

# At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

## STORM TROOPER HEARST HAS HIS SAY

HERR HEARST has been sweating blood in his drive against the "Reds." It appears that he has gathered spirit and vigor for his attack against the workers from his recent confabs with Rosenberg, Goering, and Hitler. From what we have seen of the rivers of ink poured out in the Nazi press lauding Hearst we cannot but conclude that "Der Fuehrer" not only talked politics but also business with America's premier yellow journalist. Hearst's propaganda here, especially the flood of Brisbanalities turned against that "fearful failure," the Soviet Union, and "government by the proletariat" as "government by the feet and not the head" are made in Fascist Germany.

We challenge Herr Hearst and Brisbane, his high-priced calumniator of the American workers, to tell approximately, if not exactly, how much goes on the price tag for the wares they are now peddling. Surely these worthy 195% Americans shouldn't be afraid of "the truth leaking out."

## THE BAR PROPOSES A CAREER SYSTEM

THE Bar Association has opened a campaign for the establishment of a career system in federal, state and local service as "the required next step in the history of American government." Persons of high calibre entering government work as young men are to be assured that their jobs will be "worthwhile life work" with distinction and honor.

Not so innocent a proposal and not so noble a motive do we have here! This proposal, if accepted, will make the government personnel even less responsive to the so-called popular will than it is today. It is simply another move in the direction of foisting on the U. S. a system of permanent hard-boiled government bureaucrats, thus further strengthening the executive arm of the government at the expense particularly of the legislative arm. This step is patterned after the notoriously efficient (for the biggest bankers and industrial magnates) system of under-secretaries, bureaucrats who continue in office and are the decisive sections of the government apparatus regardless of which party has the nominal control of the government. The British Labor Party can tell of more than one disastrous experience with the "career system."

For Wall Street, such a career system would be an especially juicy plum in view of the fact that more than 3,250,000 are now employed in over 175,000 units of government in the country.

## BROWDER IS CONVERTED TO LABOR PARTY

THESE are days of miracles and revolutionary miracles at that! If there is no "revolutionary upsurge" in the country as shrieked by the Daily Worker, at least, there appears to be some sort of an upsurge among the top-most Communist Party leaders.

For years Browder and Foster denounced us of the CPO as "social-fascists" because we advocated the formation of a Labor Party in the U. S. Only a couple of months ago, Browder branded a Labor Party with all the adjectives that have ever come thru the sewers of that unholy trinity—the New Masses, the Daily Worker and the Jewish Freiheit. But lo and behold! At the C.P.'s unemployment insurance congress we hear Browder proclaiming a new faith: "We Communists are prepared to join hands, with all our force, all our energy . . . in the formation of a broad party to carry on this fight into a fighting Labor Party . . ."

A significant and "mysterious" conversion! What about the Party members? Why weren't they taken in on the secret? Why was there no Party discussion on this very important problem? Did the Party membership discuss this most important right-about-face by the C.P. in many a moon? How big was the majority for this Labor Party policy proposed by the C.P.O.? Oh yes! And we would appreciate it if General Secretary Browder would refer us to the Party document or thesis in which the new line for a Labor Party is announced, examined, analyzed, and defended.

## RELIEF FOR THE BANKERS

MORE than \$764, 000,000 have so far been "lent" to the banks by the R.F.C. Annually the Federal government gives the banks about \$750,000,000 a year in interest payments on the national debt. The world's grandest racket! Here is how it works. The government decides to borrow money from the banks. The banks do not have it available. The government then deposits or redepots some money, that is, really lends the banks the cash. Then the government borrows this same cash and pays heavy interest on it. The real rate of interest thus grabbed by the bankers we leave to Einstein to calculate. But where does the money come from? Who pays for it in the last resort? Let the President tell us.

# THE ROAD TO COMMUNIST UNITY

Letters Exchanged Between the Communist Party and the Communist Party (Opposition)

## THE STRUGGLE FOR A LABOR PARTY

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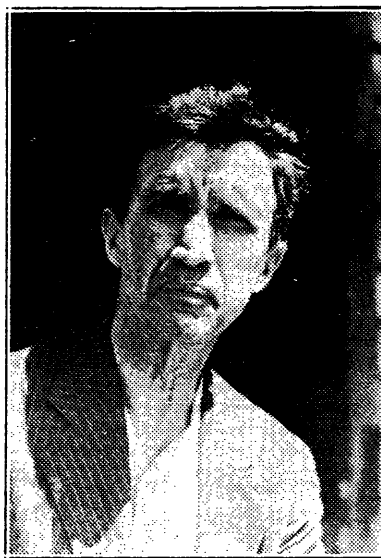
## William J. White

NEW YORK CITY.—William J. White, well known and beloved Communist, died here on Monday January 7th, at the age of 64.

News of his death caused deep grief among the thousands of communists among whom he had worked during the last 15 years of his life. Last respects have also been paid to Bill White in messages received from organizations of coal miners and steel workers in which he was known for his tireless work over a period of 35 years.

The body of Bill White was cremated Thursday January 10th and the urn bearing his ashes placed in the Rivera Hall, at the headquarters of the Communist Party (Opposition) of which he was an active member to the last day of his life. Hundreds of workers came to pay their last respects.

On Saturday January 12th several hundred workers packed Rivera Hall to honor the memory of this devoted proletarian fighter. The urn, covered with the crimson banner to which he devoted a life-time of labor, was surrounded by those closest to him in life—the members of the National Committee of the Communist Opposition. Jay Lovestone spoke for the National Committee lauding his work among the miners and steel workers of Penna. and Ohio and among the unemployed in Fort Wayne. He recalled Bill's unswerving loyalty to his



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convictions when the crisis came in the Communist Party; the stubbornness with which he fought, while in Moscow, against the paralyzing hand of sectarianism and his loyalty and self-sacrifice in the difficult task of building the Communist Opposition. The best way, he said, in which to honor the memory of Bill White is to continue with even greater energy the struggle for a unified, healthy communist movement.

## Our Weekly European Letter

# EUROPE TODAY

By August Thalheimer

## REICHSWEHR AGAINST STORM TROOPS

The reports from Hitler Germany indicate stormy clouds in the upper circles of the Nazi government. During the past few weeks thousands of Storm Troopers have been arrested. According to uncensored reports hundreds of SA and SS leaders have been shot secretly.

The direct cause of this tension is the ever increasing antagonism between the Reichswehr and the SS. The Reichswehr demands the disarmament of the SS and complete subordination to it. The SS is numerically smaller than the SA but in all probability outnumbers the Reichswehr. It is better armed than the SA used to be and is composed to a greater extent of bourgeois elements. During Christmas week Bender Street (the seat of the Reichswehr ministry) was practically in a state of siege by Reichswehr troops and the police of Goering. Obviously a putsch of the SS troops against the Reichswehr was feared; or at least, they pretended to fear such. The official reason given by the minister for propaganda was that suspicious characters had been seen on the roofs of the immediate neighborhood of the Reichswehr ministry. Of course, no one believes this awkward lie.

## STORM TROOPS ARE DISSATISFIED

The real reason lies in the growing discontent of the SA and the SS men with the economic and financial difficulties. Prices continue to rise. Commissar Goerdeler who was to lower prices has actually caused an increase in prices. This peculiar commissar against price increase recently issued a decree which makes it punishable to sell below cost. Three reasons account for the rise in prices in Germany:

1. The policy of raising the prices of agricultural products. The most important foodstuffs sell at a double or triple price as compared with the world market. This is the price which the Nazis must pay for the political subservience of the Junkers and rich peasants. The rise in agricultural prices has become a basic policy of the Nazi regime which cannot be changed.

2. Armament industries: The prices of the armament industries are calculated by adding the costs of the transformation of heavy industrial factories into armament industries. These too cannot

be changed.

3. Substitute products are on the whole more expensive than imported raw materials.

As a result of the tremendous costs of armament the fascist state finds it necessary to abolish the "Plan to create work" to the extent to which it does not coincide with the plan of armament. Obviously, the struggle for the division of the decreasing financial means has already begun between the Reichswehr and the Fascist militia. Commissar Goerdeler himself admitted, in the last few days, that "purchasing power" in those fields where there are no state orders had decreased.

## "THERE MUST BE A CHANGE"

The winged words "There must be a change," which before the seizure of power by the fascists expressed the willingness of petty bourgeois masses to support the fascist coup d'etat or at least prompted them to take a passive attitude, are heard today in ever wider circles in Germany.

The Nazis are trying to divert the discontent thru a renewed sharp attack on the Jews. In various places the "old fighters" have been permitted to pillage Jewish stores. The sharpened anti-cultural campaign serves the same purpose.

The decisive factor for the struggle in Germany is the building of illegal organizations which will translate into action the growing broad and intense discontent.

## FRENCH SPORT GROUPS UNITE AGAINST FASCIST MENACE

In France the reformist and communist labor sports organizations have reunited. This is of special significance now that the fascist organizations are arming themselves and training themselves in the use of arms. The unity of labor sports leagues is an important pre-requisite for the formation of united labor organizations for physical defense against fascism. Flandin has assured the reserve officers that they are permitted to keep their revolvers. The entire bourgeois press agitated against the disarmament of reserve-officers in the interest of their "military" dignity. This sufficiently indicates the aims of the leading circles of the French bourgeoisie, which are aggravated by the steady march of the economic crisis.

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## NEW DEAL BUDGET BOOSTS WAR COSTS TO TWO MILLION IN ARMAMENT RACE

Roosevelt's Message To Congress Calls For 900 Million Dollar Direct Army And Navy Appropriations For 1936; Per Capita Cost Rises To \$7.39

On January 7, 1935, President Roosevelt submitted to Congress his message on the National Budget. We are concerned at the moment, not with the several billion dollar deficit which the masses of underpaid and half starved workers and farmers will ultimately have to pay. Nor are we taking up now the budgetary forecasts for the Public Works projects. What interests us at the moment are the staggering figures

for outright war preparations. Let the purblind liberals peruse these figures before they shout their "Hallelujas" for our peace loving President. Let them remember that every dollar in the budget that goes for "National Defense" means that many new crosses under which thousands of our young workers will moulder in their graves.

## Millions For War

Let us look at the figures. The actual expenses on the War Department and on National Defense, during the fiscal year of 1934, was 545 million dollars. The estimated expense (and that's always below the actual figures) for 1935 is 823 million dollars and for 1936 it is over 900 million dollars. This does not include budgetary provisions either for paying for the last war—payments on liberty bonds, veterans compensation and hospital upkeep—or indirect expenditures for war purposes. Within the course of the next two years the "liberal" Roosevelt administration will have spent almost two billion dollars for direct war preparations—for strengthening the army and navy. This at a time when 11 million are hungry and starved; when the "back to the farm" movement, begun during the first part of the crisis, has been reversed thru thousands of foreclosures; when wages are declining and living costs soaring; when our "good" President can point to the deficit and say this is no time for extensive social insurance proposals.

## What Does It Mean To You?

Workers are not used to thinking in terms of millions of dollars but the per capita figures bring the message home very forcibly. For our military expenses in 1934 every man, woman and child will pay \$4.47 in the form of taxes. The per capita expense for 1935 and 1936, according to the estimate of our President, is to be \$6.75 and \$7.39 respectively. That is what the budget means to you who are unemployed or partly employed, to you who are barely making a living.

## Get Your Gun, Johnnie

Remember war preparations means war, so get your gun ready, buddy, our national honor will demand you give your life for Wall Street.

## AUTO WORKERS LICK LABOR BOARD PLAN

Chevrolet And Cadillac Locals Follow A. F. of L. Call

By Worker Correspondent

Detroit. The auto workers in two elections already held at the Cadillac and Chevrolet plants indicated that they see through the scheme of the automobile manufacturers to foist upon them and legalize company unionism in the automobile industry.

The elections were conducted by the National Automobile Labor Board headed by Leo Wolman under the principle of "proportional representation for all groups." The representatives elected were to constitute a works council which would represent the employees at the collective bargaining conferences. This so-called proportional representation plan is merely a high sounding name for the already famous "employee representation plan" which aims to legalize company unionism and establish division in the ranks of the workers by maintaining as many "labor" groups as possible in their plants.

The workers realizing the dangers of the National Labor Board scheme, in the majority of cases have refused to commit themselves and designate affiliation with any union.

In the primary election at the Chevrolet plant out of 2781 ballots cast, 1995 were unaffiliated, 328 favored the Chevrolet Employees Assn., 209 the A. F. of L., 208 were blank or void, 76 for M.E.S.A., 1 for the Auto Workers (Continued on Page 4)

## COMMUNIST OPPOSITION SUFFERS NEW TORTURE IN NAZI TERROR CAMPAIGN

Mass Arrests In Leipzig, Hamburg and Ruhr Bring Long Prison Terms To Leaders In Underground Fight Against Fascist Rule; Nazi Paper Calls CPO "Dangerous"

The past few weeks have witnessed mass trials of anti-fascists accused of working for the CPO in various sections of Germany. Without exception all defendants were subjected to terrible maltreatment by the Gestapo (secret police). The public was not permitted to witness the trials; often Nazi papers were forbidden to print the names of the condemned. Most of those sentenced to long prison terms have families suffering from lack of the most elementary human needs.

In Hamburg 20 anti-fascists were arrested and accused of high treason. These comrades suffered unspeakable torture at the hands of the Gestapo. Pulling out hair and dislocating arms were on the order of the day. One comrade was shut up in a small closet for 30 hours until his legs became swollen and he could neither walk nor stand. Another comrade attempted suicide in order to escape the dreadful ordeal. After 9 months of torture these comrades were sentenced. A report on the trial appears in the "Hamburger Tageblatt"

under the title of "C.P.O.": "A new section of the C.P.G. was formed—the C.P.O. This is a league of discontented communists which also took in all those who had been expelled from the C.P.G. This group, the so-called Brandler group, existed before the German revolution. It was founded in Russia by those comrades who were dissatisfied with the Party leadership and began to 'plan an important role' in Germany after the establishment of the Third Reich. It became a dangerous organization displaying a great deal of activity. The chief organ of the C.P.O. was the Junius letters which were photographed. In addition, 'Circular and Educational letters' and Foreign Committee letters were multigraphed and circulated.

"Twenty members of this organization are now before the senate courts of Hamburg which has investigated the activities of each individual in great detail, in a three day session, and has found all but three of the accused guilty under paragraph 2 of the decree of June 14, 1933. The following are the sentences:

"Lueders, 2½ year prison term; Nell 2½ year prison term; Ruhnan, 2½ year prison term; Frieda Boettcher, 2 year prison term; Buelow, 2 (Continued on Page 4)

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# STUDENT LID DECIDES NOT TO BE TIED TO SOCIALIST APRON STRINGS

### Chicago Convention Declares For Non-Partisan, Pro-Labor Student Organization; Will Work Toward NSL-LID Amalgamation Through United Front

The Student League for Industrial Democracy made a momentous decision at its last national convention held in Chicago, December 27th and 28th. It rejected the proposal of Bill Gomberg (leading New York Yipsel) that the S.L.I.D. continue to be a Socialist organization, and definitely declared itself in favor of a broad non-partisan, pro-labor student organization.

These decisions were made as a result of the discussion of amalgamation proposed by a representative of the National Student League. No one in the convention favored immediate amalgamation. Differences, however, arose, both in the resolutions committee and in the convention, as to whether opposition to amalgamation was for the present or as a matter of principle.

The majority proposal, framed as a reply to the N.S.L. was presented by Bill Gomberg as follows: The Student L.I.D. is ready to amalgamate with any student organization which is willing to adopt its fundamental principles (socialist) and political orientation (S.P.). It was so ridiculous, (characterized by one delegate as "an excellent appeal for membership"), that the proponents hurriedly withdrew it and substituted a long, incoherent declaration which would have wedded the S.L.I.D. to the S.P. and the Y.P.S.L.

It was the amendment of Monroe Sweetland, favoring amalgamation but not immediately, that was adopted by an overwhelming vote. It states "we look forward to the day when the communist students have, thru our united front activities, sufficiently gained the confidence of other radicals so that we may work in the same organization without suicidal internal conflict."

This is precisely the issue. Not communism versus socialism but constructive activity versus "suicidal internal conflict"—that is the real problem. Only if the N.S.L. proves, in its united front activities, that it will not repeat its October 12th tactics, can amalgamation be achieved.

The two diametrically opposed viewpoints in the convention were brought out in discussion. The Y.P.S.L. thru its National Sec'y, Winston Dancis, and others, attempted to keep the S.L.I.D. an avowedly S.P. organization. The viewpoint championing a broad pro-labor (not pro-party) progressive student movement was ably presented by Sweetland, Mautner, Epstein, and many middle and far-western students. It was quite evident that the delegates instinctively realized the dangers of sectarianism on the basis of their own campus experience. The fact that every delegate received a copy of the statement of the Communist Youth Opposition—"The Plight of the Student Movement"—(see Workers Age, Nov. 15 and Dec. 1), may have influenced the decision of the convention. Many of the ideas expressed therein were to be found in the speeches of the delegates, bolstered by the facts of their own experience. Two of the fraternal delegates were members of the C.P.O. and spoke in the spirit of the statement.

The second major issue before the students was the question of affiliation with the American League Against War

## AUTO WORKERS DEFEAT NRA LABOR BOARD PLAN

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Union, and 1 for the I.W.W. In the Cadillac Plant elections out of 1593 voters, 1176 failed to designate any affiliation, 152 voted for the Cadillac Employees Assn., 143 were blank, 94 for A. F. of L., 20 for M.E.S.A., and 1 for the Auto Workers Union.

Mr. F. J. Dillon, general organizer of the A. F. of L., commenting on the Labor Board plan, stated that "the proportional representation system represents nothing more nor less than a compromise upon an important and fundamental issue. The proposal, submitted by the Board, repudiates the majority vote by the workers legalizes the company union, and insures collective confusion."

The A. F. of L. representative announced that, "we will advise our people not to participate in the election. We will not be responsible and we will not be bound by any of its provisions, stipulations or mandates."

The Mechanics Educational Society also instructed its members not to participate in the elections. It is strange indeed that the Auto Workers Union was the only labor organization that came out in favor of participating in this company union election ordered by the National Labor Board. In order to prove that it is a 100% "revolutionary" union, it advised the workers in the Cadillac plant to split their ranks, (Daily Worker, Dec. 11, 1934), to vote according to their craft lines—the tool and die makers for the M.E.S.A. and the production workers for the Federal Local Union of the A. F. of L.

The only way to defeat the most aggressive open-shop employers in the automobile industry is by building one union in the auto industry connected with the main stream of the labor movement, the A. F. of L.

and Fascism. The resolution entered called for non-affiliation. An amendment from the floor proposed united front activity. The amendment carried the day, after the C.P.O. delegates had made it clear that the basic failure of the League was not that the C.P. was in it but that the mass trade unions of the A. F. of L. were not—in other words, it had no working class base.

The SLID is to be congratulated on the forward steps it has taken. The decisions were arrived at on the basis of honest conviction. There was no bureaucracy to strangle the independent thinking of the delegates. The S.L.I.D. must follow up its successful convention by carrying thru, on the campuses, the spirit of the decisions.

(Definite proposals to the incoming N.E.C. will appear in a future issue of Workers Age.)

## EUROPE TODAY

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The number of registered unemployed has increased by 10,000 during the last week, excluding the workers of the Citroen works. The firm Citroen one of the largest automobile firms in France employing approximately 20,000 workers has collapsed.

The negotiations between the C.P. and the S.P. of France on the final formulation of an extended program for united front action are drawing to a close according to a report by the Social Democratic leader, Lebas.

## CPO DELEGATES BEATEN AT INSURANCE CONFAB

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Can the Congress effectively fight for Unemployment Insurance? No more than previous such meetings could "Free Tom Mooney" or "Fight Against War and Fascism." It was an expensive show, elaborately staged with plenty of thrills. But as a broad movement for social and unemployment insurance it was a failure. Not even the presence of Mary Van Kleek and Lundeen himself could make it anything more than what it was. The absence of the large masses of trade unions, the confident hooliganism of the Party members, the effort to make the Congress a life saver of the dead Unemployed Councils, the reliance on the declassé petty bourgeoisie and white collar workers dooms this as another abortive attempt of a sectarian Party to find a mass base. Not even the endorsement of Huey Long can save it.

## COMMUNISTS SUFFER IN NAZI TERROR WAVE

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year prison term; Charlotte Ehmann, 2 year prison term. Four others got a 21 months sentence, 3 got a 15 months sentence, 2 got one year and one received a nine months sentence, counting the time spent in prison before the trial.

## Mass Arrests In The Ruhr

In the Ruhr a number of anti-fascists were arrested in the spring of 1934 in Solingen, Essen, Duesseldorf, and Dortmund. Here too the bestiality and sadism of the SA murderers manifested itself. One comrade's arm was broken, another attempted suicide after he was beaten almost to death. Among those arrested are 60 year old workers who are sick and weak. Here too the trial was closed and even the press failed to report it.

## Mass Trial Of C.P.G.O.

Within a short time there will begin a mass trial of 45 workers in Leipzig who were arrested in May on the charge of belonging to the illegal C.P.G.O. In order to wrest "confessions" from them the Gestapo used its famous methods, in other words, the SA men just mercilessly beat these workers day and night. One of the arrested workers, a C.P.G.O. functionary, Heinrich Plass, was literally beaten to death by the brown beasts because he refused to give away his organization. After 2 days of continuous torture Plass died.

These 45 comrades will shortly be sentenced by the Nazi courts. The workers must be aroused to protest so that these workers will be spared the fate of the valiant Heinrich Plass.

## "THE CRISIS IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. A."

Wanted, to repurchase several copies of the first statement of views of the Communist Party Opposition (then "Majority Group") for use here. Originally mimeographed in 1929 and printed in February 1930. Green cover. Those willing to give or sell copies please communicate with

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## RALEIGH CONFERENCE FOR RACIAL EQUALITY

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tion and set the tone of the conference by an unequivocal declaration for absolute equality and an organization of the masses of both races to secure social and racial justice.

George Streater, former editor of the Crisis, and the writer, reported on "Education and the Negro." Howard Kester, Chairman of the Committee on Racial and Economic Justice, Nashville, Tenn. related the stirring struggles of Negroes and poor whites in share cropper unions, unemployed organizations and trade unions. Olive Stone supplemented the account on the share croppers of Tuscaloosa. James Dombrowski of Highlander Folk School told of educational activity in breaking down race prejudice in a Southern community of poor whites. Henry Lee Moon and George Streater led a critical discussion on the work of such organizations as the N.A.A.C.P. And near the close of the conference, after general agreement had been expressed that the race question could only be solved completely through a thorough revolutionary transformation of society, the writer made a critical evaluation of the various solutions of the race question professing to be the revolutionary solution: the shameful attempt of the Socialist Party in the South at "lily-white Socialism"; the mechanical transference of the concept of colony or national minority to the status of the Negro by the official Communist Party with the resulting absurdities of "Self-Determination" and "Withdraw the Imperialist Troops from the Black Belt"; and the analysis of the Negro problem as that of a subject caste by the Communist Opposition with the consequent struggle for complete economic, social and political equality for the Negro within the framework of a Soviet America.

The Conference voted to continue as a permanent body, to publish a report of its findings, to hold further regional and local conferences, to issue a magazine, to aid in the development of workers' schools on an interracial basis, to further the formation of labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and of share croppers unions on an interracial basis, to encourage more adequate courses in economics and sociology and race problems in Southern white and Negro universities, and the unionization of teachers and the organization of student social problem groups, etc.

The following Executive Committee was elected to serve until the next National Conference: Dr. W. O. Brown, University of Cincinnati; Anna Caples, Student League for Industrial Democracy; Dr. Abram Harris, Howard University; Loren Miller, California; Dr. Virginia Alexander, Philadelphia; Julian Steele, Director Robert Gould Shaw House, Boston; George Streater, New York; Howard Kester, Committee on Racial and Economic Justice, Nashville; Francis Henson, International Student Service; Frank Wilson, National Y.M.C.A., New York; Bertram D. Wolfe, New Workers School.

## COUGHLIN CAUGHT WITH GOODS — HOARDS \$250,000

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for instance, Monsignor Ryan, director of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference:

"... The masses have not shown any faint sign of rebellion until recently. ... The recovery program cannot be carried thru on an intellectual plan alone. The masses must be enlisted to fight for it. ... Father Coughlin is arranging that kind of thing to a considerable extent." Significant recommendation, quite symbolic of the thanks of national reaction generally.

## "Father Coughlin Is No Iconoclast"

And finally it is supremely logical that one of the most vicious anti-Soviet attacks was made by Father Coughlin to his radio audience of millions, in a

# SPECTRE OF DEATH HAUNTS WORKERS AS INDUSTRIAL DEATH TOLL RISES

By ALBERT EPSTEIN

It is the irony of the worker's fate under capitalism that when he demands work he may be actually inviting his own death.

A humane insurance statistician tells us that "it is to be regretted that the blessings of returning prosperity do not come to us without exacting their toll of valuable human life." And it is no mean toll that capitalist prosperity exacts from the workers. Prosperity, it should be remembered, comes to the deserving under capitalism and it is the ruling class that is the deserving class. Every dollar of profit is stained with the sweat and blood of the living and the dead worker.

But let us give ear to the more informed writer:

"For every 10,000 persons re-employed, anywhere from one to more than fifty, it may be expected, will be killed in the course of a year of employment. . . ."

The varying number will depend upon the type of industry into which the worker enters. There is no guess about this, for experience has shown that: "This increased mortality . . . will come more or less inevitably, for the curve of accidental injuries still follows very closely the curve of employment. . . ."

In 1933 the number of occupational fatalities was 14,000 as compared with

20,000 in 1929. Thus the most prosperous year in American life exacted 6,000 more lives than the depression year of 1933. We must, of course, bear in mind that the 14,000 lives lost in 1933 could, to a very large extent—90% or more, have been avoided.

For doubting Thomases, we present the following table which shows clearly the relationship of deaths to employment. The table gives the number of deaths per 100,000 white policy-holders of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

1929	35.9
1930	31.0
1931	27.2
1932	22.9
1933	21.2

There was a drop of 41% in fatalities from industrial accidents between 1929 and 1933. The declines in fatal injuries in specific industries is as follows: Electricity 79.2%, Steam Railroad 63.3%, Accidental 58.8%, Traumatism by machines 51.1% and Traumatism in mines and quarries 40.4%.

With the first pick-up in industrial activity in the second half of 1933, the trend was reversed as the following table shows. This deals with death rates from all occupational accidents, ages 15 and over, for white males in the industrial department.

Quarter	Death rates per 100,000 1933	1932	Per Cent Change 1932 - 1933
Jan.-Mar.	21.1	23.4	- 9.8
Apr.-June	16.1	22.4	- 28.1
July-Sept.	25.3	25.1	+ 0.8
Oct.-Dec.	24.2	20.8	+ 16.3

series called "Russia And The Red Serpent" and that he further served as a star witness in Washington during the investigation of Communist activities in the U. S.

The full reactionary stature of the Father is now quite clear. "One thing is certain," says the magazine Fortune, "Father Coughlin is no iconoclast". That is 100% true, but not only in a negative sense. He is one of the hardest and most skillful fighters against any fundamental change being made in the capitalist system as such. The aforementioned facts make this quite clear. An analysis of his program will make that even more abundantly clear.

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## WORKERS AGE DRIVE EXTENDED TO FEB. 1

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We are forced to extend the drive for a \$3,000 fund to Feb. 1. We urge all comrades and friends to speed up the work and complete the drive within the coming two weeks.

(Figure in parenthesis is the amount previously contributed.)

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