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A. F. of L. Claims 2 Million Growth

WASHINGTON, D. C. Every one interested in problems of trade unionism was aware of the phenomenal growth of the American Federation of Labor during the last period. It is, however, gratifying to learn that a very considearble portion of the increase in membership has come through the chartering of federal

Frank Morrison, Secretary the A. F. of L. reports that since July 3, 1933 there have been chartered 1368 federal locals with a membership of 500,000. The significance of those figures becomes even greater when we think of the possibilities of these federal locals being developed into genuine industr al unions. A core of a half a mil ion workers organized along industrial lines can become a powerful instrument for recasting the whole antiquated structure of the A. F. of L. The tasks of militants and progressives in such situation must be evident to all.

Morrison points out in the statement that there also has been a great increase in membership in many of the national and international unions and concludes that the present organization drive will probably bring into the trade unions a greater number of workers than in any previous national organization drive. The organization drive of 1901 to 1904 resulted in 800,000 recruits and that if 1916 to 1920 increased the membership of the A. F. of L. by 2,000,000.

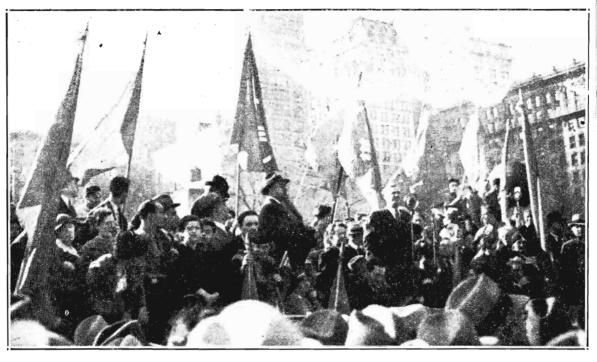
Shoe Workers Install Officers

BOSTON, Mass. At the first meeting of the Executive Board of the United Shoe and Leather Workers Union, it was decided to elect an Assistant General Secretary. The unanimous choice was Israel Zimmerman, one of the outstanding leaders of the amalgamation movement which led to the organization of the United Shoe.

The newly elected officers and members of the General Executive Board were installed on May First at a public installation at Hotel Bradford, in the presence of 2,000 shoe workers. Israel Zimmerman, acted as master of ceremonies and Knit-Goods Elections administered the oath of office to William J. Mackesy, General Org anizer, George A. Wilson, General Secretary-Treasurer and to the members of the General Executive Board.

The first meeting of the General Executive Board, lasting three days, concerned itself with the organization of the union apparatus. There were elected committees on Organization, Finance Grievance and Appeals, Education and Press.

Organization and Press Committees swung into action immediately. The former making plans for an immediate organization drive in Maine and New Hampshire and making detailed plans for a national organization drive on August 1, when practically all agreements expire. The press committee has decided to proceed with organizing the publication of a monthly magazine. The committee hopes to have the first issue off the press before the summer is



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Jay Lovestone addressing the tens of thousand; of workers at the Labor Demonstration in Madison Square on May First.

Preparing the Next War

Doctrine of its own, in the Far East, comes now the bitter trade war between Great Britain and East, comes now the bitter trade pense of other imperialist powers was very careful not to answer the war between Great Britain and especially Great Britain.

Japan, bringing that much closer Great Britain has now struck of the House "whether the British the inevitable explosion which will back with an import embargo government had been consulting start a new world carnage.

For over a year Japan and Great Britain had been dickering over a division of the world's markets, especially the markets for cotton and artificial silk. Japan, constantly strengthened by its rapid penetration of the Far East, encouraged by the impotence of the League of Nations in the face of its invasion of China and the establishment of its hegemony over Manchukuo, and util zing the conflict of interests among the rest of the great imperialist powers,

*Progressives Win in

A striking victory for the progressives was the result of the elections for delegates to the I.L. G.W.U. convention, held in Knitted Garment Workers Union Local 155, I.L.G.W.U., on Thursday, May 3. Three out of the four delegates elected were endorsed by the Progressive Group of Local 155. De Leo with 628 votes receiving the highest vote; Shaffer with 601; and Lerman with 585. Of the administration supporters, only J. H. Goldberg, the manager, was elected with 612 votes; the other three candidates were defeated. The two candidates of the so-called "Left" Rank and File On-

anese pronouncement of a Monrce and continued its aggressive policy of economic penetration at the ex-| President of the Board of Trade

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That internationally this sten of Great Britain is of major political consequence becomes clear even

ROUGH GOING FOR **FASCISTS**

VIENNA .- That anti - fascist sentiment is running high in Austria was dramatically illustrated to a group of Italian Fascisti. The Associated Press reports that this motor cycle squadron encountered enormous difficulties. The roads were so thickly ticles, various phases of the comstrewn with tacks that the squad- munist and labor movements. called "Left" Rank and File Opposition slate trailed at the end, receiving only about 200 votes each. The total vote cast was 1354, fascists were attacked and had to out of a membership of about 4,000. fight their way thru.

The last article by Jav Love-receiving at the end, Graz. Austria. Unconfirmed reports in Graz state that these stone, on the Roosevelt Program will be printed in an early issue. ron was 12 hours late arriving at

Commons. Mr. Walter Runciman with other countries, outside the was an indirect way of asking whether the United States had To grasp the importance of this been approached, since the U.S.A. embargo to Japan, one has but to is feeling very keenly Japanese note that the Japanese export of competition in Latin America. The cotton piece goods had increased relationship between the U.S.A. from 1,413.780.000 square yards in 1931 to 2,090.000,000. The present sharpened since Japan will turn the control of t exports.

The international politics of capwe learn that "war is a continua-Slight wonder there-tion of politics with other means.'

In the Next Issue of The Workers Age

We begin a series of articles on Austria by Will Herberg. A number of unpublished photographs will be run, showing ac'ual scenes of fighting and executions of revolutionary fighters during the Austrian civil war.

The next issue will be almost exclusively an international issue. We will take up, in a number of ar-

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Mooney in New **Court Appeal**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.

The case of Tom Mooney, which has agitated the labor movement ever since his framed conviction eighteen years ago, is again before the public eye.

The attorney for the Molder's Defense Committee, has filed a petition in the United States Court for the Northern District of California, for Mooney's release on a writ of habeas corpus. The petition will come up before District Judge A. F. St. Sure.

The petition includes statements of the ten surviving jurors to the effect that they would never have convicted Mooney had they been aware of the subsequently discovered evidence, which the Discovered trict Attorney had suppressed. Judge Griffin, the trial judge, is quoted as saying that "had the jury nevertheless convicted Mooney he would have set the conviction aside."

The petition exposes in full the perjury and suppression of evi-dence by means of which District Attorney Fickert secured a conviction and points out that at a later date, with full information available, two separate juries refused to indict Rena Mooney and Wein-

Hard on the heels of the Jap- turned a deaf ear to Great Britain from the debates in the House of Silk Men Elected Keller as Mgr.

PATERSON, N. J.

Eli Keller, well known militant fighter among the textile workers, has been elected Manager of the Associated Silk Workers Union in a general election held here on Sat-urday, May 5th. Keller was the candidate of the Progressive Group.

There were two other candidates in the field. Brooks, a discredited element in Paterson who recently broke the decision of the Union Executive and agreed to a 3% cut, was the candidate of the reactionaries as well as of the American Workers Party. The polling a considerable vote he was defeat-

The candidate of the Communist party was Nathan Liss. He polled an insignif cant number of votes primarily because the silk workers still remember the union smashing antics engaged in by the CP and its National Textile Work ers Union, in the recent general

PATERSON, N. J. With the sanction of the Silk

Code Authority, the silk manufacturers have declared a holiday between May 14 and 21. This, the Code Authority declares, is a means of combatting overproduc-

The American Federation of Silk Workers has announced that it intends to utilize this "holiday" for a most intensive organization drive throughout the silk industry, especially in the Pennsylvania silk regions. This is made essential, because the employers are utilizing the lower rates paid in the Pennsylvania mills in order to batter down the condition of the silk workers in Paterson. In a statement issued by Frank Schweitzer, secretary of the Federation, it is said that the union is prepared to bring the Pennsylvania workers out on strike if the bosses do not raise the rates of pay.

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The Group at Work

gro, Spanish, Italian and Jewish 40%. workers. These workers who have become acquainted with the CPO during the militant struggles of our most active and enthusiastic supporters. This accession of strength is a demonstration of our growing influence among trade unionists. The new recruits also About \$30.00 realized from this large workers.

Two New Units Formed The last couple of weeks have also brought the organization of two new units, in Newark and

Hamilton. The CPO is thus ex tending its in luence into new ter-The National Buro welto our ranks and pedges to then. its full cooperation.

Membership Drive Forges Ahead Many districts are hard at work fulf iling their quotes in the mem bership drive. The New York Dis trict has taken in 100 new members since the National Convention trict has taken in 100 new members since the National Convention held in January. Chicago reports 6 bor". There was an exceptionally good turn out of needle trades workers, CP and SP members, of whom many asked questions and participated in the discussion. Brookwood. A large number of participated in the discussion. units, however, have not yet shows the necessary results. This applies to Boston, Detroit, Hartford, Lo Angeles, Anthracite, Montreal and Toronto. All units must intensify the work to complete their quotas by June first.

Detroit Building Workers Age Detroit has done some model work in spreading the Workers Age. Every issue marks an increase in sales. The Detroit comrades have already paid for 350 copies of the May Day issue. The great bulk of the sales are being nade among automobile workers. The unit is also doing satisfactory work in securing subs. With the excellent response which the Age s receiving, our Detroit comrades should have no difficulties in extending our organization.

New York Shows Progress Comrades Edwards and Tauber have been doing excellent work in increasing Age circulation. Com-rade Edwards has built up a wel

THE SOCIALIST ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT

New York City. The anti-war movement is in sad state. The American League Against War and Fascism was narrow enough before the Madison Square Garden affair; but after this event a whole series of resignations occurred. The League was then stripped of what little non CP support it had. A few new names have recently been added but essentially the situation remains the same. What is needed is a thorough overhauling of the methods, approach and premise upon which the League rests. This the CP is not likely to do.

Even worse is it with the Socialist efforts to launch a "new" movement. The conference held in Town Hall on April 6, was a still birth. It resolved itself into a very poorly attended mass meeting which listened to a number of very

du'll and rank pacifist speeches. The running of this conference marks a new high water mark for burocracy and throttling control. So fearful were the Socialists that control would somehow be snatched from them that the chairman announced, in opening the conference, that discussion, questions, (Continued on Page 3)

Boston Helps I.R.A.

indicate that our comrades are beginning to take seriously the task of building the CPO.

About \$30.00 realized from this Local 22, i.l.G.w.o.

Comrades Miles and Stone reported on the developments and preparations for the May Day Conprehensive for the many Day Conprehensive for ades who turned over \$85 to the ference and parade. I.R.A. a short time ago.

> Comrade Mike Buhay is conduct- trial Union. ng a successful class in the "Prin-

which has an attendance of 90.

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functioning apparatus — more struggle for communist unity, 3

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This meeting was followed by a Sunday morning forum at which Comrade Ben Lifshitz spoke on the United Front. This was the

the fighting dressmakers, have joined up in the last two weeks.

Among these are to be found Ne-New York has increased by almost

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The circulation of the Age in New York has increased by almost first of a series of forums to be run

Big Membership Meeting In N. Y. In spite of conflicting meetings necessitating the absence of many Our Boston comrades have as-sisted the International Relief As-ed to overflowing. Comrade Sutsociation in organizing a banquet ter evaluated the results of the

The membership welcomed into its ranks the 30 dressmakers who joined the CPO and greeted the Montreal Strong On Education
The Workers Educational Club, return to our fighting ranks of which many CPO members are Comrade Joe Farber, who had been active, has been doing good work. in a hospital for weeks as a reritory. The National Buro well As a result it has at present a sult of a slugging at the hands of comes these two organizations in regular membersh p of 40. a strong arm squad of the Indus-

With rapt attention the memberiples Of The Class Struggle", ship listened to Comrade Lovestone who read a letter, which had just been received, from the first uccessful CPO Forums In Bronx convention of the Communist Par-Over 300 workers attended the ty of Germany (Opposition). After ty of Germany (Opposition). After a collection of \$130 was made it are fighting in the land of Hit In response to an appeal by ler terror.

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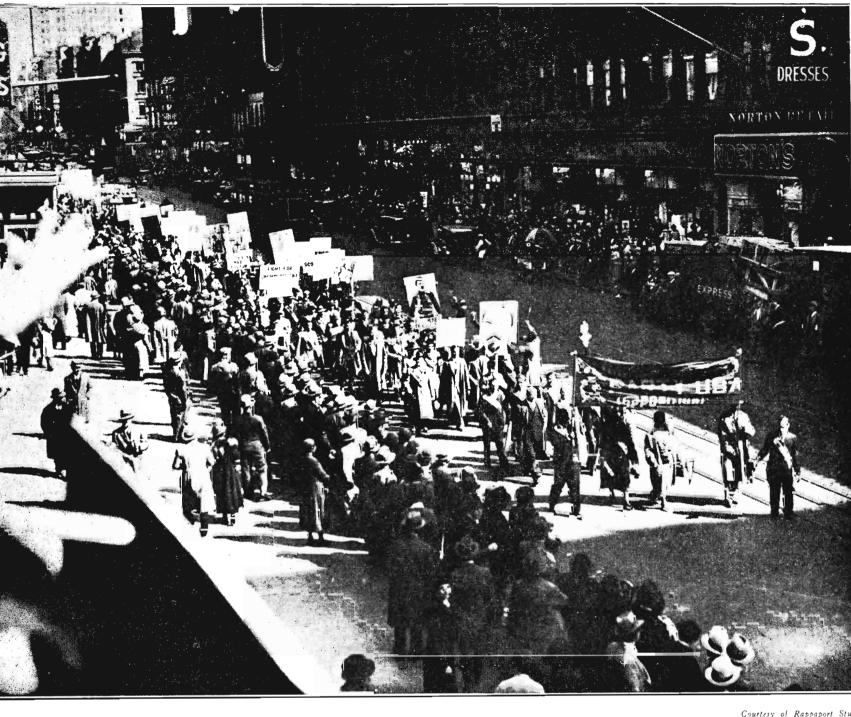
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The Communist Party (Opposition) contingent, in the big Labor Parade on May First, snapped as it passed the C.P.O. headquarters on 14th Street.

CHRIST IS RISEN!

by EDWARD WRIGHT

Christ is risen!

with the bones of those who have to join their ranks, who stand in times of peace, of those who have they adjust their lips to the semb-does not hold out much promise for wanted and those who have hung-lance of a smile: the smile of a the future life of the movement.

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in which they live. It is their America. Everything is theirs—from the most magnificent and palatial to fire-traps where periodically are left, as an heritage to culture, lifeless, unrecognizable charred lifeless, unrecognizable charred lifeless. There is not a lifely and the founder of the founder of the find to find. Much water has passed to find. Much water has passed to find to find to find. Much water has passed to find bodies of workers. There is not a of a few hundred workers. The day.

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The parade begins. A colorful of silk. Vigorously they shout, pageant of the ultimate in fashions "Work, work, we want work. We pageant of the ultimate in lashions is unfurled. Top hats, morning demand unemployment insurance.

Make the bankers pay the rent. coats and striped trousers mingle with frocks of imported plaid taf-

and chocolate-box-cover hats. One... two . . Slowly they march with their silver-handled canes. Every step is measured, studied, just so. Every motion, every look, every expression on their faces is just so.

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> The results of the Continuation Committee of the New York Conference against War and Fascism, the Comintern.

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TROTSKY and RUSSIA

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They have just come out of the churches where God, Christ and Company have been snowered again with praises and flowers to the accompaniment of inspirational hymns: "O god, blessed be Thy eternal Name! Thy Kingdom come and so have our Millions. Still greater glory to Thee! Guide us with Thy holy wisdom, O God, that we may erect still more beauteous houses of wor-neared.

king to his serfs.

The delegates of the CPO offered two basic proposals. That the conference consider broadening out its labor base as the chief task of the construction of Socialism, on a number of questions, approximates an outright anti-Soviet stand. Such is the character of the conference do everything in its power to unify all existing similar movements with special emphasis on the American League Agains War and Fascism.

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beauteous houses of worship to lead us forever on the path
of divine righteousness. O Lord,
give us this day our daily million
as Thou hast done in the past.

Amen!"

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Party U.S.A.—Bert Wolfe.

Trotsky has systematically severed those ties which bound him but the Soviet Union. So far has this proposal was rejectthis gone that he today even denies his own political offsprings-

cies, subsequently evolved, which and the Fourth International.

WHITHER THE AMERICAN YOUTH?

spark of opportunity dragged it-self from one American hearth to another, on its last legs, but still one thing seemed to have been bringing cheer to the millions of disinherited. Then, youth in the institutions of higher learning one hand, while the other encircled some prototype of Clara Bow, and dared the world to go to hell. Visions of brokerage offices, of advertising agencies befogged their minds; a stock exchange gone mad heightened the frenzy. Millions of of machinery, replacing the older men as these acknowledged their defeat to the ever-growing speed of the billion wild horses of industry.

The Jazz Age

In that jazz-age era, as we view it in retrospect, no Lincoln Steffens and his cohorts were necessary to expose corruption in the city or nation, the recognition of its existence being the common property of every high school student. Indeed, not only was yes-terday's youth aware of corruption but condoned and glorified it. Was not Al Capone the popular hero of the decade? To "get away with it" this was the great virtue to youth. Politics the undergraduate and young worker dismissed with and young worker dismissed with a disgusted shrug—too dirty. What irony, politics "too dirty" and racketeering raised to the level of the virtuous! Blind worship of the money-lords.

Foundations For Critical Realism in its entirety, its significance cannot be overlooked. The campus of

large sections of workers.

Furriers Lag Behind

leaders, the Industrial Union suc-

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worse in many respects.

The only section lagging behind

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Depression Shatters Optimism Years of depression have already shattered the optimism of the last decade and destroyed the halo of meals and a place to sleep.

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A Problem Demanding Speedy Solution

by Saul Held its influence. The danger is that,

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A Complex Situation What we discern, generally

reason that he permitted them to revolutionaries of America the im-These are the conditions that plications of this fact should by collect dues. conditions which we had won in

out the evil of contracting and could (no jobs, for example) into pro-

Do the workers know who organ- building of one union to really front the same old system with ized the Rabbitt Association? fight in the interests of the fur-some new changes". This prolonga-

greatly disturbed feeling on the part of youth. As yet no analytical forces have been harnessed to probe the sources of dissatisfaction by youth itself. To those of At this point, one may ask, what us who do not bask in the warmth

who have left the citadels of learnmonds asks, how long will it be before the unbearable economic

The Challenge of Fascism-A mighty challenge by Fascism is ringing out to the radicals in speaking, is a great restiveness, all the nations: without a nation's youth in support of the workingclass parties the victory of Fascism is indeed inevitable. To the These are the conditions that brought about the degeneration of union standards in the fur trade and the loss of the most important to the loss of t blems, that we ask ourselves in all candor, what are the questions which are agitating the mind of youth today? What answer do we One union in the industry could have to the young men and women

> The future stares youth in the tion of economic chaos we all real-

A FEW PAGES FROM PARTY HISTORY

This letter by Jay Lovestone is a reply to an article of Harry Pollitt, leader of the Communist Party of Great Britain. Pollitt's artity of Great Britain. Pollitt's arti-cle appeared in the Daily Worker, official organ of the C.P.G.B., un-to change its opinion within these der the caption "Lovestone's Lies few months. The Comintern utili-Exposed."—Editor.

Dear Comrade Pollitt:

Thanks a lot for your reply to my letter of March 3rd. I need not say that I was very much impressed with the fact that you found it necessary to answer me in the two-column attack in the "Daily Worker" of March 27th.

number of matters raised in you answer to me, captioned "Love-stone's Lies Exposed". At the outset, I assure you that in the in terest of facing the issue squarely as well as for the sake of th clarity and unity of the Communist movement, I will not join hands with you in slinging muddy adjactives and insulting nouns. It is for this reason that I will not compete with you in the use of such words as "rotten," "corrupt," "lies," "can-ker," and "gangster." Incidentally, I can't see any reason for you trying to lend a sort of Chicago touch to the crisis in the Com-munist International by painting lurid pictures of individual com rades and inventing blood-curdling

Some Comintern and Party History

What are the facts? Let the bear testimony to the condition of the American party at the time of its Sixth National Convention, March, 1929. You will recall that in characterizing the work of the C. P. of the U. S. A., the Sixth World Congress of the Comintern

"The Workers (Communist) Party of America has displayed more lively activity and has taken advantage of symptoms of crisis in American industry production). A number of stub-born and fierce class battles York and allowed to go to the con-(primarily the miners' strike) vention on condition they opposed under the leadership of the a weakening of the long-stand-

ing factional struggle."

is fraught with disaster. If we can generate sufficient interest perhaps our complacency
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A Letter to A British Communist

letter to our convention which re-

peated empathically:

From a propaganda organization, uniting chiefly immigrant workers and having an insignifiworkers, the Workers (Com-

incidents.

Let me take up point by point

the issues you have raised.

1. You state: "What was the position of the Communist Party of the United States immediately prior to the 1929 Convention? I was one in which the Party was sult of ten years of factional struggle."

This was only a few months be- force (wow, blue murder! J. L.) fore our convention. You might was used by Lovestone's gangsters cess of organization, an old craft

by Jay Lovestone

cant influence among the native that the Comintern's efforts would unions. munist) Party is now beginning Party. Perhaps you have forgotten to turn into a mass Party of your sleepless nights in my home cratically elected Convention that

protetariat. The Sixth Congress lowing the convention of 1927 the Party has been acting with increasing frequency as the stalwart leader of mass actions of the American proletariat and has increased its influence among the native workers. The furriers' and garment workers' strikes, the miners' strike, the textile workers' strike in New

you have fought as detrimental to wing in the Party with an op-the Communist Party of Great portunistic Right platform actually Well, the Commern had a chance to change its opinion within these few months. The Commern utilized this chance and sent an open zed this chance and sent an open zero membership. To be fair to and financing the testion fight. Party membership. To be fair to and financing the faction fight you, I must state that you yourself against our Central Committee, be- to intervene against our attempt were against the whole messy business and that in your first re- lend the slightest support to his line." I would welcome your clariports to the Comintern you clearly repeated proposals for the splitting fying this matter, because, then,

political action guiding the political and economic actions of the most advanced and the most advanced and the most advanced and the most actions are still any need of your doing so, except the most advanced and the most the most advanced and the most rather green. I wonder why they for the sake of outraging truth militant ranks of the American have become moth-eaten in yours. and fostering carefully planned As a matter of fact, it took considerable pressure on the part of gotten that even the Open Letter sent estimate of our political lines and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of our political fine and rostering carefully planted dorsement of the carefully planted dorsement of the planted dorsement of the planted dorsement of the planted dorsement of the planted dorsement of its resolution this important our Central Committee, it took of the ECCI, issued months after at the Convention? I appreciate new feature in the development of the Party, declaring that a number of stubborn and fierce out of 104 delegates for the minclass battles (particularly the miners strike) touid in the Communist Party a staiwart leader.

"Precisely in the period follows of the minority, which had no proletarian elements of the American for a good Communist Party as the convention of the minority, which had no proletarian elements of the American formulation of the minority of the minority of the communist Party, was compensed to state point of view at our convention.

Our membership had become that our Sixth National Convention or the best of circumstances it is very hard for a good Communist Party as talward leader.

"Precisely in the period follows as the communist Party as the convention of the minority of the Communist Party. Who uphold Jelyll and Mr. Hyde. For a very large the convention of the convention of the convention of the convention of the convention. whose existence was artificially the line of the Communist Interprolonged by factional manipulanational." (May 18, 1929.) How tors in the CPSU and the Comindoes this fit with your statement tern apparatus. I have in mind on March 27, 1934: "What a farce It is most redeeming that you specifically the case of Dr. Gold-farb, recently expelled from the ruary and March, 1929 had been"? still maintain a sense of humor Comrade Pollitt. Otherwise, it Comintern because of his military | And recalling our sixth National would be impossible to understand counter - revolutionary activities Convention I see very clearly, and your statements that "I had every against the Bolsheviks during the hear as clearly, Comrade Pollitt facility to explain' my "point of Civil War days. This is the same rising in behalf of the Comintern view" in Moscow. In the light of Bedford and Fall River and the Dr. Goldfarb whom you know as and presenting the following mo- what has happened, I might say leading the following mo-Comrade Bennet and whose policies tion, which was unanimously

Convention recognizes that the acgroup is representing a Right present statement that the CI had expressed yourself to the effect and destruction of the trade we could have an objective discussion of the serious differences over prove ruinous to the American I am a little surprised at your tactics which now divide us, which Don't you find it a little diffi-

cult to make the Comintern's endorsement of our political line at

first time appeared in the role of a Party of political action capable of linking up the eco-

by Art Stone been a steady growth of trade union organization in this notor ious open shop stronghold of the score at the end of four months Connecticut Manufacturers' Asso- of "labors" by the Labor Board, ciation, an outfit far-famed for its was a gold star (for distinguished efficient blacklisting and union-smashing apparatus. So powerful agency) for the Board and a by several thousand workers was memory or a case of overworked of elemental protest against four for the workers. Organization Drive Wanes This condition not only slowed up the organization drive but even

tended to disintegrate what had been organized. The Pratt and Whitney Aircraft union withdrew action not stalling, results, not paper decisions. As an indepensimilar events in all parts of the ceeded to tie up with other air-

dent industrial union, it then procountry, illustrating the changes craft unions throughout the country. The bosses sensing this lag in the organization drive quickly began to develop company union schemes. The whole trade union drive was slowing down.

Egan Calls For Strikes

organization plan from straight claring that because of the cumcraft union to craft, union co- bersome and slow arbitration mach-

joint action agreement, the polish-ers refused, claiming that the rest off the second organization drive of the bosses, we will have to learn how to smash them. Our moveoff the second organization drive. | ment in Hartford has shown us Despite offers of a 10% increase that the A. F. L. will respond to (promises) and efforts at signing pressure. The development of fac-"yellow dog" contracts, organiza-tory councils shows that; the idea "yellow dog" contracts, organization work proceeded lively. The A. F. L. poured organizers into is just a beginning. The needs of

Workers Strike Militantly

meanwhile, replacing the strikers out of the Arrow-Hart and Hege- fight for it. From our own exman. The Pratt and Whitney Air- perience we can also see that incraft followed, the Hamilton propeller workers striking on the 10th well meaning they may be, are the gear cutters on the 11th and being today utilized to destroy all At last the withering strike was workers.

Should years of delay intervene before its appearance, the outlook before its appearance it

the NRA machinery now began to and willing to fight for the im-

partment negotiator arrived to handle the Pratt and Whitney strike. At a mass meeting of Underwood workers the NRA representatives threw the no strike agreement into the faces of the workers. This meeting, attended quite articulate.. The militancy of these workers led them to reject an offer of a 10% increase in wages because recognition of the union was not provided for. But the Labor Board, again, had its way and negotiations are still proceeding.

Auto Agreement Hurts Us The firm has recently issued a from the auto agreement, claims that it is illegal to recognize any one union. With this issue to play with, the company hopes to kill

the whole question of recognition.

Lessons To Be Learned From the above facts it becomes increasingly clear that the whole machinery of the NRA appears to be grooved for the purcess of organization, an old craft | At last the State Federation of union of metal polishers decided to Labor began to feel this condical a strike. At this time the A. I the form and on March 13 the secretary, I to be gloved to the purpose of dragging out strikes to a slow death, to kill strikes thru tion and on March 13 the secretary, negotiations. Workers must begin F. of L. had not yet changed its John Egan, issued a statement de- to recognize that and must fight against arbitration as poison for bersome and slow arbitration machinery the workers must resort to of the Labor Boards, here, have When the rest of the shop ap- the direct weapon of strike if con- served very definitely the interests of the bosses, we will have to learn the field and things were hum-ming. the workers are in themselves objective factors which press for full industrial unionism. Progressives and militants must give point On April 6, 1300 men walked to this need, must agitate and dependent unions, no matter how

> pendent unions is to weaken the Amazed at the turn of events, ranks of the working people ready

revolutionary trade unionism. Dualism Wrecks Conditions

For years we have been saying that as long as the workers will be divided into two warring camps just so long will they face a condition in which their gains are in proven to the hilt. In actual practure of the "revolution to the Industrial Union is surpassing the worst right wing opportunists. Overtime is being persecure work. The well advertised Lovestoneites) a search began for July raises shriveled to the van new cadres. In this lies the begishing point and a systematic policy was developed of constantly The industrial union became the compromising with the employers breeding place of numerous shady at the expense of working condi- and underworld characters. Peace tions. In the Arnheimer shop 70 was declared between Ben Gold workers received a 25% cut which and the Kaufman gangs of old. was to have been returned in July. Scabs and thugs were sprinkled When the time came the employer This proposal was accepted by the emerged as revolutionary crusad- leaders of the Industrial Union was willing to return only 121/2%.

union resorting to such methods, is the furrier section. Due to the

The dual union went even further—it legalized finishing contracting When Long Cranks. incompetence of the right wing

tions of the workers. For a year and a half the Industrial Union was practically without any rival in the fur trade. But conditions Gold went into hysterics and ordbe admitted to the meetings.

For public consumption the In-Some naive workers really take dustrial Union parades as the very the whole letter breathe the spirit savior of the workers. In actual practice it has bartered away many great detail but a few facts must be stated in order to be able to

hard won rights and conditions. Even leaders of the union—trade

Degeneration Sets In with the holy water of the "rev-olutionary industrial union" and Workers should know that the riers.

union resorting to such methods, ings for expressing opinions not to these revolutionary leaders would the liking of Gold and his supportbe the first to shout class collabers. The paralyzing hand of burooration. In the case of a T. U. U. cracy lies heavy upon this dual dcates a widespread radicalization urges, seclusion and study—do the considerable section of nothing at all! spread that one of these revolu-

tracting. When Lena Greenberg much do the members know about asked, at an open meeting, why an this? Why was he forced to reagreement was signed with the finishing contractor Fishbach, Ben Then ered that no Lovestoneites should be admitted to the meetings.

Dual Union Protects Scab Shops the great fraud of this so-called board members—worked below the Company worked under the scale scale in the contracting shop of and on piece work at that. The Stein. They filed a complaint Joint Council declared the shop on against this only when they lost strike. The Industrial Union forced their jobs. The impartial chairman, the workers to go back under the Baldwin, never rendered a same conditions. The shop of Dentz stroved thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be be a supplied to the begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruntive How can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed through the how can be begin to rebuild what has been destroyed throwed the how can be be begin to rebuild what has Roger Baldwin, never rendered a decision in this case and the work-ers never received their back pay. These are but a few of the losses suffered by the workers under the reign of the "revolutionary Industrial Union."

begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruptive dual unionism. The Industrial unionism. The Industrial unionism. The Industrial unionism. The Industrial unionism as failed. Now a long truggle is necessary, in which unity in the ranks is most essential, in which the moral and fingles in the repulsion of the "revolutionary Industrial Union."

begin to rebuild what has been destroyed thru years of disruptive dual unionism. The Industrial Unionism. The Industrial Unionism as a union shop.

With the loss of some of the man the cutters were getting \$28 mitted thereby robbing many un-employed of their possibility to best elements from the union (the secure work. The well advertised Lovestoneites) a search began for

Organizing the Contractors

The Industrial Youth

about America's industrial youth? of the New Masses or National home the bacon. Woe to him who knew no "big-shots". Other torces ing revolt. Amongst the several which had been their paralyzing plex and calls for the closest scruon the youth mind: religion's tenacious g.ip was weakening quite perceptibly, the cynical outlook was laying the foundation for a critical realism, the old ethics were in a stage of dissolution.

In general there was either an uncritical acceptance of the status quo as the best of all possible worlds (especially predominant amongst the industrial youth), or a cynical acceptance in the fashion of the student. No youth moveon the youth mind: religion's ten- agencies in the rebirth of the cam- we receive no answer. The Ameri-

of the student. No youth movement could be born in such a soil. and Pacifists. No comprehensive League itself: a condition so bad and Pacifists. No comprehensive league itself; a condition so bad ing since 1928 and face the blank that they themselves acknowledge future—No Jobs! Frank H. Siprogram for common action has that they themselves acknowledge as yet been launched by these di- it. Conceiving of "radicalization" vergent elements in order to bring as a process, in which, the begingreater groups of students within ning of thought and action on ning of thought and action on conditions drive youth into the social questions is the starting camp of a Hitler or Mussolini? point of the process, we believe The Catholic World calls for a decade and destroyed the man of the money-lords. Over 6 million young Americans are jobless, contends a conservative institution. Several hundred thousand young-several hundred thousand

Toward the end of the decade not be overlooked. The campus of this dearth of recorded fact, and circle of silence, is this: young workers in many industries have demonstrated, and are doing so to day, their ability to fight militantily for better working conditions. However, there are few indications of their readiness to struggle against the burocratic leadershit of their unions. This, that he is not merely a philosopher. The progressive elements in the needle trades unions are again moving forward. Due to their efforts has come and fighting spirit among large and fighting spirit among large sections of workers.

by B. Baraz

Internal life of the union. No uniferences of opinion are tolerated. Workers are taken off their jobs, whole trade was already on the shop charmen are removed and workers thrown out of union meeting to such methods. In the purporate leadership of their unions. This, that he is not merely a philosopher, but also well-versed in power polymers and fighting spirit among and fighting spirit among large sections of workers.

and letter of class collaboration?

its sanction as a union shop.

Last year we pointed out that in the shop of Fishbach and Ackering the shop of Fishbach and the shop of Fishb

no exception. The dual union knows that the scale for second grade cutters is \$44 and operators \$32.50 yet nothing was ever done to improve conditions in that shop.

This proposal was accepted by the leaders of the union, without even consulting the workers in the shop. The workers rejected the settlement and through their own negotiations received 15% of the cut black.

The manner in which the dual union has frantically endeavored to maintain "friendly relations" with the employers was evidenced when the trimming bosses, with the approval of the Industrial Union, forced their workers to work 40 hours a week at a time when the

Then there is the famous letter which Gold sent to the manufac-

"peace in the industry." Does not

The workers of the Packard Fur

from the dual union for the simple

For One Powerful Union remedy this condition, could wipe who are rationalizing social ills possible only thru the Joint Coun- aspirations of Communism. cil which is a part of the A. F. of L. For this reason we, of the Com- face without hope. Even

munist Opposition, are active in "Brain Truster" Tugwell in adthe Joint Council.

The needs of the furriers demand that the leaders of the Inand spoke sober words: "It is not dustrial Union stop the mockery true that we shall be able to ofof mock trials and begin to realize fer your generation of university that inciting one worker against men a wholly new deal when you the other makes more difficult the emerge as graduates. You will con

The unions of the A. F. of L. ize is no guarantee for an inevi-

say that it was precisely in the against those who had the courage few months between the Sixth to fight for the correct line." World Congress and our Sixth Convention that we declared war comes with very bad grace from you, Comrade Pollitt. Apparently, question? Can young toilers in the unions be spurred to the job of smashing the Federation's tolerance of discriminations on the iob. and its subservience to the political into your political tissues. You now and its subservience to the political parties of reaction? True, these questions are neither new nor profound; quite obvious, yet where are the intelligible answers? The time for vague programmatic answers has passed, though it is still the favorite index superior of the Vounce of

Unquestionably, unity of all mili-tant working-class organizations the vilest slanders against the Party, but the membership was for the creation of a Labor Party would bring upon the American increase for the creation of a Labor Party sick of factionalism and showed its real feeling by the overwhelmwould bring upon the American scene the best device for the divorce of America's awakening leaves the scene given the divorce of America's awakening leaves the scene given the scene given the leaves the scene given the scene given the leaves the scene given the leaves the scene given the scene given the leaves the scene given the leaves the scene given the scen divorce of America's awakening youth from the bosom of reaction.

Should years of delay interest.

with yesterday's moth-eaten phrases will collapse, and the ground be cleared for realistic appraisal and action; at least, such is our sincere purpose in once again positing the above questions.

| place for me to remind you that our the board selforts showed that nothing whatever had been gained by the unskilled men while the unskilled men while the metal polishers still held the promote again positing the above questions.

| place for me to remind you that our the board selforts showed that nothing whatever had been gained by the unskilled men while the metal polishers still held the promote that the working people ready and willing to fight for the improvement of their miserable lot.

years of oppression that it has brought into being a trade union movement of over 15.000 workers.

2. You state that at the Sixth The movement is now fast ap-Convention of our Party "not one proaching its high-point of activ the growth of unemployment (due to the extremely rapid rise in the organic composition of capital and in the technique of capital and capital capital and capital and capital capital capital capital capital capi preparing to strike. The history of this movement is a cross section of

The Drive Begins

with scabs.

While the workers in the Under-

Labor Board Throttles Strike

found in the Communist Party the line of the Communist Intera stalwart leader. The campaign national. The minority at the in the policies of the A. F. L. and against the execution of Sacco Convention was not merely preand Vanzetti was also conducted vented from expressing the point sons can be drawn. Party, within which is observed | fight for the line of the Communist International, but on occasions, as I myself witnessed, actual physical wood Typewriter Co. were in pro-

silk strike in Paterson—such is

the series of battles in which

Party of America has for the

first time appeared in the role

nomic struggle of the proletar iat with its political aims." (My emphasis—J. L.)

In the face of these indisputable

facts don't you think, Comrade

Pollitt, that your present charge

that our Party was going to the

dogs under our leadership, that our

political line was wrong, grows out

Party Democracy Then-and Now

To say the least, the above nas passed, though it is still the favorite indoor sport of the Young Communist International. Our need is for very specific answers arising out of the analysis of the realities of teday.

Our indians did, was given every population of the young opportunity to express its opinions. It was given equal time in the Party debates and equal space in the Party discussions. It was allowed to go seet free in redding.

Tesuited in 802 votes for the component of the A. F. L. union. The strike of the metal the file ming.

We on A lowed to go scot free in peddling

reference its appearance, the outlook of factional efforts proved of life while tied the rest of the shop private factional efforts proved of lown to a no strike agreement.

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The World Communist Front

Problems of Underground Germany to go a step further than the mere propagandizing of the necessity of illegal trade unions. Here, too, the tactics of our group.

Report of CPGO Conference

The first conference of the Communist Party of Germany (Opposition) took place in Denmark in the middle of April, almost 15 months after the seizure of power by the seizure o greatly taxed the technical and tion and action. financial ability of the group as a The problem of the establish-

of the National leadership and reports of the districts. 2. Political brought valuable experience and tives of our group. Whether the that Doriot has already been exsituation and tasks. 3. Building of illegal class trade unions and the organization of the struggle on the economic field. 4. International labor movement. 5. Organizational

questions and elections.

The conference afforded the districts and the Reich leaders the first comprehensive and direct exchange of experiences. The directives for the future work of the group were worked out.

that the group had carried out the change from logality to illegality the secret caucus between the change from legality to illegality with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the secret caucus between the secret caucus between the with the greatest firmness and clique in coult have the secret caucus between the secret with the smallest losses, as compared to all other organizations. Almost no comrades went over to the camp of the enemy; absolutely no spies and agents provocateurs:

While I was enjoying this "privivery few comrades dropped out of active illegal work. Fascist terror has brought heavy losses by way of arrests and confinement in con-centration camps to our group. The gaps opened by the terror were soon filled. The local and district leading bodies have been replaced by younger forces almost throughout. These new comrades concretely proved the tremendous significance of the fact that the group during the period of legality had worked out and discussed, with the entire membership participating, all problems in connection was recognized. They were all with the struggle. Thus the new trampled under foot in double quick with the struggle. Thus the new time and with rather heavy boots politically and united. It is for this reason that I am

politically and united.

The activity of the group is characterized by comprehensive and regular, uninterrupted publicapure products of your fertile imagination. tion of propaganda and agitational material, by the center, by the districts and locally. The financial achievements of the group are greater today than in the period of legality. The group has con-siderably broadened its political

the conference that the fundamental tasks and perspectives of the antitasks and perspectives of the anti-fascist and revolutionary struggle had been worked out in the first months and had become the com-mon knowledge of the entire mem-bership. The discussion centered around the question of the politic- still do differ from the conditions al, organizational and technical prevailing in a number of Europreparation of the group for the pean countries, yet your specific present stage of mere propaganda to action. The nomic crisis strikes me as a very reports conclude that on the one successful attempt at weaving hand the conditions for this were maturing in the factories, but that the facts out of the whole cloth.

What are the facts about on the other hand the illegal org- position towards and evaluation of anizations without exception had lagged behind the possibilities for As far back as February 4, 1928, action. The delegates were in full As I ar back as residually, action. The delegates were in full agreement that this constituted the itical Committee, to the Plenum of burning question of the day and the Central Committee of our that all efforts must be concent-rated on solving it. A fundamental Political and Economic Situation," prerequisite for this is the organ- which said in part: ization of a comprehensive and regular intelligence service, especially in reference to the factories. However, not an information service which is the special, limited task of certain functionaries of the group. The entire group must be given most exact and regular information concerning the events in all sections of the workers' ranks and the camp of the enemy; above all, information concerning the happenings in factories, the senti- mated this viewpoint as a "correct ments within the idustrial ranks, analysis of the present economic so that, on the basis of this know-ledge and on the basis of their own connections in the factories,

The problem of the establishment of illegal class trade unions was treated from the same point of view. Our group has done real pioneer work in propagandizing sessions lasted not less than 11 or the establishment of illegal trade unions and has already made seving the problem of the establishment of illegal trade unions.

The problem of the establishment of illegal class trade unions was treated from the same point of view. Our group has done real pioneer work in propagandizing the establishment of illegal trade unions was treated from the same point of view for the continuation of this work was found on a higher plane.

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The problem of the establishment of view for the continuation of this work was found on a higher plane. The agenda included: 1. Report eral attempts to realize practically transition to action is in no small The crisis in the CP is sharpen-

Report of CPGO Conference

decisive factor is the orientation towards a transition from propamously the proposal for the 7th ganda to action. In order to suc
World Congress and the slogan for the 7th a vote of 110 to 61.

In another Communist party con-

Nazis. The most important dis- activities of the workers, aiding struggle under fascism, the condi- inner-party democracy and thereby tricts had sent delegates. The National Committee sent its repre- and leading them politically. The from the conditions and forms of the correct communist tactics. tions of which differ commpletely creates the conditions to realize sentatives. All told 22 comrades contacts in the factories must be the economic struggle during leg-were present at the conference energetically built up and adapted ality. It is a question of organizing gress for the CPO, if its resolu-The organizing of the conference for purposes of information, agita- the economic struggle on the basis tions and suggestions are tho- ground efforts. The process of disof illegal organizations. This, of course, leads to a number of problems which were discussed but by That is the present task. The re-Prague Program, with its revolu-

A Few Pages from Party History

(Continued from page 5) had too much opportunity. Weeks the Sixth Convention which read The reports confirmed in detail before the debates concluded, our in part: clique, in early April, 1929, we were branded as Right diport-unists. Then we were given the number of weeks in Moscow, the Comintern representatives were spreading all sorts of weird stories about us at home in the U.S. A and were rapidly reorganizing our party through promises as well as threats made to the second and third line comrades in the Party organization. Not a single one o the rights guaranteed us by the statutes of the Communist International, either as members of the ECCI or as rank and file members, was recognized. They were all

agination. The Spectre of "Exceptionalism" 3. However, there is one political question which you have raised in your letter that does deserve examination. You state that I "was and organizational influence on the CP as well as on the SP.

the leader of a group in who stood for the theory of American 'exceptionalism'—the theory of the congruence of t It could be taken for granted at that America was the one country ". . . And all this speculation it.

What are the facts about our

"... The continuous develop-ment of the contradictions within American capitalism is proceeding at such a pace that the coming of the deep-going crisis is unavoidable in the near future. . . . In spite of its tremendous powers, American capitalism cannot solve its inner contradictions now manifesting On April 13, 1928 the ECCI esti-

they are capable of aiding in an Central Committee in December,

1928, I presented our Thesis for

"The spokesmen of American capitalism boast about the 'invincibility' of American prosperity. A whole series theories are being put forward to 'explain' the 'miraculous secret' of American capitalism.. The crisis which would put at least a temporary end to American prosperity has already been due for quite a long period. But it has been delayed, though by no means prevented as apologists of imperialism maintain. It is necessary to give an ac count of the reasons for this I

Central Committee to the Sixth convention and gave the following estimate of America in the then convention and gave the following badly as to try to count noses in order to show the correctness of oming economic crisis:

"A crisis, a deep going crisis, be viewed as a normal or sohave elements of crisis not only

on the stock market, and all these brokers' loans—they are close with an expres the available capital . . .

to sweep the country.

coal, textiles and oil; the very a critical examination. extension of instalment buying which is such an important fac-

competing factor; the growing disproportion between production and consumption which is part of

the very industrialization of the

Anent the same point, have you forgotten, (the stenogram is still bitterness and vituperation: I did available), Comrade Pollitt, how not think you would dare speak of you sat in the balcony at Irving the "successful growth of the Compunist the "successful growth of the Comstimme," organ of the Communist Plaza the night of March 7, 1929, munist Party" since our expulsion. Plaza the night of March 1, 1929, intuitive Fairty Since our expansion Party of Germany (Opposition) in when I made the report for the Indeed, I didn't think that you Dresden, is singled out as the most

the present tactical course of the "A crisis, a deep going crisis, Comintern and its American sec-which though it may not yet tion. Of the 15,000 members in the be the final basic crisis of Am- American Party at the time of our erican imperialism, is long over- Sixth National Convention, at least and to substitute the word Socialdue. Any crisis which occurs to-day in the United States cannot Party, most of them disgusted and ist. demoralized by the impermissable called cyclical crisis of Ameri- factionalism and stifling bureaucan capitalism, because of the cratism, by the paralyzing sectinternational situation. The in-tensified development of the ship and its blotters in the CP ofproductive forces in the South ficialdom. Not since the underhave temporarily drawn in cer- ground days of the American Comtain capital. Increased trade munist movement has the CP been and the party leadership. Comrade with Europe and Latin-America as isolated from the great mass has served as a so-called safety of the American workers, from the valve in delaying the crisis. We powerfull mass organization of has been expelled for his opposilabor, from the trade union movecontinuing to develop parallel ment as it is today. Should you giving leadership to the gathering

In the meanwhile, permit me to sound lines. not a sign of prosperity. These serious regrets that the ECCI and grow out of the surplus of cap- the Central Committee of the

to sweep the country.

"The present 'prosperity' itself creates the very factors "Daily Worker" of March 27th. If Communist Party of Spain, exwhich are bound to precipitate your case is weak, then, you cer- plaining the reasons for his rea deepgoing crisis. The wild tainly shouldn't try to cling to it. stock exchange speculations If you feel that your case is with its huge extension of strong, then, there can be no reacredit; the 'sick' industries like son for fearing to subject it to remain until my death, a sincere

Jay Lovestone. tor of the 'prosperity' of today; Monday, April 23, 1934.

In another Communist party con-

Germany

The Social-democratic party of Germany has recently suffered additional heavy blows to its undertionary phrases, is not meeting the response expected. A group of conusionists, parading under the banner of "Neu Beginnen," is adding turther complications. The chaos in the ranks of Social-democracy is reflected in the information sent to their foreign committee by their Munich headquarters about "the bitter fight between the Nazi party executive in Munich and the Hitler

government in Berlin."

The old leadership of the Socialdemocratic remnants continues clear and consistent in only one phase of its work, that is, in its opposition to the Soviet Union. The russian GESTAPO (State Secret the very industrialization of the Police) they continue to call the South is proving a powerful German "OGPU".

In this light it is interesting to ote that the Nazi's are continuing the general anarchy and the the Prussian GESTAPO, Dr. Diehls, general disproportion between has just resigned. The SP leaders the various branches of capit- hate even to hear the name of Dr. alist production; the growing gap between industry and agrisumption limitations of the Interior, under the Social-demomasses; the increasing foreign cratic Minister of Interior Severing, competition — these are but as an anti-Communist expert. Dr. some of the germinating ele-Diehls was "Comrade" Severing's ments of crisis in United States organizer of the raids on the communists before Hitler and on the Progress-In Losing Opportunities director of the Nazi terror until basis of this experience became the One thing I didn't expect from you, even in the midst of all this In the consult of the Nazi terror un he resigned a few weeks ago.

In the annual report on comorgan of the Communist distributed underground

Sweden

The Kilboom organization has officially decided to drop the word Communist out of its party name

Chechoslovakia A new crisis is developing in the CP of Chechoslovakia, with the members in the various districts rebelling especially against the united front policy of the ECCI Guttmann, who until recently was editor of the central party organ tion to the party line and is now with the increasing productive forces, but because of this very increase of productive forces. proceeding more and more along

Spain

Jean Balbontin, leader of the ital in the country. Quite the Communist Party of Great Britain official Communist Party of Spain. contrary, this terrible specula- have been unable and unwilling to has just resigned from the party tion is the very proof of deep- lend a comradely, helping hand to because of disagreement with its ening, serious contradictions de- the ILP in its process of departure "united front" policy. In Spain, as veloping in the productive pro-cesses of this country which tion toward Communism. It is Leninist tactic of the united front, draws capital in such great vol- tragic, indeed, that such splendid concealing its rejection under the umes toward the stock market. opportunities for enhancing the phrase "united front from below." It shows the impossibility of in- strength of the world party of The rise of Spanish fascism has dustry 'profitably' absorbing Communism, for building a sound caused a mass demand for probasis for a mass Communist Party, letarian unity—a pressure felt by . Superficially, this (the in so important a country as Great the socialists, the anarcho-syndistock market boom) may appear Britain, are being so ruthlessly and calists and the Communist Opposito be a windfall of prosperity.

Actually it is the signal of a

Finall, are being so runnessly and tion (Maurin group) which has demanded it. The official party is storm that will bring devasta- fairness to your party membership also feeling this growing pressure, tion in its wake once it begins and the readers of the "Daily as proved by Balbontin's action.

"Dear Friends:

man and, therefore, I am compel-With Communist greetings, led to tell you that I am in absolute disagreement with your (Continued on Page 7)

C.P. Convention Discussion Socialists and treacherous trade union leaders of Germany. In the hearing before our com-Leads to Expulsions

Jack Steele, member of Unit; formerly of unit 916: 916, Section 9, District 8 (Chicago) has been expelled from the Com- his unit on the basis of his defense munist party and immediately of counter-revolutionaries, Trot-joined the Communist Party (Op-skyites and his counter-revoluhis activity in the party:

Jack Steele's Letter

and a half years ago. During that veloping. time I was organizer and agit-

and influence in the organized labor movement.

I expressed this point of view

on several occasions, at party meetings-particularly at functionaries meetings-where such questions were presented. However, I never expressed my op n-ion nor did I ever act according to these opinions in the organiza-tions to which I belonged. I loyally carried out the decisions of the party even though I did not agree with them. I believed that the Party line is wrong, but that it will change. I believed that the membership would be permitted

fulfill their duty of Bolshevisin the party.
When the pre-convention discus sion was officially started, I wa assigned by my unit to lead a dis-cussion on "Lenin and the Trade Unions." This discussion continued for three meetings. A member the District Committee partici-pated in the last two meetings. As a result of these discussions the leading" comrade proposed that I be called to the unit Buro for clarification. In vain did I protest, insisting that during a pre-convention discussion all "clarification." tion" should be made at unit meet-

The unit bure was reluctant about calling me in and the mat-ter was dropped. Then Comrade Browder came to report to a functionaries' meeting on the 13th Ple num. I participated in the discus sion and attempted to present the correct Leninist approach on the trade union question. Comrade Browder in his reply failed to answer any of the questions I raised but merely stated that I have Brandlerite leanings. The same opinions I also expressed in an article sent to the Daily Worker during the pre-convention discussion. The article was of course not printed. (This article will appear in the following issue of Workers' Age—Editor).

New Version of Democratic Centralism

sidered as counter-revolutionary. Dear Sir and Brother:

We, the members of the crew of the J. and T. Cousins Co. shop wish as decided them." But the leaders insisted that during discussion periods we can only discuss how to apply or carry out the party to apply or carry out the party of the correctness of the line itself. It was then decided to referency my case to the Disciplinary Committee with a recommendation to expel.

The Decision to Expel

Dear Sir and Brother:

We, the members of the crew of the crew of the Cousins Co. shop wish to express bur indignation and sharnest protest against the officials of the former Industrial Union, now the leadership of the New York District of the U. S. & L.W.U. for their venomous slander my case to the Disciplinary Committee with a recommendation to expel.

The Decision to Expel

Dear Sir and Brother:

We, the members of the crew of the crew of the draw that right a union members without being the dat that there was no signed agreement and that the boss and succeeded in the principle and the right to hire any one" (Local 416 that there was no signed agreement and that the possigned agreement and t

The Decision to Expel

Communist Party of the U.S.A. District Eight April 18, 1934

Jack Steele. ariat in the case of Jack Steele, General Coordinating Committee.

and in every way and succeeded for a time in confusing some of the younger party members in the joined the C. P. about two unit, hindering the unit from de-

Recommended for expulsion by

He was a staunch defender of

about our Party, but adhered to the counter-revolutionary principles above noted. The District Committee concurs

District Disciplines Committee in position). Comrade Steele writes tionary lines. He endeavored to inus the following in reference to fluence his unit on all occasions thoroughly exposed.

On the working class and as a such gether unjust to me, and under all to be driven out of its ranks and consideration, inimical to the solidarity of the working class, to conon the other thoroughly exposed. thoroughly exposed. District Secretariat

District No. 8 Communist Party, U. S. A

Joins C. P. O.

The position which I have mainprop director of my unit. I was also active in the Unemployed Councils, I. W. O. and a workers youth club. of expelled Lovestoneites, making of expelled Lovestoneites, making position of the Communist Party of the government completely if we do not have been expelled, is the position of the Communist Party of the government completely if we do not have been expelled. During these two and a half years I came to realize that the tactical line pursued by the party in the trade unions and other mass organizations was wrong, and alparty's inability to gain leadership and influence in the organized

with the recommendation of the tactics at this moment. his expulsion as a conscious enemy Austrian Socialists it seems alto-

were a wing of Fascism.

News from the World Communist Front

(Continued from Page 6)

After the magnificent epic of the tinue fighting Socialism as if it

In Spain, therefore, the thesis which identifies Fascism with of the working class and as a such gether unjust to me, and under all Socialism, is more absurd than

On the other hand, I do not be-lieve that Fascism in Spain has been defeated, as Comrade Stalin It is unmistakable that between Socialism and Fascism there exists a positive struggle which has marches apace and has one foot in just expressed itself in cannon fire the Government already, and it will soon succeed in monopolizing archo-syindicalist leadership. We are not, as you seem to think, on the verge of the Bolshevik revoluion of October, 1917, but rather of the struggle against the "Korni-lov" forces in August. This struggle the Bolsheviks were able to vin only after uniting their forces with those of Kerensky.

In a word, it seems evident to me that Spanish socialism and anarchism want sincerely to fight against the fascist danger, and hat in this critical moment, the Spanish communists must join loyally with the Socialists and anarchists in a united front from below and from above, suspending all international factional struggles, in answer to the demands of the masses. We must suppress effectively the advances of fascism; and only then we shall be able, without fear, to dedicate ourselves to the tasks of organizing a workers' and peasants' government based on Soviets. At this moment in Spain, it seems to me, too premature to insist on imposmass the leadership of a Com-munist party which has hardly begun to sprout. If you insist on immediate displacement of Socialist and Anarchist leadership, n place of treating with them provisionally, you are preventing proletarian bloc and you are facilitating the complete triumph of fascism, just as was done in

I see these things very clearly, but you say that such ideas are nadmissable in the party. Is it ssible that my reason betrays ne? Are you the mistaken ones? n order to clarify all my doubts, o that I may serve the revolution ore effectively I urge you to accept my resignation from the Com-munist Party of Spain, so that I may be able to dedicate myself, aring a period of time, to think hese things out for myself with-ut any external pressure.

If my reflections lead me to nare your convictions or if exerience should teach you to turn to fight side by side with you, with redoubled effort, because stronger than my opposition to your tactics in Spain at this mo-

ranks and worsen the conditions in | The statement is signed by Robthe shops. ert Walmsley, secretary of the "Unity Lodge No. 416 I. A. of union.



"Long live the United Front!" shout thousands of workers and Socialists as the CPO columns swings into Madison Square, during the Labor Parade on May First.

Protest

We are printing below a state-

refused, insisting on my right to George A. Wilson, express differences on tactics dur- General Secretary-Treasurer caussion I:United Shoe and Leather quoted statutes of the C. P. print- Workers Union ed in my membership book. It 48 Summer Street says: "Discussion on basic Party Boston, Mass. questions or general Party lines can be carried on by the members Dear Sir and Brother:

was originally signed up with the you, we remain, National Shoe Workers Union. When this agreement expired it The following is the decision of was renewed under the name of the District D'sciplines Committee the United Shoe, with the help of approved by the District Secret- Brother Shore, representing the

for it we know. The members of the crew have in the past, as they do now, fought against the method ment from the crew of the J. & T. and the policies of the present leadership and have thereby earn-Cousins shop, protesting against a slander campaign directed against them by the Biedenkapp-Ziebel chemical behavior of union members is at present a situation to continue the matter becomes even more implementations. I was then called before a joint meeting of the unit and section buro and was requested to repudiate my position which they considered as counter-revolutionary. I

been designated as scabs and the tigation will convict our New York "You are certainly aware of the ganizations inside of the bona fide I received no further hearings crew as a scab crew. Recently they but was informed by mail of my have also made attacks upon the expulsion from the party. I am giv-manner in which our shop was of the union since by these tactics is the policy of the open shop em-

> Yours for a powerful union, Making Room

Benj. Silverman, Chairman Fitting Room

Discriminated Brooklyn, N. Y.

The fight against discriminatio

such methods that have driven many hundreds of shoe makers out of the union, just such tactics which have led to many shops going over to the Boot and Shoe. We do not intend to leave but we do intend, as members of the union, to speak up and fight against policies harmful to the union.

Ben Lifshutz, a well known militant trade unionist, member of Local 416 I. A. of M., answered a blind advertisement and secured a job at the Grand Metal Products Corporation. This shop it turned out was an Industrial Union shop thru shop committee recognition.

Despite the fact that there was no organization working to foster new Despite the fact that there was no organization working to foster new

but was informed by mail of my expulsion from the party. I am giver in which our shop was ing you the letter in full.

Communist Party of the U.S. A

was informed by mail of my have also made attacks upon the possible standerers and wretters metal and automobile industries in the policy of the open shop emission they weaken and cripple the union. Ployers to foster and encourage as they weaken and cripple the union. Hoping for speedy action from many independent organizations of the rights of our members to many independent organizations. among the workers as possible so work, unmolested, in the machine that they can defeat the workers and metal shops and will fight any J. A. Medill, General Chairman more easily. Your policy therefore acts of discrimination against any Thomas Guttadauro, Chairman | helps the employers to split our members of the I. A. of

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ECONOMIC STORMS AHEAD

SUNDRY steps have been taken to stimulate artificially the revival of economic life in this country. We have time and again emphasized the devitalizing role of such narcotics in the economic process. At this moment, it is urgent that we draw the attention of the workers to a new and dangerous phase of economic development we are entering upon, primarily as a result of the piling up of the numerous artificial stimulants. We have in mind the swiftly rising tide of credit inflation.

The situation runs something like this. The government (the executive committee of the ruling class) has decided to revive pro-The easing of credit terms, the making of credit supplies available for the corporations thru various government financial maneuvers and manipulations (subsidies, printing of notes, mass floatation of government securities, etc., etc.) were all calculated to set the wheels of production into motion and thus reduce unemployment and enlarge the market. But the biggest capitalists and their new dealers may calculate and plan all they want and economic forces sternly dispose of their calculations and plans.

Federal Reserve review bears elequent testimony to this.

The revival in production is slackening. What is still worse is that the revival in production has, at best, not at all kept pace with the tempo of the piling up of credit. Thus, the member banks of the Federal Reserve System are now controlling funds which enable them to expand bank credits from 16 billion to 24 billion dollars. And this without the slightest aid and, therefore, without the least control of the Reserve Board! A dangerous runaway credit situation is in the making. The mounting bank deposits of today are, consequently, not a sign of business growth but rather further evidence of economic stagnation.

This plethora of credit is choking no one particular section of the country or any special type of bank. This curse of plenty, offered as a blessing in its early stages, will soon plague all regions of the country. If this mountain of credit were actually used as loans or investments it would swell the investments and loans of the member banks to a grand total of about 49 billion dollars or to about 14 billion dollars above the peak of the 1928-1929 credit boom. The latter, the capitalists, will painfully recall, ended with a bang—the Market crash of 1929. In fact, the Roosevelt New Deal stimulation has brought forth a monster credit bubble resting on a notential basis of loans and investments almost 24 billion dollars

higher than the pinnacle of war financing by member banks in 1920.

The artificial piling up of credits—of which American capitalism has not been short for decades—cannot supply the banks with borrowers, so long as the gap between productive capacities and consumption possibilities is not reduced. Bankers are anxious to grant -at a profit. Manufacturers are anxious to make loans when they feel they stand a chance of making enough profits for themselves and of meeting loan and interest obligations. Besides, as it is, industry is already overdeveloped in its productive capacity and the whole economic situation is fundamentally not reassuring.

The ground for the next and much worse crisis is now being prepared and made fertile by the numerous relief measures of the New Deal. The danger signals of the storm of tomorrow are already visible today, while we are still in the depths of the old crisis. These danger signals are multiplying rapidly. To the workers these are no false alarms or warnings of some distant future. They are already cruelly evident in the army of fully unemployed growing by more than three-quarters of a million in recent months; in the increasing signs of a trend towards lengthening of hours, in the resumption of the tendency towards falling purchasing power, in the mounting relief rolls thruout the country. All of this while dividends and profits continue to rise. Thus, the aggregate net "earnings" of 400 big concerns for 1933 was \$558 millions, in contrast with only 69 million dollars for 1932. This is the class system.

But the very organic nature of capitalism breeds the germs of crisis and decay in the two phases, thru the high profits as well as the low wages, of the economic process. In the artificially inflated credit bag pictured above, in the hectic runaway credit situation now being rapidly developed, the elements of the next crisis are being brought to a focal point. It is clear that as a social system capitalism has outlived its historical usefulness. Its sources of strength of yesterday are its source of weakness today. Its remedies of today are the disease-breeders of its plagues of tomorrow. Only the revolutionary proletariat, by acting as a Bolshevik undertaker, as the Russian working class did in 1917, can cure the situation.

MAY DAY IN NEW YORK

MAY FIRST 1934 will be recorded in the history of the labor York see such large numbers of workers pour into the streets on May First, and march for many hours under banners and slogans of proletarian protest against the ravages of unemployment and hunger which rule the land. Never were heard such stormy protests and expressed determination to resist the coming of war and beat down this bloody monster Fascism. The streets of New York echocd and reechoed the resentment of the masses against capitalism and their determination to build a better world.

The complete solidarity of the workers was marred, however, by division which could not be bridged this May Day. The Communist party and its sympathetic organizations marched by themselves while the great many thousands from the factories and shops, thru their organized union detachments, marched in the parade of the Labor Conference. We must record the fact that this division resulted on the one hand from the refusal of the Socialist party and a number of trade unions to participate in one demonstration with the Communist party. On the other hand the Communist party, thru its dual-unionist policy, its insane tactics on such occasions as the Madison Square Garden event, had deepened the chasm between itself and the rest of the labor movement. The Communist party also showed no desire to achieve a solid front on May First.

The parade of the Communist party comprised some 25,000 workers, the great majority of them marching under banners of various CP influenced organizations of a fraternal and cultural nature. The trade union sections of the parade (Industrial Unions and mincrity groups in A. F. of L. unions) were woefully weak, dramatizing most clearly the isolation st character of the CP's activity in the last

few years.
On the other hand, the parade of the Labor Conference, including in its ranks about 35,000 marchers, consisted overwhelmingly of trade unions. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union alone must have had fully 15,000 marchers in line. An excellent showing was also made by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and other trade unit ns. The great significance in this big turn out of organized trade unionists lies also in the fact that many thousands of these marchers did so for the first time in their life. These were the thousands of recent recruits into the trade unions who were receiving, on May First, their first lesson in working class solidarity.

Another significant event in connection with the Labor Parade and demonstration was the participation of the Communist Party (Opposition) and the Communist League. The CPO contingent consisted of about 500 marchers. This despite the fact that all our trade unionists marched with their unions. All dressmakers CPO members, for instance, marching with the Local 22 column, led by Zimmerman and Nelson. The CPO had two speakers at the demonstration. Jay Lovestone speaking for the CPO and Edward Welsh for the Workers Unemployed Union.

One of the most encouraging signs of a deep-felt desire for the united front of all political tendencies was the scene at Madison Square when the Communist Opposition and the Communist League marched into the square. Thousands of Socialists and other workers, with clenched fists upraised, thundered—"Long Live The United Front."

From the very first the Communist Party (Opposition) was imbued with the desire to achieve this May Day the greatest possible measure of working class unity. The situation in the U.S. A, the growth of Fascism in Europe, the nearness of war, all these considerations demanded it.

For this reason we were the first to raise the question of a Labor Conference rather than a Socialist Conference. This was done in order to make possible the participation of many trade unions who would otherwise have refused to participate and also to permit the participation of other tendencies in the revolutionary movement. This would have been impossible oherwise. This course was finally adopted after considerable hesitation and vacillation on the part of the Socialist party.

We fought most vigorously, in the conference, for the admission of the Communist party, urging all elements to put aside their prejudices and forget the stupidities committed on all sides, in order to achieve what was most needed—a complete united front. This we were

not able to achieve.

When the difficulties over the time arrangement in Union Square arose and there presented itself the danger of a clash at Union Square between the two parades, we insisted that this must be avoided at all costs. We proposed that our demonstration be transferred from Union Square to Madison Square, despite the fact that that we knew well the limitations which this proposal placed upon our par-We considered the avoidance of a clash as the primary consideration. This proposal, sponsored also by a number of trade union representatives and a section of the Socialist party delegation, was finally adopted.

We must state that prior to the May First parade there was a genuine effort made by all political groups and trade unions to work together in an harmonious manner. There were however a number of exceptions. Especially must we mention the character of the publicity which tended to give the impression that it was a Socialist conference and parade, and the deliberate distortion and emasculation of the Conference Call by the Jewish Daily Forward. Among other distortions was the complete omission of the section greeting the Russian workers and farmers and stating that they were building a Socialist society. This was too much for the "Hear The Other Siders."

Immediately after the demonstration, the Socialist party threw all reserve to the winds and came out claiming the whole parade and demonstration as a Socialist event. Such actions will undoubtedly create serious difficulties in any future efforts at setting up united

With all these shortcomings the united front conference remains a splendid beginning in paving the way for future, even more successful united front efforts.

A Letter From a Worker

Dear Editor: article by Ben Gold about the Joint this article he said that the Lovestoneites were responsible for attacking the Industrial Union last year. That George Weiss the Lovestoneite was responsible. I would like to ask Ben Gold a few questions in connection with this. of your dual union, warned to lie down by George because the invading gangsters were going to snoot? Let Gold ask that George saved his life then. Today you call him a gangster. Why didn't you call him that in 1926 and 1927 when he saved you from staying in jail by giving himself up in the Mineola Frame Up Case. At that time you and the other defendents were to be held in jail until George was found. Even though it was clearly a frame up George surrendered to the police so that you should be able to get out of jail sooner. And now you call him a scab because he does not belong to your dual union. Because George fights for one union in the trade.

On April 13 you made a big funeral for Joe Freedman. You gave out leaflets in the fur market bravely on the picket line and gave his time, his strength and efforts him.

to the fur workers." That he was On April 24 the Freiheit had an not frightened by police clubs and arrests. Will Ben Gold please tell Council and the Lovestoneites. In furriers when he was ever arrested | ial theme. or when he ever spent a day in jail for the furriers? Why doesn't tion" as your leaflet stated. Tell them that the years he spent in jail were for burglary, swindling and Wasn't John Demeles, a member running disorderly houses and not of your dual union, warned to lie for union work. Tell them that it is easy to get consumption when a Joe Freedman sleeps in a fur shop for 16 weeks without leaving is a member of the Industrial because of a general strike. Scab-Union organization committee. And bing in 1926 as he also did in why was George taken out of the 1920. If he wasn't scabbing he was hands of the police who at the time in jail. That's how he got consumpof the attack arrested some Indus-Ition Ben Gold is protecting scabs trial Union members in the con-fusion. Gold knows perfectly well. other officials in your union are old scabs, like Kaiser and Philip Brown and that the manager of your fur department was a white slaver in the old country. I would also like to say a word about Sol Herts who wrote an article about the furriers in the Freiheit. In 1927 when the furriers were striking 65 work ers were arrested, myself and Sol Herts included. Bail was set at \$100 for appearance June 29. Does Sol Herts remember that because he failed to appear all the 64 were sentenced to 15 days in jail, while he went up to the Party's co-operative camp? When was Sol Herts ever on a picket line? When did he ever go to jail for the workers? Why doesn't Sol Herts stay in the cooperative camp instead of saying that, "Joe Freedman fought writing articles about the Loves-orayely on the picket line and gave toneites? The furriers don't need A FUR WORKER



PORTRAIT OF AMERICA, by Diego Rivera, text by Bertram D. Wolfe. Covici Friede Co.

The appearance of Portrait of America is an event of significance for the American working class.

In an introduction notable as much for the eloquence of its style as for the richness of its content, Rivera himself evaluates his American work; the general development of ideas from California thru Detroit to New York; the deeper and deeper penetration into the spirit of American existence and development; the inner essence of the various series of murals, as well as the illumination of important details; the aesthetic problems faced and met; the sharp settling of accounts with reactionaries, aesthetic as well as social (Mexican government, Catholic Church, academic art, "our own" Rockefeller). Incidentally the description of the "Battle of Rockefeller Center" is a masterpiece of verbal pictorial

The book as already indicated contains all of Rivera's American work. In work of even such consisitently high calibre there is yet steady progression. Marvellous as are the results of Rivera's concentrated vision in his apotheosis of the machine (Detroit murals), in the dynamic portrayal of industrial relations in their amazing detail, there is vet more compelling directness of appeal in the historical murals at the New Workers School because of their magnificent historic sweep as well as the greater explicitness of their social ap-We can certainly agree with Rivera when he says:

"I have the technical and analytical certainty that those frescoes are the best that I have painted, the best constructed, the most correct in historical dialectic, the richest in materialistic synthesis."

Only one who has gone over the ground of American history himself can realize what a magnificent job of interpretation Wolfe has accomplished, how much has gone into the tremendously concentrated anlysis. More suggestive than complete (as was inevitable in view of the limited space for text) it nevertheless, in its entirety, gives one a Marxist orientation on the entire run of American developments. It is far and away, in spite of its shortness, the best work to date, by an American Marxist, on American social development. How surely is the inner essence of the various historical periods uncovered, how deftly are the individplaced in their historical niches. A magnificent torso-and fit mate to the magnificent pictor-

A word must be said for the make-up of the book. It is a swell Gold tell the furriers where he got the 'proletarian sickness—consumpare excellent. Their being flush with the cover instead of being margined gives a fine sense of continuity as well as completeness. The print is easy on the eyes.

The last words of Rivera in his introduction are:

"I hope that this portrait may be in some sma to a few hundreds or thousands, or as many as possible, of the millions of workers who in the near future, will carry out the formidable task of transforming, by means of revolutionary struggle and proletarian dicta-torship, the marvelous industry of the super capitalist country into the basic machinery for the splendid functioning of the Union of Socialist Soviet Re-publics of the American conti-

As time goes on the influence of the "Portrait" in this direction will undoubtedly become progressively greater.

—Jim Cork

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