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ON OUR PAPER

Held Up Week For "Inspection"

Another severe blow against the freedom of the labor press was delivered last week when the New York Post Office Department informed the business office of the Revolutionary Age that in the future every issue of Age would be held up in the New York Post Office until the contents of the issue had been "approved" by the Solicitor General of the Post Office Department in Washington. This means, in the best of cases, a certain delay of at least one week in the mailing of every issue! This procedure has already been practised on the February 21, 1931 (No. 13) issue of the Revolutionary Age which was not mailed out until eight days after it was deposited in the New York Post Office.

In May 1930 second-class mailing rights were denied to the Revolutionary Age on the ground that it was "treasonable" and "seditious", i.e., that it defended the cause of labor in a militant manner. The case was taken up by the Civil Liberties Union and appealed to the United States Circuit Court where the decision of the Post office was upheld. Since then the Age has been mailed as printed matter at much higher rates. Now, even transmission as printed matter (or fourth class mail) is practically barred by the Post Office be-cause a delay of a week in mailing the paper is obviously impossible.

The office of the Revolutionary Age has announced that it is taking meas ures to overcome the additional obstacles placed in the way of the paper by the Post Office; it will see to it that subscribers get the paper on time—no matter what additional expenses. pense it may involve. The government attack on the labor press must be heaten back by the united efforts of the labor movement!

RUTHENBERG MEET IN NEW YORK

Demand for Unity

NEW YORK, March 1-Nearly three hundred workers gathered at the Labor Temple at the meeting called by the Communist Party, U. S. A. (Majority Group) to honor the memory of Com-rade Ruthenberg, founder and leader of the Communist Party.

Jay Lovestone was chairman. Comrades Edward Welsh, Chas. S. Zimmerman, Alex Bail and Ben Gitlow were the speakers. Ben Gidow, the main speaker, made a thorogoing analysis of the economic crisis and the official program of the Communist Party today as unsuitable for the present crisis and entirely in conflict with the Leninist line defended in State Department documents dealing with the Party by Comrade Ruthenberg at its the invasion of Nicaragua by United plea for Communist unity and showed a Senate resolution of January 5, the that the present crisis in the Communist State Department has submitted to the Party of the United States is due primarily to the imposition on the Party of but as to be matter dealing with the in-precisely that sectarian policy which Com- vasion by the Marines, Stimson declared: rade Ruthenberg fought so energetically. Ruthenberg's correst line who are now sideration of the matter and an examina

WAR VET DIES OF STARVATION

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Got Medals in War--Hunger Afterwards—And Now A Big Funeral

SOUTH: NORWALK, Conn.—Oscar bravery by the government of England exposure. Johnson had been unemployed

the bosses that he received all sorts of alism." And now, when in the name medals. Then he came back home. What of "rugged individualism" Johnson died did he find? Wage-cuts, starvation, up of starvation, he is going to get a miliemployment for the workers-wealth and itary funeral!

NEW P.O. ATTACK New Forces Join CP Majority Group in Drive

Declares Issues Will Be Reports From New York and Anthracite Region Show 3 Mills Tied Up; N.T.W.U. Good Gains; Workers Join Group

the Communist Party (Majority the winning about twenty-five work-Group) in connection with the reorganization of the group to bring it of such "loss on influence"! doser to the unions and workers organizations has already begun to bear fruit. First reports from New York, and the Anthracite region are coming in showing the progress of the

Marine Workers and Needle Trades Workers In New York

The New York organization has to report the recruiting of fifteen new members from among the needle trades workers and three marine workers from the New York waterfront. In addition about ten other workers, from miscellaneous trades, by the police when the latter attempted have been won for our group in New York City within the last two weeks

Seven Miners in the Anthracite

The Anthracite CP-Majority Group reports the recruiting of seven more miners for our movement. Our anthracite comrades are strengthening their influence greatly among the progressive miners of the hard coal

These brief reports provide the proper answer to the cheap campaign an indefinite period, about the "loss of influence" of the "Lovestoneites". As against the loss of a school (eacher in Passaic we can record the winning of many factory workers; as against the loss of a

Y. DRESS STRIKE CONTINUES:

The general dress strike called by the Needle Trades Workers Industrial The bloody Machado government of Union is still continuing. A number Cuba, which has destroyed all the rights of shops have already settled.

pull shops. Of the halls taken down rules by the most naked terror, is sup for strike meetings, one is still being ported by the United States as the "con

The demands of the strikers are: out United States support the Machado

1. Recognition of the Union; 2. Re
| newal of the old agreement. This the workers and farmers of the United means the 40-hour week, minimum States going to permit Wall Street to wage scales of \$44 for operators, maintain in power the bloody puppet.

| States support the Machado | States support the Machado | Machado | States support the Machado | Machado | States support the Machado | Mach

The recruiting drive initiated by salesman in New York we can record

50 WORKERS SHOT BY CUBA POLICE

Wall Street Puppet Rule Spreads Terror Thruout the Country

HAVANA---Fifty workers were shot on February 21 to break up a series of

trade union meetings in the city.

A force of fifty policemen, armed to
the teeth, had been sent early in the day to the headquarters of the workers' or ganizations by order of the secretary of launched the attack. The workers resisted until they were overpowered. In litto the ranks of the picketing mass-addition to those shot by the police, sixty es outside the mills. At the same time five workers were placed under arrest and taken to Cabinas Fortress to be held for composed of the mayor, the industrial

The students' directorate of the Havana Government High School were arrested on the same day after two months search thrubut the city. The students were charged with "sedition" and "conspiracy" and "piots to overthrow the present administration." They were sent to jail for "an indefinite period" by the Secretary of the Interior.

of the Cuban people, which has outlawed The the strike is continuing, it is in all militant labor organizations, which has affect no more than an organization attempted to suppress every sign of liber-Committees are going out to alism and progress in the country, which used. Two have been given up. stitutional government" of Cubal With The demands of the strikers are: out United States support the Machade

STIMSON TRIES TO HIDE FACTS ON MARINE INVASION OF NICARAGUA

Declines To Give Senate Information on Yankee Attack In 1924; Shows What "Democracy" Means

WASHINGTON-Secretary of State picked Senate Foreign Relations Com-Stimson has refused to make public the The speakers made a vigorous States Marines in 1924. In response to Senate a mass of unimportant documents

"The Secretary of State has the honor It is just those who resisted Comrade to inform the President after thoro conin the leadership of the Party driving it tion of the papers that he has reached the conclusion that it would not be compatible with the interests of the United States to furnish the papers relating to States marines in Nicaragua prior to the

present administration."

He declared himself willing, however, to present the necessary material to an executive session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee!

This is real "democracy" for you! "Government of the people"! Here the government on order from Wall Street, invades a supposedly "sovereign" country, floods it with Marines, "elects" its Johnson, 37 years old, who won the Strangles it—all without the "people" of the Guerre in France and was cited for this country (not to speak of the people de Guerre in France and was cited for of Nicaragual) being even consulted about it. And, now, the Secretary of and Belgium, died in Norwalk hospital State refuses to submit the material on early on February 25 from hunger and these predatory activities to the Congress exposure. Johnson had been unemployed which is supposed to the "voice of the he will receive a military funeral arranged by the various veterans organizar country. He is prepared to let the hand-

The fate of Oscar Johnson ought to luxury for the rich parasites who had when Wall Street wanted him to go to enment relief to the unemployed was Europe to fight the battles of the rich, blocked by the president of the United Here was a man who fought so well for States in the name of "rugged individu-

mittee have it in secret-but the "sovereign people" cannot know what is being done in their name.

and for Wall Street!

10,000 LAWRENCE ANTI-SOVIET LIES MOSLEY GROUP LEAVES LABOR; WORKERS STRIKE ARE EXPLODED

In Lead; Vote Taken to Return to Work

THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE

LAWRENCE, Mass .- More than 10,000 workers of three mills of the American Woolen Company went out dumping of grain, over which so many on strike here on February 24 as a attacks have been made against the So-development of a strike of combers viet Union. in protest against some rationaliza-

over the leadership of the strike. In the second week in February the combers walked out in a strike against the new schedules put into effect by the efficiency experts. The mills involved were the Ayer, Wood and Washington mills. The strike demands, which originally included only the withdrawal of the new schedules, were extended to include the recognition of the union and time-and-ahalf for overtime.

Within the week the strike spread so as to include practically 90% of the workers of the three mills,

The bosses began their offensive the Interior. About 7 o'clock in the in two different directions: police evening, the workers began to come. The brutality and "citizens conferences." police permitted them to enter and then The mounted police were mobilized and charged with the utmost brutality secretary of the YMCA, and some leading capitalists. The "citizens committee" announced that the mill owners were ready to negotiate but not with "outsiders", that is, not with officials of the National Textile Workers Union. The mill owners also pretended to be ready to "agree" to the withdrawal of the "efficiency" schedules an dto a policy of "no discriminations"—but absolutely refused to consider the question of union recognition and time-and-a-half, for over-

> The "citizens committee" also managed to arrange a break in the strik ers ranks. On February 26 å strike settlement vote was taken. Of the 10,000 striking workers only 2,000 participated. The vote was 1,651 to 453 for returning to work on the basis of the offer of the mill owners.

The National Textile Worker Union has called for a return to work pointing out that the workers will never be able to hold their own in the mills unless they have a union to

Five leaders of the strike have been gregating \$100,000. The charges against them are quite serious, mostly conspiracy charges. The five leaders are : Pat Devine, national secrelary of the NTWU, Edith Berkman, organizer for the union, William Murdock well known textile leader, and Alex Danilevich and John C. Czarnecki of Lawrence.

WASHINGTON -- In the swiftest aciton ever taken in recent times by the House of Representatives, President Hoover's veto of the bonus loan bill was red Cermak, the Democratic nominee. It is Secretary Stimson has shown what this jected by a vote of 328 to 79, or 56 more everywhere expected that Thompson will government really is: a government of, by than the two thirds necessary to override have an easy victory in the elections.

Official Figures on Grain

(Majority Group)

Exports Give Lie to **Dumping Charge**

The Soviet official figures of grain ex-ports for 1930 have just been made pub-ic. They explode the whole lie of Soviet

The total exported is 4,846,024 metric tion scheme of the company. The tons or about half Russia's grain exports National Textile Workers Union took in 1913 which was 10,670,016. Then the imperialist powers raised no protest against the exports of grain because the government of Russia then was Czarist ind capitalist.

Wheat exports reached a total 2,530,935 metric tons sold at about 130,319,000 rubles or \$65,159,500.

The latest official Soviet figures further show great industrial progress---an increase of 23% over the previous year in industial capacity.

TO FORM "NEW PARTY"

Action A Step In Direction of Fascist Development In Great Britain; Big Industrialists Behind Forming of the New "Super-Party"

QUITTING OF TWO FOLLOWERS PRESAGED STEP

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Sir Oswald Mosley, who has been the center of attention in British political circles for many weeks, resigned to day from the Labor Party and announced that he and the group around him had detected to form a "Name around" for its described as being "different" from all other parties (a sort of superparty, so to speak!) are members of the Labor Party and announced that he and the group a "Name around" for its described as being "different" from all other parties (a sort of superparties). he and the group around him had de-cided to form a "New party" (as it seems to be called) with "national planning at its platform. Among the

Conservative.

The resignation of Mosley from the Labor party was presaged a few days ago by the resignation of E. J. St. Loe Strachey and Robert Forgan, two followers of Mosley, on Febru-

The crystallization of the begin-nings of a Fascist group out of form-er members of the Labor party, supplemented by elements from the other British political organizations, is proceeding very rapidly. Sir Oswald Mosley, who has been called the British Hitler, has initiated a vigorous campaign for his "program of discounting or the state of the state o ciplined national effort to meet the emergency with which we are faced." The group around Mosley is composed of elements drawn from all the po-litical parties of the country, and is supported by a number of important industrialists, chief among them being Sir William Morris, automobile manufacturer. Mr. Morris made a declar-ation stating that the "shams of par-ty politics" had "disgusted and dis-couraged British industrialists and hampered reconstruction."

On the same day that the resignaions took place Sir Oswald Mosley issued a new manifesto outlining the program of his new "independent" (Fascist) group on a number of questions. The manifesto demands the substantial replacement of parliament by a dictatorship with enormous powers, especially economic. The manifesto also includes proposals for the control of imports, for "commonwealth partnership" (reorganization of imperial relations), national "planning" (state capitalism), the cancelation of war debts, etc

The objective conditions for the emergence of British Pascism are Alliance of Gangland, Corruption and Demagogy Wins slowly maturing. On the one hand there is taking place a process of rapid decay (even collapse!) of the British capitalist economy, bringing misery and insecurity to large sections of the petty bourgeoisie, not to speak of the working masses. On the other hand, there is not only growpretense to statesmanship of any sort, a ing disillusionment with parliament-self-confessed demogogue, a ridiculous mountebank, a man who conducts his about Socialism, because of thea bsolutely miscrable record of futility and betrayal of the self-styled "Socialist" Labor government. To this must be added the self-isolation and the discrediting of the practically non-existent Communist Party of Great Briforces are an integral part of his political tain as a result of its hopelessly sectarian policies.

.Thus the main factors in the risc of Fascism are developing-and the weakness and ineffectiveness of the Communist movement under its new course is one of them.

These conditions which are laying the basis for the emergence of Fas-cism are also conditions that would make possible the rapid development of Communist influence and the consolidation and growth of the Com-munist Party had the party a course that would strengthen its contact with the masses instead of isolating it into an insignificant little sect.

Conservatives Show Gains LONDON .- The strong swing in

the direction of the Tories which comes as a reaction to the intolerable course of the Labor government has been manifested in two important events recently. On February 23 Win-ston Churchill received a unanimous vote of confidence of his constituency (Epping). Churchill has always distinguished himself by the bitterness his attacks on the Labor government; recently he broke with Bald-win because of the latter's concessions to MacDonald on India policy.

On February 21, Sir Thomas Inskip, former Conservative Solicitor General, was returned to parliament by a sweeping majority in Fareham, Hampshire. Sir Thomas was defeated in the last general elections.

Our Answer To Hoover!

not fallen on deaf ears. That's the ers backing us to the limit.

But things are getting harder and work in seven months. Here are tinue. What will be your answer to harder for us. The last issue of our two dollars, my wages for last Sat- Hoover? You cannot keep silent.

DONATIONS UP TO FEB. 28 | A faiguid thru Stieglitz | \$1.12 | New Workers School | 70.00 | A. Kostas | 7.50 | Thru Chas, Zimmerman | 50.00 | A. Kostas | 70.00 | A. Kostas D. Gitz Rose Cohen, list 133 (L. Gattlieb) Eva Dasheff 3,05 S. Yaker

paper was held up for NINE DAYS turday. That's my answer to Hoover. You must answer. And you can in the Post Office. It was first sent I wish I could do more." to Washington for censorship. Official word has just reached us that the Solicitor General of the Post

on us. We are leaving nothing un-court of appeals.

The members of the New York ingclass. district of the Communist Party U. S. A. (Majority Group) are showing Office at Washington has decided the way. They have just voted to that the Revolutionary Age is not to give "A Days Wage For the Revobe mailed at all by any Post Office, lutionary Age." The response to be a lesson to World War veterans. Here made billions during the war. He found first, second, third or fourth class—this slogan is excellent. We are put was a man who was flattered and fondled that every attempt to grant official gov without its being "gone over" first, ting our case before the workers. without its being "gone over" first, ting our case before the workers.

> us. We will get the Revolutionary fate in your hands. The sentence it be? Do what the workers listed Age to our subscribers, law or no imposed on us by the Post Office have already done!

Our appeal in the last issue has law. We are counting on the work-, and the Federal Court of the Southern District of New York is against the landing or maintenance of United only reason that we were able to get A worker writes us: "I just got a the working class! The Hoover job for a few days. It's my first government doesn't want us to con-

CHICAGO - William Hale Thompson,

thrice mayor of Chicago, has won the

Republican nomination for a fourth term,

decisively defeating John H. Lyls and two

other opponents. On April 7 the muni-cipal elections will take place in which

Mr. Thompson will run against Anton

"BIG BILL" THOMPSON GETS G. O. P.

MATUKALIT CHUICE IN CHICAGO

Nomination for Anti-Labor Politician

The figure of "Big Bill" Thompson is

glaring symbol of the degradation and

rotteness of capitalist politics in America.

Here is a man, making not the least

eumpaigns along the lines of a circus side-

show (he exhibits donkeys and mules

and rats at his meetings as representing

his opponents!), a man who publicly boasts of his close connections with the

underworld of Chicago (the Al Capone

machine), who has three times been

mayor of the second largest city in the

country and who is going to be mayor

the fourth time! A worthy partner to

the vaudeville comic who is mayor of

And yet it is primarily the workers

specially the Negro workers, of Chicago

who keep "Big Bill" Thompson in power.

Unconscious of the real interests, misled

by the trade union leaders, confused by

the crude demagogy of "Big Bill," the

workers are turned into voting robots to elevate. Thompson, and his like, their

worst enemics, into positions of power

To win away the workers from such creatures as Thompson and Walker, to

show the workers the direction of their

real class interests, to stimulate the forma-

tion of real Labor Party-this is the task

of the militant labor movement of this

Academic Bluff

A recent laboratory bulletin an-

nounces the discovery that colds are

ilterable, untasteable, inaudible virus.

How much better that sounds than

"We sought the cause of common

In place of a confession of defeat

R E A D !

Revolutionary Age

-another great victory-for

words and academic bluff!

if they had reported:

New York.

5.00	Charles Zhomerman	12.00
1.00	S. Steiglitz	5.00
5.00	L. Tauber	5.09
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4.00		
4.00		\$76.00
5.00	Total	\$284.22
3.00	Previously quoted	\$2077.45
2,00		
5.00	Total	\$2361.67

The workers here listed have given

This means a new terrific burden They are our first, last and only your help. With us it's a case of \$500 in the next ten days or we are done to block the Hoover attack on Connades! Workers! We put our thru. It's \$500 or bust! Which shall

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have only one answer-for the work-

caused by an invisible, intangible, un-Hoover the right answer--the best answer we can give the strike-breaking government of the United States colds but couldn't see it, touch it, filter it out, smell it, taste it or hear it.". under the circumstances. What do you say? Answer quickformation.

Council.

the hearing.

Declare Sen. Gillett's Bill

"Diabolical"; A. F. of L.

Joins Chorus

lett bill was taken by the various rep-

resentatives of the Catholic Church

who branded birth control as "im-moral", "vicious" and "contrary to

the teachings of God." The bill itself

was characterized as "diabolical and

damnable" by R. F. Kerman, Jr. of

tavon, assistant executive secretary of the National Catholic Welfare

The American Federation of Labor

was represented as opposed to the

proposed legislation by John Magrady, speaking for William Green. But

sisted that neither the Federation

ever taken a stand on this question.

Labor officials are found, as usual, on

READ!

Revolutionary Age

The True Story of Sam Weisman

Called For 4:30 P. M. In Union Square; Lessons of the Meeting

workers attended the demonstration in one year from all posts was announced, mouths and criticize the Party line are ex-New York on February 25 (International Unemployment Day) at Union Square. The demonstration, which has originally been called (in middless or specific parts) as follows: 1) unprecedented burocratism; working class," as long as the Party demonstration, which has originally been called (in middless or specific parts). The demonstration, which has originally 2) electing himself as a delegate to the been called for midday, was later post 5th R.I.L.U. Congress and using roundponed to 4 P. M. and still later to 4:30 about methods unbecoming a Communist; P. M. so that a considerable number of 3) using the finances of the Union in an est opportunities for petry burocrats and workers were able to come to Union wresponsible manner. Square inmediately after work,

The effectiveness of the demonstration was greatly diminished by bad organization. The crowd collected some time before the speakers were ready, so that a certain amount of disorganization set in from the beginning. It should be noted, however, that the "fighting the police" idiocy which characterized all Communist Party demonstrations in recent months, was almost entirely absent at this demonstration so that the unemployment issue could come to the fore.

In the next issue of the REVOLU-TIONARY AGE we will publish reports of the February 25 demonstrations in various parts of the country and abroad.

The Daily Worker reports 40,000 as the size of the demonstration in New York! One year ago, on March 6, 1930 when the first International Unemployment Day demonstrations were held, the Daily Worker reported 110,000 in New York; there actually was a splendid spontaneous mass demonstration of 40-50,000. The question all Party members and revolutionary workers should ask themselves today is: Why was the 1931 demonstration less than 25% as large as the 1930 demonstration? During the year unemployment has greatly increased, the misery of the unemployed intensified, and, if we are to believe the Daily Worker, the mass influence of the Party among the unemployed much "expanded." Why then the systematic and continuous decline in the unemployment demonstrations of the Party beginning with the high point on March 6, 1930?

RESOLUTION ON WORKING CLASS PAPERS ADOPTED BY THE SU-PERIOR CO-OPERATIVE YOUTH LEAGUE, FEBRUARY 10, 1931.

As a result of the present economic crisis, there is an increased unrest among the workers. Workers begin to demand what is rightly theirs. The capitalist government, in order to do away with workers' united action, unions, political parties, and co-operatives, suppresses their

The mailing rights of working class papers such as the Revolutionary Age, Young Worker, Young Pioneer, Viva Obrera, and Workers' Sports, have been cancelled by the government because they expose and fight against the capital-

Therefore, be it resolved that the Cooperative Youth League of Superior, in its meeting, Pebruary 10th, goes on record demanding that these papers be restored their mailing rights and that in the future, all working class papers be given the freedom of the press granted about Kromberg and Obermeier? Didn't fused to do, pointing out that the constitution of the WIR provides that its meeting, February 10th, goes on recby the constitution.

Elma El, Secy.

ly. What does Selzer say?

the former business agent and pres

ent manager of the coat makers; he

was more than a friend-he was his

henchman and agent in all of his

graft deals and corrupt business. In

the leaflet, Selzer tells how "at his

to his house for him to trim them,'

employment insurance to give you

a few dollars," how "I brought to your

made a deal with him and received

your first check", how Jackson helped

the boss Youngerman (for a consid-

eration of course) take away business

from a number of other bosses, and

Selzer gives the names of five cloth-

ing concerns from which he says Jackson received systematic graft.

During all this time the rank and

file operators of Local 5 were making

(as Selzer himself admits) an aver-

age of \$15 a week thruout the year, were grappling with unemployment

Finally Selzer and Jackson quar-

reled over the charges brought against the former by a certain Bor-

enstein. Jackson, apparently, was quite ready to dump his "friend".

quite ready to dump his "friend". Selzer overboard. Thereupon Selzer

came to the General Office of the

A.C. W. bringing with him a graft check paid by the canvass boss, Hoffman, to Jackson and demanded "protection" for himself and action against Jackson. This was "promised."

ised". But what happened? Selzer

was expelled from his union for sev-

eral years for bringing the informa-

so on, and so on.

At last the Party has been forced to be plundered in this manner?

act. In the recent Party Organizer (bulletin of District No. 2), the decision of the Control Committee announcing the burocratism and corruption in the Party suspension of Comrade Weisman (head and in the Party-controlled organizations NEW YORK - Between 12-15,000 of the TUUL food workers "union") for As long as coincides that dare open their

> One has only to look back to the statement of Comrades Citz, Constas and Christman on the situation in the Anualgamated Food Workers, issued on May 10, 1930, to understand that it takes at least a year for the Party to acknowledge bankruptcy in practise.

In the statement we mentioned: "The next act in the campaign of

the Party against the Lovestoneites in our union was to present us with a Messiah, Comrade Weisman. Com-rade Weisman was put at the head of our union without consulting the inembers of our union, not even the Party fraction . A worse choice than Comrade Weisman could not have been made. ' Weisman's record in the Party is one of incompetency and one of opportunism.

The regime of Weisman in our Union has been one of the most waster ful and extravagant regimes. A large number of paid officials are maintained in spite of the fact that the size of from the selling of the mortgage of main union of the cafeteria workers, with our union headquarters have been over 300 shops? our union headquarters have been practically squandered."

When we foretold the coming catastrothe in our union due to the destructive line of the Party, the line of corruption and burocratism that were personified in Weisman, the spokesman of the Party, we were called counter-revolutionists, agents of the bosses, and the ever-stupid Comrade Amier tried to raise a lynch spirit against those who fought the wrong Party line. It was then declared that those who fought the Weisman leadership were fighting the Party.

Today the Party is forced to come out, very claimsily, to justify itself after it has International Relief (W.I.R.). Two ruined everything. The Messiah of yesterday is the scapegoat of today. The Bernie Broder, When it was discovhero of yesterday, one who was entrusted to put the new line into effect, is today a burocrat using methods "unbecoming a were suspended from the Band by "irresponsible" as to the Communist," lunds of the union!

gave the signal of the new line to the wards these shameful charges were leading fraction. They went to three dropped and the WIR came out open-Greenwich Village and Harlem cabarets by that they could not be on the Band and got drunk to celebrate the "victory," spending \$150 and charging it to the union! Thus was Comrade Weisman initiated with a bang-and he fell with a last moment the order came that they

With the removal of Weisman the situr ation in the Food Workers Industrial, they have their finger in the pie? If they did not, what sort of leaders were they Aaron Merila, Chairman to allow their union to go to pieces and

"When thieves fall out, the dirt is tion to the union about Jackson's

spilled ... " When corrupt union of-ficials fall out, the honest rank and file union members can learn some-Such is the dirty story. What has Hillman, the idol of the liberals and thing worth while. progressives, to say to this? What has Salutsky, Hillman's errand boy, to say to this? Nothing! They knew Louis Selzer, member of Local 5 (coat operators), Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, form-er member of the Executive Board er member of the Executive and chairman of the canvass branch, game!

What have the rank and file to say

What have the rank and file to say

"WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT

Sensational Exposure of Conditions in the A. C. W.

bers of Local 5 about the graft and to this? Let their voice be heard! corruption in their organization. It

is certainly a tremarkable document BIG HOSIERY STRIKE which all tailors should read careful-IN PHILADELPHIA Selzer was a friend of B. Jackson

Girl Striker Killed by Scab; Second Case In City

2,000 union hosiery workers and sym-(Jackson's) request I brought bosses pathizers walked out of twenty-five to thirty open-shop hosiery mills on how "I helped friend Jackson make February 16 when the general strike a dollar on the side", how "I brought order of Alexander McKeown, presito him the bons who had received un- dent of the Philadelphia local of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, became effechouse the boss Youngerman and you

Union officials said that probably tality on the part of the police.

about and used as scapegoats later on, liust so long will the Party offer the greatunprincipled corruptionists to exercise their talents. 🗥

Weisman's fate today should serve notice to Ainter, Johnstones, Bedachts, Minors, Statchels and Fosters, Weisman erves as a scapegoat of the Party leader-They will serve as scapegoats of the Profintern and the Comintern. As long as the Party line remains sectarian and non-Leninist, so long will the system of scapegoats thrive.

But the Party leadership still has a good deal of explaining to do: (1) What is meant by "irresponsible in the finances of the Union"? What are the concrete the Union"? What are the concrete the Union of the Uni charges? (2) What about the splitting of the Amalgamated Food Workers? Was it ustified? Does the Party still approve it?

The food workers ask all these embarassing questions. The Party should now indulge into a little self-criticism and speak openly to the workers. Did it make any mistakes in this matter and if it did, what are the proper lessons of these experiences? If no mistakes in policy were made, how is it that the A.U. of L, has succeeded in taking all the the union and the income do not war- caleterias away from the Food Workers rent it. The \$23,000 that we realized Industrial Union and has now become the

A FOOD WORKER

THE "NON-SECTARIAN" W. I. R. IN ACTION

Expelled From W.I.R. Band As "Lovestoneites" Without Trial or Hearing

February 8, 1931. In Bath Beach there was a brass band that was part of the Workers the side of reaction. members of this Band were Jack and order of the WIR. Originally the charges against them were that they When the Party fraction put thru his stole money and that they "misused" election in the union, Comrade Weisman the reputation of the WIR. But afterwere not to participate.

When they appealed against the measures taken they were told to sign a statement condemning "Loveial Meeting 1931 the Broder brothers by order of Pres. Frederick B. Robinson. Problems Clubs from various colleges and The G. E. is not far behind in the work approached by Comrade Keller Defiance of the ban he had placed last universities in this vicinity. were approached by Comrade Keller and were asked to come back to the Band. Of course, they agreed. But a few days before the affair, on Januther reason given by Dr. Robinson for his ary 12, 1931, they received a letter action. from Beatrice Carlin, secretary of the WIR, telling them that "the ac-tion of Comrade Keller was entirely unauthorized" and that "your suspension still stands". In spite of all their efforts the Comrade Broder could not obtain a hearing by the WIR or even

decision from it. Just a few weeks ago they came to the National Office of the WIR and lemanded some definite action. They vere told by Gibarti that "a statement would appear in the press about you"-without trial, without hearing, without a chance of defence.
Such is the WIR which bears as

one-third of the strikers were union men and that the walkout had closed at least fifteen of the city's mills. PHILADELPHIA. - More than There are about forty non-union mills in the affected area.

In the course of the strike a girl striker was killed by a scab whom she was urging not to break the solidarity of the workers. This is the second case of its kind in Philadelphia in recent weeks. In general the strikers were met with the greatest bru-

The Man with the Portfolio

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15,000 AT CITY|Rise and Fall of A "Leader" CATHOLICS HIT AT The Situation of the Communist DISCUSS NEGRO Party in Pittsburgh Region BIRTH CONTROL

A Letter from A Party Member

Uniontown, Pa. February 24, 1931. Comrade Lenin wrote:

"The Party does not win the con-WASHINGTON, - Fifteen wit fidence of the working class in the nesses denounced birth control in any twinkling of an eye or by the use of form before the Senate Judiciary force against the working class. Trust ub-committee, headed by Senator is gradually inspired by the prolonged work of the Party among the masses. Thanks to the soundness of the Party Gillett of Massachusetts, which is con-sidering a bill by Senator Gillett exempting physicians, hospitals and clinics from the provisions of the Fedpolicy, the Party is able to convince the masses by their own experience eral laws forbidding the disseminathat is policy is sound, thus insuring tion of contraceptive devices or inthe support of the working class and inducing the broad masses of the work-The lead in the attack on the Gilers to follow its lead."

> The question is: Is the leadership of the Party in this district (District 5, Pitts-

> TEXTILE UNITY BODY

FOR T. U. UNITY Answer to Weisbord Shows Up His

Sectarianism; Calls for Struggle

PASSAIC-In a statement issued on February 28, the Textile Workers Unity Committee explains the reasons that led to the resignation of Albert Weisbord and Vera Busch from this committee. It Senator Bratton of New Mexico incalls attention to the extreme sectarianism of Weisbord's viewpoint which denor any important labor body had clares that the "National Textile Workers Union is the only force possible to carry Birth control was frequently de-nounced as "Soviet propaganda" at on the struggle against the textile barons, entirely disregarding the very existence of the other textile workers unions, with thousands of members. The statement The degrading backwardness of of the Textile Unity Committee declares American social life is brought out that "this is the viewpoint of despair and in all its shameful clarity by the fate hopelessness."

f birth control in this country. At a The statement points out that it was time when even the more advanced capitalist countries, such as England, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, etc., (not to speak of the Soviet Union), have not only removed all restrictions on As against the sectarian viewpoint of birth control propaganda but have Weisbord and the TUUL, the Textile even established government birth Unity Committee proposes, in its state-control clinics, black reaction and lacht, the policy of united front, united slavish submission to Catholic dieta- action and trade union field, pointing out tion still dominate the United States, our unions in the textile field, pointing out And the American Federation of that precisely such a notice will make that precisely such a policy will make possible a vigorous light against the conservative officialdom.

The statement concludes with a reference to the Philadelphia upholstery weavers' strike where the NTWU was forced to make a gesture at a united front with the United Textile Workers Umon.

It was because Weisbord could not find any support for his extremely sectarian viewpoint in the Textile Workers Unity Committee that he resigned.

Dr. George Ambrosius Immanuel

\$2,000 penalty which left him a clear

\$8,000 profit for his nerve, natures

sunshine and the promoters' stupidity. The "Weather Control Bureau"

is capitalism's version of planned

economy. Doc. George Ambrosius Im-

manuel Morrison Sykes is as good a rainmaker as Herbert Clark Hoover

"ENLIGHTENMENT" IN-

The first Plenum of the C.C. held since

the May 1929 convention of the Canadian C.P. has finally ended. Its outstanding

Margolies, members of the Central Com-

2. Severe censures, in preparation foi

born workers. Among these is Con-

rade Tenhunen active among the Fin-

3. The launching of a new "Enlight

enment Campaign" in the Party to drive

out all those who are suspected of the

slightest doubt about or critical attitude

towards the present adventurist, sectarian line of the Party.

In the Party ranks, already only a shadow of the former organization, there

CANADA

is a prosperity maker.

achievements are:

union movement,

nish (workers.)

[] burgh), doing anything to bring this about? Is it honestly trying to form the cadres of revolutionary workers in this section or is it, after passing out so much hokum about the accomplishments here. taking another map in the high-backed chair in the Pittsburgh office in order to conserve and increase its portly dimensions? There were many contests staged during the few past years in this country: there were marathon dancing contests, swimming and other affairs, but I can bet my last penny that if it comes to the sitting contest, the organizer in this district will come out with flying colors. His name should have been "Sitting Bull" instead of Max Salzman.

Let us take a look around here and ee what has been done here since Comade Pat Devine left this district and our sitting champion" took charge. When Comrade Lovestone was the secretary of the Party things were moving here, new units were formed, sub-district conferences held, meetings arranged and generally, the organizational work of the Party was making a very satisfetory progress here. Since the time, many changes were made. I must give credit to Comrade Devine, our former district organizer, that he was making attempts to keep the work going on here, but since his departure from this district, there was not any attempt made to do any constructive work here.

The last sub-district conference was held here last March and since that time no one came here from Pittsburgh office and to state the truth, there is not one of the five former units left. A few conferences were held in Pittsburgh where, as usual, much noise was made about the building of local leadership, shop bulletins, unemployed movement, etc. The district organizer was instructed to start running away from the struggle for racial active organizational work, not from the office in Pittsburgh but by personal con-act. Was this done? No! Even when applications for membership were sent to him he put them either into the waste basket or in some corner in his office where they are reposing till this day.

The only time we have those "disinguished visitors"here is when they are short of funds and come here to borrow some money and then forget all about this section. Yes, they are the leaders nesses in the Garveyite philosophy, but who, as Comrade Lenin wrote, are the justified them as "Machiavellian" (his ones to "inspire confidence and lead the own words) efforts to win backward Nemasses!!!" The masses who are starving groes to the Garveyite cause. Commutoday, whose wages were slashed to the mism, he declared, is a good philosophy

preaching to the practical use here or osophy did not fit their needs, will stay on in the office and play the fid. When the debate was over, the audi-

AND COMMUNISM

Welsh and Mudgall Debate On Negro and Garveyism And Communism

Before an intensely interested audience seventy-five men and women, mostly colored, H. C. Mudgall, editor of the Garveyite Negro World and Edward Welsh of the Communist Party (Majority Group) debated the question: Communism versus Garveyism as the solution of the problem of race discrimination. The debate took place Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, before the Frederick Douglass Interracial Forum which meets on alternate Sunday afternoons at Howland Studio, 1660 Fulton Street, near Troy Avenue,

Comrade Welsh contended that race end class distinctions both spring from the same source—the exploitation of man by man. He showed how Negro slavery and race discrimination had received the bles-sing and support of Church and State and painted a grim picture of the double racial and class exploitation of the Negro today. The vast continent of Africa, he showed, was also under the heel of Eutopean and American capitalist-imperialism. In the whole world, only the Soviet Union treated racial minorities as equals and showed the way to emancipation of black and white and yellow and brown alike. Welsh analyzed each of the other so-called solutions in turn—the ministers who say: "Don't seek for power of relief from suffering on earth; your reward is in Heaven;"—the Kelly Millers who urge the Negro to forget his "group interests" and devote himself to "making the country dry";-the Garveyites who teach religious superstition, who play capitalist politics, who seek to obscure class differences which cut thru all races, who tirge equality in America, and who deny the necessity for a struggle against imperialism in Africa. To end the sufferings of the Negro masses, Welsh orged a united struggle of the exploited of all races and lands against the root of all race discrimination and all exploitation—the capitalist-imperialist system.

Mr. Mudgall proved a very skilled debater. He avoided a direct clash with the Communist viewpoint, admitted weakbone, who are looking for someone to but made by white leaders (Marx and show them the way out of their misery.

We wonder whether after reading this made by black leaders for black workers. they will condescend to come down here He was in favor of Communism for Rusand do some real constructive work, to sia but not for Africa. The Negroes, he give us the leadership which we badly said, were discriminated against as a race need here, put the theory which they are regardless of class, therefore a class phil-

the like Nero while the Rome is burning, ence continued the discussion in informal volny.

The Youth Movement

TEN RADICAL STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM N. Y. CITY COLLEGE

the organization is "non-partisan".

Whereupon they were suspended for trial but the committee that was to try them never met and they remained tration of the College of the City of New the College of the City of New York, and in the status of "temporary suspended For the recent suspension of Max by the Intercollegiate Student Council, sion," Just before the Lenin Memor- Weiss, leader of the club, were debarred composed of eleven Liberal and Social

Defiance of the ban he had placed last universities in this vicinity.

The handbill, which was supplied to the students at street car and subway stations near the college, carried the signature of the Social Problems Club and demanded "the restoration of all extracurricular rights to the Social Problems Club, the right of the college clubs to print and sell their own organs, returns of the copies of 'Frontiers' which have been confiscated by the authorities and the immediate and unconditional reinstatement of Max Weiss with full student rights and privileges."

Max Weiss was suspended last March because of the distribution of leaflets for its slogan: Non-Sectarian, Non-Part, the March 6, 1930 demonstration. He was reinstated after a strong protest from college, liberal and working class organizations. Upon his readmission Weiss was forced to sign a yellow-dog pledge to be "actively loyal in the support of constitutional government in the United States and in the State and in the City of New York and in this college: . . . to preserve and even enhance the value of public property; ... to uphold the dis-cipline and order of the college." Resolutions of sympathy for the Social

mittee and for years outstanding ligures in the left wing of the Canadian trade NINETY WORKERS HEAR WOLFE IN BORO PARK

2. Severe censures, in preparation of expulsion, of a number of comrudes prominent in the ranks of the foreign-

Affair for "Arbeiter Kampf" Planned for March 8

Coming Sunday, March 8, at 6:30 P. M. the Boro Park Youth Club will run an affair for the support of the Arbeiter Kampf at the club headquarters 4109-A — 13th Avenue, Brooklyn.
This affair promises to be a very

lively one as there will be two bands is chaos and paralysis. of music. The Negro Jazz Band will play for jazz dancing and the club RUTHENBERG MEET Workers Band will play revolutionary songs and Russian dancing.

Last Friday, some 90 young workers listened to Comrade Bertram D. Wolfe speak on the "Next War".
The Revolutionary Age gets \$5.50 as a result of this lecture. The next lecture will be held on Friday, March

A group of workers from the 13. Subject a nd speaker will be an- Wear Shop donated \$50 to the Revolu-

IN NEW YORK

(Continued from Page One) to isolation and helplessness," said Com-

A group of workers from the Sports nounced in next issue of the "Age". tionary Age. A general collection of On Friday, March 6 there will be nearly \$25 was also made. The meeting a membership meeting of the club. I was very enthusiastic.

THE G. E. SHOPS IN FORT WAYNE

A Letter from Hal Long

cuts practised by all the industries of the city Altho the works at Fort Morrison Sykes, founder and director of the "Weather Control Bureau" the company's other factories, most Morrison Sykes, founder and director of the "Weather Control Bureau" the company's other factories, most offers to supply rainfall to the five boroughs of the City at \$25,000 per inch or a flat guarantee of twelve inches of rain over a period of 90 days for \$350,000. Recently the Doc sold 10 days of sunshine to the credulous managers of the Belmont Park Race Track at \$1000 per day. The last day it rained and he forfeited \$2,000 penalty which left him a clear cluding the reformist leaders of the cluding the reformist leaders of the S. P. According to this plan the employes are to contribute 1% of their wages to an "unemployment fund" and the company an equal amount. This fund is to be managed by an equal number of representatives from the employes and from the management (I wonder which of the two halves will be the boss!) An employee who has contributed to this fund for who has contributed to this fund for troduced as a poison gas in war. 6 months wil get up to \$20 a week, af- During the last war thirty formulas ter he has been out of work for two weeks. Altho contributions to this Now there are over a thousand. After they have now been made compulsory on account of the "emergency situation". Since the plan has not been up half the universe. That's progress 1. Final decision expelling from the in effect for six months as yet, al Party Comrades Buhay, Macdonald, and it has brought the workers is a 1% in effect for six months as yet, all wage-cut, while an additional 3% cut is being planned under the same cloak. And when the time comes, the company can divide the body of workers into two parts, make each work

Moreover, the company will surely put thru most of their lay-offs before

two weeks a month, and keep their

funds" intact.

Notice! Notice! The District Conference

New York Organization of the C.P.—MAJORITY GROUP will be held on Sunday, March 8, 1931

63 MADISON AVENUE Unit Executives will be informed by the District Office as to arrangements for dsicussion, the election of delegates, etc. Buro of the District Committee

Like in several other cities, the works of the General Electric Company are the biggest in Fort Wayne.

The C. R. is not for behind the Wayne it has been considered by the constant of the co February 20, 1931 | the six months are over. Last year duction but also put thru new schemes of rationalization. With the introduction of winding machines for small motors, ten girls can now do the same work as was previously done by a hundred. And the conveyor system for assembly of washing machines has thrown 50% of the assembly workers on the street. The company officials boast that the washing machine plant is more efficient than the Ford works.

> This means only that while Owen D. Young is competing with Ford in hypocritical talk about high wages to increase the buying power of the workers", his company is trying to break Ford's records in robbing and exploiting them.

-HAL LONG

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We publish below the brilliant words of Karl Marx written nearly one hundred years ago as a fitting commentary to the brazenly reaction

ary pronouncement of the Pope a few weeks ago.

The social principles of Christian-

fied ancient slavery, idealized med-

ieval serfdom, and are quite capable in case of necessity of defending the

oppression of the proletariat—even the with a sad face. The social prin-

ciples of Christianity preach the nec-

essity of a ruling and an oppressed

class, comforting the latter with the

pious wish for the benevolence of the former. The social principles of

Christianity project the compensation

for infamies into the heavens and

thus justify the continuation of these infamles on earth. The social principles of Christianity explain the vile

deeds of the oppressors against the

oppressed either as just punishment

for the original sin and other sins

or else as a test which the Lord in his

wisdom places upon the redeemed. The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, de-

gradation, subjection, humility, ir

rabble, and the proletariat, if it does

not want to be treated as a rabble,

needs its courage and its self-respect-its pride and its sense of independ-

ence even more than it needs its

bread. The social principles of Chris-

short, all of the attributes of the

--THE EDITOR

Our Tasks in the W. C. Today

by Ben Lifshitz

The present economic crisis is reflecting itself in the fraternal organizations in two ways. While, owing to unemploy ment, thousands of workers are unable to pay their bills and therefore drop out of the organizations, there are many work ers who, due to the insecurity of their jobs and also due to the fact that their sav ings have been all used up, are joining fraternal organizations for protection in case of sickness or death in the family This is one of the reasons why a net gain of members could be reported by the National Executive Committee of the Workmen's Circle at the recent National Nominating Convention. The same trend is also noticeable in a number of other

THE RESULTS OF SPLITTING POLICY

fraternal organizations.

The splitting policy of the official leadership of the Communist Party carried thru in all the mass organizations, including the fraternal organizations, was especially disastrous in the Workmen's

The official Party leadership points with pride to their great accomplishments in the International Workers Order, They now claim a membership of 10,000 in the IWO. But it must be remembered, even accepting these figures for the sake of argument, that the IWO is the result of two splits in the Workmen's Circle and the Independent Workmen's Circle. This figure also includes a number of members who joined the new Order after Spain shows that, in spite of the failure its establishment.

From the best available figures, the maximum number that split from the WG did not exceed 5,000. large number of petty hourgeois elements, 'cral monarchists, under the pressure of the especially those recruited in the smaller masses, announced that they would parcities, where the former left wing branches of the W.C. and the Ind. W.C. were made up predominantly of petty bourgeois elements. The outstanding fact that the split was much more "successful" in these smaller cities than in the larger industrial centers such as New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Newark, Paterson, etc. All that the official leadership accomplished was to draw out the yera. The main task of this government most conscious section of the left wing consisted in continually projecting the rein the WC and Ind. WC, leaving many thousands of workers under the ideological and organizational begemony of the most extreme reactionary elements in the Jewish and American labor move

It is now established beyond a shadow of a doubt that we had in these two fraternal organizations a left wing numbering between 15,000 and 20,000, varying according to the importance of the issues upon which the left wing carried on its -campaigns

THE REVIVAL OF THE LEFT WING IN THE WORKMEN'S CIRCLE

For many months after the split many members who supported and followed the telt wing on various issues of the class military dictatorship, and so on, struggle were in a pessimistic mood tend ng strongly towards passivity and it 🕏 a: difficult to mobilize them for struggle.

It was rough sailing for those Com-munist elements who did not follow the munist elements who did not follow the ruinous destructive policy of the official Here also it is a question of a delayed. The Social democratic party and the trade Party leadership and remained in the fraternal organizations to continue the which the left wing had carried on so political fight for the revolutionary class struggle Party and especially after the Toronto 1922, when the Jewish Socialist Verhand and Forward leadership in the WC started their offensive against the left wine.

Since the National Nominating Conference of 1930 a number of branches of the WC in New York, Philadelphia and other cities reacted thru resolutions and otherwise on a number of questions affeeting the inner traditional struggle withtendencies on various committees, and questions afferting the entire labor movement, such as uneraployment, protection of foreign/born and the recognition and defense of the Soviet Union.

THE "YUGEND CLUB"

Since the split there has also arisen a of sections of the left wing from the WC doors of the various committees and allow some new blood to come in. This group is taking advantage of the dissatisfaction large sections of the membership against the policies of the NEC in order to gain concessions from the old guard.

The response to the conference called by Branch 88WC-in protest against the N.B.C. for manipulating the elections to the extent of throwing out ballots from some branches in order to prevent the election of Rosenfeld, who is not of the official Forward-Socialist Verband elique -shows that in spite of the fact that large sections of the left wing split away from the WC, there is considerable dissatisfaction and distrust of the membership to the to 1,500,000, to which must be add present leadership of the WC.

This dissatisfaction also manifested its self at the National Nominating Conference held on February 15 in New York. (see report on conference, Revolutionary Age, Feb. 28, No. 13). Prior to the conference thirty candidates, who had conditions and institutions. been nominated by their branches to the National Executive Committee sent in a public resignation declaring in part:

"To our sorrow we know very well the country, where in the most cases | ocratic program,

the various committees are certainly a strike. selected. Why, therefore, the whole play in democracy? Under these cir-

At the National Nominating Conference this group put up a very weak resistance to the policies of the N.E.C., centering mainly their objections on "purely" various committees, accusing the N.E.C. of using old practices in getting proxy cards to re-elect themselves in power. Some of the delegates also raised the ob-

the branches don't know to whom the jections to the candidacy of Savetsky, on proxy cards are sent . . . The slate for the ground that he was a paper box manthe executive and even the chairmen of ufacturer and one who had once broken

The main weakness of this group is that they do not carry on their fight on the cumstances it would be nonsensical for basis of any program. They over and us to accept the nomination and to over again emphasized that now that the help the demagogic play in making the Communist danger was over in the Workaverage member helieve that there is men's Circle, the present leadership must really democracy in the Workmen's allow other elements to come into the leading committees of the organization. The membership looks upon their fight against the N.E.C. as an inner fight between two cliques in the W.C. fighting

> There is no doubt that a great number tion against the present reactionary leader-

The Character of the Spanish Revolution

THE REVOLUTIONARY CRISIS IN SPAIN

by A. P.

The chronic governmental crisis in of the attempt at insurrection last Decomber, revolutionary fermentation still plit from the WC continues to develop. The Berenguer
This includes a government collapsed after even the lib-

ticipate in the government parliament only to demand its dissolution and the convening of a constituent assembly Simultaneously anti-monarchist demonstrations have broken out all over the country

The Berenguer government was never anything else than the continuation of the military dictatorship of Primo de Riturn of "constitutional relations" into the undetermined future. After the events of last December Berenguer, in order to save the monarchy, promised the calling of a parliament. The Social democrats, the hourgeois republicans, and the socalled constitutionalists (those monarchists who believe that the monarchy can be saved only thru a constituent assembly) declared that they would not participate in Berenguer's parliament. And when the liberal monarchists broke away, the government resigned and recalled the decree for elections on March 1.

The crisis in government still continues. An ultra-monarchist government has been formed but there is not even a pretense of stability. All sorts of rumors are wide-spread; rumors of abdication, o

THE "1905" OF SPAIN The situation in Spain is strikingly

similar (in spite of some obvious differhourgeois revolution. Like Russian Czar, unions dominated by it have degenerated ism, the Spanish monarchy represents the completely into the domination of a semi-feudal valiantly since the split in the Socialist clique, closely tied up with the clergy and with hig capitalist strata. The analogy gather it appears that its line is thoroly goes further. The development of the revolutionary situation in Spain has shown that the Spanish revolution too can only triumph as a revolution of the workers and the peasants, in which the working tion, etc. But without a Communist Par class is faced with the task of winning ty the hegemony of the proletariat cannot the leadership of the exploited peasant masses. The Spanish bourgeoisie cannot tion be run. today, even less than it could in the 19th century, claim the historical role that the French and English hourgeoisies played! in their revolution. It developed too with the task of supporting the revolulate; it is altogether too dependent upon foreign capital; it is too directly connected with the brutal exploitation of the peo The international working class is above ple-for it to play the part, even for the briefest period of time, of the leader rectionary forces of the other countries of the "whole nation" against the old of Europe from coming to the aid of regime. In the December uprising the Spanish reaction. At the last session of hourgeois republicans manifested the the administrative council of the Bank of pseudo-progressive movement known as greatest lear of a mass movement of work. International Settlements (the Young the "Yugend Club." They are utilizing ers and pensants. With great instice the Plan Book's considered the question of They are utilizing ers and pensants. With great justice the Plan Bank) considered the question of the situation created by the withdrawal republican bourgeoisic fears that such a the "financial stabilization" of Spain. The mass movement will not be content with heads of the big European banks comand are putting forth the demand that the establishment of a hourgeois repub-the old guard should "open up" the lican regime but will put into question lican regime but will put into question parently planning to extend loans to the capitalist property itself. The December Spanish monarchy to enable it to crush vents also show the inner weakness conspiracies as a means of fighting the ionarchy.

THE SPANISH PROLETARIAT

But industrial development ha rought to the fore and strengthened mother class in Spanish society which i capable of leading the revolution of the panish people against the monarchy and gainst the old regime with all its outlived stitutions. Out of 23,000,000 people the industrial proletariat already amounts d almost an equal number of agricultu ral workers. The historical experience of Russia has shown us the tremendous social role that can be played by a classconscious proletariat in a backward agri-

ultural country, steeped in semi-feudal

The progress of the revolutionary novement against the monarchist reaction depends upon the advance of the workers movement and upon the development the methods of the elections which of the beginnings of the peasant mover exist at present time and what possi | ment which made itself manifest last Debilities one has if he does not belong comber. In Spain as in the Russia of to the 'Zoken Club' (old guard) that 1905, the agrarian revolution occupies dominates the Workmen's Circle to the front of the stage. To tear away the day . . . We also know very well the peasantry from reactionary influence, to preliminary work which this club has win the large strata of the petty bourgeoicarried on before the elections in the sie for the revolutionary struggle, the proform of collecting proxy cards all over letariat needs a clear revolutionary dem-

for control of the organization. Workmen's Circle issues, such as divert of progressive members are supporting ing by the N.E.C. of the Mortuary this Yugerd Club with the idea that they represent a fighting force in the organiza-

(Concluded in Next Issue)

THE SITUATION OF THE PROLETARIAT

Unfortunately, from the viewpoint of organization, the Spanish working class does not seem able to measure up to the tremendous tasks the present situation holds before it. The strongest trade

Karl Marx: "Doutsche Brucssle: union organization is anarcho-syndicalist Zeitung", September 12, 1847.

THE BIG STRIKE IN VALENCIA



Heavily Armed Police Suppressing the Big General Strike in Valencia Last December. The Strike was Decidedly Republican in Character

publicanism. The Communist Party of Spain is very weak. From what we can ultra-left; the tasks of the democration revolution are underestimated, the most immediate task is envisaged as the formation of a "Red" trade union federahe achieved nor can the course of revolu-

OUR INTERNATIONAL TASKS The international working class is faced tionary struggle of the toiling masses of Spain with every means at its disposal all faced with the task of preventing the posing the administrative council are ap-Spanish monarchy to enable it to crush the rising revolution, just as the German Czarism. The internaitonal labor move ment must raise the sharpest protest against these reactionary plans to prop up Spanish reaction-and must express these protests in action.

The Associated Press Correspondent in Moscow has made the prizewinning comment on the five-year "If the world revolution should come to-morrow or even next year.

the most embarrassed people in the

SOME PERTINENT

Addressed to the Present Leadership of the Comintern

Thruout the Communist International you have been expelling thousands of comtades on the ground that they are opportunists."

Thruout the Comintern you have been forcing on the Communist membership incompetents and upstarts on the ground that they are better fitted to carry on and lead "a revolutionary struggle against the bourgeoisie." Thruout the Comintern you boast that you have now cleared the ranks of reformists and that in every section there is now in practice a real, militant fighting, revolutionary policy.

Then, please, tell us how come that the Prench Communist Party members of the Chamber of Deputies did the following: I. Abstained from voting and thus saved and kept in office last December the cabinet then headed by Steeg, former military governor-general of Morocco, known as the bloody butcher of the

as abstained) the last motion unanimoushonor the memory of Joffre as the "savior

Moroccan people.

3. Immediately after this, abstained from voting against the motion creating a special fund of 100,000 francs to go to the widow of Josse.

Was this the "revolutionary" policy that was to be made possible by expelling the C.P. of Alsace-Lorraine? What is the real reason for this series, in rapid! succession, of cowardice and treachery, the Russian Communists would be of the crassest opportunism? Of course, after the Steen cabinet was saved by world, for it would mean disruption Cachin, the Political Committee of the of the industrialization program." French C.P., "self-criticized" itself. Then, will we have to wait for an answer?

necessary, however, to call to the at- and prevented from resisting the entention of all miners the fact that un-less they wake up and do something to change conditions, the situation in present leadership of the United Mine terrible conditions that prevail as a he immediate future will become Workers of America is satisfactory much worse. We can expect nothing to coal operators but it is not satis from the reactionary leaders of the factory to the miners who must dig

working overtime serving the mine ganization. It no longer, under the operators, leadership of these corrupt reaction-

United Mine Workers of America ex- coal in order to make a living. This cept betrayal and treachery. It is up leadership is responsible for the to the rank and file miners to organ-blackest crimes against our union ize themselves to fight against the They have reduced the once powerful bosses and to fight against the re- United Mine Workers of America to actionary, corrupt leadership which is a mere shadow of a trade union or

Before the Elections in the U. M. W. A.

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The German Crisis Develops

WHITHER THE BRUENING REGIME?

by L. B. (Berlin)

net again to discuss the budget for 1931, call Pilsudski, who defines parliament as tianity are sneaky and mean while The budget for 1930 closes with a deficit a brothel, a defender of democracy. the proletariat is revolutionary. So much for the social principles of Christianity . . . of approximately one billion marks. The balance in the new budget is also only ng year, the economic situation of the onsequence of which increased revenue vill be attained. The Frankfurter Zeitung differs with the minister and mainains that a quick improvement in the conomic situation is very uncertain in the present world economic crisis and that even if it should take place, this would in no way mean an immediate ncrease in the tax income.

THE BRUENING GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT

.The Bruening government, which in ccordance with the demands of the configeris parties and the employers or ganizations, wants to obviate the economic crisis by reducing wages, by remov-ing the "burdens" on capital and by liminishing the expenditures for social ervices, does not draw the conclusion in this situation that the taxation of capital should be increased but demands that the Reichstag authorize it to make eventually eccessary deducions from the budget without the special permission of the par-liament. The "German People's Party" (Deutsche Volkspartei), the most influ-ential government party besides the "Zenrum," asked an immediate reduction of 400 million marks in the expenditures for social services. The government came to the decision that these "savings" should be made from time to time in accordance." with the proposed authorization law. Inhis programmatical speech Bruening de France that the latter did not intend to district officials it is necessary to seclared that the government desires a par give loans to foreign countries, if Ger cure their nomination by fifteen lo-It would be misleading however to conclude from this, as the liberal piess does, that the Bruening government, which since its existence has successively dimin ished the rights of the parliament and even put thru its most important meas-ures against the will of the parliament, would break with this attitude and return to normal parliamentary "democracy," Now the Reichstag has adopted an amendment to the standing orders which very much confines the rights of the parliament in general and of the parliamentary opposition in particular. By this amendment the right of parliament to decide financial questions is diminished and the immunity of the members of the parliament is made illusory. The Berlin the Saxon industrial chiefs they protested Germania, the organ of the German against his "weakness" and demanded an Chancellor, in several articles threatened that the government would take further call it!) economic policy, i.e., they demand dictatorial steps should the Reichstag reject the budget. The argument with which a right wing paper calls the "inwhich Bruening justifies his asking for veterate evil of German economy." parliament's sanction for his budget was German Steel Trust took drastic action mything but a profession for parliament to put thru the demands of the employ-tary democracy. Bruening declared that the approval of the budget by the parliar Meiderich (Ruhr) unless the workers ment was necessary in order to raise Ger-2. Did not vote against (registered many's credit abroad. For Bruening, general the whole press of heavy indus-is abstained) the last motion unanimous parliamenatry democracy is just a bit of try fights against the system of wageof the student demonstrations and officers and the French bankers in 1905 helped by adopted in the chamber of Deputies to decoration with which to impress foreign capitalism; if, on the basis of this declay that is, they interfere with wage-cutting. ration. Bruening is to be taken as a de-

why within a couple of weeks or so after this anti-Communist behavior, did the "loyal Bolshevike" feverishly repeat exactly the same sort of "mistakes" with renewed vigor?

We admit we can't understand it. We would welcome a little more "enlightenment." Is this the new "revolutionary" line in practice?

We are anxiously waiting. How lon

The Economic Week

gains were registered during the week, Hoover's National Business Survey Conference latest business review has made an optimistic report. But this is the same agency which just a year ago today (March 7, 1930) promised that the unemployment crisis would be over in sixty days. The stock mar-

In certain industries slight seasonal ket spurt, featured primarily by many corporations buying back their own stock, has ended and some recession set in. Against the insignificant gains registered in steel, car loadings, and electric power output can be set a continued sharp fall in prices, unfavorable bank clearings, and numerous failures. The automobile gain was be-

The weekly business index (Annalist) dropped to a new low for the depression. Wage cuts are spreading. Retail trade is dropping. European news is not favorable. The crisis is now hitting France harder day by day. March will be a decisive month.

On February 5 the German Reichstag | fender of democracy, one may as well

Bruening wants a parliament that will agree to everything the government asks agree in the new pages as also transparent. The Reich Finance Minister is for. It is evident that this voluntary of the opinion that the halance for the withdrawal of parliament strengthens the new budget will be achieved on the ast position of the National Socialists who an organized manner, umption that in the course of the com; are driving for open dictatorship. If par liament functions in such a manner that ountry will improve considerably, in it stilles itself as much as possible and that its main object is to make a favorable impression abroad, then the National Socialists are given their best arguments in heir agitation against the "non-German"

In making his earnest demand that the budget be accepted in the interests of

ANGLING FOR FRENCH LOANS

Germany's credit abroad, Bruening especially kept in mind the present credit negotiations with France. French capital willing, of course with the approval of the French government, to grant an advance of \$38,000,000 against preference hares of the German railways. This advance is to be only the beginning for more French loans. This shows that the German government-despite all contradictory news-sis not willing to take a decided stand against France. Its partial al-liance with Italy at the last session of he League of Nation's does not mean hat an agreement with Prance against might make France, as an ally of Poland, nervous. Bruening's speech in the Reich-

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON SOCIAL

OUESTIONS As for the government policy on social juestions, it is significant that a commision was elected with the obvious pur pose of abolishing unemployment insur ince as it exists today; another significant fact is the declaration of the Minister of abor, Stegerwald, that the present wage evel cannot be maintained. But the inluential circles of the employers are not satisfied even with these steps of the government. When Bruening spoke before the Saxon industrial chiefs they protested end to the hitherto "Socialist" (so they the total abolition of social insurance "agreed" to accept a 20% wage-cut. In cheral the whole press of heavy indusscales, which, they say, are too inflexible, The fight against wagerscales is at the ame time an agitation against the trade unions, whose prestige rests on the fact that they make wage-scales possible. In this connection it is interesting to note that more and more members of the Fascist Party are being systematically employed in the big factories with the purpose of destroying the influence of the trade unions there. In this connection we also have to take note of the rapid increase of terrorist acts on the part of the National Socialists. Not a day passes without Fascist attacks on members of the Social-democratic and Communist Parties. Part of these terror groups of the Fascists are brought from a distance. These groups consist mostly of unemployed, who receive a regular subsidy from

SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY & FASCISM The Social-democratic Party and the trade union leaders belonging to it are of the opinion that they can resist the Fascists best by doing everything possible to real force against Fascism is powerful i maintain their jobs in the state apparatus, dependent action of the working class.

the Fascists and are led mostly by former

officers or students. The money for these

mercenaries is provided for by the indus-

trialists. German employers are, there-

forc, responsible for the Pascist attacks:

it is reasonable to presume that the employers, being good business men, know

very well how their money is being speat.

The situation in which the Anthracite miners today find themselves is year agreement, the leaders of our of its membership. so had that it should arouse all the union have been doing everything in

Every day more and more honest The social principles of Christian | so bad that it should arouse an interpolate of the union may been doing everything in militant miners to action. It is untheir plans to speed-up the work years in which to develop . . . The solidack picture of what is going on in ers, to cut wages, install longer hours call principles of Christianity justified ancient slavery, idealized medical principles of Christianity in the mines today. We all know too and to degrade and impoverish the field ancient slavery, idealized medical principles of Christianity justified ancient slavery, idealized medical principles of Christianity justified ancient slavery, idealized medical principles of Christianity justified ancient slavery idealized medical principles of Christianity justified medical principles of Christi ministration on account, of its open result of the manner in which our union officials are conducting affairs in our organization. In order to effectively fight the bosses and the reacherous union officials it is necessary for the rank and file miners to get together and to put up an organized fight. In every mine, in very local union wherever there are miners, a rank and file organization should be set up to rid our union of ts reactionary leadership and to make it possible for the rank and file to end the terrible slavery and exploitation which prevails in the mines

In June 1981 the elections in the United Mine Workers of America wil take place. There will be elections for local as well as district officials. The nomination of district officials opens in the middle of March 1931 and closes in the middle of April 1931. Nominations open twelve weeks before elections and close eight weeks before elections are held. This means that elections will take place in the middle of June. It is necessary that the rank and file miners give very serious consideration to the elections and prepare to go to the elections in

The Duty of the Militant Mine Workers

Now as never before it is-the duty of all honest union miners and militant miners to organize and to pre-pare for the coming hig struggle which is facing us in the elections. It is necessary without further delay to call immediately a conference of all rank and file miners at which con-ference a program of action should be worked out on which can be mobilized the largest number of members of our union in the struggle against the treacherous reactionary corrupt leadership and the bosses. It should be the purpose of this conference to lav plans for the working up of a rank and file state, for the local union elections as well as for election of dis trict officials.

It means that the conference should elect honest, militant rank and file candidates for all positions in District No. I and board members for each of Italy and, above all, against the Soviet the four inspection sub-districts. Also Union, is impossible. The declaration nominations for all local union posi-Curtius made on the question of Upper lions and other district officials such Union, is impossible. The description of Upper Lions and other district ornicials such Silesia was very carefully formulated. He as treasurer, etc. So as to secure the nominations for the District No. 1 board members for each one of the four inspection sub-districts, it is necstag on questions of foreign policy was essary to secure their nomination by very moderate. The German government seven respective local unions. In oressary to secure their nomination by obviously understood the hints given by der to secure the nominations of the liamentary settlement of its financial laws. many should insist at this moment upon cal unions. In this way will we be able to put a rank and file slate or the ballot for the coming elections. We are therefore calling upon all progressive rank and file miners to participate at this conference which should be called not later than Sunday, February 22, at 2 P. M., in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. It is the duty of all rank and file miners regardless of their political, religious or other opinions to unite and organize a rank and file progressive bloc to fight in the coming elections against our reactionary treacherous leadership and to prepare the workers for a struggle against the bosses for improved conditions in the indus-

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A Great Thinker

Abbe Dinnet is author of the Art of Thinking. He offered the following example of his "art" to the press: "America is soherer now (thanks to the depression) than she was two years ago . . . not only soberer but happier . . . Many people re-frain from buying now because they know that others cannot buy. That means happiness. That is the Christian attitude." Reing able to think like that is not

an art . . . it's a gift.

aspecially in the Prussian government. To achieve this purpose they support the Bruening government and its program. The tactics of the Social-democratic Party find the strongest resistance among its followers because support of the Bruening government means reductions in wages and will eventually bring about a situation in which the trade unions will not light against the encroachments of the employers' organigations and against wage-cuts by government arbitration.
Prussian police are again and again sent isto action against the Communists because only by such tactics can the Socialdemocratic Party stay in the coalition, while at the same time any serious action of this police against the Fascists remains impossible. The hourgeois parties as well as the government would not allow it! (A few months ago Hindenburg forced he removal of the prohibition against he Stalhelm, a militarist Fascist organization in the Rhineland.) At the same time Pascist influence grows stronger among the officials in the Prussian state.

The only thing which could act as a real force against Fascism is powerful in-

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HUNGRY WOLVES MUST HOWL

NOT since our Russian brothers first broke the chains of Czarism and capitalism has there been such stir over the Russian Soviet Republic in the camp of the bosses as there is today. It is not hard to understand why this is so. The entire capitalist world is in an acute economic crisis. The boss class is worried over the effect of the simultaneous tremendous growth of Socialist construction on the minds and hearts of the wage slaves and colonial masses.

A rapidly diminishing number of capitalists still ridicule the success of the Soviet power. A not insignificant number of the exploiting class pretends to be tolerant and to be, for a time, "with" the Soviet system. But a rapidly rising number of the decisive section of the ruling class in all capitalist countries is more loudly and frankly asking for immediate war of the "civilized world" against Bolshevik Russia. This is the significance of Briand's grain conference in Paris. This is the crux of the "anti-dumping" campaign now being waged against the Soviet Union. In this sense it is especially significant that the most influential organs of French and German heavy industry are now singing the same songs of "peace and harmony" between Paris and Berlin to beat back the Moscow "trade invasion."

Still the most sinister type of attack on the progress of the building of Socialist economy in Soviet Russia is that which lurks behind a socalled "humanitarian" mask. Thus, opening a series of "liberal" articles on the Soviet Union, the New York Telegram, headlines the first story "Soviet Pays for Communism in Human Lives and Suffering." Deprived of nearly all shams in their arsenal of fraud and slander against the first Workers and Peasants Soviet Republic, the upholders of the capitalist system are resorting to the last refuge of the imperialist scoundrel—"humanitarianism." "Communism costs too much," say these dollar-andcents heroes. With this telling argument taken from the standard success manuals of Wall Street, they hope to prevent the workers from sympathizing with the Soviet Union and comparing it favorably with the "blessed," capitalism of the United States.

Now, what about this question of cost? Is there strain and stress on the working masses as a result of the great tempo of industrialization and the socialization of agriculture in the U.S.S.R.? Of course, there is. What about it? The hypocricy of these would-be friends of the Soviet masses cried aloud. It is the sheerest idiocy to have even the wildest dreams about the slightest tinge of sincerity in these "bitter cries" over the hardships the Russian masses find themselves in as a result of their rapid march towards Socialism. We might also say to these solicitous Wall Street "humanitarians" that "charity begins at home." Let them shed less tears over the Soviet Union and empty a little their own pockets and their government's pockets to help the starving farmers in Arkansas and the victims of American "prosperity" on the breadlines in "the Gay White Way," America's proudest spot.

But, historically speaking, there is an even more decisive phase to this question. The Soviet workers are engaged in the job of constructing Socialism under extremely great difficulties. We admit that under such circumstances considerable temporary strain and sacrifice by the masses are inevitable. However, the economic and social burdens temporarily borne by the Soviet masses in their speediest completion of the Five Year Plan of Socialist construction for the toilers are petty and insignificant when compared with the heavy price in life and limb, in dollars and cents, paid by the working masses in the cities and the country in order to build up capitalist industry. Who of us has forgotten the "Merry England" of Blatchford with its agonizing child labor, low wages and filthy slums? Which American worker doesn't know of long hours and nerve-wrecking speed-up and nurderous accident rates? And what about the millions of the flower of our class maimed and killed in imperialist war? All of these sacrifices, strain, and hardships are only part of the price the exploited masses paid and are still paying for building up and maintaining the capitalist system. Particularly in view of the growing danger of war against the Soviet Union is the cost of the accelerated Socialist construction entirely worth while and imperative. The capitalist wolves are howling. They are hungry. Hungry wolves must howl. The wolves in sheep's clothing may howl about the terrible price of Communism "in human lives and suffering." For all workers, poor farmers, and colonial masses there is but one job in so far as the Soviet Union is concerned. To see to it that the howling wolves of imperialism don't get the slightest chance to sink their teeth into the youthful and growing Workers and Farmers Soviet Republic. More than that. To hasten the day when this pack of hungry imperialist welves can be driven to flight and sent to join Czar Nicholas II, Kolchak, Yudenich and the monarchists, kulaks and capitalists who once infested and darkened Russia-now the Soviet Union, the land of the rising sun for the working class of all countries.

WHAT IS SOCIAL FASCISM?

HE central mystery of the new sectarian course of the Communist International has always been the doctrine of "social-fascism". It is a formula to conjure with (and to drive away the masses of the workers!) but no one ever undertook seriously to define it since the ill-fated efforts of Bela Kun and others at the X Plenum of the ECCI (July 1929). But now, in one week, we have two essays in this direction: an editorial in the Daily Worker of February 20 (What Social Fascism Is) and an editorial in the New York Times of February 24 (The Mosley Temper).

The Duily Worker calls attention to the conduct of the Socialist Mayor and City Council of Reading, Pa., who met the demands of the unemployed for relief with the sanctimonious reply: "We would like to help you but what can we do. The law won't let us and we know the law." This, says the Daily Worker, is "social-fascism."

The New York Times calls attention to Oswald Mosley's recent attacks on the parliamentary system of Great Britain upon the Labor government which is today operating this parliamentary system, and then analyzes Mosley's manifesttions in the direction of dictatorship and state capitalism. This, it says, is "social-fascism".

The conclusions of both editorials arise out of a fundamental confusion of ideas-in opposite directions. What the Daily Worker describes as "social-fascism" is social reformism, pure and simple. There is no element of fascism at all in the Socialist appeal to the "existing law" as an unanswerable argument; one of the essential characteristics of fascism (before its capture of power and even after!) is its extra-legal character, that is, its openly preached and practised disregard of "existing law" with the connivance of the bourgeois legal authorities. Consider the history of Italian fascism,

look at German fascism today! What the New York Times regards as "social-fascism" is really the germinal stages of fascism, pure and simple. The Mosley tendency has no trace of Socialism in it; the only connection it has with Socialism is that its champions come from the Socialist movement. But this is an essential characteristic of fascism as such in its early stages. Mussolini was once a Socialist. Hitler was once a Social-Democrat. The fascist tendencies developed in bilter opposition to and not in agreement with the reformist Socialist

Thus the basis for the fiction of "social-faseism" vanishes: on the one hand, reformist Socialism but not fascism; on the other hand, fascism but

Towards International Communist Unity

The International Conference

by Jay Lovestone

NOWADAYS there is one question that is uppermost in the minds of the class conscious workers of every country: Why is it that the Communist International doesn't grow organizationally or politically under such favorable objective conditions as prevail today?

To ask this question is to touch the heart of the crisis in the world party of Communism. For, after all, the test of the tactics of any political party, particularly a revolutionary party, a Communist Party, is to be found in its practice, in its application in life. We, who gathered in the first International Conference of the Communist Opposition, were fully aware of

The First Conference of the International Communist Opposition

It was to answer this question in the interests of the nternational working class, it was to enable the Communist International to overcome its paralysis, to utilize the present world crisis situation to the maximum, that was our sole purpose in the conference. Not differing in principle with the Communist International but only in tacties, we gathered not to build a new Communist International but to re-unite the world Communist forces, to reconstruct the existing Comintern on a healthy basis. The extremely favorable objective conditions for developing the world Party of Communism, the growing menace of Fascism especially in Germany, the increasing danger of war against the Soviet Union, animated us only to redouble our efforts for unity of the Comintern and to continue our fight against the present non-Leninist tactical line of the Communist International—a line which is primarily responsible for the acute crisis in the Comintern.

Due to legal and financial difficulties not all comrades elected could come to the Conference. Their written reports and proposals were given thoro consideration. This was the case with the representatives of India, Austria, Finland and Italy. Representatives of the Communist Party of Sweden and of Alsace-Lorraine which were expelled from the Communist International as parties, from the Communist Party Oppositions of Germany, Switzerland, the United States and Czecho-Slovakia were present. Norway was fraternally represented.

The order of business for the three day conference (Dec. 16, 17, 18) was:

- 1. Consideration of oral and written reports of the various opposition sections.
- 2. Discussion and adoption of draft platform of

International Communist Opposition. 3. Organization and press matters.

There was a certain vigorous revolutionary optimism running thru the deliberations of the Conference. Every report and reporter underscored the splendid objective situation for the growth of the Communist Party—the most favorable in years. Here were delegates who were the founders of the various sections of the Communist International, experienced fighters

in the working class movement, militant battlers together with Liebknecht and Luxemberg, organizers of the Spartacus group in Germany, co-workers with Lenin in exite, leaders of the workers on the barricades fighting for Soviet Power. Ours was not an optimism artificially generated to hide defeats or to please burocrats. It was an optimism founded on Leninist understanding, on revolutionary conviction, sacrifice, and boundless devotion to our class, the exploited

The spirit of the Conference, the manner of discussion, the method of settling differences, the genuine critical attitude pervading the deliberations, all were most encouraging signs of a better day drawing nearer in the life of the Communist International. Those dispirited difficulties, by temporary defeats, by the slowness of the developing world revolution, those who entertain "theories" about the degeneration of the world Communist Party certainly could find no evidence or support for their false conclusions neither in our discussions or decisions.

The Present Position of the Commtetn

We faced the facts as we found them-and not as it would suit fancy-in the picture we had before us of the state of affairs in the Communist International. Like a red thread there ran thru all our work a feeling that the critical condition of the Communist International is the grave concern of the entire international working class-especially of the class-conscious

An examination of the situation in the world Party of Communism shows how deplorable the present situation is. Let us start with the plus side of the ledger. The most important section of the Communist International is the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. It is doing a mighty good job, under the most difficult circumstances, in speeding up the construction of Socialism in the Soviet Union. Together with the Young Communist League, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union totals about five million members. Truly, a powerful army! But in striking and painful contrast to this is the picture of the Communist International outside of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republies. Here the situation is veritably catastrophic.

On paper the Communist International shows 50 sections. But which of these Parties is, today a mass Party or has mass influence over the workers? What more tragic case of paralysis could we cite than the Communist Party of Great Britain? With such extremely favorable conditions for the development of a mass Communist Party, we have a vanishing, sterile sect which plays no role in these decisive days of class war in England. In Czecho-Slovakia, where only a few years ago, the Communist Party was the biggest workers political party and of tremendous influence in the trade unions, we now have a helpless, uninfluential organization-a faint shadow of its former self. France tells a similarly dismaying story for our movement. As rapidly and as heavily as the Communist Party of France and the Red Federation of Labor (C.C.T.U.) have been losing members, the Socialist Party of France and the reformist federation (C.G.T.) have been gaining ground. In India the Communist International never had more than fragmentary strength. In China the Communist Party is bled white and has very little organized strength in the cities, which is decisive.

The situation in the United States needs little elaboration here.

It is true that Communist Party of Germany is still

a mass party. But it certainly is not availing itself of the splendid opportunities to wield initiative and give leadership. The ultra-left line, coupled with its rank opportunism in its dangerous brand of "national Bolshevism" in making the Versailles Treaty the point of departure of all struggles, has crippled this only mass Communist Party in the whole Communist International as an effective force to defeat Fascism. Should German Faseism win as it did in Italy-as is entirely possible in a short time—then it means the collapse of this one mass Communist Party outside of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

That with a correct line and unity the Communist International could today deal mortal blows to capitalism, to reformism and to Fascism, is shown by the growth of the Swedish Communist Party (Opposition) and the Alsatian Communist Party (Opposition) The only Communist Parties beside the C.P.S.U. to gain in membership in the last year, were the Communist Party of Sweden (Opposition) which gained nearly 4000 in 1930 and the Communist Party of Alsace (Opposition). And with correct Leninist tactics the Communist Opposition forces are now making real headway in India.

A Platform of Communist Struggle

Recognizing the different conditions and specific peculiarities in the various countries, yet, on the basis of fundamental principles of the Comintern, our general analysis of the present world crisis leads us to certain concrete tasks on a world scale.

First and foremost, in the light of the economic crisis, the imperialist war danger, the growing menace of an attack on the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, our platform emphasizes the imperative need for Communist unity in the revolutionary class struggle. In the eyes of the Conference this question of Communist unity was a life and death question for the working class. To achieve this party democracy, democratic centralism and Leninist discipline must

be restored and guaranteed. All efforts must be made towards the development of a genuine international collective leadership in the Communist International. Our appeal for unity addressed to the Communist International and the international working class is in

The development of a united working class front against capitalist reaction-particularly against Fascism-along with the energetic unconditional defense of the Soviet Union were emphasized as central tasks. The Conference pointed out that it would be impossible to overemphasize in the present international situation the importance of preparing the working class, now and today, for what will face it in the coming imperialist war-the transformation of the imperialist war into a civil war against the exploiters. In the same sense, the mobilization of workers in the "mother countries" for support of the revolutionary struggles in the colonies assumes inestimable import-

Today it is particularly necessary to popularize the Soviet idea, the Soviet system as the highest democracy, as the only working class democracy, in the ranks of the workers by tying up its experiences and lessons with the concrete everyday needs and demands of the workers.

Our platform very correctly emphasizes the Leninist tactical attitude toward trade unions and the need for the militants and Communists working in the mass unions. The necessity of united front tactics, the need of the Party's winning the majority of working class are brought home very clearly.

The first International Communist Opposition Conference was possible only because of agreement on fundamental principles. The tactical differences among the various Communist Opposition groups were cleared up and settled mainly thru the practical political activities of our movement. Our international ideological homogeneity and unity were realized only thru a Communist co-operation and discussion and the application of the Leninist principles of Party democracy on a international scale. Our agreements were obtained only thru understanding and conviction and not thru the fear of bureaucratic measures as in the Executive Committee of the Communist International today or thru the worship of a supposedly "infallible" leader like Trotsky, as is the case of the vanishing remnants of the Trotskyists.

The International Center

The International Communist Opposition Center is thus not a new Comintern. It is only the organizational center of the struggle for the restoration and reconstruction of the Communist International. Today it is only in our ranks where the fundamental problems of the international labor and world Communist movements can be earnestly and honestly discussed,

Indeed, it is of the greatest historical significance that in this decisive hour for the working class, there should come forward an international force which shows the way to victory for the revolutionary labor movement. The International Communist Opposition Center is dedicated to the highest cause of the world proletariat. We are pledged to fight unswervingly for the restoration of unity and a correct line in the ranks of the Comintern. Only then will the vanguard of the international revolutionary proletariat be able to inspire, organize and lead the working class of the world to victory over the capitalist class-to a new and better day---to the Communist society.

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There can be no adequate understandng of the history of the U.S. without a olic laymen were taken in to the tune horogoing understanding of the part the of \$2,000,000 in two years with the aid of frontier has played in molding and shap-the Virgin Mary. The National Divering American life and its institutions sified Corporation sold stock to pro-Those traits which are typical of the mote "clean films" in line with the American are derivative from his frontier aims of the Catholic Church, had priests experiences. The frontier bred self-con [lecture on "clean films" and sold stock idence, intense individualism, a sense of to the enthralled audiences. They deequality and a great admiration for the clared they were producing a super-speimmediate experience and hence practical ity. The buoyant optimism of the American can be traced to the frontier. The they produce. Many has accomplished pioneer had to hope or else how could te press on and success re-enforced his that her name has been involved in a optimism. Leading of necessity a comnon life, the frontiersmen were resently. of those who assumed superiority or tried to be different. Uniformity of environment and uniformity of type (most pioneers were young, poor and hopeful) nade for uniformity in habit and thought. The frontier played a decisive role in

first gigantic class struggles took place after all, as the organ throbs to the between 1877 and 1894, almost forty fade-out, years after Marx had written his famous manifesto. These great class struggles signified the closing of the frontier. The worker had no longer any escape but that of assault upon the bosses and the whole system of capitalism,

Professor Paxson in his book When the West Is Gone gives an excellent account of the history of the United States from 1763 to the present, with special emphasis on the importance of the frontier. He shows conclusively that the entire history of a given period (if we divide the history of the United States into periods) was conditioned by the economies of that period. The economies of davery determined the whole history of the South: the economics of industrialism of the East; the economics of agriculture of the West. The history of the United States up to the Civil War was the history of these three sections with their mutual ections and reactions upon each other.

Just as the Civil War signified the tria amph of industrialism over the slave-holding South, so the election of 1896 signified the triumph of industrialism over the whole country. The election of 1896 was the last powerful assault of the fron tier West against the industrial East. The West lost not because of the "personal magnetism of McKinley" or the "organ-izational genius of Mark Hanna." The West lost because capitalism had secured the power or life and death over the enure country; because the destiny of America was ultimately tied up with the spread and growth of capitalism. The year 1896 marked the closing of the frontier and the defeat of the West. Henceforth industrial capitalism reigned supreme. The government and the whole of the life of inside job." the United States was the capitalists to shape and exploit.

The function of a hourgeoise profesor, especially in these heetic days, is to and told her the charge they would demonstrate to the bourgeoise that his make againt her." She was a nurse. tory assures them eternal existence and A stool pigeon went into her office, the complete submission of the working concealed marked bills on a shelf, class. This the author does in the last started to talk to her. And then the w pages. He correctly judges the fund police came in. . . damental problem of Europe as that of he conflict between capital and labor Told her she was charged with proand that for the ordinary man there is stitution -- a clear case -- offered to let "no probable relief except through the her off for a thousand bucks-"She gency of revolutionary socialism."

will save America from European experiences because due to its influences the vorker is not class conscious. "He is an American first and a worker afterwards!" "The United States elevates citizenship above class interest." The professor for gets what he has pointed out previously, hat with the closing of the frontier, a bers can to longer hope for social independence; that since 1877 the United claring: States has witnessed gigantic class strug-gles; that the election of 1896 marked the defeat of the frontier West and the answers Passon: "Hope has remained" poverty will not be advertised. . . . without the demoralizing effect of excomplete triumph of capitalism. But, haps their children might hope to get ahead." Such pious hopes will never satisly the millions walking the streets and their children doomed, under capitalism, quietly in dark corners where nobody to a life of wage slavery.

problem of America is the same as that of Europe, the conflict between capital and labor and that the solution of the problem for the American worker, as well is the European worker, lies in the overof revolutionary socialism."

The American government's pup-1 terror lest Stimson go thru with his bluff declaration to recall the American Marines some day means and for trade." ican Marines some day. They are fearful of being left alone to face the wrath of their countrymen. Their message to Stimson and the marines Green are growing. In addition to is: "Oh, please don't go!" Stimson can opposing recognition of Soviet Russia be expected to yield gracefully to their insistent request.

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The Virgin Mary Goes Hollywood Four hundred priests and 6,000 Cathcli-made man. It stressed the value of cial thriller entitled Mary the Virgin but apparently couldn't find a virgin Hollywood, for nary a foot of film did many miracles, but this is the first time modern racket. It's a pity the film was not made-Mary the Virgin of Hollywood; the immaculate conception as conceived by the pants-maker-magnates of the movie industry; the thrilling wreck of the train that carried the Holy Family to Egypt; how Mary took ioding because of the scandals whispered about he development of the working class. To ther by Joseph's relatives; and the thrilt we owed that class fluidity which lasted ling moment when the cavalry dashes to about 1890 and which resulted in the up Calvary with Pilate's pardon in outlate emergence of a fixed proletariat stretched hand and the condemned man Free land lured the most rebellious and is taken down from the cross to fall courageous who might have become the into the arms of Mary Magdalene who fighting labor leaders of their day. Out turns out to have been a good girl

Raised On Yeast

Judge Jean Norris, New York's only woman magistrate, got \$1000 for posing in full judicial robes for a testimonial picture explaining that altho she had been sitting seven years on the bench, Fleischman's yeast prevented her from becoming constipated. She also said the yeast was good for insomnia and nervousness. She'll need to take a lot of it now.

Starvation a Passing Phenomenon New consolation for the unemployed from the New York Times:

"Totals of world unemployment begin to be less appalling as they continue to mount. As the figures assume epidemic proportions they lose something of their grim menace for the very reason that an epidemic is a passing phenomenon.

Try that on your butcher and

\$50 in Gold

The directors of the Bank of United States were hard-working people. They met every week. Each director received \$50 in gold for each meeting attended. They earned the money by voting the depositors' money to themselves as loans. It's a great racket. No wonder the slogan of American capitalism is: "Only saps work."

Any one but an expert criminologist could see that the hold up in the Bank of the United States was "an

Law and Order

*She fainted when officers entered

They "found" the marked bills. fainted when officers entered. . ." She But this is not true of the United paid. Another racket. "Only saps States, he tells us! Here the frontier work!"

Die Quietly Please

It isn't starvation and misery that worries the New York City officials but the public "display" of it. Solomon Lowenstein, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Welfare Coordinating Committee on Unemploy-

"If children or whole families are without food, assistance should be given in their homes so that their

What the master class wants is humble starving workers that will die can notice them. It's the old story Mere words and constant repetition of "outward order and decency"—t cannot hide the fact that the fundamental "goodly apple rotten at the core." of "outward order and decency"—the

And More Moths Would Help Woolen Trade The profound economic wisdom of

our rulers is once more illustrated throw of capitalism "through the agency, by the words of the "head" of a great country. This time its King George of England. "Some laundries," said his royal

Activities of a "Labor" "Leader". The "labor" activities of William he has now appeared before Congress to oppose a bill legalizing the spread of information on birth control.

SOUNDS FISHY! The Poor Fish says (we mean Ham-

"If this country recognizes Soviet Russia, American trade with the Soviets will decrease rather than increase." (Speech to the Economic Club, Hotel Astor).

You've got to admit the Congressman is well-named!

-B.D.W