whole world. But the plenum and its resolution show that the Party is in no position, ideologically and organizationally, to meet these responsibilities. The tasks which the Communist Party refuses even to face must be taken up by the Communist Opposition.

The Daily Worker of February 12 publishes a front-page editorial state-ment headed "The Emancipator" which concludes:

"And it is necessary that the ranks of the workers come onto the streets on February 25 to battle for bread and progress!" Now what on earth is this "prog-

ress" for which the unemployed are asked to come out on the streets and "battle" on February 25? What is it -a "new line"?

Unemployment and the Party

Unemployment in Omaha

by Roy Stephens

a job! Ten per cent of the total pop-less workers. Unemployed workers other. The Brandeis Store, the biggest ulation out of employment and look-are arrested at the slightest pretext department store here, has been firing ing for work! This is the situation and charged with "vagrancy". If the confronting the workers in Omaha. | worker has had experience as a farm jobless in this city was made recently Holmes who has established what he by a Nebraska welfare agency. Sen- terms an "unofficial employment burator LaFollette read their report dur- cau" to "place" jobless workers on floor and immediately Mayor Metcalfe wages. Needless to say wealthy farm doubtedly been hit worst of all by this and other city officials got busy trying to make the workers believe that there isn't much unemployment here. For months these city bosses had been their board. advertising that Omaha was a glorious little city that had not been hit by the conomic crisis. This had brought thousands of jobless here italist newspapers hoast that the wages.

The Community Chest week, dish-washers \$5 to \$10, and in by the conomic crisis. This had brought thousands of jobless here italist newspapers hoast that the wages.

The mean packing houses are runfinding work but instead found dirty are being taken care of by these soup kitchens and flop houses and to leave the city or go to jail.

chen it costs a nickel and the same the "Chest". This, despite the fact amount to sleep on the floor with that the half-million dollars they coldozens of others in the flop houses lected this winter was mostly wrung of the Starvation Army and other from employed workers who were thing free is dirt and cooties. If the threat of being fired. worker who applies at these places

(Concluded from last issue)

and more intelligently organized, and

on a wider scale; insurrections that

shook the whole South with convul-

sions of fear and were brutally sup-pressed. There was no mistaking the

were no guarantees against the ef-

lutionary stirrings of the slaves a

THE RICHMOND INSURRECTION

The first important planned upris-

ing took place in 1800 in Richmond,

Va., under the leadership of Jack Bou-

ler and Gabriel. The accounts des-

cribe them as two intelligent young

Negroes who had no special personal

grievances to inspire them, only the

night. Swollen streams, made impas-

sible by rain storms, forced the post-

ponement of the attempt. One of them

turned informer, and the insurrec-

In 1816 what is known as the Cam-

den attempt was discovered. The plot

was long in preparation and strategy

played a part in it. Here again an informer betrayed it, five being exc-

DENMARK VESEY

However, the contemplated slave

insurrection of 1822, under the lead-

ership of Denmark Vesey, a free Ne-

gro, is most remarkable because of its

planfulness, the utmost care with

which it was prepared, the number

cause of the heroism of its leaders,

The leaders were carefully picked.

Addresses of town shops, containing

arms and ammunition, were noted.

executed.

cuted.

ready numbering millions.

2. After the American Revolution.

THE NEGRO SLAVE REVOLTS

by R. Macklin

What about the Negro? What was Charleston. Recruiting went on for is place in this social-political dra- weeks and menths. However, what

July orations, lest they develop illu- the meanwhile, those leaders not yet

sions about liberty.

These aspirations were translated surrection in order to save their cominto a series of insurrections, better rades—but failed. Altogether 131

banished.

1839.

tion was put down and the leaders the ship and ordered the owners to executed.

involved (over 6,600 known) and be- tified in their own behalf.

No longer was he an African Denmark Vesey feared most have

One of every three workers out of have another way of persecuting job- have cut wages in one form or an-This estimate of the number of worker he is turned over to Judge obless in this city was made recently Holmes who has established what he

The Community Coest means and by the Community Chest' brutal police who would order them But jobless workers find it impos-to leave the city or go to jail. Sible in most instances to get a penny Even these places are not for the from any of the twenty-three organ-unemployed. To eat in the soup kit- izations that share in the funds of charitable" organizations. The only forced to give a day's pay under the

. The employers as usual are profithasn't the nickel he is told to "paning by the great amount of unemploy-handle it". They are cutting wages right. The police and municipal judges and left! Almost all big industries

oped for the capture of the town of

were tried; 35 were hung and 37 were

or more and inspired them with a

insurrection again shook the South

UPRISINGS AT SEA

worth noting. In one of them, a hun-

dred thirty-five Negro slaves, while transported from Virginia to New

Orleans, seized the vessel, under the

complications, was that of the Ami

stad, a Spanish slave schooner in

belled against cruel treatment; seized

steered North and were taken into

custody off Long Island by a U. S

raship and brought to New Haven

John. The Spanish Minister demand

ed immediate surrender of the slaves

President Van Buren reacted com

plaisantly to this but the Abolitionists

raised such a storm of protest as t

force the courts to interpret the law:

in favor of the Negroes, who obtained

their freedom and were sent back to

Africa. It is noteworthy that these

African Negroes learned to read dur

JOHN BROWN'S RAID

No account of American slave in-

surrections can possibly ignore John

raid on the arsenal at Harper's Fer-

ling the lengthy trial so that they tes

Fifty-four slaves aboard re

Some of the uprisings at sea are

with wildest fears.

women workers who are married giving the excuse that they want to give single girls a chance. They then nire' girls at greatly reduced wages to take the jobs of those fired on the excuse that they are married.

50 per cent. In meet restaurants now cooks receive from \$12 to \$20 per

The meat packing houses are running at about one-third capacity. Cudahy and Armour's have introduced Hoover's "stagger" system of puting every worker on part-time with no increase in pay.

Dissatisfaction In The A. F. of L.

There is a growing dissatisfaction amongst the organized werkers of the A. F. of L., especially the building trades workers. For instance in Lincoln, Nebraska, recently over two hundred of the rank and file of the A. F. of L. members marched thru the streets in a body to the city hall and demanded relief from the city government. This somewhat alarmed the reactionary officials here and they bastened to announce that they were considering measures to help the joh-less here. They have done nothing as yet other than give a plate of goulash one Sunday at the Labor Temple to about two hundred jobless. It is re-gretable indeed that there is no organized left wing in the A. F. of L. here to fight against the prevailing class-collaboration policies of the reactionary officials.

The Line of the Communist Party

The official Communist Party has individual of this or that tribe. His happened. The plans were betrayed smashed. His language was one—that of his masters. Already he was of the leaders named. These, with a most remarkable show of bravery, appeared before the authorities demanding to the leaders named. This completes the most remarkable show of bravery, appeared before the authorities demanding to the leaders named. Since then they have held two more meetings but the speakers, instead of stressing the need of fighting for the leaders name in the plans were betrayed to practically nothing to the jobless here. The first meeting on unemployment during the last November. Since then they have held two more meetings but the speakers, instead of stressing the need of fighting for immediate relief talked only of "revenue."

tions of a whole race. Even the ruling class recognized this, much as they would have liked to have shorn him of all human attributes. Significantly enough, a pamphlet was published in South Carolina, about 1816, advocating that slaves be prohibited from listening to Fourth of shall see me do." And they did. In the processity of fighting for some implicate relief talked only of "revolutions of a whole race. Even the ruling and the evidence so piled up as to implicate six of the leaders including ism".

After much protesting from a couple of "loyalites" I finally got the inspiring composure. One of them, Peter Poyas, bade his comrades: "Do floor or rather took the floor at one of their meetings. I had noticed that the speaker had not said one word on the necessity of fighting for some imthe necessity of fighting for some immediate relief so I mentioned a number of immediate demands that the unemployed should fight for. The speaker answered me by saying: "The American workers aren't interested in immediate demands. The revolution is just around the corner. We must THE NAT TURNER INSURRECTION pressed. There was no mistaking the meaning of this. The slave oligarchy saw and knew that the harshest suppressions, the most stringent laws or more and inspired them with a Communist Party or more and inspired them with the Communi prepare for that". I could not help (Majority Group) is not organiza-* * *

Were no guarantees against the efgreat religious fervor. The U. S. tionally strong enough in this vicinity trops and militia entered the scene is carry on effective work in organizations of the slogan of "a peo-litting of the slogan of the slogan

He was hung with sixteen others. This in our program, however, when they receive our literature. There are distributions of the Age and of our leaflets with our program for unemployment. In one employment agoncy the workers took turns reading them to the twenty or more workers who were present and then there followed a lively discussion-all agreeing that he program on unemployment was just what is needed.

Books Received

The following books have been reell be reviewed in coming issues.

THE ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE SOV-IET UNION, by Calvin B. Hoover. The Macmillan Company, New York.

ZUR PREUSSISCHEN GESCHICHTE, (On Prussian History), by Franz Mehring. Two volumes: vol. 1, from the Middle Ages to Jena; vol. 2, from Jena to the Foundation of the Empire. With an introduction by Ludwig Poll-Soziologische Verlagsanstalt, Berlin, 1930.

ZUR LITERATURGESCHICHTE (On Literary History), by Franz Mehring. Two volumes: vol. 1, from Calderon to Heine; vol. 2, from Hebbel to Gorki. With an introduction by August Thalheimer. Soziologische Verlag-sanstalt, Berlin. 1930.

H. G. WELLS, by Geoffrey West. W. W. Norton and Company, New York.

THE SOVIET CHALLENGE TO AM-ERICA, George S. Counts. The John Day Company, New York, 1931.

mancipation. It made it possible for

he Negro to become a section of the American labor movement which alone holds forth the promise of the eventual liberation of all toilers from exdoitation and oppression. Already he Negro has in many instances shown significant signs of militant determination to achieve racial emannage in the South, wage-slavery in cipation and signs of revolutionary the North. But if this is true, it is class consciousness. The glorious also true that emancipation from traditions of his struggles against opchaitel slavery marked a tremendous pression under the slave regime will step forward in the long and bitter stand him in good stead in facing his struggle of the Negro masses for full new problems.

The Economic Week slowly reaching 51% of capacity

CLIGHT seasonal increases in a number of industries have given superficial observers the impression that the bottom of the economic crisis has already been generally reached. There is no substantial evidence for this. Only in a few instances is the hottom being scraped intermittently but not yet reached.

Despite a further rise on the stock market, largely technical and speculative, caution still rules. Steel is crawling upward very

in comparison with 82% a year ago. But the last month's general prices fell more rapidly than at any time since June; car-loadings were smallest in 10 years; unemployment again rose; foreign trade fell heavily. The week shows commodity prices at their lowest; carloadings still lower; bank clearings 13.6% below one year ago, Last week's failures reached record proportions, 722 in comparison with 534 the previous week

and 585 a year ago. Automobile output showed a slight decline for the week. International factors are not visibly encouraging. British unemployment continues to rise to new records. French trade is declining and unemployment increasing. In Germany recovery is not in sight. The international bankers are working overtime trying to arrange huge export of capital from the United States and France where most of the world's gold is now concerned. Important

Arms were prepared and gathered Brown's uprising of 1858. John over a long period. Slaves working Brown, an heroic white, gathered in livery stables were to furnish around himself a company, partly horses. Others were picked to mob-composed of Negrees. His plan was ilized Negroes in the country districts, to establish himself in the mountain During the many secret meetings fastness of Virginia, from which h held, careful strategems; were devolwas to carry on a guerilla warfare to free and arouse the slaves to widespread insurrections. After an heroid

ry, he was captured and hung. The Civil War and the emancipation of the Negro from chattel slavery did not solve the Negro question. The Negro found himself under new forms of oppression and exploitation. His fundamental status in American society was still that of an "inferior race" with all that this implies. The conditions of class exploitation changed but were not abolished; peonage in the South, wage-slavery in

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"FOLLIES OF AMERICA"

AFTER FIFTY YEARS of service to the biggest corporations, Samuel University Club of Los Angeles. This time the aged lawyer's goat-getter was "some of America's social and economic follies."

Untermyer "raged" over America's resources being run by legislators "of lower intellectual standards not to be found in any civilized country on earth". What's the matter now? Aren't the New York judges (including Untermyer's son) educated enough? Weren't Fall, Sinclair, Doheny, and Harding civilized enough to steal the Teapot Dome? Did they plunder because they were "of lower intellectual standards" or because they represented the class of exploiters whom Mr. Untermyer has been defending for half a century? Would a couple of more university degrees make Mellon of Aluminum and Gulf Oil fame a better "servant of the people" or a worse tool of Wall Street? No! Not even the goldentongued oratory of one of the "best brains" of America's lawyerdom can hide the ever deepening class divisions in the United States.

"Monopolies have now accumulated and buried their tenacles so deeply into our economic life" that they have become "great law breakers". Untermyer should and does know better. His clients are not law-breakers but law-makers. The law is the sum total, the very essence, of their general, their highest class interests at a particular historical moment. As much noise and as little substance is to be found in Untermyer's further frets at "the despotic power of capital over government". What is the government but the central executive committee of the capitalist class? We venture to say that if we were to pick at random any dozen of Untermyer's clients we would find at least a dozen dozens of unchallangeable facts proving our contention to the hilt.

We don't want to be rude with this "grand old man" of Wall Street. But why his sudden interest in social insurance? Why his sudden fits at the "poorly and unjustly distributed wealth"? Why his sudden awakening to the fact that "our (Wall Street's) form of government is neither democratic nor highly progressive" and that "it is not responsive to the will of the people"? Is Untermyer trying to get in Hamilton Fish's way? Is he at last breaking with the hardest-boiled open-shop interests? This is not an age of miracles. And grown-up workers especially can get along without bed-time tales. Untermyer's white-hot wrath is seen to be not so hot and certainly not so white as he reaches his climax and goes on to shed crocodile tears over the "desperate, unequal struggle at the moment in my own state of New York between Governor Roosevelt and the most formidable power trust on earth,"

Here lies the dead dog. Governor Roosevelt is being groomed for the Presidency. Untermyer is one of the best stable boys in the Democratic stall, in the party emblemed by the Donkey. Untermyer's avalanche of radicalism is just that much campaign noise and grease to facilitate the palming off of Roosevelt as Hoover's successor. The times are very bad. There is a desperate economic situation on hand. There is much discontent among the masses. So the Untermyers and the other stage-setters and wire-pullers of the Democratic section of the ruling class talk radical. With loud, radical, high-sounding phrases they think they can all the more easily fool the masses nowadays. All of Untermyer's moral indignation is only a smoke screen for his feverish effort to get the American toiling masses' vote for Mr. Tweedledee teplacing Mr. Tweedledum in the White

As Governor of New York Roosevelt has done some clever shadowboxing with Morgan's power interests. He has also, thru his state banking department superintendent, Mr. Broderick, allowed the Bank of the United States to perpetrate swindles for months in preparation for the recent hold-up of hundreds of thousands of poor depositors. As head of the Empire State he boasts of the greatest number of unemployed and the longest breadlines in the country.

Without the slightest fear of exaggeration, we can, in the light of these plain facts, say: Among the most dangerous follies of America which the workers should be on guard against are the good Samaritans and friends of the class of the Untermyers and their like.

PILLARS OF SOCIETY

WILLIAM H. WASTE is the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, who holds Tom Mooney in jail after all living witnesses have confessed or have been proved perjurers and judge and jury have admitted the injustice of the conviction.

But Chief Justice Waste is a good churchman, a Y, M. C. A. official and very likely a good husband and father.

Judge John Barton Payne, head of the American Red Cross, has done his best to sabotage unemployment and farm relief and has the blood of starving men, women and children on his hands. He is also a pillar of

Harry Fitzgerald, president-treasurer of the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills, hired "labor leaders" and gunmen and state officials to smash the Danville strike and beat the men and women who made his fortune to their knees by hunger, cold, sickness and terror. He is a Presbyterian elder.

John D. Rockefeller (Jr. and Sr.), responsible for the Colorado massaere, for the wholesale robbery of the oil resources of America, for systematic corruption of officials and dishonest practises of every sort, for brutal assault upn colonial nations which happen to have oil within their borders, are both devout Baptists and John D., Junior, teaches Sunday School and

Yet there are those who tell us that if we were all devout Christians there would be no war, no exploitation, no injustice. Christianity has been indoctrinated and preached by the powerful of the earth for twenty centuries and capitalism is now developing its biggest crises, its most degrading corruption and decay and the most destructive war in human history. We have had enough of these "good men" and their system. Old Bishop Brown is right. It is time to drive God from the skies and capitalism from the

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Two Systems at War

Europe and the Soviet Union

by Jay Lovestone

THE main stream of history is now powerfully stirred by two clashing many stirred by two clashing currents. First, the world system of capitalism is in its period of decline, the epoch of imperialism. At this particular moment, capitalism is in an especially acute crisis on an international scale. In striking contrast to this downward trend of the prevailing social order, stands the Soviet Union, the dawn, the beginning of the new Socialist order constantly rising, moving ever-upward in the construction of Socialism, concentrated and systematized under the Five-Year Plan. Two social systems are at war.

The growth of Socialism in the Soviet Union, at the same time that capitalism is in a severe crisis, is particularly disturbing to the imperialists. It has them terribly worried. They talk a lot about the "menace of Soviet competition", about the danger of "Soviet dumping". But it is not the competition of Soviet industries or the "dumping" of a particular product that they fear just now. Today, the capitalists the worldover fear most the inspiration of the victorious Russian workers to the exploited toiling masses and the op-

IN THE FASCIST CROSS



SOME OF THE ENEMIES OF THE SOVIET UNION: Left to Right-Top: Hitler, German Fascist leader; Miller, Russian monarchist, head of White Guard forces in Paris; Bottom: Pilsudski, military dictator of Poland; Austen Chamberlain, British Tory leader. Center: Tardieu, reactionary French politician organizer of intervention schemes

pressed colonial masses—an inspiration which is hastening the dumping of the whole capitalist system.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AGAINST THE

SOVIET UNION

"The Russian scheme is being carried out with consistency, perseverance and method. That is gradually impressing people with the idea that Soviet Russia is today the only part of the world in which there is order applied with intelligence and preseverance worthy of human beings, while the rest of the world is in a state of anarchy. This contrast between a scheme that is consistent and a complete lack of scheme is both a very disturbing and a very stimulating factor, and is, in my opinion, advancing the cause of Bolshevism in the world, which is bein kept within bounds solely by the absurdity of its own propaganda."

Thus spoke the secretary of the Third Disarmament Commission of the League of Nations, Salvador de Madariaga. Here we have the most conscious capitalist attitude: recognition of the reality of the Soviet Socialist progress and of the plight of capitalism; dread of the resulting world-wide stimulus to Communism; inveterate hatred of Socialism as an economic, as a social system.

WORKERS LOOK TO SOVIET UNION

Reality is stronger than false propaganda, slander and prejudice. The very fact that the Soviet system, in the face of a hostile world, is going up while capitalism is going down is a decisive argument even to the most politically undeveloped workers and colonial masses. That is why the Soviet Union and Communism, with their idea of fundamental revolutionary social change, are gaining tremendous influence and prestige in the ranks of the workers, the poorer peasant masses, and the lower strata of the middle classthe worst sufferers of capitalist "progress". This is true despite the fact that organizationally and politically, the official organized expression of Communism, the Comintern, is today weaker than it has been at any time in the last decade.

While in Berlin I put this question to some German

"How did you vote in the last Reichstag elections? How do you vote in factory council elections?

They answered as one:

"List No. 4, the C.P., was our choice in the Reichstag elections. We vote for the Free Trade Union and not the Red Opposition lists in the factory council elections. Communist union officials we will not elect either. When we vote for the Communist Party we do so because we are for Communism as against capitalism. We are voting for something tomorrow. We don't want to vote for Communists in our unions and factories because we don't agree with what they are doing and we don't trust their methods today. That's why we cannot purour everyday interests in their

Yet, the objective conditions are so favorable for the revolutionary working class movement, that in every strike, in every struggle, in every test of strength between the bosses and workers, between capitalist government and oppressed masses, the Soviet Union. the ideas and ideals of Communism are not only the inspiring but sometimes even driving force. Had we been able to crystalize this splendid sentiment-and this could be done only thru correct Communist tactics -we could today deal mortal blows to capitalism and to its defenders, Social-democracy and Fascism.

PREPARING THE WAR AGAINST THE WORKERS REPUBLIC

The total national income of the Soviet Union will reach 50 billion rubles this year, an increase of 35% within a year. Capital investments in electrification in 1929-30 were 800 million rubles or double those of 1927-28 and eight times the figure for 1925-26. With vaulting energy our Russian brothers are driving ahead overcoming obstacles appearing almost insuperable. This progress is all the more significant because it comes without long-term credits by the capitalists. The U. S. S. R. doesn't even get long-term merchandise credit. The only outside help is that of several hundred foreign engineers. Whatever trade the capitalists have with the Soviet Union they consider only a hateful necessity. They all need business and need it badly.

In the Soviet Union the masses, led by the Communist Party, are fully aware of the fact that their speediest building up of heavy industry and the collectivization of agriculture are all the more urgently demanded now for military reasons. The Soviet workers and peasants understand and feel that the imperialists are sharpening their weapons for an onslaught on the Soviet Republic. For the world exploiters such an attack is a matter of life and death. It is inevitable. Only the question of when is to be answered concretely. The imperialists feel that if they could crush the U. S. S. R., then China, India, the entire Orient and all the colonies would be "stabilized" and put in their place and thus new gaint markets would be opened up for the products which their workers at home have produced but are not allowed to consume. Very properly the Russian masses are utilizing to the limit and with a vigorous tempo the present extremely difficult moment for the bourgeoisie—the intense antagonisms among themselves and their present desperate economic

The two systems cannot live for long side by side in peace. Our Russian comrades are fortunately making the most of the "Peredyshka", the breathing-spell. The recent trial of the counter-revolutionists in Moscow didn't begin to tell the extent and the depth of the world-wide imperialist plot against the Soviet Union, Had French and British imperialism not known that the U. S. S. R. knows even more than revealed at the trial, the Paris and London governments would never for a moment have replied so feebly to the grave accusations made at the trial.

Only the other day there was appointed head of the French army, General Weygand, the organizer of the Polish drive against Soviet Russia which culminated in the infamous Peace of Riga. Thus, for the first time in the history of the French Republic a monarchist is commander-in-chief of its military forces. Add to this

IN THE LAND OF THE TOILERS



Seed-sorting Machine At Work on the Petukhovsky State Farm in the Urals.

the fact that on French soil and with French governmental support there is being maintained and drilled an army of 100,000 monarchist Russian troops eagerly awaiting for a chance to leap at the Soviet Union. Last September the White commander-in-chief Miller paraded some of his troops around the Arc de Triomphe in the heart of Paris. The connection here is of sinister significance. The cornerstone of the plan prepared by Count d'Ormesson to revise reparations and debts and to bring about a Franco-German military and economic alliance is a united onslaught against the Soviet Union. Then, Herr Romberg, one of Hitler's Fascist lieutenants in the Reichstag, has just boldly proclaimed that "Britain's duty is to protect the white race in Africa and Asia and that Germany must stem the Mongolian tide from Russia." In his biography. Mein Kampf, Hitler pours fire and brimstone against Bolshevism and proclaims it as the historic mission of a Fascist Germany to wipe out Socialist Russia. A day does not pass without the world's most influential newspaper, the London Times, laying down an infernal barrage against the U. S. S. R. Typical of the bitterness and fury of British imperialism against the Soviet Union is the following from the poison pen of the notorious Tory, A. A. Baumann, in the Evening

"Some kind of moral myopia seems to afflict our politicians whenever Russia is on the carpet. For to me it seems that morally we might just as well conclude a trading agreement with the Chicago crowd of gangsters as with the Russian Soviets. As an ethical animal I can see no difference between Stalin and Scarface Al Capone. Indeed, I prefer Scarface, for he, at least, makes no pretense of any other object than lining his pockets; whereas Stalin bumps off his countrymen and robs foreigners under the blasphemous plea of regenerating mankind."

Fortunately for the Soviet Union, the imperialist powers have so far been unable to get together against their common enemy- the Workers and Farmers'. Soviet Republic. Then, they fear their own working classes. But even this is no absolute guarantee for preventing or defeating an imperialist world war against the Soviet Union. There is but one such guarantee which can inspire and organize the workers of the world for victory. This guarantee is the rebuilding of the Communist International into a powerful world party of Communism-a mighty united, disciplined, vanguard of the international working class.

Just how can this guarantee be achieved? This is the question of the hour facing the working class of every country.



CHINA, The Collapse of A Civiliza tion, by Nathaniel Peffer. The John Day Company, New York. 1930.

In the prefatory note "About the Author" we are told that Mr. Peffer 125 Resorts is Laid to 2 Police Colwent to China in 1927 on a research lectors"—reads a headline in the New fellowship granted by the John Simon York Times. The land of epportunity And the result is this book! We must could do! Everything for sale! Only say: It seems a sinful waste of good saps work! Just now even they can't

The whole course of events (recent Chinese history) is understandable, this fallacy (the failure to "inter-rewhich . . . has brought the Powers and China to the verge of at least one war in recent years?" The "sequence of cause and effect" reduces to "falacies" and "misunderstandings".

In the same way, the author ostentatiously shows how really "modern" he is by laying down: "Economic conhe is by laying down: "Economic consequences in sequences bore social consequences in their train inevitably" (p.122) and: "A change in way of living entails a change of ideas" (p.124). He even so-called Socialist government. application of these profund ideas. But can we say he has mastered his own words when he can in the same breath declare, without any feeling of incongruence, that: "It was in the machinery of state that dislocation was first felt" (p.95) from which it proceeded to the economic structure of the country!

In short, the author's borrowings from the scientific historical method (i.e., from Marxism, from historical materialism) are merely superficial Once having gone thru the formalities, he relapses into the good old system of the repetition of platitudes and the serving up of half-thought-out conclusions dressed up in pre-tentious phrases. And curiously enough these conclusions are not altogether unwelcome to the more "enlightened" (i.e., more far-seeing) sections of Wall Street.

The main thesis of Mr. Peffer's as a ruthless innovator that has destroyed the very foundations of class-rooting of California vineyards," ical Chinese society without building reads an A. P. dispatch (Feb. 12) up anything to take their place; hence the "problem of China." But the course of imperialism in the colonies has been anything but "ruthlessly in-novating". Imperialism has every- Wha where (and not only in China) made an alliance with the feudal-patriarchal elements, with the representatives of the outlived past, to prevent the "clean sweep" of the old order, to forms of imperialist exploitation. It has always been the conscious and deliberate policy of imperialism to block any national movement of progress and eplicitiment any attention of progress plate of ham and eggs! and enlightment, any attempt to destroy the old economic and social institutions, any effort to modernize the packward countries. Burlingame, who certainly knew the ins and outs of inperialist policy in China, once cur-iously remarked that "it was precisely the representatives of the most progressive powers of the Christian eason that the American adventurer Ward and the English "Chinese' Gordon came to the aid of the impotent Manchu despots and suppressed the Taiping rebellion which was essentially a national-bourgeois revolution in Chinese garb.

Of course, we must not overlook the objectively innovating effect of the imperialist invasion and the consequent change in economic relations. But it is precisely the ability to com-bine into one organic whole the two opposite sides of the picture that Mr. effer altogether lacks-which is another way of saying that he has no inkling of the dialectic method.

Mr. Peffer's theatment of the revdution of 1911 and the subsequent ness. events is unbelievably trivial, without any attempt at class analysis or basic historical interpretation. When we come down to events after 1925 the riviality of treatment is supplemented by such a vicious anti-Soviet bias ed by such a vicious anti-Soviet bias Church of Rome is not so easily that all traces of rationality are lost stumped. The Church of the Holy and the pages become almost unin-telligible. Thus the issue upon which has rebaptized itself as "The Church olution and joined the imperialist counter-revolutionary bloc is literally given as follows (p.164): "Was the Vationalist Government, which now held half of China, to be a wing of the Communist International or was it to be Chinese, subject to Chinese There will be no charge for the blesindgment and desires?" The bloody outcher Chiang Kai-shek "subject to Chinese judgment and desires?

After all this it is hardly to be wondered at that Mr. Peffer comes to the really remarkable conclusion lists keep their picty and their joy ride that: "In the five years since 1925 at the same time, and roadhouses the great Powers have lost nearly all can exade the odor of sanctity, auto they had gained since 1842. . (p.260). The powerlessness of Mr. Gabriel, the smell of gasoline will be Stimson and the United States State redolent of incense and children be Department in the face of the Chinese run over by blessed Fords. When the government is recounted in touching Ford falls apart its soul will go terms. In a word, China has ceased straight to Heaven. The blessed char to be a semi-colony; it is now practically a "sovereign state." And they problem in the Celestial city. Unrehad to send him to China to find this generate trucks that don't go out on



Reeking with Corruption

+\$400,000 Speakeasy Graft from Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Look what two humble police agents money to send a man to China so that get a job! Little rackets within the he can write a book like this. Any grand racket called capitalism. Unliterate person, who has jnot been employment. War. Exploitation. The nearer to China than Chinatown but "saps" produce the wealth of the who has absorbed the contents of a country. Then it is grabbed—as rent couple of standard handbooks, could (the land-owning racket); interest hardly do worse.

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Mr. Peffer makes his bow to historical objectivity and determinism.

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* capitalist system is rotten in every fibre of its being-reeking with coreven inevitable, fordwomed by the ruption-crawling with parasites big sequences of cause and effect" (viii), and little-built on toil and robbery But of what value is this formal recognition when, only a few pages further revolution can sweep out the mess and lay the foundation of a decent world.

late" the various parts of the "prob-lem of China"—XYZ.) can be attri-buted much of the misunderstanding bor" Chancellor of the Exchequer, has Philip Snowden, his majesty's "la-bor" Chancellor of the Exchequer, has just announced an economy drive at the expense of the few "social" measures capitalism has been executing for the benefit of the exploited. Thus under the Labor government capitalism is to become more anti-social than even under the Conservative party.

The Biggest and Richest

There are 79 breadlines in New York City. Still breaking records.

In the Richest Land in History With their prolonged mock battle over the word "food" President and Senate have sought to divert attention from the fact that not one thing had been done or is contemplated in the 1931-32 budget for unemployment insurance or relief. And that only \$69,-000,000 are appropriated for farm relief, and then only for loans on security to already debt-ridden starving farmers who have nothing left to pawn. Thus do President and all factions of the Senate play politics with

human misery. Capitalist "Economy"

Because capitalism cannot distribute all it can produce without ceasbook is fundamentally wrong. He ing to be capitalism, therefore its rem-pletures "Western civilization" (the edy is to destroy its products while the nonde guerre of modern imperialism) producers starve. "The California as a ruthless innovator that has de Grape Committee recommended up-"to relieve the industry of an over-production of 630,000 tone of fresh grapes that cannot be marketed prof-

What a welcome addition they would be to the diets of millions of poor families!

And in the egg center of America of the outlived past, to prevent the "clean sweep" of the old order, to maintain the old reactionary institutions as points of support for the new forms of importalist application.

Out of the Darkness
Samuel "Untermyer told the Los
Angles University Club the other day. "Monopolies have buried their ten tacles so deeply into our economic life that any genuine attempt now made to enforce those laws (anti-trust laws) would lead to a calactysm in the business and financial world. The world who support the most reaction the business and financial world. The ary elements here." It was for this truth is that the influence of these great law breakers, exerted on one administration after another, has proven irresistable."

Mr. Untermyer should know where-of he speaks. Fifty years as a corporation lawyer successfully defending these great lawbreakers, entitle him to speak with authority. Like John Bassett Moore, Mr. Untermyer, when he is about ready to climb into the grave, professes alarm at the results of his life work and the development of imperialistic-monopolistic America during the past generation. But they are lost voices crying in a wilderness from which they see no exit, for even with one foot in the grave they either do not see or dare not turn to the working class which alone is able to cut America's way out of the wilder-

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot! The automobile has been taking the

notorists away from the church on Sundays but the wily, adaptable old Kuomintang deserted the revion and joined the imperialist iter-revolutionary bloc is literally iter-revolutional inter-revolutional inter-revolution in the literal inter-revolution in the litera Daniel de Nonno and his two associates will come out into the street in their vestments and pronounce a blessing upon all the cars parked nearby. sing, but if owners of cars wish to make a donation to the church they may do so."

Thus the church keeps the motorists or at least their pence, the motorhorns make the music of the angel Sunday will go straight to Hell.

--B.D.W