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## WALKER URGES MOONEY RECANT

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### N. Y. Mayor Addresses Gov. Rolph; Fickert Letter Is Quoted

SAN FRANCISCO.-Mayor Walker's political pilgrimmage to "free Tom Mooney" ended here on December I with an address before Governor James Rolph, Jr. in which he asked for a full pardon for Tom Mooney. To the general surprise Walker quoted a letter received from Charles M. Fickert, former District Attorney who had prosecuted Mooney, declaring that 'in my opinion you are probably right in maintaining it would be in the best interests of the state that executive elemency should be granted to Mooney." A day later Fickert denied that he was in favor of a pardon for

Governor Rolph declared that he would make known his decision before March 1.

After his appearance before the Californian governor Walker left immediately for Santa Barbara for "rest under advice of physician.'

The entire activities of Mayor Walker and his party were concentrated on attempting to extract from Mooney a promise to abstain from militant labor activities in the event of a pardon. So far these attempts have been futile.

Another Mooney "hearing" will be held before Governor Rolph at which the opponents of pardon for Tom Mooney, those who contrived the frame-up and are defending it today, will have their say.

The tactics of the Communist Party in the difficult situation created by Walker's sudden "championship" of the Mooney cause, is a striking example of the political lunacy that has seized hold of the Party leadership today. Instead of explaining patiently the real reasons for Walker's startling move and exposing the sordid Tam-many politics behind it, the official Communist Party did its level best to convince the workers that the Communists are interested in the Mooney case not sincerely and honestly but for the sake of making an "issue" out of it—which, of course, is not true in the least. The Communist Party organization in San Francisco arranged was making a speech urging a pardon for Mooney—creating the obvious impression of opposition to Mooney's release on Walker's plea. The situarelease on Walker's plea. The situation is such that the bitterly reactionary New York Evening Post found it possible to declare: "We do not blame the crowd around the courthouse which shouted 'Down with Walker!' and accused him of 'trying to steal Mooney from the workers!"

## EDISON CO. THUGS BEAT WORKERS

#### C. P. L. A. Members And Union Organizers Attacked

While attempting to distribute or-,000 workmen couplayed by the Brooklyn Edison Company on cember 2, a group of nine, led by the Rev. Eliot White, as representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, and including members of the Conference for Progressive Lahor Action and organizers of the Brotherhood of Brooklyn Edison Employees, were attacked by a of several score men and youths gotten together and incited by the Edison officials and severely beaten. One of Mr. White's teeth diate proof of their identity and imwas broken and Anna Lawrence, of

ly on the back of her head. The attack on the union organizers is part of the campaign of ter- might produce arms! rorism that the Edison Company has been waging to prevent the unionization of their employees.

PHILADELPHIA .- The State Superior Court on December 2 refused the appeal to admit to bail Orlando Spartaco, anti-Pascist, sentenced to two years of imprisonment for shout-movement and in the activities of ing "Down with Fascism!" in the the petty hourgeois radicals. A spon-Grandi parade in this city.

### For the Defence of Framed Up Marine Workers

### Committee Issues Appeal To Workers

New British Terror Regime Is Established

In Bengal; Commons for M'Donald Course

Police And Military Given Power Of Death And Exile

In Secret Trials: Revolutionary Nationalist Move-

LONDON.-By a vote of 369 to 43 ism has burst out in Bengal parti-

\* ment In Upsurge; Churchill Beaten

the House of Commons approved the cularly.

National government policy on India

The

win, by both groups of the Liberals

and by the Labor party which, thru

George Lansbury, announced that it would stand behind the MacDonald

CALCUTTA. — Virtual martial w has been established thruout the

Presidency of Bengal by a new or-

dinance signed by the Viceroy, Earl

Willingdon, on November 30. Provision is made for setting up

special tribunals with power to pass

sentences of death or transportation for life. Magistrates are empower-

ed to pass any sentence except death

or transportation for a term exceeding seven years and may delegate their authority to military or police officers. The courts are to have

power to conduct secret trials and

trials in the absence of the accused.

Limits are placed on the right of

appeal from verdicts and on applica-

tion for changes of venue. Collec-

tive fines are to be levied on villages in which there is any "disturbance"

or movement for the non-payment of taxes. The government is em-

powered to call upon all govern-

ment employees, including school

teachers, to aid in any repressive

measures against the peasantry. Per-

sons "behaving in a suspicious man-ner" will be required to give imme-

mediate explanation of their actions.

The possession and storage of arms

is made a criminal offense as is the

possession of any machinery that

tions were instituted in an attempt

to suppress the growing wave of an-

ti-British revolt in Bombay and thru-

to the miscrable failure of the Round-Table Conference there has

been a gigantic rise in the peasant

taneous campaign of radical terror- vocation against them,

out India as a whole. In reaction

These extremely drastic regula-

Soderberg, William Trager and men's Union. This is shown by the Thomas C. Bunker, victims of a police frame-up, has just issued a statement exposing this latest "dynamite plot" as a new concoction of the New York police in order to smash whatever union organization there is in and padlocked the hall. the harbor.

The statement points out that de-spite a vicious third degree the defendants have maintained their innocence of the deed with which they are charged. The only "confession" the police can boast of is that of their own stool-pigeon, William Hoyle.

The defendants, in a letter to the committee, have the following to say on this point:

"We want to make it clear . . . that not one of us is guilty of any part of the charges against us. . . . Ve are framed and accused by one, William Hoyle, whom the police are using against us. Our only crime has been that of organizing workers in an industry where ex-ploitation is in its very limit."

Recalling the role of stool-pigeons in the cases of Mooney, Sacco and Vanzetti, etc., the statements point out that "the case against the accus-ed union workers consist of the statements of one man, the police stoolpigeon, whose record makes him eminently fit for this kind of dirty work. With a conviction for larceny and having been fired off his last three jobs for drunkenness, he hit upon the idea of making some easy money by turning stool-pigeon.

The Marine Workers Defense Com-mittee, organized to defend John G. is the Independent Tidewater Boat-men's Union. This is shown by the

Detectives also visited the boats where members of the union were employed and warned them that if they did not tear up their union cards they would run the risk of being arrested.

After exposing the bestial third degree to which these workers were subected, the committee appeals to all class-conscious workers to rally be-hind the defendants and the I.T.B.U. so that it will be possible to secure competent lawyers to smash this frame-up and free the marine work-

ers.

The statement is signed by all the members of the provisional committee, namely: Carter Hudson of the L T.B.U., chairman; Carlo Tresca, editor of the IL MARTELLO; James P. Cannon, editor of THE MILITANT; Ben Gitlow and I Zimmerman, of the constitution is regarded as a dema-REVOLUTIONARY AGE; James gogic fiction necessary to satisfy Gilday, of the I.T.B.U., and Norman the radical petty bourgeois elements Hawkins, A Ribarich and Sylvan A. and to nomish the illusions of the

Collection lists have been issued by the committee for distribution among labor organizations, to provide funds for the defense of these frame up victims. Workers are asked to send all contributions to: Marine Workers Defense Committee, 82 E. 10th Street, New York City.

possibility of reviving the non-coop-

eration and civil disabedience cam-

HAUSEN CHARGED

WITH TREASON

German Opposition Leader

Indicted; "Arbeiter-

Tribuene" Banned

BERLIN — The Communist Op-position weekly paper, Arbeitertri-buene, published in Stuttgart, Thur-

ingia, has been suppressed for three

weeks and its editor, Erich Hausen

an outstanding leader of the Com-

munist Opposition, has been indicted for high treason. The occasion for

both of these legal actions is a lead-

ing article that appeared in the Ar-

beitertribuene on the occasion of the anniversary of the Russian Revolu-tion under the fittle of "Fourteen

Years of the Soviet Power." In this

article the German workers were

arged to follow example of the Sov-

The official Communist Party pa-

playing a particularly dirty role

in this case. At a time when Hau-

sen and the whole Communist On-

position are facing a bourgeois court

Sueddeutsche Arbeiterzeitung,

ict masses.

of the Bengal regulations.

# CONSTITUTION

#### New Constitution Is Full Of Radical Phrases Hiding Reaction

MADRID.-With the Cortes having completed consideration of the individual paragraphs and having decided to vote upon it as a whole, the approval of the new constitution by the Constituent Cortes is regarded as certain when the matter comes before the body in a few days.

The new Spanish constitution a very characteristic document. with the statement that "Spain is a republic of the workers of all classes" (!) It includes equal suffrage for men and women over 23, political equality for both sexes, a single-chambered parliament, liberal marriage and divorce laws, the organization of Spain as a Federal state, the complete separation Church and State, etc., etc. In approach and in phrascology it has been given a pronounced radical democratic aspect but it is openly de-clared that "the new charter is re-garded as more of an ultimate goal han a code susceptible of immediate application"-in other words, the and to nourish the illusions of the vorkers and peasants. Furthermore the new constitution is so carefully framed as to make possible an extremely reactionary government under the right wing hourgeois par-ties. The hearty approval given to the code by Alcala Zamora, the con-servative candidate in the coming (Continued on page 2)

# **BIG WAGE CUT**

### Demand 15% Slash In Wage W. Va. Non-Union Mines Cut Wages 25%

CHICAGO. — Announcement has been made by the officials of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway that railway's unions for a "voluntary wage reduction" of 15%. Other Chicago roads declared that similar ac-tion would be taken by them following the conference of ranway ers representatives on December 8 If this "voluntary" wage-cut is not forthcoming, the railway companies are determined to put thru the reduc-LONDON.—The complete and ig-nominious failure of the Round Table Conference became clear as it end-tion anyway. The Chicago and North India course, altho its bankruptcy and ed, on December 1, with speeches western is also plauning, according to its president, Fred W. Sargent, to India course, altho its bankruptcy and fraudulent character have become obvious to all.

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FAIRMOUNT, W. Va.-A general wage slash of 25% in all non-unoin bituminous areas here was announced on December 1. It follows the reducpaigns in India, especially in view tion of the union scale by 25% according to recent agreement made by the United Mine Workers officials. The union scale of last May was \$3.60 a day for day labor and 30c a ton for machine loading. This was re-duced in October to \$2.70 a day and

> MONTREAL-A wage-cut of 10%; for all employees has been announced by the Canadian National and the Canadia Pacific Railway Companies. About 26,000 workers are affected. More wage-cuts on railway lines are

# HOSIERY FEDER'N HELPS BOSSES

#### Class-Collaboration Scheme Approved By Officials

PHILADELPHIA. -An elaborate system of class-collaboration between the employers and workers in the hosiery industry, was made public on De-cember 3 by John W. Edelman, research director of the American Association of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers The plan is based upon a "voluntary wage-cut" of about 50% accepted by the union. It should be charged with high treason, the col- remembered that in the leadership of umns of this paper are filled with the hosiery union are members of the clerks of the Association accompany-

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 1.—A whole squad of policemen cornered Henry E. Martell, aged 32 and so emaciated that his corpse weighed hardly 100 pounds, and another man here last night. They had been called by neighbors who saw some men taking a few cans of food from the store. Policeman John A Meehan, 6 feet 2 inches high and weighing 200 pounds, picked out Martell and killed him with a shot thru the brain as the undernourished jobless worker was trying to get away. The police ar-rested Martell's companion, Joseph R. Riordan, and he stated they were unemployed, penniless, owed \$25 for room rent, and were starv-

The men took only food, ignoring the cash register. They were entirely without weapons. The policeman's excuse for killing this starving man is that he thought the can of sardines Martell had in his hand might be used as a weapon against him.

# SPAIN O. K.'S NEW Folice Murder Hungry Japan Again Rejects "Truce" Demands More Concessions

Tokyo Insists On Chinese Evacuation Of Chinchow Area, Rejects Own Evacuation; Fighting And Invasion Continues As Japs Extend Power

military burocracy, to reap the full- U. S. A., these demands were granted est advantage from its victories in by Wall Street which is today anxious Manchuria and from the difficult posi-tion of the other imperialist powers, became obvious as the guiding line in ria. Thereupon, the Japanese Foreign apanese policy in the last week.

t, demanding that the evacuation proosal be modified into meaninglessness and that Japanese military ac-tivities against "bandits" be legitimiz-ed, that is, that Japan be permitted to

League of Nations and then rejected so as to make it clear that no evacua-t, demanding that the evacuation pro-tion is meant, (2) the Chinese forces

SELF-HELP-WORKERS STYLE!



# cago and Northwestern Railway that a request" has been directed to the ON WORKERS IN CONFERENCE

Contractors Propose To Reduce Wages, Lengthen Hours, Destroy Union Control, As Negotiations Begin; Workers Must Prepare For Real Strike

New York City. On Monday, November 30, there took place the first conference between the dressmakers joint board of nothing policy of the joint board, to he International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Association of Dress Contractors to take up the question of the expiration of the agreement (December 31, 1931). The representatives of the union came into this conference without having worked out any concrete program of demands— as a matter of fact the only program so far worked out is the program recently adopted by Local 22. After considerable fencing, the employers put forward their demands. These demands constitute a vicious attack upon the already miserable conditions of the workers. It is necessary to go back to the old sweat-shop days before 1909 to find a parallel to these demands. The minimum scales are to be reduced by about 40%; the 44-hour week is to be indirectly reestablished; unrestricted overtime without extra pay is demanded; no pay for any legal holidays; the business agents are not to be allowed to visit shops more than twice a season; the trial period is to be extended from one to two weeks; 10% discharge without review is to be permitted; no resettlement of prices on piece work; etc. Only the demoralized condition of the union can explain such audacity on the part of the boss-

After some discussion about the state of the industry, the union spokesmen put forward some of the general demands of the organization that had been adopted by Local 22 such as: guaranteed minimum scales schedule for settlement of prices, the right to strike, the right of the business agents to visit shops without lies and slander and downright pro-vocation against them.

Conference of Progressive Labor Acting them, etc. Thereupon the prelim-tion. linary conference ended.

It is clear that the employers mean to take full advantage of the demoral ized state of the union and of the do destroy all semblance of union conditions and union standards in the shops and reduce the present miserable con ditions to an even lower level. It is clear that the only way to drive back the offensive of the bosses and win some real conditions for the workers is by preparing now for a genuine strike. It is therefore criminal on the part of the joint board to have neglected so far to adopt a definite set of demands or work out plans for the mobilization of the membership for the strike. Only in Local 22, where the left wing and progressive forces are cooperating in the leader-ship of the local, was a program of demands and of action worked out and mobilization begun,

The reactionary elements in the mion, true to their policies of class collaboration and probably intending to carry thru a similar "strike" as in 1930, are busy attacking Local 22 and its administration for the active preparations being made for a real strike

It is clear that there is only one way out: all progressive and left wing elements, all active members in the various locals of the joint board, must take an active part in the affairs of the union and must come to their local meetings and fight for a program of real struggle to meet the offensive of the hosses!

LONDON .- A tariff against all imports which compete with British in dustries has been proposed in a resolution submitted to the annual meeting of the National Union of Manu-

The determination of Japanese im- extend its invasion. Finally, after a perialism, under the leadership of the sharp clash between Japan and the Office launched into further demands: At first the Japanese accepted the (1) the Briand "truce and investiga-truce and investigation" plan of the tion" plan must be further modified in the "neutral zone" North of Chinthow must be withdrawn immediately beyond the Great Wall and (3) the "policing" of the region be arranged by the Japanese and local Chinese au-thorities, that is, by the Japanese. Furthermore, the Japanese made it clear that no representatives of "neutral powers" would be tolerated in the Chinchow zone or anywhere else.

All indications point in the direc-tion that, after a few days of negotiations, in which the Japanese military activities will continue, the Jap-anese demands will be met but what new "concessions" Tokyo will demand is not yet known.

Meanwhile Japanese troops are gradually extending their sphere of he control in Manchuria in a southward direction, thru continuous fightng with irregular Chinese forces. On December 2 a sharp clash was reported between the Japanese agent, Chang Hai-peng, "independence leader", and about one thousand Chinese formerly n the army of General Ma Chenshan. On the same day severe fighting between Japanese troops and organ-ized remnants of Ma's army broke out Southwest of Hailun, Manchuria.

# MACARONI MEN STRIKE IN N. Y.

#### Over 800 Out Under A.F.W. In Fight Against Wage-Cuts, Long Hours

nacaroni workers in Greater New York and vicinity went on strike on December 2 under the leadership of the Amalgamated Food Workers. Out of 1,200 macaroni workers employed in the entire industry, over three-

fourths therefore responded to the

union's call.

The bosses, organized in a manufacturers association, reduced wages three times in the past two years, each time 10%. The working week is between 54 and 60 hours and the working day is from 10 to 11 hours, altho workers are sometimes laid off two or

The manufacturers have broken their promise to take back the last wage-cut. In addition they have refused to recognize the union and have attempted various speed-up schemes. The union demands are a 44-hour week, recognition of the union, and

the return of the last wage-cut; The striking macaroni workers must receive the support of all workers in this city. With this support and with the full mobilization of the workers under a rank and file strike leadership, the macaroni workers can smash the bosses offensive.

SPECIAL!

In his course on

The American Labor Movement JAY LOVESTONE

will speak on

The Present and Future of American Communism

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1931

228 Second Avenue

# Williams on "Labor and 3rd Party", Dec. 13, 228 2nd Aveune

Membership Supports Local Administration And Approves Activities Of Committee Of Twenty-Five

On Wednesday, December 2, there he finished the chairman ruled that took place an extremely important the "proposals" of the "United Front meeting of Local 22 (dressmakers) of Committee" would be referred to the the International Ladies Garment executive.
Workers Union. The meeting was The last crowded, with between 700 and 900 present. Some "distinguished visi- by the local urging all non-union

The minutes of the executive were of the committee of 25. The chairman of this committee, Charles S. Zimmerman, took the floor, reported for the committee and outlined the general program of mobilization and preparation for the strike. Hochman, the general manager of the dress joint board, thereupon took the floor and launched into a bitter attack upon the progressive administration of the local and upon the left wing forces in it. He was effectively answered by Nelson of the committee of 25, and by Bluestein, the manager of the local. The local, Bluestein said, is quite ready to cooperate with the joint board of the International but the joint board has been absolutely passive in strike preparations and its officials interpret "cooperation" to mean approval of this passivity and mechanical agreement with whatever the joint board may say.

The proposals of the committee of

25 were approved by the membership. A bitter struggle broke out over the proposal that this committee be authorized to issue leaflets dealing with strike matters. A supporter of the no leaflets dealing with strike prob-lems be issued by the committee of 25 without the approval of the foint board. In the discussion the right right wing made an amendment that wingers made it clear that this amendment was made because they had no confidence in Zimmerman, the Communist chairman of the committee. But the membership of the local were adopted by a big vote.
At this point the chairman announc-

committee be admitted to state what week of 50 hours. he had to say and this ruling was approved by the membership. When this took place, Dubinsky and Hochman got up and left the hall in protest, followed by about 40 or 50 right going on in the shop, on Tuesday, Dewingers. The representatives of the cember 1, 1931, a strike was called by "United Front Committee" got the the Metal Workers Industrial League, wingers. The representatives of the "United Front Committee" got the

# SPAIN O. K. S NEW for tool makers; 32c an hour for foot press; 40c an hour for power press; 30c an hour for assemblers; 55c an CONSTITUTION

(Continued from page 1) presidential elections, is "sufficient evidence of this fact as are also the open statements in the reactionary

As a matter of fact the new constitution is intended to act as a brake upon the further development of the to prevent it from going beyond its present abortive stage. Even the realization of the reforms already embodied in the constitution (destruction of the economic and social power of the Church) is only possi-ble if the Spanish revolution is freed from the dead hand of the reactionary bourgeoisie and is allowed to develop under the leadership of the workers and the peasants.

MADRID-A "two-year" plan for the reconstruction of agrarian relations was proposed on November 29 by Fernando de los Rios, Socialist Minister of Justice. The details of the plan are not yet clear but it probably provides for the buying up the wages of the lowest paid work-by the state of all the large estates es, pointed that the main struggle held in absence ownership and the distribution of this land among the landless peasants, Outside of the in-tolerable financial burden any scheme of compensation of landowners would place upon the toiling masses, the plan is certain to be fu-tile in its larger aspects because of the close organic connections between corporate and absentee landed property and Spanish capitalism as such. Only an agrarian revolu-tion of the masses of the peasantry under the leadership of the workers, bringing about the expropriation of the landowners without compensa-tion, can solve the agrarian problem

### **Detriot Educational** Forum

HISPANOS HALL

2105 Third St.

Sunday, Dec. 13th, 1931, at 7:50 P.M. "Christmas" Howell S. England

Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1931, at 7:30 P.M. "Work" William Mansfield

Lectures every Sunday at 7:30 P.M. that the leader of the strike was not Questions and Discussion Admission Free Public Invited

The last matter to be considered was a special manifesto to be issued tors" were also present, including two workers to join the union, establishing a low initiation fee of \$5.85 dur-hochman and David Dubinsky. International to reinstate to full memread and the first point was the report bership rights all those who had fallen

ON THE QUESTION OF RACE INTERMARRIAGE

## What Does Social Equality Really Mean?

A Letter And An Answer

November 23, 1931. Editor, Revolutionary Age:

Dear Sir: equality between Negro and white workers-do you people mean that Negro and white workers should intermarry?

Very sincerely, H. HILLWOOD

ing class movement. Both science and American capitalist society is so thorhistory compel us to reject all imper- oly infected. ialistic fantasies as to the supremacy of the "white race" and to recognize Referring to a campaign slogan the equality of all of the great fami-used by Communists—that is, social lies of mankind. The working class ican viewpoint on such questions. At has always been the champion of the ican viewpoint on such questions. At solidarity of all toilers and of the a time when "illegitimate" sexual inintermarriage is impossible for any honest and consistent advocate of de-

We have received the following let- principles of the revolutionary work-, son of race prejudice, with which

Even more it is a glaring symptom of the odious hypocrisy that charactercourse between the two races (ofequality of all peoples. Any rejection or limitation of the right of free the part of the whites) is a wide-spread and every-day occurrence, the legalization of such relations strikes ments regarding his family relations lutionist" Dixon is still allowed to re-

Yes, we mean that all obstacles, in law and in custom, to the free internarinage between Negro and white people must be destroyed. In every conceivable respect, including cigating internarinage between Negro and white proposes ive locals, Locals 1 and 9) and the reactionary leadership of the reaction of the reaction of the reaction and level. Any other viewpoint and viewpoint and the reaction and level, and the other two peoples must be destrayed in the local and the laternational. Very characteristic too was the complete passivity of the "loyalites" thrus plete passivity of the "loyalites" thrus of the restation and uncertainty that more plete passivity of the "loyalites" thrus incomplete and uncertainty that more plete passivity of the "loyalites" thrus plete passivity of the "loyalites" thrus of the edemand for social equality into a hypocritical gesture.

A Dressmaker.

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Yes, we mean that all obstacles, in law and in custom, to the free internariage we believe in the RIGHT of internariage and the RIGHT

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUNGSTOWN UNDER THE "NEW LINE"?

Letter From Youngstown Exposes The Wreckage Produced By Sectarian, Splitting Course Of The Party

The press reporters, desiring only to as were put to him and thereby de-idicale this "old tried and trusted" grade the Communist Party. Communist and thru him the entire Communist Party, had him photo-

him to answer such foolish questions

The Party's candidate for Council, Dixon, went one better. He persongraphed and asked him various questions, such as, what size shoes he tion as Mayor of the capitalist "nonwore, what size collar he used, etc., partisan" Mr. Mark Moore! And, in and gave prominence to his statement main a member of the Party, while its

and confusion the "new course" forced the Communist Party here. But the above facts are a mere drop in the ocean compared to the many blunders and errors committed by the Party thru their ruinous course, More facts will follow later.

We only ask now when will the ruinous course of the Party leaders stop? When will the members of the ask, will they begin to fight this insane, sectarian, ultra-left leadership and bring the Party back to a sane tion of the United and Reform par-ties, the two leading capitalist par-ties, succeeded in defeating, by a two to one vote, the Labor party in

The Youngstowners.

#### **NEW ZEALAND LABOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN DURABLE TOOL & DIE CO.** That Trotskyist Greek Manifesto! **WIN STRIKE AND WAGE INCREASE** A few days ago a manifesto written

Original Demands Modified Prematurely By The Strike Committee: Burocratic Methods of T. U. U. L.

worse. Not only were the wages the same worker who had had trouble to lowest paid in the trade, but overtime get on the strike committee was again was forcibly added to an already long day at straight time. The workers cratic control was stronger and this grumbled and sought for means to re- worker was defeated. of quite another opinion and the re-commendation of the committee was a mood, the readiness of the workers to organize was clearly visible.

The Durable is a light metal shop ed that credentials had been received employing 70 workers, only a small from the "United Front Dressmakers percentage of whom are skilled. The Committee" (a cover organization of the Industrial Union). The chairman ruled that a representative of this sums of \$10.00, \$12.00, and \$14.00 per

Strike And Demands

Since organizational work had been floor and made an absurd speech full with the following demands; a mittiof the usual secturian nonsense. When hour week; time-and-a-half for overime; no forced overtime; 90c an hour 30c an hour for assemblers; 55c an hour for solderers; no piece-work; recognition of the shop committee; and no discrimination.

> The response of the workers to the strike call was 100% strong, while the spirit for fighting was good. In the first negotiations, the boss, as usual, stated what all bosses say,

that he could not do anything since op was being subsidized large tobacco concern and therefore did not belong to him. But after a while, he offered a flat increase of democratic revolution in Spain and 5% for the entire shop and two hours less per week, making an increase of 91/2 %. The strike committee, considtring the counter-proposals of the boss, surprisingly modified its demands within twenty-four hours to as follows: a 48- hour week; a 25c minimum wage for the workers previously receiving \$9.60; 31c an hour for the power press; leaving the question of the solderers to be adjusted later.

> Some of the leading members of the strike committee even stated that the loss's counter-proposal of 91/2% inrease could be taken as a basis for regotiation. At this point, B. Lifhitz, a worker in the shop, who, since the beginning of the strike, had been imphasizing the need of increasing must be put up for this 25c minimum wage which must be absolutely the rock bottom price on which the com-nittee could negotiate.

The Settlement

The settlement, as finally accepted, vas \$12,00 for those formerly receivng \$9.60; \$13.20 for those receiving \$11.52; \$14.70 for those receiving \$13.44 and only a 5% increase on piece-work rates for the solderers.

Burocratic Methods

The leaders of the strike, members of the Metal Workers Industrial League, not only modified their demands very early in the strike, showng a certain weakness in their organiration, but functioned very much like the burderats of reformist unions in their mechanical selection of the shop committee, etc. For instance, when a certain worker of the shop was nominated to the strike committee, a member of the T.U.U.L. tried to oppose this nomination, since this worker was Cor. Elizabeth St. not a member of the Metal Worker's League. But in spite of this opposition the worker was elected to the strike committee. The same applied to the election of the shop committee itself. The shop had voted that the shop committee be composed of not more than seven members. When the elections were over, it was discovered on this shop committee, so the League made a motion that the strike leader be nominated chairman of the shop

nominated. But this time the buro-

A Worker of the Durable Shop.

First Lesson in Diplomacy Japan announces it refuses to accept an armistice because "that would imply that the army is making war, whereas the Japanese army is engaged in "bandit" suppression and selfdefense". Remembering Nicaragua

When an imperialist power goes to peace, it is always in self-defense and its chemies are always bandits. There are no governments or patriots in weaker nations. Might makes right. The great powers can do no wrong.

Solving the Chinese Puzzle

war. It draws up plan after plan but they don't mean anything, "If they mean anything," complains a League official, "Japan rejects them. If they don't mean anything, China rejects them."

Would You Like to Take a Walk?

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HIKE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

HIKE

We meet on the New York side of the Dyckman Street Ferry at 10 o'clock sharp!

We're going to the Palisades! Come! Jolly Crowd! Bring your kınch!

> Group of Students of the New Workers School

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in Greek was circulated among the Greek workers by the expelled Trotsky followers of the Spartacus Club (Greek Educational Club). This manifesto is the platform of the "left" International of Trotsky, It

is supposedly written in Greek but it is "not Greek" to the Greek workers because no Greek worker will ever understand it. It is a conglomeration of words, high falutin' phrases put together without any meaning. All the customary Trotsky jargon is there in a distorted fashion. One thing you got to give the credit; for they do not use the word "epigones" or "political Malthusianism"; instead they use the word "plethorism." A wide discussion is going on in all

Greek coffee houses (along 8 Avenue) and in the Greek colony of New York about this new dialect of the Communists in the supposed-to-be Greek lin-go. There is a big demand for interpretors of the new jargon created by the Greek Trotsky followers, The issue another manifesto explaining the controlled bank. first. Otherwise, Trotskyism will remain a Chinese puzzle among the

the Trotskyites were expelled from the Spartacus Club, nothing is mentioned about it in the manifesto be-cause it's too well known by the Greek workers and it's liable to be un-The poor League! It must pretend derstood. Instead they mention to do something in the Manchurlan Chiang Kai-shek, the Kuomintang, the Anglo-Russian Committee, India, "If | Europe, etc.

Greek workers.

There are many contradictions in They are for a real Leninist united Eire. front, not from below only as the Party says, but only on paper. For it becomes opportunism if put into

practice!
They blame the "right" opposition as not having an international outlook because they say we have no position on the character of the Russian Revolution. Yes, we have taken a stand on the character of the Russian Revolution. It's a proletarian revolution rapidly building a Socialist world! What is the position of the Trotskyites on the character of the Russian revolution. We would like

-GRACCHUS

As predicted in Hammer and Anvil many months ago. Philip Snowden, former Labor minister, has been made a Viscount for "distinguished service to His Majesty." It still remains for "Sir Ramson" to receive the distinguished service to His Majesty." It still remains for "Sir Ramson" to receive the distinguished service to His Majesty." It still remains for "Sir Ramson" to receive the distinguished service to His Majesty." It still remains for "Sir Ramson" to receive the distinguished service to His Majesty. The fagures Forces the distinguished service the distinguished service to the distinguished service to the distinguished service the distinguished service to the distinguished service the distinguished service to the distinguished service the distinguished service the distinguished service to the distinguished service the dinterval and distinguished service the distinguished service the d a Viscount for "distinguished service to His Majesty." It still remains for "Sir Ramsay" to receive his share of the thirty pieces of silver,

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# FALLS AS BOSS PARTIES JOIN

But Labor Party Gains Five Seats And Popular Reactionary Victory Signal For Boss Drive Communist Party begin to realize that this course is isolating and destroying the Party? When, do we

ion of the United and Reform parthe general elections on December parture of the new "independence ership of the Party have so brazenty mission" to the U.S. A. The attack revised he United party 21, the Coalition upon Quezon came as a result of his Independents 1, while the Laborites recent desertion of the cause of Filipave 24 and the Opposition Independence and his advocacy

escutation by five members.

The Laborite program was to re-

store wages to their former level, o increase the surtax and protective and Sandino, we can now give the class in statecraft its first lesson in diplomacy:

by the creek troisey followers. And duties, to finance development by a best thing to do is to issue a guide to loan of 25,000,000 pounds and to containing the controlled bank. duties, to finance development by a loan of 25,000,000 pounds and to con-

# Greek workers. 11's interesting to know that altho FREE STATE HITS FARM REVOLT

DUBLIN. - Four young farmers were arraigned here on charges of se-dition and conspiracy on November dition and conspiracy on November 30. The charges against them were the document. On the united front for the illegal possession of arms and instance they blame the Communist Party in Germany for not making a united front with the Socialists against Fascism. They are for the sentenced to deportation, following united front in words, at the same six months imprisonment at hard latime they criticize the "Lovestoneites" bor, at the first session of the Milioor, at the first session

> The terror of the Free State govconnect, a faithful agency of British upperialism, against the rebellious casantry and the republican moveneat, is growing more intense every

# FILIPINOS HIT **OUEZON**

was shouted as the battle ery of the Radical party here in a mass meeting

In spite of its being ousted from office, the Labor party actually gained in popular vote and increased its representation by five members

# SOVIET PARTY IN CONFERENCE

MOSCOW .- A conference of the the preliminary program for the sec-ond Five-Year Plan to begin in Jan-nary 1933. The conference will also tically guaranteeing its control of the hear a report of the Supreme Ecouomic Council on the industrial program and results for 1931 and the program for 1932.

# "SPREAD-OUT"

WASHINGTON. — The establish as fighting the Party-controlled tary Tribunal conducted under the ment of an industrial week of 5 days "unions" and helping the A. F. of L. fakers because we unite with the progressives against Green and Woll the Communist organization, Saor targed with being a member of the American Pederation of Labor, before the They are for a real Leminist united to La Follette subcommittee of the Senate committee on manufactures on actually organized for to do so car-December 3, Mr. Green said nothing about maintaining present weekly wage scales, so that in effect his plan amounts to an elaborate "spread-over system with an indirect wage-cut.

Independent Manchuria

When a reporter asked the "head" of the new "independent" Chinese gevernment in Manchuria for details concerning the budget, he replied "We are not informed on the budget secause it has not yet been translated from Japanese into Chinese." dayuh mean. "independent"?

That Explains It "A regional state of war exists in Nonni River section because of the

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# HOUSE CONTROL

N. J. Elections Assures The **Democrats Of Lead** WASHINGTON .- With the elec-

MOSCOW.— A conterence of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union will be held on January 30 to discuss to be held on January 30 to discuss the House majority of the Democratic House majority of the Democratic to three thus practically guaranteeing its control of the House in the matter of its organization. The standing in the House to-day is: Democrats, 219; Republican, 214; Farmer-Laborite, 1; vacant, 1.

> WASHINGTON. --After a sharp struggle in the Republican conference of House members, Representative Bertrand L. Snell (N. Y.) won the Republican nomination for Speaker in the next House as against John Q. Tilson (Conn.). Inasmuch, however, as the House will probably be organized along Democratic lines, the struggle will probably be revived the question of the choice of a Republican minority leader. Republicans will not take this question up officially until the House is lier would mean to admit their loss of control of the House.

# JAILING OF N. Y. **GUARDS UPHELD**

Court Approves Persecution Of Youths Unable To Attend Drill

The appeal of Colonel Paul Loeser of the 258 Field Artillery of the New York National Guard to com-pel Sheriff Robert L. Morau of Bronx County to imprison certain young workers, members of the National Guard, who had been convict-PHILADELPHIA! cd of missing drill, was upheld by Supreme Court Justice George W. Mutlan. The young men have al-Mutlan. The young men have already been taken to the Bronx county jail where they will be placed into cells with bardened criminals.

The victims of militarist "justice" were convicted by the court martial for failure to attend drill because of unemployment, because of fear of losing a job, and because of under-

### ITALIAN FARMERS RAISE REVOLT

PARIS. — In desperate protest against the intolerable burden of taxation, the peasants of Roccacasale, Italy, rose and stormed the town half and set it afire. The Fascist militia was called out but it refused to obey the orders of its officers and took no action against the peasants. As a matter of fact members of the militia joined the peasants. Military detach-ments were called in from other districts but no arrests could be made,

### On the Discussion in the German Opposition

# Communism and Centrism

Statement Of The C.P.-Majority Group

in the ranks of the German Communist Opposition on the estimation of and attitude towards the new Socialist Workers party. In a previous issue of the REVOLUTIONARY AGE we publish a resolution giving the point of view of the National Council of the C. P.-Majority Group, which agrees in all essential respects with the attitude of the German Opposition. In future issues we will publish material illustrating the view-points of the majority and the minor-ity of the national leadership of the German Opposition.

After hearing a report on the differences in the German Communist Opposition on the estimation of and attitude toward the new Socialist Workion as follows:

of the official Social-democracy and was therefore a development of great significance objectively. But the fact that this leftward movement expressed itself in the formation of the Socialist Workers party ("Socialistiche Arbeiterpartei"), shows that the rebellion of the Social-democratic workers has not gone so far as to take up an active and consistent struggle against capitalism. The sectarian policies of the official Communist Party, and the demoralizing split-up condi-tion in which the Communist movement finds itself today, served as a decisive factor in hindering the progress of the rebellious Social-democratic workers towards Communism.

#### The Character of the Socialist Workers Party

2. The Socialist Workers party is a centrist party in its program, leadership and policies. Its program is a program of "left" reformism on all fundamental points (coalition government policy, proletarian dictatorship vs. democracy, international affiliation, etc.). Its dominant leadership (Stroebel) is an expression of the "left" reformism. The "provisional" character of the party, coupled with its failure to break fundamentally from reformism, only emphasizes its centrism. But in the S. W. P. are united many heterogeneous elements. There are, first, the masses of tens of thousands of militant workers who form the left wing, workers who carnestly strive to develop in the direction of Communism and are already beginning to criticize the centrist position of their leadership. Then merit the praise thus generously heapis the extreme right wing, ed upon it, around Stroebel and his friends, petty bourgeois pacifists ("Deutsche Friedensgesellscahit") with a pronounced reformist, anti-bolshevist, counter-revolutionary orientation. And between these two there is the "middle" group (Seydewitz, Rosenfeld) which tural compulsives". To quote; pretends to mediate between the two just as the heterogenous composition of an open reformist party does not make it less of a reformist party.

3. On the basis of this analysis of the character of the S.W.P., it must be declared that there can be no more talk of the transformation of the centrist Socialist Workers Party as a whole into a Communist organization than-fundamentally-of the transformation of the open reformist Socialdemocratic party into a Communist organization. On the contrary, the basic objective of Communist rela-tions with the S.W.P. must be fundamentally the same as that towards a reformist party; to liquidate the Socialist Workers party as a party, that is, to liquidate the influence of centrism over the workers and to win the masses of leftward moving workers in the S.W.P. towards Commu-The stimulation and support of the struggle of the left wing in the Socialist Workers party against the centrist leadership, which is already assuming well defined forms, is therefore a primary task of the Commanists. To the revolutionary workers in the S.W.P. the Communists must say: "We will help you in your struggle to turn your party into a revolutionary party altho we are convinced that your objective here is unat-tainable. We will help you because your struggle to revolutionize your party will help to break the influence of the centrist leaders and will convince you of the correctness of the Communist road!"

### The Question of Fusion

4. On the basis of the same analysis, it must be declared that there can he no question of the organizational fusion of the S.W.P. and the Communist Opposition or any other Communist organization. Such a proposal would mean a retrogression to centrism. Nor is it possible to establish a "permanent and continuous working alliance") ("dauernde Arbeitsgemeinschaft") since this would imply broad agreement in principle. What is possible and absolutely necessary are in the capitalist economic order bring united fronts and united front organi- it from crisis to crisis, from crash to

In the last several months, a vig- zations including the Communists and munism is their only road. The win-orous discussion has been taking place the new party (and other labor organ- ning of the S.W.P. workers to Comizations) on the most important questions facing the working class (left blocs in the trade unoins, non-partisan class defence organizations, anti-Fascist cartels, etc.). The establishment Party would not only mean a tem-of such united fronts not only porary strengthening of the forces of (November 14, 1931), we published of such united fronts not only an article of August Thalheimer giving the viewpoint of the German Opposition on these questions. Below facilitates the differentiation of the various elements in the S.W.P., the freeing of the rank and file from contrist influence and their transition to Communism. 5. The disunity in the ranks of the

retarding force upon the development of the masses in the S.A.P. in the dithe capitalist reaction, thru its cham-

munism therefore means the winning of these workers for the Communist Opposition. The passage of these workers to the official Communist sectarianism but also the eventual disllusionment and passivity of these workers and their lapse into political

does not change the Communist Opposition's estimation of the official peal against the Fascist terror and space devoted to Hoover and his Departy instead of the direct passage tion manifested in its official policies, Turnverein and labor sports organ-thunitarian, and economic expert in of the Social-democratic workers to while the S.W.P. remains a centrist izations. A week later a big mass the minds of the masses. Today, a communism but they today act as a party in spite of the striving of tens meeting was held in Jena and the filling-in of the "blank spaces" in of thousands of its members in the direction of Communism. The funers party, the Buro of the National rection of Communism and therefore damental objective of the Opposition: The split in the Social-democratic other fields, to make up for, to the Opposition with the S.W.P. must be party took place as an expression of best of its resources, for the disasting party took place as an expression of best of its resources, for the disasting trous consequences of the ultra-left declares that the road to the revival of the coalition and toleration policies struggle for the unity of labor against of the Communist movement is not the winning of the official Communist pionship of the tested tactics of Communism, the Communism, the Communist Opposition with the S.W.P. with must convince the membership of the Socialist Workers party that Com-

### Marxism And The History Of Science

# MARXISM & CULTURAL COMPULSIVES

by B. Herman

as well as of Will Herberg's estimate of Calverton's essay, recently published in the REVOLUTIONARY AGE. A brief rejoinder by Comrade Her-berg will follow the concluding section of Comrade Herman's article.

Will Herberg, in his recent articles in the Revolutionary Age, dealing with V. F. Calverton's theory of "cultural compulsives" speaks of Calverton's essay as a "striking piece of colture-historical analysis. . . its pene-trating appreciation of the social (cconomic) roots of cultural processes.... its general elucidation of the role of scientific theories and ideas in the class struggle . . . its examination from the historical materialist standpoint",

Yet I think that this essay does not

The Theory of "Cultural Compulsives"

Calverton's chief contribution he essay is his new theory of "cul-

"This theory endeavors to elucidate the conflict that has been described extremes but which actually supports the right wing. The heterogenous composition of the party does not al-(between Westermarck and Morgan) ter or destroy its centrist character, ces which tend to develop what I call cultural compulsives-or a vested interest in cultural compulsives, , . The accuracy or inaccuracy of the theories was unimportant . . . Class factors were at work as an obvious determmant. Morgan was so uncritically accepted by the radical intellectnals, Engels, Kantsky, Plechanov, because his work supplied the dynamite for the fortification of the proletarian posioitn . . . Blinded by the vested interest motivation the radicals were as uncritical of Morgan as the middle The radical is just as caught by such cultural compulsives as the reactionary. . . The existence of cultural compulsives, then, makes objectivity in social sciences impossible. . . . Those of us who are radical cannot expect to view society from an

> makes such objectivity impossible." Such is the theory of "cultural comoulsives" which warns the working class to beware of its class view-point, to become "flexible". But this can only mean the rejection of all objectivity in social sciences. Yet the fact is that to the degree that the viewpoint of the proletariat, dialecticd materialism is grasped, to that derree do we approach an objective ziewpoint. If Kantsky's views on imperialism are wrong, that is not due to the cultural compulsives of the working class, but, due on the conrary, to the fact that he has descrited he viewpoint of the working class

objective point of view-our objective

for that of the bourgeoisic. Dialectical materialism explains why the proletariat becomes the bearer of social science, which the theory 'cultural compulsives" denies. The courgeoisie, the doomed ruling class of a decaying system, can no more see its approaching destruction with an objective viewpoint, than could the feudal lords prior to the French revolution. A rising class, the proletariat, that has already seized power in one-sixth of the earth, as its social science predicted for decades, a class

We publish below an article by B. collapse, from war to revolution, such Herman in criticism of V. F. Calverton's theory of "cultural compulsives" and "vested interest" that prevents it to "vested interest" that prevents it from looking at the world objective-

> the workers against class conscionsness. It "blinds" them. With it they cannot see scientifically. But the

Calverton's proof is very simple. Engels, says Calverton, accepted Morgan's theories without criticism, blinded as he was by his class astigmatism But Engels in his Origin of the Family, does not swallow Morgan whole but develops Morgan's principal con-tributions in a dialectical, and not in an absolutistic manner. Moreover Engels never denied that the growth of anthropological knowledge must of Morgan's work, in his preface to the following three-column head:

Origin of Family: "Here and there some special hypothesis of Morgan has been shaken or become obsolete. But in no instance has the new material led to a weakening of his leading propositions." Morgan, himself, so far from considering that he had discovered the absolute truth for all time concerning the development of primitive society, writes: "The foregoing sequence may require modification, and perhaps essential change in some of its members but it affords both a rational and satisfactory explanation of the facts of human experience, so far as they are known."

To prove his theory of "cultural compulsives" Calverton must show us what material there was at hand, in 1891, in the new science of anthropology which should have led Engels to he repudiation of Morgan. All he had class intellectuals were of Wester- at hand was the newly published anti-evolutionary writings of Wester-marck, which he repudiated forty years before Calverton attempted the task. Even today, Calverton produces nothing to disprove the leading propositions of Morgan, merely that Morgan made too wide, too uniform an ment. To condemn Engels as being "non-objective", as blinded by "cultural compulsives", for his remarkably correct estimation of the contributions of Morgan in the face of a wall of silence erected around Morgan's theories, on the basis of know-ledge discovered long after, Engel's death, makes a joke of the theory of "cultural compulsives". One might as well condemn Marxism because, on

The logical conclusion of the theory

### Calverton and Engels

### A Real United Front

Some time ago the national council of the Communist Party of Germany (Opposition) appealed to the executive of the newly founded Socialist Workers party with an offer for a united front, the most important element of which was the proposal to set up a non-party united front labor self-defense organization so as to protect the labor movement against the barbaric attacks of the Fascist armed divisions. The centrist leaders of the Socialist Workers party refused this offer but in the ranks of he membership of this party and of other working class bodies a strong sentiment for the establishment of such a non-party defense organization became manifest.

first proletarian guard of one hunlred was organized

Similar steps are being taken in other parts of Germany. The spirit ward-and its bearer is the Communist Opposition.

#### EDISON ATTACKED BY BISHOP AS ATHEIST

A sharp attack upon Thomas Alva jan."
Edison, the great inventor lately de-jof the ceased, was made by Edmund F. Gibbens, Catholic hishop of the Albany diocese. According to Bishop Gibbons, Edison was "one of the greatest detriments to the world" at the time of his death because of his free-thinking opinions. "He never came out accurately and clearly to express faith in God and the hereafter," said Bishop Gibbons. "I believe the publicity at his death and his lack of faith made him one of the greatest detriments to the world today."

It is quite natural that the archreactionary Catholic bishop should bitterly attack precisely that phase of Edison's career which is most progressive and valuable - his attacks on superstition and supernaturalism. "cultural compulsives" is to warn It is only too had that Edison's views on this question were not sustained and consistent — that he frequently vacillated and hesitated in his struggle against the forces of intellectual darkness.

### THE EMPROS DEFENDS correct by pointing out these mistakes, (crimes, would be more accur-PURITY OF RELIGION

We have referred more than once to that remarkable paper, the Empros, official Communist Party organ in Greek. In political outlook, approach and language of that paper is absolutely unique. But it surely reachnecessity bring many changes in cd a new level (high or low?) in its the contentions of Morgan. Engels issue of December 5, 1931. On the writes only a decade or so after third page of this issue we note the

ARCHBISHOP ATHENAGORAS

TANDS SELVINEPOCKED

TO SELVINEPOCKED STANDS SELF-UNFROCKED The Scandal of the Religious Acts of D. Kallimakhos

The Holy Apostolic Canons Arc

And then the story goes on to de-scribe in harrowing detail how the reverend hishop is unworthy of his post according to the rules of the boly apostolic canou!

Is this the new line on the field of

the basis of the knowledge of the time (1847), Marx wrote in the Commu-nist Manifesto: "The history of all human society has been the history of class struggles."

The remarkable thing is that four decades have passed by and so little more has been added to "outmode". Morgan. On the contrary, in general, there has been a retreat from Morgan. Westermarckian authropology, with its static, metaphysical conceptions, proving that the bourgeois monogamous family existed from all time and will never pass away-an eternal law of nature, this has been the prevailing "science" of anthropology these forty years. If this be "outmoding", then Ricardo is "outmoded" by Bolim-Bawerk and Carver in the field of political economy.

(Concluded in the next issue)

### A Searchlight on the "Great Humanitarian"

# True Story of Herbert Hoover

by Saul Held

myths, "blank spaces", and of the most brazen falsification. Biographies of Hoover by Will Irwin, V. Kellogg ("Stanford boys"), Rose Wilder Lane and William Hard, were written primarily as apprairs bomber for the worker the basic importance of the whole matter will be found in Western Australia. determined to marily as campaign bombast for the the fact that career of Hoover cannot elections of 1928. One of the most be properly understood if separated skilful propaganda machines in the Very soon this sentiment began to history of politics kept Hoover's assume organizational form. In the name and activities before the masses 6. The formation of the new party assume organizational form. In one name and activities obtained important city of Jena, there was is-by every device known to the pressumes not change the Communist Op-sued, on November 7, a vigorous application. Communist Party or its relations to for the organization of proletarian partment of Commerce activities by it. The Communist Party still reself-defense. This appeal was sign-far overshadowed that devoted to Communist movement and the sectarian splitting policy of the official
Communist Party of the official
Communist Party not only operated
as a serious factor in making possible of serious errors in a leftist
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and in a "national-Bolshevist" direct
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ty (Opposition), Socialist Workers 1928, the boss-press assiduously laborparty and representatives of four get to build up a mythical engineer.

Turnwayin and labor sports organization of proletarian partment of Communics by
the official partment of the direct control of the direct co Hoover's career, a searching for underlying facts and motives has revealed that the halo which shone for so many years about Herbie's head was Council of the Communist Party serve as an objective support of cen- to win the Communist Party, still re- other parts of Germany. The spirit many years about Herbic's head was (Majority Group) formulates its opin- trism. It becomes the task of the mains valid. From this viewpoint too of proletarian unity is marching formulates its opin- trism. It becomes the task of the mains valid. From this viewpoint too of proletarian unity is marching formulates its opin- nothing more than the spotlight of ward—and its bearer is the Communist. pressing most of them, and inventing a crop of stories which had no basis in fact.

> Now come the biographies of John Knox, John Hamill, Liggett, to say bie". In 1897, one year later, the Brinothing of the hits to be gleaned from tish firm of Bewick Moreing desired other recent works, as to the actual facts in the career of this "humanitar- for work in Australia: to do actual

and-file committee in "electing" a joint council ontside of the Interna-

In the main, Comrade Brilliant is

ate) telling the fur workers where they lead to. But when it comes to

real policy whereby the furriers are

advised on how to achieve real unity,

Comrade Brilliant concentrated main-

y on the elections. It is his belief

that thru the participation in the elec-

tions, would score a victory; we would then prove to the workers that

we are sincere in the fight for solidar-

ity. Comrade Brilliant is an hones

worker and a fighter for unity in the

ranks of the fur workers and it is cor-

proposed participation in the elec-

s weak, being broken morally as well]

as financially. But that does not prove that it has ceased to function.

It is also true that the Kaufman pol-

n the International union to combat

Union, true to its wrong line, is car-

sections of the workers from the right,

'elections" held are a result of this

wrong line and are certain to lead to

more dissension, more division in the

ranks of the fur workers. Even if

a great majority of workers had par-

ticipated in the elections, it would still

have been wrong to go thru with

them. The reasons are: First, if it

and file elected in the locals, where

they belong. Secondly, it was well known to the "rank-and-file" commit-

tee that Kaufman was not yet ready

ional Fur Workers Union.

For Trade Union Unity And Militancy.

THE FURRIERS MUST HAVE UNITY!

by B. Baraz

In an article entitled "Furriers Need to give up the union; therefore, if

Real Unity" written in the Militant | they would really mean to light for

y Robert Brilliant on November 14, the interest of the fur workers, their

1931, the attempt is made to point out duty would be to wage a struggle in-the wrong line of the T.U.U.L. in side the union against Kaufmanism

connection with its recent manouvers and pave the way for real unity. The

the criminal act of the so-called rank- forc an act of irresponsibility which

without any comment on the part of ference to unite myself with me. This that group. We do not deny the fact is the final tragic art, which furthers

icy of class collaboration prevents the joint council from fighting against the manufacturers, but this only proves that the building of a left wing ditions and create chaos and demorali-

this policy is all the more correct. to rob the workers of their hard-won But, instead of this, the Industrial gains. It breaks union morale. The

rying out the policy of breaking away ed in the elections of a joint coun-

wing unions and attach them to the sufficient force to make the right "revolutionary" union. The recent wing realize and proclaim the annul-

is possible for the great majority to by the members at their local meet-he influenced by this rank-and-file ings. The International Fur Work-committee, then it is practical and ers Union should immediately call a safe to have the leaders of the rank unity conference for the purpose of

and affiliations.

hat the right wing Kaufman union disruption and division,

Until a very recent date, the career legalistic fakery, strike-breaking and come. Here was Hoover's opportuniof Herbert Hoover has been shroud- labor exploitation, modern slave- trad- il, and here the famous fakery always be properly understood if separated from the development of imperialism. Furthermore, the career of Herbert Hoover is far from being "strange" as Mr. Hamill would have us believe Not superficial character analysis can explain the case of Mr. Hoover. It can only be understood as a member of a class with class interests that it will further and protect by every stratagem conceivable.

#### An Imperialist Apprenticeship

In the year 1895, Herbert Hoover graduated from Leland Stanford Junor University, as an "engineer". How much Hoover knew about the science of engineering can easily be surmised when we learn that the whole program of study, at that time, "was up to our present high school standard. In 1896, we find this "great engineer' duly installed as an office boy in the imploy of one Louis Janin who was shortly to pull a fast one for "Her-bie". In 1897, one year later, the Brithe services of American engineers iane." The result is an imperialist saga engineering work plus a number of to have written an article to a mining of the first order: stock-swindling, other little deeds to which we will

misled the workers. It was an act sponsored by the T.U.U.L. in order

There has thus been brought to life

he new caricature "union"-the third

What is needed to achieve real

unity? To achieve real unity in the

ranks of the fur workers, it is neces-

sary to abolish the system of two or

zation. It helps the bosses indirectly

twelve hundred furries that participat-

cil" outside the official union are a

ment of the expulsions of March 4,

1927. This force can bring about the restoration of rights of all mem-

hers regardless of their political views

What must be done now? Elections

must be held under the supervision

of rank and file committees elected

ings. The International Fur Work-ers Union should immediately call a

amalgamating the for department of the Industrial Union with the Inter-national For Workers Union. Upon

a request of the members of the new

amalgamated furriers union, a refer-

make good for Bewick Moreing-engineering or no engineering. Cool-gardia-surrounded by blazing desert, workers toiling and dying to extract the precious metal, Gold. It was here, in this hell-hole, that Hoovor launched his first attack against workers. A railroad strike was in progress at the time and Hoover, who was faced by a strike in one of the largest mines (East Murchison) evolved the idea of using the striking railway workers as strike-breakers. Fortunately, the railway men, by bitter experience wary of snakes, refused o act in such a role, and Hoover departed. But his defeat rankled, and John Hamill writes: "Hoover's hatred of the white worker is explained to some extent by the report to the Australian Mail of its correspondent who accompanied Hoover on one of his tours in February 1898. This report states: Upon the labor question Mr. Hoover is particularly bitter and is by no means yet accustomed to the saucy independence of the Australian miner."

Indeed, Hoover had such a dislike for the "saucy" miner, that he is said moval of the restrictions on Asiatic labor!" Asiatic labor, then backward and docile, was the dream of this lackey to England's prize swindlers, the Bewick Moreing Co. It was during this period that the

English stock market was flooded by a torrent of stocks in Australian gold mines. The middle and working classes indulged in an orgy of stock buying-upon tales of the untold millions which could be theirs for a few dollars in stock. Spurred on by reports of gold found and by fantastic accounts as to the amounts discovered, they put their hard-earned dollars into the hands of companies like Bewick-Moreing which swindled them out of all, whether gold was totally absent or whether it abounded to the in the unity conferences, as well as recent "elections" held were there- time of millions. A typical operation of this company would be as follows: a mine would be bought, usually a no-good hole in the earth; stocks to prove to the R.I.L.U. that the were floated; Hoover sent in his fam-workers are "radicalized" and are ous accounts of the fabulous wealth breaking away from the A. F. of L. just waiting to be extracted; these unions. The actual facts prove quite the contrary. When the proposal for sold more stocks; when the inevitable a referendum was made by the right crash came Bewick-Moreing held the wing in the last unity conferences, millions and the workers, scraps of Gold rejected the proposition. Gold paper. On the Sons of Gwalia mine. Gold rejected the proposition. Gold paper. On the Sons of Gwalia mine, knows the relation of forces, when it comes down to a decisive vote of this "Moreing and his friends cleaned up a profit of some two million dollars on the flotation of the Sons of Gwalia mine." After 18 months in Western "union". We pointed out long ago Australia, Hoover gained for himself, that the worst weakness of the fur the reputation of all labor exploiters, workers was the existence of two so that his most humble worshipperunions and proposed ways and means Rose Wilder Lane-must record: for unity and the building of one "Herbert Hoover, whose ruthlessness union. The struggle was quite a bit- was known from Perth to the farthter one, with two competing unions est reaches of the back country." In in the field and it will be still worse 1899, he left Australia for London, to with three unions. Our clever diplo- prepare for a kill in another part of mats are, therefore, going thru with the globe-China. Bewick-Moreing What strikes one funny is the ap- one more, and probably the last act had a big task for their new-found pearance of this article in the Militant of the tragi-comedy, the farce con- drling.

### Looting Cathay

"Hook a trifle that is not your own and they show you up on the Place du Palais de Justice as a public curiosity; steal a million, and you are received into good society and called a clever fellow!"\_\_\_\_

Just a year previous (1898), China had been investigated by one of the firm members (Moreing), who found hat there was substantial truth in the fabled wealth of Cathay. Within nincty miles of the city of Tientsin (northeastern China) was an enormous coal deposit, "with reserves of hundreds of millions of tons of coal, some of it equal to the best Welsh or Pennsylvania steam coal . . ." Only sixty miles from this coal deposit, upon which the Chinese government was operating the Kaiping mines, was a deep water scaport. With the Chinese Engineering Co. Moreing had made an agreement to send an "ex-pert mining engineer." Hoover's em-ployers were in a "huddle" when he arrived in London now, at last they could pry themselves into control; the opening wedge was soon to be made. small wonder that Hoover joined the 'huddle" and then made haste to the onanzas of the east.

Arriving in China as a "mining expert", who was to work, ostensibly, for the Chinese Engineering Co., he do not wish to remain with the A. Readed a few fruitless expeditions for F. of L. The cry for unity now must new fields and then came the event which brought in its wake the golden (Continued on page 4)

that Kaufman will use this new isolation of the left wing to get an agree- Meanwhile, the sufferings of the fur ment submissive to the bosses de- workers continue. mands. The understanding will be raise the issue again with a call to all that the bosses are to be the actual fur workers: Back to the Internationcollectors of dues and taxes. In other at Pur Workers Union! Organize words, a system of check-off, like in and solidify the left wing. Begin an the Lewis miners union, will be intro- aggressive struggle against gangster duced. There will be no end to the methods employed by Kaufman; misery and suffering of the fur work-ers and their families. No unity will bosses!

be achieved thru union competition. Only thru uniting and consolidating No conditions will be improved un- our ranks will we be able to achieve less the workers are united. On many real unity and build a strong furriers of our proposals the leadership of the union to be the real weapon in our Industrial Union answered by adopt- future struggles against the bosses.

### The Economic Week

week ended. Employment has reached a new low level. Steel output is in the dumps with no outlook for any improvement till March. The railway crisis is sharpening with four major railroads already in receivers hands. The stock market has lost more ground, due especially to the marked drop in British sterling and the worsening German crisis.

NOTHER extremely black Prices are maintaining their general downward course. Investments and reinvestments as indicated by the total capital flotations are at the lowest figures in years. November auto production dropped 20% from October and 54% from the corresponding month of last year, thus having reached the lowest point since July 1921. The new British tar- debts.

iff regulations are arousing protests from Germany and France where the general crisis is assuming increasingly serious proportions. American gold exports to France are again mounting. German bonds, after reaching new lows, bounded upward on the basis of Hitler's assurance that the Fascists now preparing to compilation of reports began in take control will pay all private

endum should be sent out to the fur workers to decide whether they do or be raised as strong as possible. It must not be forgotten that the agree-

ment expires within two months. There is no doubt in anyone's mind

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#### A NEW TARIFF WAR

THE violent change of tariff policy launched by Great Britain opens a new and critical chapter in the economic history of Great Britain. England, once considered the impregnable citadel of free trade, has, by an overwhelming vote of its House of Commons, granted powers to the President of the Board of trade to impose tariff duties up to a maximum of 100% on a great range of commodities, on "all articles wholly and mainly manufactured."

This is ostensibly a "temporary" measure. However, to view the new so-called anti-dumping regualtions in this light is to view them superficially. In reality, the above mandatory powers are only the entering wedge of a more sweeping tariff campaign in capitalist countries than even thus far entered upon.

The new tariff regulations decided on, in addition to the so-called anti-dumping regulations, mark a new period in British foreign trade and, therefore, imperialist policies. It is no curious coincidence that these regulations are to take effect in February, just at the time when the much heralded and equally-dreaded world disarmament conference is to open.

In drawing up the balance sheet of the deep-going change in Britich imperialist policy, it must be stressed that the National government which was launched to save the gold standard and to stabilize the pound, has dismally failed in both. Even before the last election, England was shoved off the gold standard, and rather rudely at that too. Since the election, since MacDonald's assumption of leadership of the reactionary forces in Britain, the pound, off the gold standard, has been sliding rapidly downward, constantly touching new lows.

We are certain that the National government is bound to fail in its third objective as miserably as it had failed in the above two objectives. We are certain that the national government will not be able, regardless of the "free hand" given it in recent elections, to stabilize Britain's world position in trade. We are not speaking here of restoring primacy to Great Britain in the world market, Such a goal, even, the most ardent and enthusiastic champions of British imperialism, like Thomas, Snowden and MacDonald, do not dare dream of, let alone set before themselves, today. We are now emphasizing the fact that the National government is in no position, thru its tariff manouvers and trade manipulations, to lend stability even to the present, to the worsened position of British capitalism in the world market. The new tariff regulations in themselves reflect Britain's loss of world trade. Manouvering and manipulating with the latest tariff restrictions will not in the least serve to protect even the present positions of British imperialism against French, German and American capitalist retaliation. The answer to Britain's tariff will be a higher German tariff and unscalable French and American tariff barriers. In no small measure is the recent swift decline of the British sterling due to the enactment of the so-called anti-dumping legislation itself. The very execution of such measures portrays the shakiness of the entire structure and an undermining of the very foundations of British imperialism. Such a condition breeds no confidence in the stabilization of English currency.

International capitalism has traveled a good deal, a long stretch, from the days of the world economic conference at Geneva held in 1927. Then, the spokesmen of the big capitalist powers talked of lowering the restrictions, wiping out, customs duties, promoting international trade thru the abolition of all artificial hindrances to the exchange of commodities in the world market. Today we have a mad race among the imperialist giants and their puppet republics and kingdoms going the other waytowards the highest tariffs in the history of the present economic order. Precisely, when capitalist economy has reached its greatest international stage, to world dimensions, do we find the contradictions among the various national imperialist groups sharpest. In fact, the forces inherent in capitalist production logically develop the contradictions of the bourgeois society beyond the bounds of national spheres. The crisis marches on

There is another angle to the new British tariff policy which is of paramount importance. The decision to give the cabinet such unrestricted power to regulate and revise tariff schedules means a most serious lessening of the "funadmental safeguards of British democratic freedom," in that taxation, both direct and indirect, will henceforth no longer be decreed by the "people's representatives" but will be determined solely by the executive arm of the British government. The constant extension of executive power in the British parliamentary system is only a prelude to the dropping of all constitutional and formal democratic pretenses and serves to prepare the ground for the spread of Fascism.

In short, the new British imperialist tariff policy symbolizes the present precarious position of British imperialism. It signalizes a series of sharp attacks on the rights and conditions of the workers at home. The plan to force the 551/2-hour week on the textile workers in England is of worldwide significance, is only a painfully accurate index of the general trend of the present day development under capitalism in every country.

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### The Paterson Strike and the Communists

# Paterson - A Test of Policy

by Ben Gitlow

This is the first of a series of articles by Ben Gitlow on the Paterson Strike.

The strike of the silk workers in Paterson, which started in the end of July 1931 and which lasted three months, involved over 7,000 workers. The strike was much more significant than the number of the workers involved would indicate.

The strike was of very great importance to the working class because it afforded the working class an opportunity of estimating the results of the application of different trade union policies. Especially at this time, when the labor movement is so demoralized, when splits and dissension rend the militant and revolutionary forces in the trade unions, when extreme reactionary policies and leadership dominate the unions, is it necessary to weigh soberly and objectively trade union policies and tacties. Precisely at a time when possimism engulis the workers, when progressive and militant leadership is lacking, is there manifest among revolutionary and left wing workers an eager readiness to abandon old trade union policies and tactics as incifeetive and useless and to adopt new ones which promise rapid effectiveness. Impatience and failure to attend to the hard, difficult and often very disagreeable tasks in approaching and winning the trade union masses, is generally back of the will-o'wisp policy of abandoning the trade unions and losing oneself in so-called "revolutionary phrases".

#### FORCES IN THE PATERSON STRIKE

The line-up in Paterson very clearly demonstrated this. The following clashing forces operated in the Paterson strike:

1. There were two conflicting union forces: (a) The National Textile Workers Union, claiming to be a revolutionary, industrial union of textile workers. This union was under Communist Party leadership. (b) The American Federation of Labor unions, which, in Paterson, represented an amalgamation of the silk workers locals of the United Textile Workers and the Independent union-the Associated Silk Workers of America. The leadership of the amplgamated A. F. of L, unions was in the main conservative and reac-

Two Communist forces clashed in Paterson. The official Communist Party leadership carried out its trade union policies thru the National Textile Workers Union. The Communist Party (Majority Group), insisting upon a policy of unity and working within the existing unions regardless of how conservative and reactionary they may happen to be, was part of the strike leadership of the amalgamated A. F. of L. unions.

3. The Communist-led National Textile Workers Union claimed to represent a "united from from below", not of organizations but of individual workers. The so-called "United Front General Strike Committee" was made up of workers hand-picked by the leadership of the Communist Party.

The strike of the A. F. of L. amalgamated unions represented a united from of organizations and was representative of all elements in the labor movement. It included the locals of the United Textile Workers and the Associated Silk Workers, the Communist Party (Majority Group) and the Conference for Progressive Labor Action. In the general strike committee and in the strike leadership were included left wing workers, Communists, progressives, Socialists, Socialist Labor party members, anarchists, syndicalists, and former members of the I. W. W. In other words, it represented a genuine united front action from the most reactionary leadership of the A. F. of L. to the revolutionary working class leadership of the Communist Party (Majority Group). The test of trade union policies is most sharply and clearly brought out in the clash of policies of the two Communist forces in Paterson, the official Communist Party and the Communist Party (Majority Group).

### TWO POLICIES

The official Communist Party leadership policies in Paterson were the following:

1. There can be no unity between the National Textile Workers Union and the A. F. of L. unions. The A. F. of L. is a company union, a bosses union; it must be smashed and destroyed,

2. All elements in the labor movement who do not fully endorse the Communist position in the trade unions must be fought as enemies of the Working class, strike-breakers and agents of the bosses.

3. Opposition to united front action against the

4. Making the immediate political and factional objectives of the Communist Party leadership, the first and foremost consideration of the strike led by the National Textile Workers Union,

5. Resorting to bluff, outrageous slander, boasting and gross exaggeration in a desperate effort to bolster up its dual union, splitting, dividing policy The policy of the Communist Party (Majority

Group) expressed itself in Paterson as follows: 1. The organized workers in the trade unions represent a force that can be stimulated and mobilized for action against the bosses. The trade union berocra-

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Youth Club will provide the dance

cy and the membership of the trade unions are not identical. The existing A. F. of L. and reactionary unions are not anti-working class organizations even tho their reactionary leadership utilize them in the service of capitalism. Adverse economic conditions are bound to affect the trade union membership. The Commuuists, militants and progressives, if they are to give leadership to the trade union masses and galvanize them in action must work inside the trade unions in a constructive and not destructive manner. The trade unions of the A. F. of L. and others of similar type are not company unions but quite the contrary, a reservoir of potential working class strength and action against the capitalists, provided militant leadership is given to the trade union masses. Such leadership can only be given by the militants, radicals, progressives and Communists going into the trade unions and not by running out of them.

The Communist Party (Majority Group) worked in the Paterson strike in the amalgamated A. P. of L. unions. In the Paterson strike the Communist Party (Majority Group) succeeded in having three members on the general strike committee of the A. F. of I. almalgamated unions who were in a position to give milltant leadership to the masses. They were Eli Keller, former national secretary of the National Textile Workers Union, who was expelled by that union, Charles Zimmerman, and the writer of this article.

2. The united front of organizations and forces on a program of struggle against the bosses is necessary for the greatest mobilization and most effective action against the bosses. In Paterson, the Communist Party (Majority Group) first raised the question of the united front in conferences with representatives of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action (Muste Group) and of the locals of the United Textile Workers and the Associated Silk Workers.

3. Unity in the ranks of the workers is essential in the struggle against the bosses. In Paterson the Communist Party (Majority Group) worked for unity. All the unity proposals brought forward by the Communist Party (Majority Group) and accepted by the A. F, of L, amalgamated unions were rejected by the official Communist Party leadership and resisted by it.

In Paterson, therefore, it is clear that the clash of policies was a test of the Leninist policy of working with the masses and developing militant working class action and leadership, as examplified by the Communist Party (Majority Group) against the policy of sectarianism and dual onionism, division and the substitution of revolutionary-sounding bombast and phrases for action and results.

#### ADMISSIONS OF FAILURE

Paterson served as the chemical laboratory of the class struggle in which the tests were made. The results are that the official Communist Party leadership must admit its failure in Paterson. It admits its failure in the recent resolution of the Trade Union Unity League as follows: "In the Paterson strike at a certain stage we lost this initiative because of the slowness and hesitation in carrying thru the correct line adopted in the struggle against the Mustelte-Gitlow manouvers "

Harrison George, in the Daily Worker, admits the failure a little more crudely, answering a query

"What has happened to the Paterson Strike?" He writes: "Firstly, we don't know either what has become of the Paterson strike. Maybe there never was a strike and we just imagined it. Maybe there was and maybe it's still on. We don't know and it seems doubtful whether the organizer of it knows either. Maybe, in fact there just ain't any National Textile Workers Union at all. Maybe it's what the philosophers call a social myth. And maybe finally the Trade Union Unity League might do something about it."

Failure, defeat, pessismism for a policy that leads to nowhere but demoralization and isolation!

### RECOGNITION OF SUCCESS

How about the policy of the Communist Party (Majority Group)?

The Monthly Labor Review of the Department of

SILK WORKERS, New Jersey.-The strikes of July 22 and July 27 involving some 8,000 textile workers still continue, but give promise of an early amicable settlement. On September 15 it was estimated that approximately 4,000 workers had returned to their plants with satisfactory readjustment of the wage schedules on the basis of a compromise, with recognition of the union and a 44-hour week. These settlements, it is understood, apply to the workers affiliated with the Associated Silk Workers and the United Textile

The policy of working inside the trade unions, of the united front, of unity, was not a will-o'-the-wisp, a myth. It brought results and organization. That is

The second article in this series, entitled "The Initiative in Paterson" will appear next week.

# CAMP SOLIDARITY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE

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WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS, 1929-1931, by Paul Einzig. The Macmillan Company, London,

The author of a half-dozen books on economic subjects gives a typical example of the state of bourgeois conomic science in the above work.

He discusses with great "scientific" gravity how the "dumping of commodities by Soviet export organizations disintegration of the Austro-Hungar-has accentuated the crisis," how "this ian Empire. dumping is a 'part of the much-dis-cussed Five-Year Plan," and how "the Soviet agents aim deliberately at de-moralizing the market."

The way out of the crisis: "Improved international cooperation." Eypical of what this "international cooperation" would mean is Professor finzig's suggestion that "it would be highly desirable to organize the defence against Soviet dumping on an international scale so as to safeguard our internal markets."

And last but not least: "How to asilicted thereby upon those affected, cherchez la fernno. As the demand for manufactures is, in many cases, very low and many plants are running at a loss, the consequences of strikes would not be as grave as in normal conditions. Al-tho this process would inflict additional suffering upon the working class and would bring about a temporary increase of unemployment, trade unions would have only themselves to plante if they are not prepared to see reason and to cooperate with employers in the restoration of their enterprises to a profit-earning basis."

These remarks follow a chapter showing that underconsumption is one of the basic causes of the crisis. Our "political economist" cannot remember in the second part of his book what he has written in the first.

International (imperialist) cooperation against the Soviet Union, the lowering of wages and the worsening of working conditions-this is the road out of the crisis; such is the teaching of bourgeois "economic science,"

This book does not even have the merit of containing sufficient factual or statistical material to make in worth reading,

#### CLARENCE DARROW, by Charles Yale Harrison, Jonathan Cape and Harrison Smith, New York, 1931,

The life of Clarence Darrow, freethinker, champien of humanity, philosophical anarchist and foremost maker and the jeweler . . ." eriminal lawyer of his day is of incriminal lawyer of his day is of ining and good reading.

Harrison writes a discriminating biography in spite of his intense admiration for his hero. Darrow's war episode does not go unchallenged and,

### THE TRUE STORY OF HERBERT HOOVER

(Continued from page 3) opportunity for which he was waiting -the Boxer Uprising. (During the uprising Hoover lived in safety under the protection of the man he was to Co.). During the uprising operations on the Kaiping mines had ceased, Immediately after the termination of hostilities, Russian troops were enamped on the mine property. When Hoover learned of this, he rushed to Mandarin Chang and Director Detertheir property by the Russians, of how only Great Britain could protect Chinese interests, he with great difficulty, got them to sign the dead of the Committee Report that in the control of the Committee Report that it is the control of the Committee Report that Hoover is "fight-ing" that Hoover is "fight-ing" that Hoover is "fight-ing" the Committee Report that Hoover is "fight-ing" t ficulty, got them to sign the deed of June 1900, in which he estimates the coal available at 525,000,000 tons, count the other properties and build \$340,000,000. ings of the company.)
(Concluded in the next issue)

### A Night At The Movies

We've been reading the movie ads Here's a single day's harvest: Friends and Lovers-"Honor Abandoned to Crimson Lips! Beauty

incarnate . . . red-lipped alluring . she tried men's souls in the fires o friendship and faced dishonor. . . "
The Ruling Voice—"The scarlet

truth about a reign of terror broken by a night of love!"

Bad Company—"Men died to make her a lady! But love made her a woman. On her wedding night she was hurled into a strange world of ferocious men! . . . men who took what they wanted and know no law

they wanted . . and knew no law save their own desires!"

Added Attraction—Wheeler and Woolsey in "Oh, Ob, Cleopatra." So many alluring pictures, it's impossible to choose. Guess we'll have



How History Is Written Karl Novak, "historian", has writen a book to prove that the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was due to a failure of Emperor Franz Joseph to return a visit to King Victor Emanuel's father King Umberto, which estranged Italy, caused the defeat of the Central Powers and the

That's our idea of how history

should be written. And while we're at it, it's time people recognized that the downfall of Napoleon the Third was due to the kind of bats his wife, the Empress Engonie, wore. She wore them on the side of her head. One of her courtiers made her an indecent proposal. The Emperor being near, she shook her head violently. The has fell oif. The ever-gallant Napoleon bent down to pick it up. A big split appeared in the seat of his imperial pauts. The people saw, laughed and lost their resist recovery—It is now desirable that spect for His Imperial Highness, so every item should be reviewed with a he lost the battle of Sedan and abdica-view to enforcing the strictest possi- ted. Thus the fall of an empire and ble economy. The wages bill is an the rise of the Third Republic was item which, in some cases, has to be due to Eugenie's hats. Moral: If you reduced in spite of the hardships in- want to get to the bottom of history,

#### Depression Dumped by American Plan

On December 1 Mayor Curley of Boston, after claborate ceremonies, shoved a black pine coffin containing a dummy labelled "General D. Pression" off of a garbage scow into Boston Harbor.

"We've buried him for all time," said Mayor Curley as chorus girls threw in bouquets of carrots, beets and turnips and sang "Happy Days Are Here Again" while a brass band blared, fire-boats spurted high streams and harbor sirens wailed and seveamed for the dead .

All of which is an imposing display of statesmanship and intelligence and a superior substitute for unemployment insurance and planned economy. The Mayor's ride in a garbage seow will go down in history as a human illustration of the old adage that water seeks its own level.

#### Jewelry For The Bosses

Ex-Ambassador Gerard has had a night-mare. If we don't spend our money, the stores will close. If the stores close, landfords and shopkeepers and clerks will revolt. "Socialism will come in the twinkling of an eye, overnight, in a moment, as red revo-lution came to Russia."

"So we must go to the theatre and the movies and buy from the dressmaker and the florist and the shirt-

tense interest. And this book of al reasons for living in luxury amidst Charles Yale Harrison does justice in- the misery and starvation of those deed to a great story. It is fine writ- they exploit. Mrs. Gerard really must do the unemployed a favor and go out and buy another necklace. . . .

### Maybe The Judge Is Right

When a little attempt is made to in general, his entire career is viewed humanize the hell hole at Sing Sing in a critical light. If the picture that by introducing football, Supreme emerges strikes one with respect almost amounting to awe, it is the inevitable impression of a great career stretching over a period of more than thirty years.

"When a man is sent to Sing Sing," says Hizzoner, "he should not be permitted to enjoy the things which many hard working men are denied owing to family obligations."

Free food, free clothing, free shelter, at a time like this, guaranteed employment and a chance to play football or attend football games-maybe the judge is right! Capitalism gives its criminal-victims more than it does swindle, Mandarin Chang Yen-mao, its submissives slaves. If the slaves the head of the Chinese Engineering should come to understand that, . . .

> Dumb Dora thinks the depression will be solved by combining the two slogans "Cut wages" and "Buy now".

### Hoover Defies the Navy League

year of disarmament, economy and trust over in his name. ("The enorm-ous value of the property... can be gauged from Hoover's own report of new cruisers, one aircraft carrier, three submarines and five destroyers. "The United States has under conwhich at a fair estimation of only 50c a ton would make the coal worth \$202,500,000, without taking into account the other appropriation of \$240,000,000.

He who believes in words is a "liberal."

Or, if you prefer Lonin's characterization: "He who believes in words is a fool." While we're on the subject of

"liberals" and their pleasurable little flutter over the naval controversy, we might record the words of John Dos

"Liberals sit apart in the manner of a setting hen on her eggs. When something happens that threatens to disturb their routine they peck out anxiously and little gurgles of distress come from their throats. . In a moment they have settled back comfortably to brood." From which we conclude that in order to be a genuine liberal, you must have a "nest egg" to settle on.

But any worker who is misled into

following the "lead" of the liberals, will find that he is really "setting" on a door knob.

-B.D.W.