

News From The Waterfront

THE MINK ON THE RAMPAGE AGAIN!

by Nauticus

New York City. One more expelled. This time it's the marine worker Carl Coster. Again it's the notorious mink is at the bottom of it; no, I'm not referring to the fur-bearing animal, but to the most slimy snake that the seamen have had the misfortune to have appointed as their leader.

Other marine workers: "If you don't come down to the waterfront I'll see to it that Jones goes to the 'big house.'" Again he was ready to sink his poisonous fangs into a marine worker.

PAPEN PROGRAM MADE PUBLIC

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about "Christian conservatism" and the "old Prussian State ideals," von Papen declared in favor of cooperation with the Nazis but rebuked Hitler's "excessive" demands.

But, fellow workers in the M. T. W. P. U. the root of the confusion, and discontent and bureaucracy does not lie in the mink but rather in the narrow sectarian and splitting policy of which such characters as the mink, Hines, Hudson, Harvey and Glickson, etc., are products and the policy which they in turn uphold and defend.

Passing on to the main points of the government's economic program, von Papen took occasion to eulogize and defend capitalist private property and to repudiate even the slightest concessions to the socialist aspirations of the working masses.

Readers should keep a lookout in the Age for further developments on the waterfront. —NAUTICUS

THE CRISIS IN THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

Its Causes and Consequences -- How the International Communist Opposition Proposes to Overcome It

by Bertram D. Wolfe

The past four years have been extremely favorable for the growth of the Communist movement. In the capitalist world—depression, mass misery and starvation, open preparations for a new world war.

THE CONDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TODAY

What have the past three or four years brought to the Communist International? They have brought a continual, steady decline in membership in all important countries except Germany and the Soviet Union.

A profound crisis in inner-Party life. The expulsion of the majorities of the Communist Parties of Sweden, Spain, India, Switzerland, Alsace

The expulsion of the founders and most experienced leaders and officials of all important parties. (1) The crumbling of entire parties. For example, the Czechoslovakian Communist Party lost 80% of its members in the first eighteen months after the expulsion policy and change in the political line of the International began.

In brief, during these four years that were so favorable for the growth of Communism, not only has the movement not grown, but it has failed utterly to give leadership to the masses adequate to their needs in the crisis.

THE AMERICAN PARTY

In the American Communist Party we find a similar situation. The old and experienced members, the founders of the Party, and its builders in the harder years of Palmer raids and "Coolidge prosperity," have

been expelled by the hundreds. Others have dropped out in disgust by the thousands. Fearful of the outcome of a discussion of their blunders and wrong-headed political line, the present leadership forbids discussion, expels questioners and critics, substitutes name-calling for argument, terror for comradeship and stifles the internal life of the party.

The work in the conservative trade unions has been abandoned or reduced to splitting activities. The once powerful left wing in the American Federation of Labor has disappeared. The independent unions under Party control have disintegrated to mere paper unions, shadows of the Party.

When a new member or sympathizer asks why the Party does not grow, why thousands are out, why the Party has been split, he is told: "It is Lovestone's fault."

WHY DON'T THE PARTIES GROW!

But does Lovestone live in Germany and Switzerland? Is it Lovestone's fault that in Sweden the "expelled Party" has over 15,000 members and the official Party has less than 3,000?

No, the crisis is deep—too deep for explanation as the work of a devil or an angel. The crisis is international. The crisis grows out of the errors of the Party in every country outside of the Soviet Union. The errors are persistent and continuous. They prevent growth in spite of favorable conditions.

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(1) When the German Party held the celebration of its tenth anniversary, virtually all the Spartacan leaders, who had founded the Party, had been expelled so that the anniversary speakers were men who had opposed or had not participated in the Spartacan revolt.

(2) At the last Plenum, the membership in good standing was reported as between 6,500-7,000.



HOMELESS CHILDREN IN THE U. S. A.

The Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor has issued a sensational report about the hordes of homeless children deprived of all support and shelter by the blows of the economic crisis.

"Conservative and reliable authorities," the report declares, "estimate that between 200,000 and 300,000 children between the ages of 12 and 20 are 'on the road,' cut loose from their home surroundings and unable to adjust themselves to any unstable picture. And the total is constantly increasing." Thru Kansas City alone, we are told, there rode thru on the freight trains about 1,000 a day for more than two weeks continuously in the month of May.

"This is the horrible truth behind the loathsome sham of 'child welfare' which the capitalist exploiters parade at every opportunity!"

Ten years ago the capitalist press of this country was full of stories of the thousands of children in Soviet Russia who had been rendered homeless by the eight years of war, famine, counter-revolution and imperialist intervention.

economic system that solved it. In the United States, the richest country in the world, whose productive capacities were stimulated and not destroyed by the war and post-war period it is the inevitable operation of the capitalist system that has created the problem of masses of created, homeless children.

A. F. L. TO SUPPORT CAPITALIST PLAN

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(1) The collaboration of capital and labor in "working out the problems of stabilization." AM workers know from experience that the "collaboration" of the workers with the employers inevitably means in practice the subjection of labor to capital.

Characteristically the document ends with the slogan: "Jobs—not the dole." Although the A. F. of L. executive council recently approved Federal unemployment insurance, this plan categorically rejects it. Nor does it have a word to say against the wage-cutting and union-smashing offensive of capital.

All workers, in and out of the A. F. of L., who have their own interests and the interests of their class at heart, should immediately get on the job to force the A. F. of L. leaders to withdraw their support of this bitterly reactionary, anti-labor plan, and to get all labor organizations to condemn it.

AZANA REGIME SHIELDS ROYALISTS

MADRID.—In direct disregard of the vigorously expressed will of the vast majority of the Spanish people, the death penalty imposed on General Sanjurjo head of the recent monarchist uprising, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

MADRID.—The monarchist revolt having been smashed in a surprisingly short period of time by the mass uprising of the Spanish people, public interest now centers upon the fate of General Jose Sanjurjo and his aids in the counter-revolutionary attempt, who have been captured and are in the hands of the authorities.

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—Charges that the workers in Hoover Dam, a government project, were being exploited and mistreated, were made on August 20 by Senator Oddie of Nevada in a telegram to Secretary Wilbur.

BUENOS AIRES.—An anti-Communist, anti-Semitic movement has been gaining headway here for the last several months and has already found expression in assaults upon Jews, labor leaders and others and in attacks on motion picture theaters and other buildings.

OTTAWA PARLEY IS FULL FAILURE

OTTAWA.—Virtual failure was admitted on all sides as the Imperial Economic Conference ended here on August 19. None of the parties in the conference received anything near what it demanded.

SACCO AND VANZETTI FIVE YEARS AFTER

Five years ago, August 23, 1927, Sacco and Vanzetti, the two New England anarchists, were legally murdered for an act of which every- one from the governor down to the executioner knew they were completely innocent.

CONDemn RUEGG TO LIFE TERMS

NANKING.—Paul Ruegg (also known as Noulens) and his wife, members of the leading bodies of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat of the Red International of Labor Unions, were sentenced, on August 19, to death by a Kuomintang court.

DUBLIN.—A new White army, of a Fascist complexion, is being formed in the Free State to fight the Irish Republican Army and to resist the movement of the Irish people for national freedom.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—The greatest battle in the history of Brazil, involving 10,000 Federal troops and an indefinite number of Sao Paulo rebels, took place on August 23 and ended, according to government reports in a smashing defeat of the insurgents and the collapse of the rebellion.

N. Y. LEGION FOR BONUS PAYMENT

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Amidst violent demonstration against Hoover and his treatment of the bonus army in Washington, the convention of the New York State organization of the American Legion in session here passed a resolution demanding the immediate payment of the bonus.

JOBS AND WAGES FALL IN MONTH OF JULY

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about the "industrial pick-up," the "beginning of the revival," the "turn of the corner" and the like, with which the newspapers have been filled lately and in which government officials, capitalist politicians and A. F. of L. leaders have joined, comes the report of the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics according to which there has been a 3% decrease in industrial employment in the month of July 1932 as against June and a decline of 6.1% in payrolls for the same period.

CAMP SOLIDARITY

A REST PLACE FOR WORKERS

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