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State Chamber of Commerce Comes Out Against the Bonus Bond Plan

NEW YORK .- In a special emergency report issued on February 5. the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York made a declaration that the proposed bonus payment, which would involve a bond is sue of \$3,400,000,000, is a "radical and unwarranted disturbance of financial affairs and prolonging the business depression". The report was issued by Francis H. Sisson, chairman of the committee on finance and cur-

Mr. Sisson's report will ask the chamber of commerce to go on record in opposition to the proposed federal bond issue.

In Washington predictions are made that the veterans cash honus legislation will be pushed aside during this session of Congress. The eventual shelving of the bill or its replacement by some sort of substitute

The bitter opposition of husiness interests to the cash bonus bill is due to the fear, as Secretary of the Treas ury Mellon recently expressed it, that the new bond issue will be really equivalent to a "capital levy" upon the present federal bond holders, that

Implicates Ass't District Attorney, Policemen and Court Officials'

NEW YORK .-- A story of corrup-tion in the West Side and Jefferson Market magistrate courts was told on the stand on January 4 by Joseph Wolfman, the unlicensed lawyer and Sing Sing convict, who practised ex-tensively in both.

In addition to swearing he split a fee of \$1,500 with former assistant district attorney Kurtz, Wolfman accused three detectives and three pa-

and eighteen bondsmen. caused the cases to be dismissed by duced to show that defendants who

BUSINESS IN N.Y. The Socialist Party and the "Russian Question"

The Second Session of the New York Socialist Convention "Militants" Put Up Good Fight on Attitude To The Soviet Union

month after the first session) began with the right wing burecrats following their time-honored traditions and ready exists between them and the steam-roller methods. The chairman, right wing is growing wider, and not Gerber, suddenly discovered that a narrower. The position they took on number of delegates had not been the constitutionally required two years in the party and therefore could not act. They came out for the party and therefore could not act. as delegates. A motion to suspend out that it was a dictatorship for the the rules was ruled out of order (obworkers, whereas other dictatorships viously so as to prevent a discussion are dictatorships of the capitalists, of the matter, and not to expose the methods of right wing). A number of delegates were unscated. In the an argument over proletarian dictahandling of this question the rightwing, which appeared to be very well organized, used its well-oiled steam-roller and flattened out the "Militants", who appeared to be completely upprepared for such a fight and very hadly organized. Of course, it goes without saying that the delegates who were unscated "happened" to be "Militants"-also in the established tradition. As an expression of protest a number of delegates and friends left the convention over this question, but that did not bother the right wing. This incident should indicate to the "Militants" that they have a hard and bitter struggle ahead of them, and if they wish to avoid being crushed by the Hillquit machine they were they well aveninged. they must be well-organized. Above all, they must in the sharpest possible manner differentiate them-solves from the right wing and its anti-working class policies, and adopt clear-cut proletarian program, avoiding all traps of capitulation thru "compromise". As for the right wing this incident indicates that since 1919 they have forgotten nothing and learned nothing.

The Russian Question

Only the Russian question was dis-In this discussion the "Militants" were defeated in the vote but in the discussion they came out victor-They were able to expose the ious. entire policy of the right wing for trolmen, two assistant court clerks and eighteen bondsmen.

The officers or bondsmen received half the fee Wolfman collected for "Marxism" of Hillquit. And this they bringing the cases to him and the accomplished in spite of the fact that court clerks received \$5 a case for many of the "Militants" are still very drawing up an "014-" form paper, which, Wolfman said, invariably unclear as to what it is all about. tion of the clerk, bondsman or arrest- the rank and file "Militant" delegates.

NEW YORK.—The second session in the direction of an uncompromis-of the city convention of the Social-ing struggle in the interests of the ist Pariy in New York (held one working class, in the direction of revolutionary international Socialism. Therefore the wide chasm that already exists between them and the torship in general, and a number of "Militant" delegates defended the necessity of a dictatorship of the proletariat as a transition measure to Socialism. The "Militants" were categoric in their position for the indus-trialization of Russia; they declared that Russia is building Socialism; that the conditions of the great masses of workers and peasants are improving. They condemned the Russian Social-democrats as out-and-out counter-revolutionists. Under pain of heing characterized as "lunch-counter militants" by O'Neal, they did a good job in exposing the abysmal ig-

Negotiations On To Heal Zionist-British Rift

LONDON—The secret session of the actions committee of the World Zionist Organization has decided to postpone the date of World Zionist Congress until June 15. This decision was arrived at after a long period of negotiations with the representatives of the British government, which started in November.

The main object of the negotiations was to heal the breach between Zionism and British imperialism, the relations between whom were seriously strained by the recent Passfield White Paper. Dr. Chaim Weizmann the magistrate. Records were intro- weakness in the leadership of the ed rather successful. The postponeduced to show that defendants who "Militants" which manifested greater ment of the World Congress is intending policeman usually regained their on the whole, however, the "Milirations. On the pretext of opposition to the postponement of the congress but really because of their opposition to the course of the negotiaions, two representatives of the Or-

BIG SELL-OUT IN

NEW YORK, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1931

Leaders Make "Agreement" While Bosses Begin Discrimination

DANVILLE, Va .- Protest and indignation is mounting very high among the 3,000 members of the United Textile Workers Union here at the brazen sell-out of their leaders in the recent strike.

The four month strike of the Danville textile workers was bitterly fought out and showed splendid fight ing power. The leaders were compromising and only the pressure of the

ing forward.
Finally, after seventeen weeks, the union leaders, headed by Francis J. Gorman, announced that they had reached an agreement with the bossos according to which the workers would be reinstated without discrimination of any sort and the union "recognized". On the basis of this report the workers reluctantly constitute the horizonant although with sented to the agreement, altho with great misgiving and discontent.

The next day, however, the mill owners announced that no such agree-

PUPPET STATES

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Three Billion Francs To Go To Poland, Yugoslavia, Rumania

PREPARE FOR WAR

PARIS—French banks are about to issue three foreign credits aggregating three billion francs (about \$120,00,000). The first of these-o billion franc loan to Rumania will probably be concluded within the next few days.

The second loan—also of a billion ranes—will be granted to Poland, while he third for substantially the same amount is about to be arranged with Yu-

It should be noted that the three coun ries to whom these leans are extended are precisely the military and political tools of French imperialism on the continent especially in the intervention may nouvers against the Soviet Union. These was the champion of reconciliation the hold of the French foreign office and apparently his efforts have provening the proving a staff upon Poland, Rumania and general staff upon Poland, reconciliation there late. loans are intended not only to strengthen Yngoslavia but also to provide these latment of the World Congress is intend- ter countries with figures for the duced to show that defendance who attractes with meances for the hired the right lawyer at the suggestance unclarity and greater vacillation than od to enable the Weizmann pro-Bri- strengthening of their military forces in world war.

> LONDON—Leading British bankers express themselves as "disappointed" that thodox-Zionist Mizrachi party, Rah-the loans to Rumania, Yugoslavia and bi Berlin of New York and Dr. Barth. Poland were made then French agencies. have withdrawn from the The struggle between French and British executive of the World Zionist Or- capital for hegemony on the continent is ignowing very intense.

Senate and Hoover Agree to Deny Aid to Masses

Democrats and Insurgent Republicans "Compromise" on \$20,000,600 For "Farm Rehabilitation"-But Nothing For Starving In Drought Areas Or In Cities-Extra Congress Session Improbable

STRUGGLE SHOWS SHAKING OF TWO-PARTY SYSTEM; MASSES MUST ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. — An ly averting the possibility of an extra to the \$45,000,000 already allotted for agreement was reached yesterday besession. By the terms of this compronent to the \$45,000,000 already allotted for least to farmers in the drought area. The \$20,000,000 is specifically for "farm rehabilitation" and no direct provision is made for food for the ment "relief" and accept an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for drought and unemployment, thus ending the deadlock over the "relief" legislation and practical priation of \$20,000,000 to be added

ASKING FOR BREAD, RECEIVING STONE

rchabilitation" includes food but since the final decision rests with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde, who believes that feeding mules is "scientific" but that providing food for starving humans is "unscientific" and "un-American" if the protection of the protection of the second s ican", it is clear that this pretense is no more than an empty phrase to cover up their capitulation to the Administration.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Greater than ever looms the issue of human misery in the halls of the Congress of the richest nation in the world. And while the twenticth century's Rome is burning, the American capitalist Neros are fiddling. This is the upshot of the Congressional debate on hunger relief todate.

Millions of workers are menaced by starvation in the cities. In twenty-

one states the agricultural masses are in terrible plight. But the Hoovers, the Robinsons, and the Borahs have so far only let loose a flood of empty talk, in some cases even a torrent of abuse that is desperately try-ing the patience of the American

masses.
In Tennessee, for instance, women and children are reduced to the rations of rancid grease and some soured Menphis's great white way is black with breadlines every night. "Every day we wait, 1000 people

die of starvation. Somebody is dooming the American people to a prema-ture death. I'd like to know who are the ones playing politics at this time. In these words Senator Robinson gave a graphic picture and really told what's what. Superficially the de-bate appears to be over a twenty-five million appropriation. Actually the issues are much more fudamental and foreshadow political realignments of major importance. On the money question as well as on the holding of a special session a compromise has already been reached. With all the noise about relief the Federal government has not spent to aid the jobless a fraction of the money it handed out to the millionaires in tax refunds last year. The wealthiest government in the world has so far not spent on actual unemployment and drought relief as much as the cost of a few sky-scrapers in New York City!

NEW DRIVE AGAINST U.S.S.R. OPENS; EMBARGO PROPOSED IN HOUSE

rations. On the protect of opposition of the inevitably coming new First Gun of Fish Committee—"Manufacturers Record" Calls for Barring of Trade

> Soviet Republics. Congressman Fish ber interests are on their toes looking for fired the first gun in the new attack.

The anti-Soviet forces have opened a House of Representatives demanding a new drive against the Union of Socialist full embargo on all products from the a chance to leap at the workers' republic. A bill has been introduced in the Treasury Department so far says it and irregular, and the Democrats are is against a full embargo, but authorita equally responsible. In fact Borah's tive observers say that Mellon will yield even more to the Grarist agents and nonarchist forces before long.

elast against the Soviet Union; "Every raw materials we import from the Soviet Union reduces employment to that extent in the United States and contribute to Our readers know that we have ingelass needs Communist inspiration | We are appealing to workers. We Russia's attempt to disorganize American sworn enemy of organized labor doesn't

we are counting on you. OUR created in this country. One of the most violent enemies of the Soviet Union in the House of Repres, in the trade union movement. sentatives is Congressman William Wile; liamson of South Dakota. He is chair, in the Southern provinces under the man of the House Committee on Expenditures. Williamson is a feverish peddler of the convict-labor story and such other fantastic, slanderons accusations against he Soviet Union. He has just introduced a bill providing for an embargo against Soviet grain, manganese and several other articles and "any manufactured or processed articles of merchandise" in which any of them may constitute a substantial ingredient. In the Senate, Tasker L. Oddie has gone much further with a proposal for a blanket embargo.

> It is interesting to note that this onshught on the Soviet Union is timed with the attack on he American Workers' wages and standards. Also, it is a fact against Soviet Russia in the United States are the very ones fighting bitterly for

THE REAL ISSUES For this the Republicans, regular

compromise proposal for a fifteen million appropriation only adds insult to injury for the masses. What are the injury for the masses. What are the real issues involved? Hoover is mak-The latest issue of the powerful Manufacturers Record comes forward with this ing a desperate last stand fight for blast against the Soviet Union: "Every keeping untouched the great and cost-foot of lumber and every ton of other ly American capitalist illusion of (Contimical on page 2)

BIG LABOR REVOLT

MANILA .- Following the series of revolts all over the Philippines considerable fermentation is developing

A series of strikes have broken out leadership of Jose Nava, president of the Iloilo Labor Federation. The strike involves primarily dock and su-

There is considerable movement in the trade unions of Manila and elscwhere to turn the strike into a general strike involving all major indus-

About 200 laborers of the Standard Oil Company of New York went on on January 27, protesting against the lay-off of thirty men because of their affiliation with the local union. The union declares that if the men are not reinstated a general strike of all oil company laborers, amounting to 2,200 men, will be

All of the unions of Manila, at a united meeting last night, adopted a resolution commending the strikers of Negros and Iloilo, assuring them moral and financial support and placing an embargo on laborers who would be used as strike-breakers.

FAKE 'REFORM' GRANTED TO VIRGIN ISLES; YANKEE RULE REMAINS

Islands Now To Be Ruled By Interior Department And Not By Navy-Full Independence Needed!

ment has just been made by President militant struggle for the right of self-Hoover that the government of the Virgin Islands has passed from the hands of the Navy Department and is now placed struggle for freedom the workers and under the supervision of the Department farmers of America must give all possible of the Interior with Dr. Paul M. Pearson support to the people of the Virgin Isas governor. Thus a so-called "civil government" has been established.

The change to "civil government" does not materially change the status of the Virgin Islands. These islands are still under the iron heel of American in or indirectly by the boss political parties perialism and no loosening up is to be expected. The decline of population, the ruining of native industry, the destruction of all civil liberties and the oppression of the workers and peasants will still continue under a new form. The Virgin Islanders must not be misled by such fraudulent reforms or by reactionary schemes to make them a "part of the

ATTENTION! New York members of the CP-Majority Group! The continuation of the Membership Meeting

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63 Madison Avenue. Admission by membership card in good standing.

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> Judging by the editorial comments in tertain sections of the United States Negro press which is subsidized directly of this country, the recent gesture of Mr. Hoover is not without significance for the political situation. Elections are com-Republican party to get the Negro votes in general and those of the Virgin Islanders in particular, since about 8,000 of them reside in Harlem.

GOVERNMENT HITS AT FOREIGN-BORN

Immigration Officials Made Raids On Aliens for Deportation

Swooping down on the Scamen's Church Institute, in New York, immigration officials assisted by the city police arrested over a hundred alien seamen and held them fore deportation as being present in the

ers in this country conducted under "Labor" Doak in Washington.

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SEIZE NANNING

Kwangsi Capital Taken By Rebels; New Anti-Nanking **Combination Forming**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 5 .- Nanning, capital of Kwangsi province, has been captal of Kwangsi province, has been cap tion. I think that I can no longer control tured by the Kwangsi rebel armies under myself. I must speak out. the leadership of Pai Ch'ung hsi. The rebel forces made a surprise attack, overwhelmed and disarmed the Nanking

king government over most parts of the Canton area and of encouraging the disaffected Kwangsi militarists in their at-tempts to shake off Nanking control. The to advance on Kwangsi.

It appears that a new anti-Nanking military combination is in the process of formation under the leadership of Wang The region involved includes Kwangsi, Kweichow, Yunnan and Szech-wan provinces. If such a coalition could be made the remains of Feng Yu-hsiang's powerful armies and the Kansu and At any rate a struggle between Nanking and a strong anti-Nanking coalition is about due.

The Mexican dollar (the silver standard in China) declined to a new low of a member of the Party and that he ought 21.5 cents gold on February 4. The to be!!! and that's all there is to it. drop in silver value constitutes a serious danger to the Chinese financial and economic structure.

gle has broken out in the Communist to take up the question of whom to elect Party of China. It appears that Li Liu on the strike committee then something san, the acknowledged leader of the happened. No comrade wanted to ac-Chinese Party, has taken the position cept on the strike committee. Foster, that it is necessary to recognize the fact Stachel, Aronberg, Mrs. Aronberg, everyof the decline of the peasant movement body on the top tried by every trick and to concentrate attention upon the every means to force the Party members big industrial regions. The majority of the Central Committee, apparently, is for maintaining the present orientation to peasant guerrilla warfare. Li has gone to Moscow to consult with the Communist International.

BIG SELL-OUT DANVILLE STRIKE

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ment had been reached, that the "mill management had not entered into unu agreement of any nature, directly or indirectly with any organization, individuals or groups of individuals and that the mills were under no obligation, expressed or implied, to take back the strikers." At the same time the mill owners declared that their "policy was to give preference . . to such of our employees whose rec-ord entitles them to be considered as employees," that is, to the scabs.

Now, while the union leaders and the mill owners are calling each other liars, the union members are beginning to realize how they have been sold out. A newed outburs of struggle is expected. The chief of police has stationed 100 officers before the mills and 200 militiamen have

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Of Liberals

LONDON --- By a majority of 65 on

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PROSPERITY GAINS

government.

Electoral Measure

From a Party Member,

I can tell you a lot more but I am

Dear Comrades:

It's about time that the workers should know about what's going on in our frac-

Since the mass expulsions last year the burocrats have been running wild over our backs and heads. Let me tell you what has happened at our needle trades The capture of Nanning has had the effect of loosening the hold of the Nan- January 29.

Stachel was the first speaker at the meeting which was very well attended. He told the fraction in a true regular Stachel manner by yelling at them, shoutcapture of the Kwangsi capital has also temporarily stopped the anti-Red drive of the Nanking government in the Kiangsi province because Chiang Kai-shek has ordered out two divisions from Kiangsi to advance on Kuangsi Union has just put in the ice box. Com-rade Bornchowitz followed Stachel. At first he fell all over himself claiming how loyal he was but then Boruchowitz could not help himself and came out with some straight stuff. He said as far as he was concerned he could not find or see any sentiment among the workers for the demands which had been put up for this Shansi forces would probably be attracted, strike, for the demands which Stachel has so strongly insisted that we must put up for the light. As soon as Boruchowitz let the cat out of the bag, Clara Gabin, Aronberg's wife, began to shrick. She denounced Boruchowitz as a dirty "Lovestoneite" and said he wasn't worth to be

There was a dead silence in the meeting after this. Everyone felt that Boruchowitz was right and Stachel and Clara Gabin was wrong but no one dared open his mouth especially after Clara Gabin SHANGHAI, Feb. 2.-A new strug gave such a keynote. But when we had to accept on the strike committee but they couldn't put it over. Nobody wanted to do it. This made it clear to Foster and Stachel that everybody was afraid to express their agreement with Boruchowitz for his demands, yet showed heir real feeling by refusing to accept on the strike committee. Right after this, the leadership informed the fraction that they wanted a short recess for them to go over and consider what is to be done. The comrades were kept waiting for two

hours while the short recess was going

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LUCKNOW, India-The negotiations for a compromise between the that President Hyman stated that he is vacillating leaders of the India Naabsolutely for week work, to keep up the tional Congress and the representative demands now, and if the demand will be of British imperialism on the basis of the Round Table Conference Constidropped, then he will be in favor of not calling a strike, at this time. But this didn't move the comrades. They stuck. tutional Plan are continuing altho no definite result has yet been reached. On February 4, Mahatma Gandhi declared here that "his mind was open strike demands and since the fraction re-flects the sentiment of the workers, "We

to conviction as to the worth of the British offers for qualified Indian self-government." He said that "if his friends at the London Round Table Conference, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and M. R. Jayakar, were able to convince him as to the value of the are forced to temporarily withdraw these sorry that I can't write good enough English. I only want you to know how plan, he was prepared to advise the we workers feel about it. We remember working committee of the All-India how you comrades were denounced for National Congress to call off the civil proposing correct demands. We wont

disobedience campaign."

Meanwhile Gandhi has announced forget this. I myself, and many other workers, I have already spoken to them, have learned a lot from this mess which a resumption of the anti-salt law

> While these pegotiations paving the way for a capitulation are being engaged in by the conservative leaders of the National Congress, the activiies of the masses of workers, peasants and city poor are constantly rising and developing in militancy. Repressions and arrests on the part of the British government are multiplying. Subhas Chandra Rose, mayor of Calcutta, has just been arrested and not a day passed without several score Nationalists falling into the net of the British oppressors.

Gaudhi and the other conservative Congress leaders are the representathe second reading, the electoral bill lives of the native bourgeoisie in the proposed by the MacDonald governmationalist movement. The native nationalist movement. The native bourgeoisie represents a hesitating, ment carried in the House of Commons on February 3. The voting was 295 to 230. The whole of the Liberal vacillating force always ready for a compromise, always anxious to call a half to the militancy of the masses. Parliamentary group, except Ernest Evans, voted with the Labor party. Today the native bourgeoisie would like to reach a compromise with the bill is to inaugurate a plan of pro-portional representation thru which the strength of the Liberals will be materially increased. The Labor par-first place the hard-pressed international position of British imperialism sisted upon by the Liberals as the makes it very difficult for it to grant price of their support of the Labor economic concessions upon which alone political compromises can be based. Secondly, the rapid upsurge of the national-revolutionary move-Who says production figures are full ment and the growing strength of the labor. The Department of Correction relabor movement promises to isolate ports that "the surplus in prisons rises the leaders completely if they capitally the leaders."

publicans put thru the resolution. But Republican leaders were compelled to eliminate from the resolution a provision calling for a \$200,000 appropriation to cover the cost of the inquiry.

The resolution must now come to the Senate for a vote. The prospects for a Republican victory are not so favorable. The possibility of passing the measure in the upper house de-pends, as the New York Times declares, upon the " $pressure \dots brought$ to bear on William L. Ward, veteran Republican leader in Westchester County, to permit the two Senators of his territory to east their votes in the affirmative."

pal life in New York, uncovered in the recent investigations of municipal judges, has provided the Republican machine in the State with a fine

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current resolution providing for an Republican bosses have to bring presinvestigation of the New York city administration. Only the absence of chester Republican boss, to order is to say, 300 per cent, a year, with the United States one moment after.

In order to pass their resolution the discharge of the discharge of the pass their resolution to the many one betieve that those proud and tot in the oil fields and whose only self-retiant American citizens would compensation is unemployment. Not a work for a dollar from the treasury of the United States one moment after.

China and tot in the oil fields and whose only self-retiant American citizens would word about the workers and peasants of the United States one moment after. three Democratic members stood be "his" senators to vote in the affirmatween the Republicans and defeat tive. What a commentary on Ameritary a tie vote. The Democrats threatened a filibuster but clever from Westchester County are the manouvering on the part of the Re- veritable slaves of a political boss in whose choice the voters have never to achieve a victory of this point the had anything to say. They are mere puppets in the hands of the political bosses, who in their turn are orn-

trolled by the lords of Big Business.

NEW YORK—The largest member-ship meeting ever held by the New York organization of the Communist Party (Majority Group) took place on Friday evening; January 30, at which Comrade Jay Lovestone reported on The Inter-The stinking corruption in munici- national Conference of the Communist Opposition which took place in Berlin towards the middle of December.

Comrade Lovestone made a brilliant report lasting three hours. After his report a long series of questions followed. The hour was so late that it was decided and "democracy" without relation to present class relations. to postpone the discussion to a continual the class relations of society, who fos- vaunted capitalist individualism, that Friday evening, February 13, 1931 at capitalist democracy is real democra-mocracy, is bankrupt. The organized 63 Madison Avenue. ey for the workers. One "Militant" political expression of this bankrupt-

A Hard Question to Answer Frank B. Kellogg has asked a poser. We'd like our readers to try to answer it. Here it is:

. "What if every one in the world took seriously the things said in our own campaigns? Where would we be then?"

We want to add: What if every one took seriously the things said by our Secretary of State? and our ex-Secre-tary of State? Where would we be

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Under the Red

About the Life of the Toilers in the Soviet Union

APPEAL OF GORKI TO THE PRESS

versary of the Soviet press organiza- with all the scoundrels of the petty bourtion, Maxim Gorky, Russia's greatest geoisie, will support. tion, Maxim Gorky, Russia's greatest The diabolical intentions, calculations ber of unions as a protest against the writer and one of the greatest writers and speeches of Riabushinsky and other despotic course that the Cuban govmessage. It is not only a message to and cries of despair evoked by the real has been following in the last few the Soviet Press; it is a message to the workers of the whole world.

Several organs of the provincial press have asked me to send them a message on the completion of ten years of hard and courageous work. I am sending birthday congratulations to all these papers in one message.

As an old newspaper man I know how much nervous energy newspaper work in Soviet Russia demands in our days, when a new history is being made; for the main idea of the work which is developing so strongly in our country is the creation of a new history of humanity. In this courageous work, comtades, your role is an exceedingly important one. The best among you realize quite well that you are the pioneers of an idea in the hearts of the working masses, that idea which alone is capable of uniting the proletariat of the whole globe into a peace-ful family of Communists.

You are working splendidly. During its thirteen years of existence the Soviet Press has been ably organized by you into a tremendous power which is pressing forward the cultural and Socialist education of the masses.

For thirteen years now Communist revolutionaties have been supported exfusively by the working and peasant masses. In the meantime, the Socialists are on most friendly terms with kings; kings solemily accompany them to their last resting-place, as was the case in Sweden. Their "activity," like the activity of the morderer Noske, calls forth enraptured approval; they receive hand-shakes from monarchs like Nicolai Ro-manov, who shook hands with Alexander Kerensky, the Socialist, because the latter wished to save this last of the Romanovs from merited punishment for the mass marder of workers and peasants.

The Socialists also do not scorn to naintain friendly relations with the scoundrels and parasites who live on the working people. The "Socialist leaders" are honored and patronized by the bankers and factory owners.

They are ready to proceed shoulder to

modern capitalist.

prospect of a further annual increase of 100 to 200 per cent."

The "liberation" of Russia means the extermination of many millions of work-ers and peasants—a fact which Riabushinsky admits. As a business man he is used to making calculations, and he probably calculates as follows, in his elegant Paris hotel:

"Probably 500,000 men will suffice in order, in three or four months, to conclude the work in its main outlines. The rushing of different Communist bands crushing of different Communist bands aware of the fact that to ask for will, of course, still take some time. This, bread from Wall Street's government however, will be rather the task of the police than a war operation."

It is this sort of degenerate and his

THE SOCIALIST CITY MEET.

(Continued from page 1)

norance of such "Marxists" as Lee and Oneal who prate about "liberty" on meeting which will take place on ter illusions among the workers that most cursed fraud of American dedelegate very clearly pointed out that cy, the class realignment, is not yet capitalist democracy is nothing but here. But the process the far from the "veiled dictatorship of the capi-complete, is already clear. The presthe "veiled dictatorship of the capitalist class." If what the "Militants" said at this convention really indicates their political position, then they are today much closer to Communism than they are to Social de-mocracy. It is no wonder that after these speeches, Hillquit said to them: "What you advocate is pure Com-munism . . . If you believe that Russia is travelling the road to Socialism, then you must at once join the Communists and follow their policies."

It is to the credit of the "Militants" that neither the manouver of Lee and Hillquit in making a last-minute substitution of resolutions, nor the effort of Thomas to have a "compromise" adopted, affected their forces or morale appreciably.

(the vote appeared to be very much juggled), they came out the real vic- for the millions in distress in the city tors of the convention. If they organ-ize their forces, if they clarify their position, if they make a drive to win "progressive" or standpat, Congress, the Socialist Party membership to as it is, has done nothing, will do their views, they will contribute very nothing, and can do nothing for the greatly to the revolutionary working jobless, drought-stricken and starving class movement.

On the occasion of the tenth anni-like that the Socialist leaders, together

is very advantageous for our work, in which your energy, your "shock brigades" pate in the general strike.

On February 3, 2,000 workers start-

see their impotence and at the same time forget all their fine-sounding words about "cultural interests, humanitationism." The workers of France and other countries battle followed. will finally realize into what an abyss their rulers wish to plunge them. The pitiable whines of their masters have be-come sufficiently audible.

impotence. To drive the enemy to desperation is half the victory. For this cept this wage-cut. Three-quarters reason I congratulate you, comrades." of the members voted to strike.

HAVANA, Cuba.—Serious clashes took place here as a result of the at-tempts of the police to suppress the

preparations for a general strike movement on the part of a large numin the world today, sent the following parasites are, at bottom, the convulsions ernment, under Yunkee instructions, lization that they are doomed to perish months. Unions of stevedores, car-The self-revelation of the former rulers penters, metallurgical workers, marine

BIG STRIKES TO

COME IN CUBA

Unions For General Strike

Against Machado Rule

The former rulers, driven to despair, ed to parade the streets of Havana

workers, etc. have decided to partici-

The Havana Railways Company recently announced a wage-cut of five cents an hour. The Motormen's and "Desperation is always the sure sign of Conductor's Union immediately an-

OIL STOCK SWINDLERS AT WORK

A Story of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal.

Because of its warm and healthy elimate, California continually attracts work of the workers. How is this done? ers and farmers from the East, Middle increased tremendously.
The first stop is Los Angeles, down-

The first stop is Los Angeles, down town Main Street or Broadway, the business and industrial section of Los Angeles. There you find newcomers from all parts of the country, unemployed workers with a few cents, farmers with the latest and palm gardens of the famous actors and actresses, of movie magnates and oil but to the analyse of the famous actors and actresses, of movie magnates and oil but to the analyse of the famous actors and actresses, of movie magnates and oil but to the analyse of the famous actors. become casy prey for the oil magnates and real estate speculators.

The Del Rey Oil Company, which in-

vested money in the Venice Oil Fields near the beach, has found its hopes and dreams unrealized. This company is now

WITH HOOVER

their affliction has departed? I doubt if, out of the million and a half people who are afflicted by reason of the drought, there is a single man or woman who has ever asked a favor of the government of the United States,"

The Idaho Senator shows a remarkable knowledge of his government and a genuine "understanding" of the farming masses! The latter have for years been becoming more and more means getting only a stone!

SHAKING THE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

But the the present Congress will go out of the way to keep intact the "American tradition" of "voluntary charity" the very tenor and trend of this debate show powerful social forces, class forces, at work bringing deep-going political and economic changes. The acute economic crisis, the widespread severe unemployment, the devastating agricultural crisis are the levers setting in motion the forces gnawing at the very vitals of the ent crisis is rudely shaking the pillars of American democracy-the two then party system.

THE WORKERS AN FARMERS MUST ACT!

At present, the tragedy of the whole situation is the still prevalent political impotency of the great mass of workers, of the workers as a class. Had there been a powerful, mass labor party hanuncring at the gates of Congress, especially thru mass pres sure from the outside, or had there been an influential Communist Party with roots in the masses, in the labor organizations, Congress would never have dared to act in such a shameless manner. Thus as yet there has not been introduced into the Senate or Altho the "Militants" were defeat-been introduced into the Senate or ed by a more than three to one vote House a single bill aiming to make even a faint beginning of real relief and country. Special session or no session, Republican or Democrat

In the industrial section where the West and everywhere. With the present workers congregate you can see a beauticrisis situation, hiking and traveiling have ful bus with a big sign: Free trip and luncheon. Fascinating sight-seeing. Thus many workers are roped in.

their life savings in their pockets. Under such conditions the workers and farmers dies. When your appetite is all whetted up you finally get to Venice where the Del Rey oil fields are situated. They tell you of the glory of the oil weils, the "fountain of riches"; but they don't tell you of the suffering and misery and unemployment among the workers who pump the oil out,

At last they lead you to a meeting hall controlled by the company. As soon as you are seated a number of "hosts" and "hostesses" pass around, become "friendly," talk about oil, how wonderful it is the first than it has been to be the seatest than the seatest th Incoming a men, the least of the sembling a men, the ideal type of the But Silent On Own Graft Upstate

In the street of proceed shoulder and hand with them against the workers and peasants of the shoulder and hand in hand with them against the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union.

They will support the intervention, for this is a "business venture, which offers in an and delivers a powerful street of the dole—for the poor and exploited. Few serious minded observers are fooled by all these phrases about "self-help" and "self-reliance" from the champion of the employers who are sembling a men, the ideal type of the man being—a degenerate creature resembling a men, the ideal type of the modern capitalist.

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The middle class, the smaller capitalists, essentially take the same position, but many of them are so much the continues with oil. He goes on the continues with oil. He goes on the continues with oil. He goes on the continues with oil. up against it that they are compelled bitterly attacking the Soviet Union be-State Assembly succeeded in forcing graft and corruption in the Republican be adoption, by a very close vote of the adoption, by a very close vote of the Hofstader-Story controlled municipalities upstate.

To 72, of the Hofstader-Story controlled municipalities upstate. In order to pass their resolution the liberation of Russia. By expending that those arrest and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and tot in the oil fields and whose only and the transfer of the total field and tot in the oil fields of the cause it confiscated the oil fields of the cause it cause it cause it confiscated the oil fields of the cause it cause it confiscated the oil fields of the cause it cause it confiscated the oil fields of the cause it in an outbreak of eloquence, said: one word about the workers who slave "Does any one believe that those proud and tot in the oil fields and whose only China and India oppressed and murdered the United States one moment after China and India oppressed and murdered their affliction has departed? I for oil. Not a word about the American marines in Latin America. Not a word about the secret and open attacks being planned against the Soviet Union for the sake of oil

> Towards the end he switches his speech to convincing everybody to buy shares from his company. One share is \$150. If you haven't that much money-and most of the people in the crowd haven't -then buy a tenth of a share, \$15; any mount is acceptable. Many workers and farmers are fooled into this daily. I know a dispossessed farmer from Kansas, who had gotten together \$200 by selling his last belongings. He was fooled by this company. They promised him that within six weeks on an investment of \$75, he would be able to draw \$12 weekly. Four months have passed but not a cent is forthcoming. He demanded his money back and he was offered \$16 and excuses. There are many such examples.

FUNCTIONARIES MEETING

--M. Yablon

in New York

The Buro of the District Committee announces that there will be a

Functionaries Meeting on February 20, 1931, 8 P. M.

at 63 Madison Avenue, N. Y. C.

Reporters: Ben Gitlow and Alex Bail

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Progressives and Communists

The Character of the C. P. L. A. -- Left Wing and Progressives -- Two Dangers for Communists

by Ben Gitlow

erely shaken smug American optim-People lack the confidence they wing of the American trade unions. had. The end of capitalism's once had. era of "permanent" prosperity has jarred their sense of security. There are signs that people are beginning to use their heads to think a little.

Bourgeois convictions of the prowess of American big business with its boastful cock-suredness has given way to questioning and doubting. Many are raising the question of where are we going and what we are headed for. Some learned hourgeois apologists are reading the handwriting on the wall and are frantically calling upon American capitalism to meet the challenge of Socialism, to provide economic security and to improve materially the conditions of the

toiling masses, or else-be doomed. The working class has surely not escaped the effects of the economic It has been the worst hit by the crisis. The labor movement is therefore bound to react to the changes in attitude caused by the crisis.

A PERIOD OF REVALUATION

We witness in the labor movement today a revaluation process going on. Policies and programs are being closely examined and the question is being asked: What is the way out? The answer to this question is causing a differentiation and schism in many organizations of the labor movement.

The fermentation which this is causing in the labor movement cannot be ignored by the Communists. Especially must we keep this in mind when we estimate the role of other organizations in the labor movement

and our relations to them.

We cannot acept the Sicial Communist Party's kindergarten analysis of all tendencies and movements in the labor movement. The official Communist Party leadership has such a simple analysis today that not the least exertion of brain energy is required. On the one side are the Communists — the "good boys"; on the other side, all others—the "bad boys", they are traiters, renegades, "social-fascists," fakers, etc. The trouble with such an analysis is that besides requiring no ability to think it also draws a line which divides the Communists from the masses. For a political friganization that it suicide. Besides many who are not Communists today will be Communists tomorrow. Furthermore the overthrow of capitalism in the United States will be a mass event requiring the active participation of many more than the Communist Party members. With this in mind let us consider what the C.P.L.A. (Muste Movement)

WHAT IS THE C.P.L.A.?

is and our relations to it as Commun-

The C.P.L.A. is not a trade union. It is not organized on the basis of a craft, trade or industry.

The C.P.L.A. is not an organization like the Trade Union Educational League. The T.U.E.L. was made up entirely of members of trade

are trade unionists or even workers. Its program is not confined strictly or even in the main to trade union.

It is a semi-political organization based largely upon individual mem-hership regardless of industry and trade union affiliation, controlled by a center which is constituted without respect to the various industries and trade unions of the country. It is basically more of a political than a trade union organization. It also lacks the prerequisites of a left wing minority or trade union opposition movement.

To the extent that the C.P.L.A. has developed a program, it is different from the program of the Communists. Many features of the political program of the C.P.L.A. are even opposed to the program of the Communists. In the main, nevertheless its trade union program can be accepted by the Communists for the constitution of an opposition movement in the

The C.P.L.A. has for one of its. main objectives the building up of a But it is not essentially a progressive often accepted and considered as such. Within it it has the germs of a progressive trade union movement. It is, however, essentially a left Socialist cy and Communism. But even here, organizationally, the line of demarcation between the C.P.L.A. and Socialdemocracy is not so clear. Take the

erals, psuedo left wingers, left So-cialists and progressives. All of these today finds a place in the organization and a freedom of action because of the indefiniteness of its political program and its lack of a mass rank and file base in the trade unions.

That is why Muste; Oneal, Thomas, Lefkowitz, Maurer, Salutsky and Irish nation, etc. others could up till now rub shoulders in one organization without any out- is absurd. Quite apart from the fact ward sign of friction. The C.P.L.A. that only 25% of the Negroes in the is a leftward development in the U.S. A. live in this "Negro-land," American labor movement the it has who will maintain that the "Black many reactionary and right elements Belt" has any real economic, histori-

The present economic crisis has sev-| and file trade union masses, the C.P. | of the C.P.L.A. into its various ele-L.A. cannot itself become the left ments causing definite recrystalliza-

C.P.L.A. AND COMMUNISTS

When Bert Miller reacts to the sectarian trade union line of the Communist Party leadership by being ready to abandon the Communist program and accept the program of the C.P.L.A. in preference to the Communist program and urges all to join the C.P.L.A. as now constituted as a genuine left wing trade union organization in the United States, he only rushes from one extreme to the other extreme. Those who follow him follow him out of the Communist ranks and out of our group.

We recognize that a differentiation has already started within the C.P.L. A. just as it has in the Socialist Par-This differentiation is bound, due to the conditions prevailing in the country and their effects upon the la-Communist position bor movement, to lead to the division ty and mass work.

tion. The Communist program is not to join the C.P.I.A. but to unite on concrete issues with it for development of a progressive, a leftward movement in the trade unions based upon trade union masses. This will hasten the schism between the reactionaries and progressives, the left possible a union of the left forces of the C.P.L.A. with the Communists in the building up of a left wing in the trade unions.

But the official Communist Party calls the Mustoites social-fascists, etc. etc. The official Communist Party's idiotic sectarian line on the one tand isolates the Communists and organizes the anti-Communist front and on the other hand causes a Bert Miller reaction that leads away from Communism.

Our position is neither. Ours is a Communist position making for uni-

A False Orientation in Negro Work

ARE THE U.S. NEGROES A NATION?

olution on the Negro Question in the United States, "confirmed by the unity was deliberately destroyed by Political Commission of the ECCI," an artificial division into states!!! (The Communist, Feb. 1931), carries the present fundamentally false orientation of the Communist Party upon the Negro question to such (strictly logical) absurdity that the essentially non-Marxian character of this orien tation stands self-exposed.

WHAT IS THE NEGRO QUESTION?

There are three fundamental approaches possible to the Negro question in the U.S.A. Do the Negro masses in this country constitute: (1) a colony of American imperialism (like the Virgin Islands, for example); (2) a national minority within the United States; or (3) an oppres-

The first possibility obviously does not correspond to the facts since the regions populated by the Negroes in this country very clearly constitute an integral part of the national economy of the United States. The second approach is the basic point of view of the Comintern and of the Party to-

day.
"The Negro question in the United States must be viewed... as the question of an oppressed nation."

In essence, therefore, the Negro question in the United States, according to the Comintern, is really iden-tical with the problem of the Croatians in Yugoslavia, the Germans in Hungary, etc.; that is, it is a question

of a national minority.

Does this correspond with the facts? Do the American Negroes constitute "contiguous wards" in Harlem from n nation in the sense in which the Croatians, Ukrainians, or Greeks do? unions. The C.P.L.A. includes in its We quote an "unimpeachable" autho- as much ranks as members all who accept its rity, none other than Comrade Stalin and economic life" in Harlem as in program regardless of whether they himself, who writes quite well on this the "Black Belt." question:

"A nation," he says in his article, Marxism and the National Question, written in 1913, "is an historically developed, consolidated and enduring community of language, territory, economic life, psychic structurewhich manifests itself in the commu nity of culture."

Have the American Negroes a "community of language, territory, economic life, psychic structure" as distinct from the white people at all comparable in type (not merely in degree) to the distinctions between he Hungarian and the German, between the Great-Russian and the To maintain such a posi-Ukrainian? tion is possible only for those who know absolutely nothing of the situation of the Negro masses in this coun-

THE "BLACK BELT"

The champions of the "national minority" theory realize the fatal weakness of their case and are reduced to the most absurd dodges to bolprogressive trade union movement ster it up. The first prerequisite for a nation is certainly a "community trade union movement, the it is very of territory" (even the most enthustic of the official theoreticians will not insist on a special "Negro language"). Here they appeal to the "Black Belt." What is this "Black development between Social-democra- Belt"? In the South there are about 200 contiguous counties in various states in which the Negroes constitute a majority of the population. In these counties there are about 31/2 million C.P.L.A. as an organization. It is Negroes (out of a total Negro popumade up of right wing Socialists, lib-lation of the U.S. A. amounting to 12,000,000). These 200 counties are gathered together, by the official theoreticians (under the inspiration of John Pepper--see his pamphlet Am-erican Negra Problems), as the "Negro-land" of the "Negro nation" just as the Ukraine is the land of the Ukrainian nation, Ireland of the

But of course it is clear that this cal, or social unity—that it is very Because of its political program, much more than a grouping of counbecause of its membership primarily ties not basically different from those of political leaders and trade union counties where the Negroes form, not officials, and especially because it the majority, but a very large section lacks and is not constituted of rank of the population? But the Comin-

Error has its logic as well as truth! tern Resolution on the Negro Question And sometimes the iron logic of error even goes further: it maintains that destroys itself. Thus the recent Res- the "Black Belt" was once (when?) a political unity and that its political

"At the present time the Negro zone—precisely for the purpose of fucilitating national oppression—is artificially split up and divided into a number of various states. " Imagine a man, pretending to un-

derstand American problems, who insists that Alabama and Arkansas and Mississippi were deliberately created in order to divide (gerrymander!) the "Black Belt"! When the official theoreticians have to resort to such phantasies their case must be bad in-

THE QUESTION OF "SELF-DETER-MINATION"

The conception of the Negro question as a national question leads directly to the formulation of the slogar of self-determination as the "main slogan of the Communist Party in the Black Belt." What does this right

of "self-determination" mean? "... It is necessary ... to bring together into one governmental unit all districts of the South where the

majority of the settled population consists of Negroes."

This "unit" should have the right of "determining for itself the relations between its country and other governments, especially the United States" --the "Black Belt" (the 200 "contiguous counties") is to have the right of secession from the United States; Then why not the secession of the the City of New Yo United States? There is at least "community of territory

But not only should we preach the right of the Black Belt to secession; the movement for separatism in the "Black Belt" is growing, and soon "the question of the independence of the Black belt will become a question of the day," No less!

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

All this nonsense may seem mere absurdity—but it has serious conse-quences. It entirely removes the Murxist basis for the work of the Communist Party among the Negro masses; it makes effective work impossible. And the Resolution itself pears testimony to the falseness of the road pointed out by it:

1. The new course completely underestimates the significance of the Negro proletariat and of the tendencies in the direction of the proleta-rianization of the Negroes. Since the peasantry is the historical bearer of the national-revolutionary movement. and since the Negro question is a "national" question, the Negro peas-antry (in the South) is therefore the undamentally decisive section of the Negro population. Therefore, the struggle of the Negro workers in the North is to be subordinated to the 'national-liberation" struggle in the South (See section 12 of Resolution and clsewhere), where there is a "rapid approach of a revolutionary

crisis" (section 5)..

2. As a result of its fundamentally false estimation of the Negro question, the new course offers the strongest objective support to the reaction-

I Investigate Lynching

by WALTER WHITE

From the book: I Investigate Lynchings

I spent some days in the region and found that the three Negroes who had peen lynched were about as guilty of the murder of which they were charged as I was. Convicted in a court thronged with armed clansmen, and sentenced to death, their case had been appealed to the State Supreme Court, which promptly reversed the conviction, remanded the appellants for new trials and severely criticized the judge before whom they had been tried. At the new trial the evidence granted a motion to dismiss, and the other two defendants were obviously as little guilty as he. But as soon as the motion to dismiss was granted the defend-ant was rearrested on trivial charge and once against lodged in jail. That night the mob took the prisoner to the outskirts of the town, told them to tun, and as they set out pumped bullets into their backs. The two boys died instantly, The woman was shot in several places, but was not immediately killed. One of the lynchers afterward laughingly told me that he had to waste fifty bullets on the wench before one of them stopped her howling.'

Evidence in affidavit form indicated rather clearly that various law enforcement officials, including the sheriff, his deputies, various failers and policemen, three relatives of the then governor of the state; a member of the State Legisare were all members of the mob.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO "SOCIAL-FASCISM?"

J. The Daily Worker publishes an article by Upton Sinclair (a leading mem-, fornia gubernatorial candidate of the; SP).
2. The California District Committee

of the Communist Party sent an official nvitation to the Los Angeles Centra Trades and Labor Council (A.F. of L.) asking it to participate in the unemploy ed "hunger march".

3. Johnstone declares, in the name of the TUUL, that the A. F. of L. organizations as well as Workmen's Circle branches will be invited to help the N'I

WIU dress strike.
Well, well, well! What's happening to good old "social-fascism"? Are there no real "champions against opportunism" left in the Party to raise their heroic voices against such crass "Lovestoneism" permeating the Party?

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

The former editor of the central organ of the Communist Party of Switzerland the Basel Vorwerts, Th. Wieser, has an nounced his withdrawal from the Communist Party. Comrade Weiser is among the founders of the Swiss CP. Our Swiss Opposition organ, the Schaffhausen Arbeiterzeitung, brings forward information to prove that Comrade Wieser was in fact expelled from the Party. Since the V longress of the Party Wieser found himself in greater and greater opposition to

Will Rogers Scores Again "I don't want to discourage Mr Mellon and his carefully balanced undget, but you let this country get hungry and they are going to eat, no matter what happens to budgets, income taxes or Wall Street values."

ary-separatist tendencies among the Negro masses in the U.S. A. (the Garvey movement, etc.) which are based on almost the same premises The Garveyites recognize this quite well and even the Resolution itself is forced to take cognizance of this in a

distorted form (section 9).

3. So thoroly wrong is the new of ficial course on the Negro question hat it leads-of course against the will of its champions—to Jim Crow ism-exactly as the same premises lead the Garvevites in the same direcion. The Communists must give support to the "Negroes' right to their own special schools" - precisely in the South! (See section 3). But that's exactly what the white rulers of the South want—"special schools for Neroes," Jim Crow schools. What the Communists must fight for is precisey the opposite: for the abolition of special schools"-for the most complete social and political equality for the Negroes.

In this article only one phase of the Comintern Resolution is considered: the question of fundamental esimation of the Negro question. The Negro question is not a national question; it is a racial and class question. Primarily the Negro question is the question of an oppressed race.

The Coming Dress Strike

A Good Step Forward - Now Another Needed - For the United Action of the Dressmakers

by Chas. S. Zimmerman

that at its meeting of January 29 they posals for this change made at the time Instead of continuing the policy of had decided to revise the demands for the demands were originally brought to standering and eliminating members of the coming dressmakers strike in New the council meetings in New York were the union for differences on policies and York. This revision consists in withdraw not given any consideration. Nor do we tactics, it is necessary especially now, on ing the demands for week work and the not want to reproach the National Ext the eve of the strike, that the leaders take the demand for the enforcement of the union, for adopting a resolution denounce feet the best mobilization of the workers 40-hour week, minimum wage scales, reging and slandering us because we dared it is essential that all active workers cognition of the union, etc. We believe to send a communication to the December regardless of their political opinions be against one of the defendants so clearly that the revision of the demands will help 24 meeting of the Board in which we drawn into strike activities, showed his innocence that the judge greatly in the mobilization of the work- made the proposal for a revision of the At the last meeting of ers for the strike. It is true that, had these demands been put forward originally, a great deal of confusion and demoralzation could have been avoided, but it is better late than never. It means, howver, that now it will be necessary to itilize the short time that is left prior to the calling of the strike for greater of forts, for more intense work in order to overcome the scepticism produced by the óriginal, demands.

Last week the National Executive. We are not interested at this time in the union also to change the course Board of the N. T. W. I. U. announced going into a discussion of why our pro- which they are following in the union. hour day, 5 day week and substituting ecutive Board, the highest body in our steps to unify our ranks. In order to efmade the proposal for a revision of the At the last meeting of the general demands—a revision which they finally strike committee held on Pehruary 7, we adopted on January 29.

We are not interested in reproaches or "I told you so". What we are interested in is how best to mobilize for this drike. It is for the reason that we want to point out that the revision of the demands is only one step in the proper

UNITY IN OUR RANKS

It is necessary for the leadership of

The Crisis in the Comintern

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE

within the last year and the loss of influence of the Party have forced the ECCI to put thru a "new turn" her of the Socialist Party and recent Cali, in France. But of course this new turn meant no cessation of the sectarian line and hence was unable to check the downward movement of the French party:

The false policies of the Party leadership have led to the formation of a considerable number of opposition groups, of which not one has been able to work out a clear Communist policy or to gather significant sections of the working class around it.

THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS PARTY

The most important of these opposition groups is the Workers and Peasants Party. We have already re-ported in the Revolutionary Age the origin and course of this group. In the March 1, 1930 (Vol. 1. No. 9.) issue of the Revolutionary Age we pointed out that the course the Workpointed out that the course the Workers and Peasants Party took from its very inception was "full of danger and futility". The fundamental error of this course consisted in: A fullure to make a clear differentiation between the POP (Parti Ouvinter at Paysan—Workers and Peasants Party) and the Social-democration, that is, a failure to take an undamentals. Then there was a tendender of the regard the POP as opposed to discipline. Another member of the direction of make another step in the reproached us with the workers, whether the reactionary of ficials accept this proposal or not since the workers will be convinced that our union is genuinely in favor of united action against the employers. All this is even more true to-day.

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The there was a tunuent was a tunuent discipline. Another member of the union as well as adopting measures to the CI and CP of France as such—pleadership, a young worker, defending the industry and together as a united and not merely to their false policies. and leadership. These dangerous ten- position and proposed affiliation to it. dencies expressed themselves in the A third member, a Social-democrat, formation of a "new party" in a sit- was against affiliation to Balabano-uation when there was no political or va's Buro as "too left". Sellier, the objective justification for it.

Such a course has its own logic, "friendly relations" but not coopera-The POP has become a collection of tion with the International Commun-The POP has become a collection of ist Opposition. Finally, the approval heterogeneous elements. In the first ist Opposition, Finally, the approval Social-democratic wing; secondly, nova's International was carried by a there is an opportunist centrist ele-1 vote of 6 to 1. ment (the leadership of the POP) and, third, a good Communist prole tarian wing, driven away from the THE SITUATION IN THE TROT-CP by its senseless ultra-left course This left group has its base in Cli

dry, a proletarian section of Paris. The development of the POP in this man comrades proved of very little monthly La Lutte des Classes as oravail as far as the POP as a whole gans. Altho it never had much mass st) wing in it.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

At a recent session the leadership of the POP decided to amalgamate with the Parti Socialiste-Communiste (Socialist-Communist Party) a previous split-off from the CPF. The leader of the PSC is Paul Louis who has taken a left position and who will probably support the left elements in the POP. The unity with the PSC will probably exercise a left influence in the POP. The new "unified" party will call itself Party of Workers and Peasants Unity.

--Will Herberg The draft program of the new par

of the emancipation of the proletariat "with all means of the parliamentary

In the course of the unification the question of the Communist Party of Alsace came up. The CP of Alsace fully adheres to the International Communist Opposition. The left elements in the POP insisted that the Alsatian Party should be invited to take part in the unification. The centrist leadership of the POP gave some technical excuses while the reformist elements were sharply

secretary of the POP, spoke for "friendly relations" but not coopera-

SKYIST MOVEMENT

About a year or more ago, the atmosphere in the Trotsky movement direction did not take place without an in France clarified a little when out attempt of the International Com- of the dozens of groups and grouplets munist Opposition (especially the a more politically defined orthodox German Opposition) to turn the devel-group arose-the Communist League opment into a more healthy direction, of France, with Rosner as leader. But the strenuous efforts of the Ger- and with the weekly Verite and gans. Altho it never had much mass was concerned, altho it helped the following it conducted a vigorous pro-crystallization of a Left (Communamong the workers.

Today there is a political crisis in the Trotskyist group- and precisely over the question of trade union line, A "right wing" has been discovered and Trotsky is conducting a "struggle against the right danger" in the approved Comintern fashion. The Revolutionary Age of December 20, 1931 (vol. II, No. 3) reported on the appeal recently issued by a group of members of the CGT (reformist trade union federation) of the CGTU (Red) trade union federation), and of autonomous union organizations for trade union unity the formation of one united trade union federation in France. Whatever may be the errors contain- traces this guestion back to the Angloed in this appeal (a syndicalist nonpolitical orientation), the course towards trade union unity is certainly the Anglo-Soviet Committee implied correct and corresponds to the interests of the French working class.

ist group "hesitated" a little on this wingers" in the Communist League question and seemed about to give way and in the Unitary Opposition . . . in the direction of trade union unity. But Trotsky discovered this deviation from Trotskyism in time! The Communist League was put right and it enumerate as employed the street vencame out straight against trade union dors of apples. The reason is that unity. It declared that: "Under pres- Mr. Gosnell finds that many selling ent conditions trade union unity is nei-ther desirable nor realizable."

This utterly sectarian position: Sure, and they ought to count the munist League-especially among its government.

proposed such unity. The leadership rejected it. It is the method of the reactionary right wing burocracy to eliminate from activities all who dare to propose policies differing from those of the official leadership even the the policies proposed by the opponents are correct. This is a dangerous course and the sooner it is changed the better it will be for our union and the left wing in the trade union movement as a whole.

President Hyman admonished membership at the last council meeting for being too "loyal", for applauding and voting for week work and a 7-hour day when in reality they were opposed to it. We agree with him that such actions and such an attitude on the part of the membership breeds cliquism and jesuitism. Is it any different when the leaders act in the same way? Comrade Hyman was present at the strike committee meeting when we made our proposal for unity According to a recent speech of ty includes a sharp differentiation of all elements in our union for the suc-Manuilsky in the ECCI, the Community from the ultra-left policies of the scenario of the strike. He ist Party of France lost 31% of its CPF and from the class-collaboration gave his silent consent to the rejection membership within the last four policies of the Socialist Party. The of this proposal Does not such a policy The catastrophical decline draft statutes include the principle of climination in the union breed narrowness, hurocracy and cliquism? It is time for the membership as well as the leaderstruggle, of the general strike, and ship to begin to think. Such methods of the armed uprising." reactionary burocrats. There is still time onion. As far as we are concerned regardless what the official attitude of the leadership will be we will continue to be active and give our full support to the

FOR WORKERS UNITY

Unity within our union is necessary but just as necessary is the unity of all against. The result was that at the dressmakers in this strike, whether they Seine district convention of the POP are in our union or not. That is why we the lefts (Clichy) voted in a bloc proposed that our union invite the New against the unity and left the con- York Joint Board of Dressmakers of the International Ladies Garment Workers ference as a protest.

Another important question that Union to a conference for the purpose arose at the same meeting of the lead- of establishing for the coming strike a ership of the POP was the question of united front of all dressmakers against international connections. Chasseigne the hosses, We point out that such a one of the leaders of the POP, disseep on the part if the N. T. W. I. U. cussed the International Communist would help greatly to unify the ranks of Opposition (especially the German the workers, whether the reactionary of

> force carry on the struggle against the employers to improve the present miscrable conditions of the dressmakers and to build up one powerful union in the industry that will be able at all times to fight for and defend the conditions of the workers in the shops.

> trade union elements. At the recent conference of the Opposition Unitaire (Unitary Opposition-the Trotskyist opposition movement in the CGTU) these voices of revolt were clearly heard. Ch. LeGleo (Seine district), for example, made a vigorous speech along the following lines (Verite, January 9, 1981):

"From a political viewpoint trade unoin unity offers us great advantages. It's going against good sense and Communist strategy to come out against trade union unity, which was demanded by the III and IV Congresses of the CI... Uni-ty is a snare, you say. But the snare we must avoid is to come out against trade union unity because trade union unity answers to a profound demand of the working class. The A B C of tactics is to create the maximum unity and not in prolonging division . . . Of course, the conference of the

OU endorsed the orthodox sectarian Trotskyist view but not without vigprous opposition Well, the "right danger" hunt is

on in France among the Trotskyites. In the issue of the Verite of January 16, 1931, Trotsky publishes a very significant article.

In this article Trotsky formulates the theoretical basis for the Trotskyist sectarian trade union course. He Soviet Unity Committee and shows that the official Trotskyist attitude on the anti-unity course in the trade unions. Trotsky winds up with a call The old leadership of the Trotsky- for a campaign against the "right

> "Officials in charge of the census of unemployed will be instructed to unemployed apples are making a good living."-N. Y. Times.

(hardly distinguishable from the offi- men on the bread line too. The govcial RH.U line) roused considerable criment is willing to do anything to protest and opposition among the reduce the number of the unemployed. members and supporters of the Com- That's what makes it such a nice

The Economic Week

As we have repeatedly pointed out, the "Sunshine" movement is beginning to peter out. It is coming down with a violent bang, the repercussion of which will be cost-All the "favorable" trade statistics are now so exploded that their boomers and boosters are flying to cover. Steel ingot output, the larger for the month. still shows operations at less than 46 % capacity and as compared with January of last year, already in, the slump, was 1,312,884 tons less. For the first time, car loadings

last week dropped below their 1922 level to the lowest point since 1921. Electric power consumption fell 6.3% below the corresponding period of 1930 and a poorer position than at the beginning of January. Building contract awards are far below last years. The motor car improvements are very slight. Chain stores sales show a 2.73% drop for the month. The week's figures for bank clearings and failures are distinctly unfavorable for comparison. The downward trend in commodity prices

continues at a marked pace, with silver falling to the lowest level on record, rubber to lowest point, and wheat, cotton, and copper sagging sharply. The Annalist Index of wholesale prices dropped 1.2 points to a new low. The whole trend is distinctly discouraging especially to some of Europe's leading economists who had been hoping for the "turning of the corner" in the United States with the New Year as an initial force for the beginning of the end of the present word crisis.

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THE BANK OF THE UNITED STATES TRAGEDY-AND ITS LESSONS

THE two pillars of the most sacred chambers of American capitalism are the banks and the courts. In the scheme of American "democracy" there are supposed to be no hereditary titles. The country is a sort of an unconstitutional monarchy—a monarchy of money without a constituition and even against some of the basic pretentions of the existing federal constitution. But there are two titles that not only stick to one during his lifetime but even live after their bearer becomes a corpse or ashes. Thus, once a judge, always called a judge. And once a banker, always honored as such. Hence we can appreciate the splendid chances the workers have to learn the truth about these two "pillars of capitalist society. In the Steuer investigation of the Bank of the United States scandal and in the Kressel investigation of corruption in the New York courts we have a startling exposure of the sorded and anti-working class character of both of these institutions, of both of these pillars of "thrift and justice."

If a hungry worker steals one of Rockefeller's countless dimes, then he faces, quite often, a prison term of at least twenty years. But if a millionaire banker or group of bankers should be caught too openly and clumsily robbing millions of the last savings of thousands of jobless workers, then they are first up for investigation. Of course, there is nothing that succeeds like success especially in bank robberies. That is, we assume the crime of the crooked bankers is in getting caught and not in cheating unemployed workers.

Horrible and heart-breaking as the revelations of the United States Bank collapse are, still we can say this: First of all, not anywhere near all is being told. They don't dare tell all. Secondly, the Bank of the United states is not the only one that has been defrauding. The shady deals of the particular culprit bank are in the main not the malpractices but rather the practices of all banks. The present powerful Guaranty Trust, America's third largest bank, was in a similar position, and for similar reasons, after the 1921 crisis. Then Morgan saved it-from exposure and collapse. Today, we challenge the State Banking Department to subject any other bank to such gruelling expose as the Bank of the United States is getting. No big bank would ever dare to publish voluntarily the names of all rich individuals-particularly of prominent and highly influential government officials like judges-who get loans of millions of dollars' of people's money without any real collateral. And why is it that judges are given such extraordinary treatment by the banks? We might page the latter's lawyers for an immediate tho not complete answer.

At any rate, the link between the temple of justice and the temple of Mammon is all too obvious to need either narrating or explaining. They are really two temples in one. Tho lady Justice is totally blind when it comes to justice for workers yet her eyesight is perfect when it comes to help stealing workers' money. Of the 6,000 banks which failed in the last ten years in the United States, we venture to say the workers were the heaviest losers and that the judges, very likely, the heaviest borrowers and gainers.

But, after all is said and done, how instructive is the tragic farce of the Steuer-Kressel investigations! Kressel, the chief investigator seeking to strengthen the rudely shaken illusions about the virtues and purity of Dame Justice by exposing some of the blackest blots on the court system is now himself exposed as being in the centre of the damnable conspiracy of bankers to steal millions from the masses! The bank-scandal villains are the court-virtue heroes! More than that. The vigor and energy shown in the investigation of the Bank of the United States' refined mass hold-up is, in the main, due to the Wulkers, the Currys, the Roosevelts seeking to discredit the exposure of the New York courts in the vice and other unspeakable racketeer deals by unmasking Kressel (of banking swindle fame) the chief uncoverer of the court travesties. We challenge denial of this contention of ours.

Truly a victous circle! But a very big victous circle—enveloping the very pillars of American capitalism and the entire capitalist system from top to bottom. We fully realize the indescribable suffering and misery which the honorable bank crooks have inflicted upon many thousands of our brothers and sisters who put away their scant savings from their meager earnings. However, if these thousands of workers and lower layers of the middle class will learn the above necessary lessons from the whole ghastly crime, then the terrible price they have paid will certainly not have been

THE REGIME OF BLUFF AGAIN!

ΑΣΤΥΝΟΜΙΚΟ ΑΕΡΟΠΛΑΝΟ ΕΒΟΜΒΑΡΔΙΣΕ ΜΕ ΔΑΚΡΥΟΓΟΝΑ ΔΙΑΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ ΑΚΈΡΓΩΝ ΣΤΗΝ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗ

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The "Regime of Bluff" goes on! Here in the United States, the Communists and sympathizers are fed up with fables about the "revolutionary upsurge" in Germany, in China, in Greece, etc., so as to make The demonstrators rush up for the defeats and disintegration in food warehouses of the Salvation Army. the United States. But in Germany, The police tried to disperse them. The Greece, etc., the Communist Party burocrats feed the workers with fancy stories police. During these bloody clashes a about the "great class battles" in the police airplane bombarded the demon-

United States.
The official Greek Communist organ, Rizospastis, published the following item sides.

in its issue of January 10, 1931 (a reproduction of item in the Greek paper is shown here):

TRANSLATION POLICE AIRPLANE BOMBARD UN-EMPLOYED DEMONSTRATION IN AMERICA WITH TEAR GAS

Many Wounded

PARIS, Jan. 9 .-- A telegram from New York reports that there took place violent clashes between the unemployed and the police.

The unemployed, numbering many thousands, demonstrated protesting their unwillingness to die of hunger and der claring their refusal to pay rent or taxes and demanding municipal feeding stations

The demonstrators rushed into the demonstration came into clash with the strators with bombs of tear gas. More than fifty were wounded on both

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A Red Dagger At the Heart of French Imperialism

Communism in Alsace

by Jay Lovestone

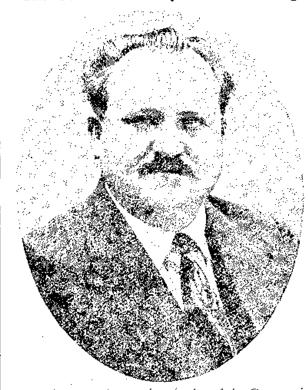
"Please take me to 56 Rue Jucques Kable", I told the taxi-driver in my best Frech, as I reached the railroad station upon my arrival in the city of Strasburg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, "No. You mean Steinwallstrasse 56, headquarters of the Communists of Strasbury and editorial office of 'Die Neue Welt', our fighting paper," answered the taxi-driver in his best Alsatian German dialect.

In this exchange of a few words we have a graphic picture of the storm-centre Alsace-Lorraine is todayas it has been for centuries. But in the few words of the chauffeur we also see the new force which has come into the arena of imperialist combat—the rising power of Communism.

A SMALL PLACE—A BIG SCHOOL

Alsace-Lorraine is a small place. But for the workers of the world it is a big school. We can all learn and learn a lot from the role that this strip of territory with but 5,606 square miles-somewhat larger than Connecticut-and about 2,000,000 people has played in the history of Europe. And now we can all learn from the position and experience of the Communists in this province which is virtually in a state of semimartial law, under the iron heel of French imperialism. The great mineral wealth, the bountiful agricultural resources, the strategic military position, all have gone into making this land a home of bloody contention between the profit-hungry French and German imperialists. But today, there is a new force on the scene, a revolutionary force which will play the decisive role in the final settlement, and finally in the genuine liberation of this war-torn country-the workingelass and poor peasantry led by the Communist Party (Opposition) of Alsace-Lorraine.

The Communist Mayor of Strasburg



Comrade Charles Flueber, leader of the Communist Party of Alsace, which is abiliated to the International Communist Opposition,

There is a very tense atmosphere in Alsace-Lorraine. It is especially noticeable in the big cities of Alsace, Strasburg, Colmar, Mulhausen. The French bourgeoisie are working overtime to "win" Alsace, as they have won the war. French imperialism always speaks of Alsace-Lorraine as "the liberated provinces", "reintegrated into the French fatherland by the Versailles treaty." This is empty talk. In the eyes and hearts of the masses Alsace Lorraine is very far from being integrated into the sphere of French imperialist culture and politics-even less than it was in the German Empire. No one knows this better than the French Army General Staff which realizes the crucial importance of Alsace-Lorraine in the "French system" of military domination on the European continent. Desperate and ruthless is the French administration of the regained provinces in the untiring efforts of the Quay d'Orsai to win and hold the provinces.

Under such critical conditions the magnificent strength of the Communist Party (Opposition) as shown, for instance, in the election victory of the Communists in Strasburg, a city of about 200,000, is a thorn in the side of French imperialism, a red dagger at the heart of French imperialist plans.

France maintains ten to twelve thousand troops in the "liberated" provinces to keep them free. Strasburg itself is "host" to about eight thousand made up of peasant boys from the "Midi", from the rural sections of Southern France, long a stronghold of capitalist reaction. The Poincares, Tardicus, and Boncours, the "Comite des Forges" will take no chance with other troops in Alsace. Day and night French military engineers, with an army of select French and other workers--but no Alsatians--are working on constructing the mightiest military fortifications in the world. The vast stretch of concrete and steel electrification that I have seen in the new ramparts are the last word in modern military defense. * * *

FRENCH "DEMOCRACY" AT WORK

The French capitalists rule thru a strongly centralized government apparatus, with power far more concentrated than under the German federative system. Hence, for this reason, in addition to military reasons, French imperialism is taking away rights from the Alsatian municipalities where the Communists in bloc with the fighting autonomists are especially powerful. Thus, the taxes paid go to the Prefecture appointed by the Paris bankers and it is the military prefecture which has veto power over the municipal budgets voted by the city councils. The various city police forces, while paid from the tax funds collected in the cities, are strictly under the control of the military prefecture and not in the least subject to the mayors or municipal councils. Paris has even decreed that all government buildings must fly the French tri-color. This is aimed especially at our comrades who have time and again dramatized their loyalty to the red flag of international working class solidarity by raising it over the government buldings over which they have won

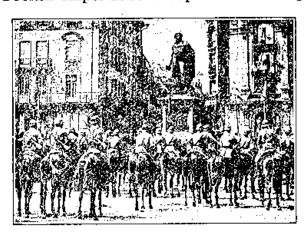
control (City Hall in Strasburg, etc.).

With every conceivable device and every ounce of energy French imperialism is working to root out all remnants of German influence and imprint indelibly the French stamp on the country. In the elementary school only French is taught and German is prohibited. The children's parents speak only their native German dialect and don't know a word of French. Here we have lots of burning resentment cugendered.

THE PRICE OF CAPITALIST "LIBERATION"

Until our comrades forced the issue, the municipal theatre could perform plays only in French. In its

French Imperialist Troops in Strasburg



vandalism, the French capitalist conquerors destroyed German paintings in the Strasburg City Hall and tore down the beautiful railroad square in the Alsatian capital and transformed it into a barren, dismal military parade ground. The charming fountain at "La Place Broglie", built by the Germans, has been replaced with heavy concrete and asphalt for the same reasons. To add culture and beauty, there has been placed on the walls of the magnificent City Hall of Strasburg a hideous bronze tablet bearing the "greetings" of the City of Milwaukee (largely German population) to the Alsatians and congratulating them on their newly-won "freedom"!

But the French imperialist "liberators" go even further. They go out of the way to foist oppressive taxes on the Alsatians and to rob them of rights they had gained thru decades of the heaviest sacrifices. For example, individuals with annual incomes of \$600 (15,000 france) pay per year in the French city of Epinal a tax of 189 frames, Namey 207 frames but in the Alsatian cities of Colmar 828, Strasburg 855 and Mulhausen 895 francs. Pretty expensive freedom!

Before the Versailles Treaty, there was much sympathy for France in many sections of the Alsatian population. Today this is gone. Alsace-Lorraine now knows that the French imperialist "democratic" bayonet is no better than the German "cultured" imperialist sabre. Today, the pro-French sympathies of prewar days are being transformed into violent anti-French feelings. The Alsace-Lorraine question is far from settled. Alsace-Lorraine has yet to be liberated!

COMMUNISM IN ALSACE

The Communist Party bas always been a powerful force in Alsace. Just as the Socialist Purty in Alsace is really the most eager exponent of French imperialist influence in the "filerated provinces", so have the communists been the banner-bearers and recognized to only as a Marxian scholar but all above apple sauce? Hoover? Wcong! leaders of the Alsatian workers and peasant masses in the economic and national struggle against French imperialism. The bloe of the Communists and the militant national-autonomists has won the support of the decisive sections of the toiling population in Alsace. The repeated election victories of the anti-imperialist bloc, under the leadership of the Communists, is a direct evidence of this. Comrade Hucber ,one of the outstanding Alsatian Communists, whose father was a Communard and who himself fought side by side with Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg against the imperialist war, is mayor of Strasburg; other Communists occupy important positions in Strasburg and other municipalities. In the trade unions, fraternal societies, and other labor organizations, the influence of the Communists is very great.

The ultra-left course of the Communist International expressed itself in a grossly sectarian line on the national question in Alsace: the insistence upon "Soviet Alsace" as the immediate and only slogan and the demand for a break with the autonomists. The entire Party organization in Alsace resisted this suicidal course and as a result it was "expelled" as a body by the burocrats in Paris! The Communist Party of Alsace immediately took up the struggle of the International Communist Opposition, of which it is one of the best sections today.

In the coming imperialist war, the workers of the United States, can look with confidence and hope to our comrades in Alsace-Lorraine, to our comrades in arms in these "liberated" provinces which will play such an important role in the impending imperialist world conflagration. In this battlefield of centuries there is now a mighty arm for peace, the militant workingclass, with a red dagger at the heart of French imperialismthe growing Communist movement of Alsace-Lorraine.

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the book does succeed in rendering in-telligible from the Marxist viewpoint the complicated and involved develop-ment of the Chinese revolution. It thereby constitutes a great service to

An outstanding feature of the book is its analysis of the foundations and An outstanding feature of the book is its analysis of the foundations and structure of Chinese social and economic life. Here Roy finds himself opposed not only to the bourgeois Sinologists but also to certain Alarxist specialists (Magyar, Wittvogel), according to whom feudalism as such never made its appearance in China so that there can be no such thing as "remnants of feudalism" tolay. Step towards a united war on the Roy settles with these writers in the introduction to his book and devotes the first three chapters to a thoro investigation of the specific peculiarities of the pre-capitalist village relations in China. He observe that the tions in China. He shows that they constitute a specialized form of the patriarchal-feudal socio-economic or-This analysis provides the key to the understanding of the century-long stagnation of China within the confines of the old mode of produc-tion; it enables us to understand the nner decomposition of Chinese society, the miserable transition forms is well as the ossified and congealed 'classical" institutions.

On the basis of his general analysis, Roy depicts the history of China since the invasion of foreign imperialsm. He completely destroys the legend of the civilizing mission of imperialism in China; on the contrary, he shows how imperialism made a firm alliance with the patriarchal-feudal reaction, with the despotic regime of the Manchus, with the semifeudal military cliques, and finally with the new capitalist reaction in order to stifle the revolution which aimed at rescuing China from the darkness of centuries. The chapters on the Taiping revolt, on the Boxer uprising, on the fall of the Manchu dynasty and on the struggle for a republic are a passionate indictment of he imperialist hangmen of the Chinese revolution, the enemies of all progress and modernization in China. We hope that these chapters will once and for all dispell the malicious rumors spread by the leading bodies of the Communist International that Roy believes in the "decolonizing" and "emancipating" mission of modetu buperialism.

The greatest significance in this volume attaches to Roy's description and estimation of the experiences of the Chinese revolution during the so as an actual participant. For years he was in the leadership of the Com-intern, especially delegated to Far Eastern affairs. During 1927 he was the representative of the C.I. in China. No one could be more com-petent than Manabendra Nath Roy for the task of earrying out a Rol-shevik self-criticism of the experiences of the most historically significant chain of events since the great been-president. Russian revolution.

ture of the Chinese revolution of we are able to deal with it. I saw a book 1925-1928 in the fact that it could on the table here called 'Psychology.' A only be a bourgeois-democratic revo- good part of the depression is psycholution under proletarian leadership, logical, (What would be have said if the Because of its close connections with the patriarchal-feudal institutions of exploitation in the village and because lines, but there are always breadlines in of the awakening of the labor movement, the native bourgeoisie could not lead the revolution. The revolu-tion could only end thru the establishtion could only end thru the establish- as Hechert Hoover. And whoever votes ment of a revolutionary-democratic Democratic in 1932 to bring prosperity dictatorship of the proletariat and back will get just what he deserves, peasantry. This situation gives the key to the proper relations between the Communist Party and the Kuomintang. It was thoroly correct for the Communist Party to join the Kuomintang as the central national-revolutionary organization; the mistake Dope, but the wage-workers who have was-and the responsibility for this been held up. mistake must be shared by the central bodies of the Comintern—that it fol- I! prosperity predictions were beef lowed the course of actual capitula- steaks, we'd all have a belly-ache. tion to the national bourgeo(sie. Instead of being the leader in the bourgeois-democratic revolution, the Communist Party (and the proletariat) became the tail-end to the nationalbourgeoisie. Then, after this fundamental error was appreciated—too late, a "new turn" was instituted which replaced the old opportunism by an ultra-leftist adventurism a large edition of the Bible in Chinese amounting well-nigh to putschism, they found to their horror that Chinese Here the Chinese Party still finds itthe center of each book a complete "Comself today . . .

The final chapter, The Struggle for Power, examines the perspectives of the revolution and shows that in spite of its defeat, the revolution still mains revolutionary.



A HELSINFORGED DISPATCH

The Times gives a first page first column space to a story from Helsingfors about Russian prison camps. The story purports to be from a "former high of-ficial of the OGPU" who "asked that his This book of M. N. Roy is the first ficial of the OGPU" who "asked that his Marxist history of China, the first name be kept secret, but said he had been hore analysis of the roots and forces head of the OGPU in Northern Caucasia of the Chinese revolution. Indeed, al- for seven years" and had spent three adtho the book embraces the entire scope ditional years in OGPU service on Solo-of Chinese history from the earliest vetski Island! The Soviet Union has times, its motivation and center of gravity is unquestionably the great Chinese revolution of 1925-1928. And the jeak does record in resolution in

But against the Soviet Union no lie is the Chinese revolutionary movement too raw for the capitalist press to publish. and to the international Communist The Times should change its slogan to movement as a whole. "All the News Print to Fit."

"THE DAMN BOLSHEVIKS!"

as "remmants of feudalism" today, step towards a united war on the

A NOBLE PRIZE FOR NORMAN The prize for the best boner of 1930 goes to Norman Thomas for the follow-

If think the Hoover administration has dealt better with Latin America than any of its predecessors for some time."-Speech at Hotel Woodstock to the League or Industrial Democracy.

From the moment that he toured Latin-America on a battleship even before he assumed the presidency, Hoover has been even more ruthless than his predecessors and Stimson even more hypocritical and stupid than Kellogg (altho we wouldn't have believed it was possible!)

But what's a little thing like marines in Nicaragua and Haiti, the murdering of patriot-"outlaws" under Sandino, the purchase of the Mexican government and the annulment of the Mexican land and oil laws by Morrow, the manufacture of revolution in Argentina, the sostaining of butcher-Machado in Cuba and butcher-Comez in Venezuela, the attempt to sustain Leguia in Peru, Prestes in Brazil, Palma in Cuatemala, the refusal to recognize and the overthrow of Crellana, the support of bloody lhanez in Chile in return for the copper and nitrate monopoly of the Guggenheims -what are all these to Norman Thomas so long as Hoover and Stimson use pious words in the doing of them? Lenin once said: "He who believes in words is an idiot." That's the most charitable estimate that can be made of Norman Thomas and the liberal word-eating pack. But fool or knave—he is no leader for the working class!

THE NEW "SOCIALISM"

"The new capitalism has demonstrated that poverty with proper social planning can be eliminated from our midst.
"The new capitalism has not solved

the question of industrial insecurity but under it such insecutity has markedly de-

Dr. Harry W. Laidler, "Socialist theoretician," director of the League for Industrial Democracy, in his new book called "The New Capitalism!"

WHAT THE COUNTRY MISSED! From the wisdom of Hoover on prospetity and unemployment, we turn to the wisdom of the man-who might-have-

"There is a business depression," the Roy finds the characteristic fea- Times reports Mr. Smith as saying, "but book was called 'Epistemology'?)

"It is distressing to read about bread-

From which it is clear that Al Smith would have made just as good a president * * *

IT'S A HOLD-UP ALL RIGHT!

Dr. Doak, the new Secretary of Labor, in a radio address declares that 'wages have been held up" thanks to

THE GOOD BOOK!

How the Bible promotes honesty is proved by a public library report that more copies of it were stolen during the last year than of any other book.

"THE HEATHEN CHINEE" And the American Missionary Society reports that when they began to distribute munist Manifesto." It was not discovered till thousands of copies of the "Good Book" had been distributed!

IT'S A FREAK COUNTRY!

Magistrate Brodsky is innocent! And Al Capone is a respectable citizen! And remains an immediate historical ne- the Red Cross is taking care of the uncessity—that the situation still re-description for the country is dryl And the country is dryl And thoover is a great engineer! So's your

-B. D. W.