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UNION LEADERS IN SELLOUT PACT

Pocketbook Officials Kill Strike, Make Surrender Agreement with Bosses

By manipulation of the counting, leadership of the International Pockethook Workers Union succeeded in having the strikers meeting held in Cooper Union, New York City, on "approve" the agreement reached with the Associated Leather Manufacturers, Inc. The vote as re-corded by the officials was 717 against 758. Workers present in the hall declare that the vote was definitely against the acceptance of the agreement. In addition a bloc of 350 New Jersey "votes" was brought in

by the officials to swing the scale.

The agreement calls for a 7½ to 15% cut in wages, an increase in the number of apprentices in one branch new subs, we would have sung our swan of the trade (pasters), permission to the employers to discharge 10% of their workers every year (reorganization) and unemployment insurance to be partly paid for by the

Strong opposition to this settlement was voiced by the left wingers and by large sections of the rank and file. It was emphasized that in the face of the splendid struggle put up by the nearly three thousand pocketbook workers who went out on strike on May 28, the agreement was in fact obtained thru a continuation of the

The most vicious phases of the agreement put over by the union officialdom are, first, the 10% reorganization proposal and, secondly, the permission to increase the number of apprentices. The latter will not only inevitably increase unemployment but will also be the lev-er for-a new wage-cut drive. The ability of the bosses to carry out reorganizations at will will make it possible for them to hold a club over the heads of the workers and thus victimize the most acmuch of the ability of the union to defend the workers. It really threatens the existence of the union as such.

This self-out agreement was defended by the union officials and by the prominent Socialist party leaders who were called in for help. At the Cooper Union meeting both Panken and Hendin were Boost and Build the Weekly Age!

In a Tight Pinch!

WE managed thru loans and subscrip- and Boston have done rather poorly. In get out this issue. But that is all.

did no more. We fared very poorly in our appeal for help. Of twentyfive especially selected comrades friends whom we sent a strong appeal speedy help, only one has answered to

basis, if it were

date. On this

for the funds which came in thru

All of which goes to emphasize that we are bad if not worse off than we were last week. This means we need much more work in the sub drive. The campaign for subscriptions is now nearly half over and we haven't reached anything near half our quota.

Districts like Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Antonio have done nothing to date. The Anthracite, Baltimore

tion income to raise enough money to out this issue. But that is all. We no more.

New York the Bronx-Harlem and Shoe and Leather units have fallen down badly.

The Needle Trades unit has done only fair work so far. Only the Down Town

of New York, there was a sharp slackening in the drive. Twenty yearly subs, four half-yearly, and six trial subs were among the total of 36 new subscribers for the week. So far 170 new subcribers have been won during the campaign. With nearly half the time gone, we have secur-ed far less than half our quota of new subscribers.

What we need is more energy, a better attitude, more responsibility and more work to put over our task. Here's how a worker from Fort Stanton, New Mexico, sets the pace and shows the real working class spirit that is needed to insure achievement of our goal:

"This is to let you know that your book is received which itself alone is

This is all I can afford at this time.

JULIUS KOSE."

a capitulation to the bosses, a self-out. Much better conditions of agreement with the bosses could easily have been obtained they a condition of the

Bible Study in Two N. Y. High Schools; To Be Extended Later; United Front Needed to Smash Reaction

school system with the opening of the schools in September!

The Board of Education has just announced that it will permit the establishment of classes for Bible study in two high schools in this city and will grant scholastic credit_for these religious training courses. This decision of the Board of Education marks the triumph of the year-long underground campaign that has been

gents have already allowed school sys-

Religious teaching will be sanction-tems in other cities of the state to in-ed officially in the New York public stall religious training, in particular,

tend this plan to all of the forty-one

gents examination in Bible study and, if they pass, will receive one unit counting towards the fifteen needed his message the Senator said: for graduation.

his intention of taking immediate court action to restrain the Board of Education from carrying out its plan of religious education in the schools.

cation to introduce religious training into the high schools represents a big victory for the dark forces of spiriprofess). For the workers, especial-

All liberal cultural organizations, all free-thinkers societies, all organ-

MINN. PRESS CASE NO

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P. R. PARTY MAKES GERMAN WORKERS 15,000 Miners Strike Against Freedom demand hit frame-up

Changes Plank to Win Popular Sentiment

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico-Independence for Porto Rico replaces the Statehood plank as the goal of the old Union party as set forth in the amended platform adopted before adjournment, by the special convention

that ended here on June 8.

The Statehood plank formerly in the platform was dropped and the advocates of autonomy were defeated

The old Union party was in power in Porto Rico for almost twenty-five years, until two years ago. The independence plank was championed by Senator Antonio R. Barcelo, the lead er of the Union party.

Santiago Inglesias, Socialist Sen ator and conservative labor leader came out in an attack on the independence demand declaring that the book is received which itself alone is "masses want only economic justice well worth the money paid for one year's sub to the paper. "masses want only economic justice and fair elections." Inglesias was sub to the paper. sugar producer, who, speaking in the name of important sections of the native capitalists, decried the demand

for independence.

The immediate factor making for the sudden turn of the Union party towards independence is the sharp break between the leaders of this party and the American officials in Porto Rico as manifested in the ousting of this party from power two years ago. The turn about face of the Union party also reflects the sentiment for independence among the masses which has been growing rapidly in recent months. The Union party, whose social basis consists of mportant sections of the native bourgeosie and petty bourgeoisie, plans to take advantage of this grow ing radical sentiment to restore itself

It is interesting to recall that only a short time ago President Hoover, upon his return from a trip thruout the Caribbean, declared that "there was no longer any sentiment for independence in Porto Rico."

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico.- The news paper La Democracia published on June 11 a message sent to President Hoover by Senator Antonio Barcelo, head of the Union party, informing him of the party's recent resolution on independence. In

"We are now mere serfs under feder al coastwise laws, under a national tariff system, under absentee holding of our ichest lands and under tenancy

and Political War On U. S. S. R.

The development, of an economic and political offensive against the Soviet Union was discussed on June 10 at a luncheon of the National Civic Federation in New York City addressed by George Theunis, former Belgian Premier and former president of the International Chamber of Education will, moreover, intensify Commerce. Mr. Theunis advocated a religious antagonisms among the campaign of propaganda against the campaign of propaganda against the Soviet Union within the United States while James W. Gerard recommended government legislation to help Amer, Easley, chairman of the Civic-Federation's executive council, urged that University, called for a world econaltho exactly what the new era wil all capitalist countries should cancel omic plan "designed to prove that be he did not describe. all capitalist countries should cancel potent instruments of the capitalists trade contracts and sever political relations with the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile the prestige of the Seviet Union, the land of rising Socialism, the land of no unemployment, capitalist system all over the world workers organizations should unite to mounting rapidly among the American workers and farmers who see Communistic experiment is being carabout them the misery, chaos and destricted on acording to a plan." He em-

Communist Party (Majority Group).
The letter reads: "I have your letter of June 5. The Minnesota case atic plan "in the face of a planless does not help us at all. Your case is opposition" (the capitalist world). under a federal section of the Espion-Supreme Court Decision Does Not age Act. The Minnesota case was on a state statute. In the Minnesota case the right was given to the courts to restrain any future publication if That the recent five-rour decision any one issue of the paper contained The inventor of the micrometer which will measure accurately down to 1-100, has no direct hearing on the Revolutional advance of, or referred to future publications. Court was declared by Arthur could resume only if it proved the

Union Party in Porto Rico Big Protest Against Legal Lynching of 9 Negro Youths in Alabama

DRESDEN—The American Scotts-boro case, in which eight young Ne-groes were railroaded to death after a farcical trial conducted in the at mosphere of lynch law, was brought to the attention of the German people by a very successful demonstration organized by a group of the Young Communist League before the American Consulate here. The demonstration took place on June 9. Banners hearing slogans protesting against in spontaneous re-the conviction of the Alabama Negroes and calling for the brotherhood

Five workers were arrested in the demonstration.

Wage-Cuts in Pa. and Ohio

Coal and Iron Police Attack With Greatest Brutality; Organization Work Proceeding; Bosses Make Big Offensive; U.M.W.A. Officials Appeal to Hoover

these outrages.

More than fifteen thousand coal dig ing strikers' heads, hurling tear gas gers in Greene, Allegheny, Washington, bombs, wounding women and children Westmoreland, and Fayette counties of and bringing down the full power of the Western Pennsylvania and in Belmont state to crush the striking workers, Sev-County, Ohio, have gone out on strike eral miners have been wounded by the in spontaneous revolt against the unbear state cossacks. The "progressive"-Gover-Wage-cut after wagecut, the imposition of abominable pit conof black and white workers were ditions, and the devial of the right to strike have aroused the miners to militant resistance. Pinchot's Coal and Iron Police are on the job clubbing miners, smash

WAGE-CUT CONSPIRACY IN BUILDING TRADES

CABINET MAKERS' EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

of New York

OFFICE OF THE PACSIDERS

NEW YORK CITY May 28, 1931;

Are you working nest. If so you're lucky. Lock around you. Now many of your friends in the line are working? And how long do you expect your job to last? There's no use kidding ourselves. Conditions in the cabinet shoul are bad.

Some shops are closed new. Others are practically idle. Some have a few men working. Here are really ouny. Thousands of skilled cabinet makers are welking the streets. They go from plant to plant looking for jobs. And there are no few jobs that only a hundrel can get work.

Why? Is it that New York firms don't need woodwork any more? Of course they do. And they are buying woodwork. BUT THEY WON'T BUY YEAR YORE MANIFACTURERS BECAUSE NEW YORK PRICES ARE TOO HIGH.

It would be a great thing if the woodworking manufacturers dutaide liew York sculd all raino their prices. But they don't have to. They are amploying Union Labor from 45 cents to 90 cents an hour. They can afford to soll for less than New York firms that are paying \$1.65 an hour in the shope. At times like this nebody can make them pay their men any more. and so they undernell New York firms and New York

YET THERE IS ECOUCH WORK NEEDED IN NEW-YORK TO KEEP THE CABIKET MAKERS BUSY PROVIDED THE JOBS STAY IN HEW YORK.

We have to work tagether to keep the jobs here. Your interests and our interests are the same. With us it's not even a case of breaking even any more. We've thing job after job at a loss to keep our plants going and provide work for some of the mon. If we are driven out of business you are out of a job for good.

There is only one way out. To must sell for loco. To believe we can keep chops. So we put it squarely up to you :-

WHICH DO YOU WANT -- A \$15.20 SCALE AND NO JOB -- OR A JOB AT A LOWER SCALE.

We have not every increase in scale in the past.

different and the coale should come down to meet the conditions. What con you do? Think about it. Talk about it. Drive; it up at your Local meeting, And always consider what is really Lost for your -A \$13.80 SSALE AND, NO JOB-OR A 202 AT A LOTER SCALE.

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BUTLER WARNS CAPITALISM TO GUARD AGAINST VICTORY OF COMMUNISM

Declares Chaotic Capitalism to be on Defensive Against Planned Socialism; Urges United Resistance of "Planned Capitalism" Against Soviet Union

PARIS—In a sensational speech omists who confidently declare that delivered here on June 11 before an the present crisis is "just one more important gathering of American ordinary business cycle." The present business men at the weekly luncheon crisis, the Columbia president insist ican industries compete more actively business men at the weekly luncheon with those of the U.S.S.R. Ralph M. of the American Club, Nicholas Murray Rutler, president of Columbia period and the beginning of another, capitalism is a superior system to Communism."

> the helpless chaos in which the urged the capitalist world to wake up, now finds itself. In the Soviet Union, he declared, on the other hand, "the ried on acording to a plan." He emphasized that the Soviet Union had taken over the offensive in world economic and social development because it was proceeding on a system-

"Why is it," Dr. Butler asked, "that with all the progress which the world is making in so many directions . . . why is it that there still exists so much want, so much pover-And he went on to say that not only could be not answer the question himself but that none of the outstanding leaders of capitalism ever tried to answer the question or even recognized that it existed.

As for the present economic crisis, Dr. Butler disagreed with those econ- plight into which it has fallen!

ed, marks the end of one historical

The plight into which capitalism has fallen Dr. Butler ascribed to lack of vision and leadership on the part Dr. Butler graphically described of the forces of world capitalism. He to examine the situation seriously, to work out a careful plan of economic development, and to prove its superiority to Communism!

A modest program indeed! Like

all of the other self-appointed saviors of capitalism Dr. Butler cannot, of course, see that what is the matter with capitalism today is that it is rapidly dying, that it is thru, that historicaly it is in its last and final to the appropriate State commissions, stage. Nor can he see that all. There is little likelihood that the of his yearnings for planfulness are fruitless for capitalism was conceived in chaos, was born in confusion and is less for increased freight rates is only dedicated to the principle of: "Every a cover, is only a preparation for pleadman for himself and the devil take ing poverty and thus laying the basis the hindmost!"—whether individual, corporation, trusts, merger, or super-trust! Only Communism, which abol-

ishes at once the inherent contradic-

Committee and the National Miners Union are in the field endeavoring to organize the workers. The U.M.W. of A., after repeated refusal by the notorious Lewis machine to enter the field, has just gotten into the situation. As a first step the Executive Board of the U. M. W. of A. thru John L. Lewis, has

nor Pinchot has promised to "investigate"

The Pittshurgh District Rank and File

called upon Hoover to arrange for a joint meeting of operators and U.M.W. of A. officials, "for the purpose of mutually discussing the problems of the industry, and finding a common hasic understanding". Lewis, while compelled to admit that the miners are "degraded to levels approximating serf labor", went out of his way to deplore the coal operators being "without leadership."

The entire strike region in Pennsylvania and Ohio has for years been a centre of the left wing movement in the ranks of the miners. In 1928 the pow-erful "Save the Union Committee" had its greatest strength here and led a strike of 18,000 unorganized miners. Bitter hostility prevails among the workers against the Lewis machine, especially among the unorganized in Fayette county because of the black betrayal by Lewis in the 1922 strike.

The miners are waging a tant fight. Great picket lines and de-monstrations against scabs are the order of the day. The gas barrages of the Coal and Iron Police and deputy sheriffs have to broken the strikers ranks. In St. Classville, Ohio, several thousands min-ers stormed the jail after the arrest of eleven active strikers. Here the American Legion is openly engaged in striker breaking. Sherill Howard Duff armed forty Legionnaires with tear gas bombs and machine guns to terrorize the strik-

Women and children are particularly ctive and militant in the strike. The armed thugs of the coal companies have shown special brutality toward them. One company deputy admits:

The deputy with the shotgun fired both barrels at the fleeing man and

one of the deputies as they drove away. It landed in the middle of the road and exploded almost under an auto in which a man, a woman and two babies were riding.

"The woman fainted and the children' were overcome! I took them to

The coal companies are evicting the trikers families and taking out injunc-Consolidated Coal Company has just asked for an injunction against the Na-tional Miners Union.

In the face of outrage upon outrage being visited upon the workers, the Socialist party of Pennsylvania, thru Sarah Limbach, has issued a scandalous statement saying in part:

"Then open anarchy now existing in the coal fields is but a reflection of the anarchy of competition among the operators that has passed without particular notice of public opinion for

Members of the Communist Party U. A. (Majority Group) are actively paricipating in the strike.

R.R. HEADS SEEK 15% RISE IN FREIGHTS

Companies Petition the Interstate Commerce Commission for Higher Freight Rates

NEW YORK-The demand for an increase of all freight rates by 15% was voiced with great determination by a conference of the executives of all United States railroads meeting at the Hotel Biltmore on June 12. A petition to that effect was drawn up to be submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission and

There is little likelihood that the rate increase will be granted. Obyiously the whole compaign of the railroad interfor a widespread wage-cutting drive.

HAVANA-A whole series of riots took place on June 10 at Santiago de tions and the planlessness of capital- Cuba when police attacked unemism, can bring the world out of the ployed workers demonstrating for re-

services, in the name of a "committee of Interfaith Committee, a body repre-the public" (!), as a "conciliator"! The senting the various Catholic, Protesthe public (1), as a content of the left wing fight against tant and Jewish denominations, to the agreement was taken by P. C. Shar inject religious teachings in the piro, a member of the Communist Par schools. The two schools are the ty. He pointed out very effectively the Theodore Roosevelt and the Manual danger of the agreement for the union and entirely repudiated the attempts of The approval of the State Educa-

present. Hendin had even offered his conducted by the Greater New York the burocrats to drag the red herring tion Department for this plan of re-over the trail by shouting "Communical ligious training in the public school ism". It was obvious that the greatest system is practically assured, authorisection of the workers present agreed ties here declared, since the State Re-

RECORD WAGE-SLASHES IN MARCH; UNEMPLOYMENT RISES IN MAY

185 Wage-Cuts in Month, with Only Nine Rises; May Employment in N. Y. Falls 1.9%, Payrolls 3.2%

were recorded during the month end- funds immediately. ing March 15, whereas there were 185 wage-cuts, according to the current issue of Facts for Workers, a weekly unemployed men crowded around the economic review published by the Laplant of the Sunshine Purity Ice bor Buro. The decreases were dis- Cream Company in Brooklyn in an tributed among 175 manufacturing attempt to obtain jobs as helpers on enterprises and averaged about 10%, delivery trucks. They formed a line affecting over 80% of the employees, three blocks long, many standing in

It is said that only ten of the 185 the rain from before midnight until wage-cuts involved union workers and that they mainly hit employees in learned that only four would be hired! lumber sawmills, furniture plants, The crowd of unemployed workers brick and tile establishments, hosicry and knit goods, cotton goods mills, of the plant, Antonio Guardino, had izations of teachers and parents, all the land of the workers rule, is foundry and machine shops, etc., etc. inserted the ad in the papers in order workers organizations should unite to mounting rapidly among the Amer-

May and a fall in payrolls of 3.2% State Industrial Commissioner. It upon the workers, "The police rode should be noted that these figures over us like Cossaks," declares an mean that not only has unemployment appreciably increased over the previous low level but that wages were drastically cut in May to such an extent that the payroll decline is almost twice as great as the increase in

the unemployed and their families as

Only nine advances in wage scales authorities to start raising relief

'NEW YORK CITY-More than 500

soon learned that the superintendent ALRANY—A decrease in factory employment in the city and state of New York by 1.9% in the month of May and a fell in any order of the charm manifestable in the schools. gave rise to sharp manifestations of May and a fall in payrolls of 3.2% protest among the assembled workers, during the same period, is amounced. The superintendent called the police in the report of Frances Perkins, who launched a most brutal attack eye-witness,

Science Note

An intensification of the misery of 000th of an inch is now working on an tionary Age case now before the Su- lication, and in defense such paper well as of the employed workers the instrument to detect the difference ber

unit is doing well so far. It has already reached about two-thirds of its quota. During the week, except for the Anthracite district and the Down Town unit

"Dear Comrades:

"I am enclosing a dollar bill as my do-nation to the REVOLUTIONARY AGE.

Yours truly.

Schools; Big Fight Needed

Kingston and Herkmer. The Board of Education authorities also declare that it is planned to ex-

high schools of the city.

The Bible study classes will meet after school hours and the teachers will be hired by the interdenomina-tional group. On completion of the course the students will take the Re-

Joseph Lewis, president of the Free-

The decision of the Board of Edu-

tual reaction and a serious, challenge to all elements interested in the eradication of superstition, in the fight Theunis Urges Economic against religious antagonisms, in the spread of scientific knowledge and in cultural progress generally. The in-troduction of religious training in the schools is not only a crass violation of the hoasted separation of church and state in this country but will also serve as an instrument in the spread of the worst forms of anti-scientific superstition which are found embodied in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. The scheme for religious training approved by the Board of masses of the people for it will segregate the high school students according to "their" religion (i.e., according to the religion their parents ly, the revival of religious training is a serious matter, for religion and the church are today among the most

in keeping the working masses enslayed, economically and mentally.

BEARING ON "AGE"

Affect "Age" Ban, Says Lawyer

well as of the employed workers the instance to detect the description of the Republican coming winter is foretold by Miss tween the principles of the Republican lationary Age, in a letter addressed from this that the cases are not at to Benjamin Gitlow, secretary of the all alike."

PAPAL - FASCIST PARLEYS ON

Catholic Forces Surrender: Catholic Action Chief Is Removed

ROME-Negotiations for a formal healing of the Pascist-Papal clash under conditions that amount to a practically complete capitulation of the leader of the Catholic Action sotions under a religious cloak.

During the last two weeks we have

held two meetings a week, with crowds approximately from 750 to

1000. We are short of Revolutionary

At this meeting the Party organ-

thirty to break up the meeting, with

the objective of preventing the sale of the Age but we disposed of them

in such fine shape and to their amaze-

ment they found that a crowd of

cided to save their faces by not in-

I promised the audience that at the

next meeting, if they persist in their

hooligan tactics, I would be forced to

produce more facts showing the stu-pidity of the "new line." At this par-ticular meeting I used Kaganowitch's

article about America's technical re-

trogression, as a contrast I had about

six clippings from the New York

to bother our meetings any more.

By the way, at this meeting several

copies of the Crisis in Communist

Party were sold. Last week at our

first meeting there were sold fifty-

nine copies of the Age. At the sec-ond meeting forty-one copies were sold. This was a "war" meeting and

twelve copies of the pamphlet Amer-

ica Prepares for War were disposed

of in about two minutes. If we would

have had fifty of them they would

have been disposed of just as quickly.

To date our bundle of the Aye lasts

us only two meeting nights, so be-

there to see the Governor about get-

CORRECT CLOTHES

SOCOLOFF & FLAMM

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For Men and Young Men

101-103 Stanton St., cor. Ludlow St.

New York City.

a couple of meetings a week.

terfering with any more meetings as

"Proletpen" Expels Worker for Joining Mass Union in Trade

Yuditch Declares It "Treason to Working Class" to Join Reactionary Unions; Workers Must "Smash" Mass : Unions and Belong to "Red" Unions

The Freiheit of June 8 contains a proletarian writers. All around Comdeclaration of the Jewish writers or rade Kravetz was always recognized as one of the most devoted and capable ganizations Proletpen, about the exthe Catholic forces, are proceeding pulsion of M. Kravetz from the orhere in a series of secret conferences, ganization. This expulsion is so And why was this comrade expelled from the leader of the Catholic Action to the Communist Party controlled abilities as a writer against the inorganizations that it deserves the close terests of the working class? Nobody ciety, Giuseppe Pizzardo, Papal As- attention of every militant worker. claims any such thing? The organ-

Pope also placed an interdict on a nist Party and its policies with all of thousands of workers! It seems number of parishes in Italy where the the power at his command. His incredible—but it is a fact. To the prominent in the circles of Jewish the Protetpen it is a crime for a workpeasants held anti-Fascist demonstra- abilities as a writer have made him

Letters from Workers

Splendid Work in Detroit

left wingers in the needle trades.

sistant Secretary of State and Secretary of State and Secretary of the Congregation for Extraordinary Reclesiastical Affairs. The supported the Community Reclesiastical Affairs. fanatically sectarian Party leaders in er to join a reactionary trade union. To argue that the mass of the organized workers are in these unions and that the left wingers and militants must be there to help provide effective leadership in the struggle seems to have no effect whatever upon the revolutionary strategists of the Proletpen or upon P. Yuditch, their leader. Of what importance are unions to them anyway? The purest expression of the ultra-left anti-trade union course of the Communist Party is to that region. Detroit, Mich. single men and \$15.00 for married

be found in the last paragraph of the Proletpen statement: "It is true that every revolu-

tionary must be a worker among the masses. But it must be remembered that the masses are to be found above all in the shops and in the markets. There the workers must be spoken to and organized to carry on the struggle . . . And it must not be forgotten that the place of every real militant worker should be in the revolutionary organizations of the R.I.L.U. and not in the fascist unions."

Where did we hear about the change of trade union line?"

were pushed to the wall and had to accept my motion. I was elected as a copa committee of ten to out the next day on the picket line. succeeded in having the first real demonstration since this strike began. As practically taken over the leadership of the strike and she immediately began, at this meeting, to find ways and means of Japan for a joint struggle against settling the strike as quickly as possible retthe Nanking regime, which is the toot gardless of the demands gained. A committee of four comrades was elected to go down and see the bakery owners in order to make a settlement. However, the bakery owners refused and insisted on the old prices. So with the consent of Comrade Gordon, the great leaders made an agreement with one bakery to sell rolls for 186 a dozun instead of 206. This was to be done on the quiet. No sign is is settled and no written contract was

And I won't be surprised to find Comrade Gordon soon announce in the official Party press that a great victory was

force. In all the stores, the company in-

creased the burdens of an already over-

worked and insufficient force and climi-

nated many bakers, countermen and kitch-

produce the profits-that's Childs contri-

This worker was a member of the

crew that mutined against the starva-

Sea ports. He has been a member of

New York City.

bution to "help" in the present crisis.

A CHILD'S WORKER

More News from the

Marine Workers

asked the office whether they could invite the Workmen's Circle to participate : a united front for the purpose of lighting the high cost of living. office answered that we should not invite the Workmen's Circle but we should ask them not to buy in the stores we happened to be picketing. However, I made a motion at a meeting of the branch not only to invite the Workmen's Circle but all other existing working class organizations in that town to a united front. My motion was defeated and I was bit-

ginning with the coming issue increase the bundle until further notice. About two months had passed since With any kind of help double the amount of the Age could be sold with To date we have held fourteen meetings in front of the City Hall and on two occasions the Party made an efing light that came out was Korf, the engineer; the rest of the leading lights failed to show up at these meetings and are not doing anything other-The unemployed march on the state united front they were forced to work

Then this united front declared a strike against the bakeries. After only three ting social insurance of \$10.00 for days of striking, I was informed by comraides that they decided to give up the strike. I managed to get a special meeting called. At this meeting I stated the news I had heard, and the very comrades who had voted a

couple of months ago for my expulsion from the International Workers Order, at this meeting proposed to give up this strike. Then I took the floor and bitterly fought against this motion and recommended that the meeting accept the following motion: To organize all the for-

men. Please note that as the crisis increases the demands of the Party are shrinking in the same proportion. If it keeps on they will be asking for a couple of dollars a week, as they started out with \$25.00 and \$5.00 for each dependent. The funny part of ized a strong-arm squad of about this show is that it was organized after the State Legislature was adjourned!

about 1000 booed them and they de- The Consumers Strike In Middle Village

Middle Village, L. I. A couple of months ago, at a meeting of Branch No. 46 of the International Workers Order, Middle Village, a comrade by the name of Horowitz proposed

consider the question of fighting against Times and Forbes magazine on new inventions. This finished the Party disrupters in good order. Since this meeting, word was passed around not meeting, word was passed around not terly attacked. They decided to call the strike themselves with the aid of the Women's Council of that town.

then and the whole thing, as far as I could see, was dropped. But in this town there are a few women's auxiliary organizations and they invited the Women's Council No. 14 for a united front to begin a fight for the reduction of the price of meat. Thus the Women's Council was forced to accept this united front, because A Child's Worker Tells they have only fifteen members and the women's auxiliary organizations have 500 of Wage-Cutmembers. When I proposed a united from with these light states of the control of the co front with these elements they called it "Lovestongism" and attacked me bitterly. capitol was a huge farce organized under the direction of these progressive by our friend Schmies. They secured several trucks and in them ceeded in cutting the price of meat from packed a hundred comrades and took (40¢ to 27¢ a pound.

a trip of about 100 miles to Lansing,

ing picketing committees. Thus they

New York District

June Jamboree & Outing

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RED PEASANTS IN **BIG ADVANCES**

Red Armies Sweep Down on Fukien; U. S. Government Aids Suppression

NANKING-Extensive peasant revolts coupled with striking advances of the Red peasant armies in the proinces of Fukien and Kiangsi, were admitted by the Nanking government censorship on June 10. The reports indicate that near Kianfu, detachments of the Red forces, supported by peasant auxiliaries, attacked 3,000 government troops and scored a hardfought but complete victory. Large bodies of Red troops, numbering nearscended from Kiangsi province upon Yenping, in Northern Fuklen, which was captured. The city of Changshu about six miles from Nanchang, is

It is extremely probable that the actual gains of the Red forces and nintang censor is ready to admit.

SHANCHAI—The American destroyer, Pillsbury, is proceeding to Foothow to help the Kuomintang authorities check the Red advances in

A poison gas campaign of phantastic atrocity stories about the Red forces s being organized with the help of the foreign correspondents here in an attempt to swing foreign opinion as well as to cover up the horrible cruelties of the Kuomintang reginie.

* * * . HONGKONG-Reports of the formation of a Northern coalition in alliance with the rebel government at Canton are coming here from wellauthenticated sources. These forces are gathering at Dairen in the North. Chang Tsung-chang, former Shantung war-lord, has returned from Japan and established quarters in Dairen. To him have come representatives of Yen Shi-hsan and Feng Yu-hsiang to complete negotiations for an anti-Nanking bloc in alliance with the Canton group under the lead: ership of Wang Chin-wei, Chen Yuen, and Sun Fo. In Dairen also are Usuch-liang who is supposedly cooperating with the Nanking forces. seems very likely that the Southern rebel groups, under the patronage of British imperialism, will form some sort of bloc with the Northern groups, which have close connections with of American interests in China.

WASHINGTON-Dr. C. C. Wu (Wu Chao-chu), Nanking Minister to

of the compradore bourgeosie under British influence.

the National Committee of the Marine Workers Industrial Union. In the letter notifying him of his boycott on this place. uision no other reason is given but the usual stereotyped phrases of "having definite evidence that you have now associated yourself with the renegades and you will now be con-The Child Company has made a double class", etc., etc. If this continues we contribution to the present depression are sure that a special drive will have First, for January 1, 1931 they made a to be instituted by the Marine Union general wage cut of 10%. The come among the needle trades in order to pany announced at that time that the get members because outside of the wage-cut was necessary to prevent a degree usual bunch of 14th St. cafeteria sail-crease in the working force. After put-ting over the wage cut "to prevent a re-duction on the force", the company has

begun systematically to decimate their been expelled or have left in disgust. At the meeting of the Marine Union a couple of weeks ago it was found necessary to augment the fast en help, along with a large number of dwindling forces with a few outsiders It in order to make the expulsion of hostesses, waiters, and waitresses. It in order to make the expulsion of seems that the directors are determined Soderberg sure. Consequently it was to continue to pay dividends regardless of their reported that 12 new members business conditions, and dividends are for the first half week had joined. being declared as usual.

As another "favor" to the employees, the executives engineered a large stock sale to the workers just one week before for the second half making a total of the Wall Street crash, selling the stock 17 all told. Sounds very good on the at about 55. The stock now sells for face of it but when reading the financial statement for the week we Lower business volume is invariably find that under the heading initiations accompanied by lower percentage of the total sum given is \$8.00 By orprofit. The branch managers have been dinary mathematics as learned when tersely informed that lower receipts would we went to school this would mean

not be taken as an excuse for lower per | 8 new members at a buck a head. The centages, that if necessary the managers difference in the total dollars and must resort to further wage-cuts and total new members is explained as further elimination of employees to main follows. The "new" members taken tain a high percentage. In were members of other TUUL Profits as usual and all the depression unions brought from uptown and taken out of the hides of the workers who these were merely given cards in order to be able to vote for the expulsion and of course paid no money reactionary clique in the local) was prefor initiations. Neither were they seamen. The nearest any one of them came to be a seaman was by taking a trip on the ferry to Coney Island. By those means the union is

built. There is an old saying that "the end justifies the means."

Is there any wonder that the ECCI And now again we learn that admits that the TUUL has lost both inother marine worker has been ex- members and whatever little influpelled from the Party with expulsion ence it ever had on the American from the Union sure to follow. This workers, time it is Comrade Ben Ambrody.

A Marine Worker.

A Marine Worker.

tion on one of the now defunct New Jersey Steamship Co.'s ships on a recent trip to Odessa and other Black Crusader Scandal

the Union since its inception and a very active organizer for it in the Port of New York and other East Coast ports. He was a member of Daily Worker-but knowing their attitude 2. The second case dealt with the

Millinery Loc. 24 Holds Meet; Right Wing Clique in Offensive

Left Wing Finds Itself Divided; Zuckowsky Raises Left Wing Demands, Protests Against Burocracy

Union, and nearly a year and a half af describing the conditions of the workers ple has occurred in the last few weeks, ter the last election of the executive and making the proposals of the left board, the right wing clique administration. He called attention to the suffertion was compelled to call a local meeting in order to elect a new executive board. This meeting was held on Tuesday, May 26, in Webster Hall. Hardly 100 people were present in the half which holds about 1,000; the local has a membership of over 6,000. The administration had arranged the meeting in such manner as to keep away large sections of the membership who are dissatisfied with the policies and activities of the administration. Long before the meeting the left wing

in the local had been split as a result ofactual gains of the Red forces and the sectarian, dual unionist and expul-the actual extent of the peasant re-sion policy of the present Party lead-volts are much greater than the Kuo-mintang censor is ready to admit Committee, composed of leading left they represent the U.F.C., repeatedly de of the Socialist party have made halfwingers, issued a program for the mil-linery workers. (This program was publication of Zuckowsky. Galdstock, the stituent Cortes elections next month linery workers. (This program was published in the Revolutionary Age, May blished in the Revolutionary Age, May 30, 1931). The M.W.U.C. issued a left winger who had been victimized by the burocrafte administration, got the left winger who had been victimized by the coalition with the bourgeois republicans and semi-monarchists will not be maintained. The Provisional President Zamora is especially under flooring a united front against the reaching and to put up a joint slate in the elections. This the United Front wing full control, nevertheless more than eighty workers should certainly have vot. manner. The left wing thus came to the ed against the proposal of the administraocal meeting divided—the responsibility tion. This action of the right wing ad-

business of the meeting was: (1) re-port of the executive for the period of a year and a half; (2) the election of as executive board; (3) financial report; (4) report of the elections committee. The report of the executive, as given by its secretary, clearly exposed its in-competency and its failure to protect the interests of the millinery workers. reporter hid all the misdeeds of the administration in the most shameful manner. The issue of contracting and corporation shops, it was declared, the incoming executive would have to "study men sent from Peiping by Chang very seriously". But they were sure to

> from past experience I am pretty sure it will not be printed: No less than six units have passed mo

ions to boycott the Crusader Resaurant due to mistreatment and arrest of three workers some time ago. Yet we find that the official Party leadership refuses to take any steps in this direction.

the United States, has resigned his post. On June 10 he cabled his resigned his member of the Communist Party I con the strike. I need not here dwell on nation declaring his sympathy with the Canton rebel government.

Dr. Wu is a close friend of Sun Fo to be placed in the window that the strike and with him one of the outstanding be placed. I appeal to all comrades in settled and no written contract was leaders of the extreme right wing of the Party as well as other workers to stay ship and prestige we had in New Orthe Kuomintang, the representatives away from this place until Comrade Soderberg and others involved have received

I am also taking the matter up in my union and I ask all other T.U.U.L. mem-

Party Member

The Meeting of Local 10, I. L. G. W. U.

June 13, 1934.

New York City -On Monday, June , there took place a meeting of Cutters Local 10 of the In-ternational Ladies Garment Workers Union. There were two main points of discussion.

1. Brother Jack Goldstein was employand during all this period he had worked ruinous policy is actually misleading there time totalling to about four weeks. Yet he was not considered entitled to his job and was still regarded as a tem-porary man. The same firm also ener ploys the practise of laying off one set of cutters on Thursday or Friday and of getting a permit from the union officials for a few "favorites" to come in to work on the Saturday following the lay-off. Brother Jack Goldstein brought all

these facts about the conditions in the

shop to the executive board of the local. At the last local meeting the executive brought in a report on the case to the effect that they would do nothing in the case of Brother Goldstein nor towards improving conditions in the shop because there exists no written agreement with the firm-only a "gentlemen's agreement." The cutters bitterly denounced the administration for allowing such sor called "union shops" without union conditions to exist. During the discussion it became noticeable that the "college" (the paring for something. Then when a certain cutter by the name of Benny Nudelman demanded a question, the chairman of the meeting actually gave the signal for the attack on this brother. The meeting was thrown into an uproar and actually broke up. Brother Nudelman was badly beaten up by one of the "college" and one who never ceases to de-nounce the "Lovestoneites" every step he makes, the ex-Communist degenerate Harry Reichel, who has gone over, body

and soul, to the burocracy in Local 10. It is worth while mentioning that while one cutter was discussing the question from a broader viewpoint, declaring that "such settlements demoralize the workers and never improve conditions", Brother Mastokoy, a 100% "loyal" Communist Party member, made a point of or-

New York City | H. Zuckowsky, the representative of Months after the last meeting, a local the Unity Committee, who was the first meeting of Local 24, Millinery Workers to speak, unmasked the administration, wing. He called attention to the suffer-ing of the millinery workers as a result of unemployment, to the growing menace of the corporation shop, to the danger of the temporary job system, to the campaign of wage cuts and reorganization, and to the division of the workers in the various locals. In his conclusion, Comrade Zuckowsky attacked the proposal of the administration to take away the rights of membership from Comrade Goldstock under the excuse that he "slandered" ar

Comrades Moosin and Weisman, altho Committee refused in the most slanderous eighty workers should certainly have votesting with the United Front Commit ministration should certainly arouse every millinery worker, especially the left wing The right wing clique was well pre- ers and the progressives, for a united pared for the inceting. The order of struggle to change the policies of the tinion to oust the officials and to reinstate Galdstock to his full membership rights. A Millinery Worker

as the I.L.G.W.U. under Sigman,

SHARP SWING TO

Socialist Leaders Make New Gestures to Masses; Catalonian Cortes Meets

MADRIU—A sharp swing to the left on the part of all the most important elements of the Spanish peoaccording to the observations of all competent observers. This swing to the left includes the industrial workers, the peasantry and even large sections of the lower middle classes. The number of strikes in the large cities, especially in Catalonia and in the Basque provinces, as well as in Madrid has grown considerably as have also peasant disturbances. The Atheneum Club in Madrid, representing the most advanced sections of the petty bourgeois revolutionaries, overofficer. He warned the membership that whelmingly adopted a resolution outsuch a course would mean the end of the lining a radical program of action union which would suffer the same fate for the realization of the democratic revolution.

So sharp has this swing to the left become that the conservative leaders

in Catalonia are now focussed upon the Generality Assembly convoked to draw up a constitution for Catalonia. Neither the relation of forces in the Assembly nor the programs of the various parties is yet clear. It is already evident, however, that the land question (the division of the large landed estates) as well as the labor question will be very prominent.

For Communist Unity

A Statement of a Marine Worker

very seriously". But they were sure to condemn all oppositions and to justiful the suspension of Galdstock for three years. organizer in the Union I had the op- ing from the experience of Soderberg portunity of experiencing and study and others I guess it means just that ing at close quarter the result of the ruinous line as it is applied by the Party and the Union leadership. At the time of the so-called "strike" in New Orleans last summer I held the position of secretary in the Houston Branch of the Union. I was instruct-These comrades are still out on bail ed to leave there at once and proceed the strike. I need not here dwell on sider it my duty to support the boycott the errors committed in that strike. especially so after the rank and file of it is already history and every one knows that the strike was lost and

Upon my release from prison I came to New York and was shortly after ordered to proceed to Philadelphia to help organize the "strike" there. What bers to do likewise and place a definite beyont on this place. happened in Philadelphia every one knows by now. Sufficient to state that the workers on that waterfront that had previously backed us up so lent there were a avance that had previously backed us up so Party and Young Communist League valiantly now are ready to give us the includers, several of whom expressed a number of the previously make the control of the previously because the control of the previously backed us up so that the control of the previously backed us up so that the previously backed us up so the previously backed us up to the previously backed us to the bum's rush whenever we dare show desire for unity, they could not under

by the Party-appointed leadership I raised the question several times at bure meetings as well as fraction meetings only to be told that I was not politically developed enough to understand the necessity for this. It may be true that I am not "politically developed" but as a worker that has followed the marine industry for an existence for many years, I claim that ed at the Quality Dress Company, 1,400 I know what the workers want and Broadway, for a period of four months when I see that the Party with its when I see that the Party, with its the workers, it is time that I call a halt as far as I am concerned at any rate. I refuse any longer to be part

> charges brought in against Sam Green-berg, the chief of the "college", to the effect that he spit in the face of Bro-ther Welsh. The charges were substanlated and the executive declared that it "condemned such actions in general" but

union member is safe on the premises of the local union. Another ex-defender of the present policies of the Communist Party, H. Horowitz, a co-worker of Reichel, and a paid jobholder in the union, defended the executive and the action of Greenberg!

A Cutter of Local 10 ary Age were sold.

well then I am ready to be expelled W. WATKINS.

BIG OPEN-AIR MEETS HELD IN NEW YORK

C.P.-Majority Group Is Spreading Communist Message in N. Y.

Three quite successful meetings were held on Thursday June 11, and one on Friday June 12, by various units of the Communist Party (Majority Group) in

The first of these meetings was held at 163rd St. and Prospect Ave, Bronx, with Constas, Soderberg and MacNamee as speakers. Among 500 workers presour face on that front again.

Having in mind these errors and manism are called countercrevalutionists. many others committed in the Union The meeting was quite enthusiastic. Twenty-two copies of the Revolutionary

Age were sold. The second meeting was held at 10th St. and 2nd Ave. with Rosen, White and Lifshitz as speakers. There were about 350 workers present including a large number of C.P. and Y.C.L. members. Several questions were asked which involved differences with the Party, these questions were answered to the complete satisfaction of the audience. Twenty-three copies of the Revolutionary Age were sold.

The third meeting was held at Williamsburgh Bdidge Plaza, Brooklyn, with Nellie Edwards as chairman and D. Evlich and B. D. Wolfe as speakers. The 300 workers were quite enthusiastic, continuing the discussion long after the meeting ended. Twenty copies of the Revolutionary Age, were sold and two subscriptions gotten.

not Sam Greenberg in particular!

Here cutters against attacked the administration and demanded to know if Smith and I. Zimmerman as speakers. There were about 250 workers present, including a number of Party and League members. Questions asked concerning differences with the Party were also answered to the satisfaction of the workers

. A number of copies of the Revolution.

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The Way for the Shoe Workers

Shoe and Leather Section of C. P. Majority Group Issues Statement

Thousands of shoe workers are walking the streets today looking for

work and are unable to find any.

Those who do have jobs are compelled

to work at starvation wages anywhere

from 55 to 70 hours a week. In many

cases the workers are also compelled

Norman Thomas Discovers America IV.

Mr. Thomas and Communism

by Ben Gitlow

perplexities. He is in a messy jumble of mise within Russia with capitalist forces tried to direct the revolution into the confusion, contradictions, and absurdities, and outside of Russia with those forces camp of the allied imperialists! Norman confusion, contradictions, and absurdities. In discussing social problems he reminds one of the hewildered fly, imprisoned in a tumbler of his boy captor. How the fly does franctically fly and turn up and down, sideways, diagonally, until finally dizzy, exhausted, unable to maintain its equilibrium, it gives up and falls to the bottom of the tumbler. I do not imply here that Norman Thomas will fall a victim to his own inconsistencies. Such will not be his fate. The welcome accorded his views by the capitalist world is a definite assurance that he has his place and purpose in their political sphere. Norman Thomas's way out is a "way in" for the workers and farmers, for the exploited masses. It is they who will be the victims of his program. It is they who will be caught in the maze of his ideological confusion. His program seeks to so confuse, so bemuddle the masses that they will not be susceptible to ideas and movements that lead to positive, definite action against their exploiters, against capir talism.

The World of Reality

We no longer live in the period of abstractions. Norman Thomas should know that. The present period has given us an outstanding historical event which removes from the sphere of speculation, scientific or otherwise, the course of present day historical development. There were times when we tried to anticipate proletarian revolution, social revolution, times when we eagerly devoured books and prophecies on the structure and na-ture of the future Socialist society, times lution against capitalism would take place! But we need no looking backward by Edward Bellamy today to fire our imagina-tion. History has spoken. The crisis of war of 1914-1918, so undermined the capitalist structure in Carrist Russia, so let loose the class forces, that the proletariat with the aid of the peasantry actual ly made a successful proletarian revolution, a social revolution, a Socialist revo-The Russian proletarian revolu tion is the greatest historical reality, is of the most tremendous significance and consequence to the entire world and es pecially to the exploited and oppressed masses. Above everything else, it blazens out a path, gives the needed direction and dynamics to the working classes for a way out of capitalism.

The Russian proletarian revolution also provides us with the lessons of the huilding of Socialism, the actual construction of the new Socialist order.

No genuine Socialist can ignore the Russian revolution. No genuine Sodialist can besitate concerning its stirring, eventful, and momentous portent.

Thomas and the Russian Revolution

What, however, is the attitude of Norman Thomas on the Russian proletarian Thomas is a peculiar one. Knowing full a standard of living never dreamed of of the annual income! Thomas is a peculiar one. Knowing in the labor movement there is before, were wallowing in comforts spent are: \$17.90 (education) and a genuine support of the Soviet Union. and luxuries beyond the attainment \$18.90 (recreation). The table of a genuine support of the Soviet Union, and luxuries beyond the attainment \$18.90 (recreation). The carefully avoids a break with this symposition of the princes of former ages. Pres-"miscellaneous expenses": pathetic support—which would occur if he idents of the United States, presidents

Thomas:

"Communism is a militant atheism, held with all the fervor of religion; it is an authoritarian dogmatism which boasts that it is scientifie; it proclaims a creed of universal validity which in Russia it has adapted to band facts with extraordinary geomis for compromise; it is international in principle and appeals to industrial workers everywhere; yet in the country of its origin and power it owes its survival in no small degree to the national loyalty of non-Communist peasants. Communism asserts that it is the true and only Marxism yet its has been won in a comtry feudal and agricultural in absorbance of (1) ware-cornors in the minism asserts that it is the true and only Marxiam yet its has been won in a country foundt and agricultural in character where the Marxian cycle of development thru capitalism to Socialism has been obviously fees complete. Finally it teaches that society or the working class is everything, the individual nothing, yet it is doubtful it if would exist in anything like its present form or power if Nicolai Leuit had been killed before the November. Revolution; and in acknowledgment of its debt to him, Communism has made of his tomb a strine and of himself a saint, almost a demi-god. His successor Joseph Stalin, who holds no office save secretary of the Communist Party, is the virtual dictator in Russia and probably thru the international organization of Communism the most influential man in all the world."

Let us examine this remarkable state-

Let us examine this remarkable statement. Communism is a militant atheism, etc., says Norman Thomas. It is neither a militant atheism nor a fervent religion. Communism is a state of society based upon socialized planned economy use, in which exploitation of one class by another has been definitely abolished. It is the antithesis of capitalism. Nevertheless Norman Thomas knowing this and further, as a parson, knowing something about religion, deliberately tries to confuse Communism with the Communists, the Communist Party, the Soviet Union,

tions to lead the masses to make a prole- and savings, expenses incurred in tarian social revolution and to establish their own government. The Communists in Russia, thru their Party and thru the government, are endeavoring to establish a Socialist economy that will eventually, when the conditions are ripe, make possible the realization of a Communist

Either Thomas is a Socialist or he is not! When he sneers that Communism is an authoritarian dogmatism which boasts that it is scientific, he deliberately ignores the whole literature of Communism which is based upon a thoro investigation of social-economic phenomena PROGRESSIVE LABOR ACTION in order to determine the laws of social evolution and where they lead to. Communism is not a utopian idealism but rests upon the rock foundation of science. Communism compromises with no one. But the revolutionary government has been forced, in order to maintain its

The Soviet Union operates in a world of enemies, But Norman Thomas

neglects to note what is the kernel, the decisive point in an estimation of the Soviet Union: that all these compromises have not deterred the Communists from the main line of development-which has been and continues to be in the direction of building up Socialism.

The Marxism of Norman Thomas Too bad that Norman Thomas can-

not appreciate the necessity of the alliance of the workers and peasants against capitalism! It is akin to his position that only when capitalism has reached its highest state of development, is proletarian revolution possible. Evidently Norman Thomas considers the peasantry the na-tural ally of the capitalists and his Marxism is to wait until capitalism is in "full bloom" before starting revolution, even if the conditions are most favorable. Norman Thomas's factics on the peasantry are suicidal for the workers. His Marxism would stauger Marx himself. Norman Thomas doubts if Communism (he means the Soviet Union) would exist if Lenin was killed before the revolution. This great Socialist Thomas wants to impress ory. Not conditions were responsible but Lenin was responsible! Then why did us with the "great man" theory of histnot Lenia prevail in 1905? Because the material conditions for the proletarian revolution had not yet ripened. The far-sightedness and ability of Lenin were a contributing factor to the success of the revolution but the revolution itself when we tried to visualize how the revor was the result of the piling up of favorable objective circumstances. The Com-munist Party took advantage of the favorable opportunities to lead the masses in successful revolution. If only Lenin world capitalism, as expressed in the world has not lived, then the situation would have been different and, according to Norman Thomas, so much pleasanter. But with Lenin dead we now have Stalin a influential man in the world. That is bad according to Thomas. This is how he dismisses such a world-stirring, epochmaking event as the Russian revolution. How gently and with what feeling

Norman Thomas is caught in his own power and build Socialism, to compres Norman Thomas treats Kerensky who Thomas writes:

"He (Alexander Kerensky) was a So-cialist idealist without extraordinary ad-ministrative gifts his position required who made the amazing mistake of trying to continue Russia's active participation in the war that had brought about the Czar's downfall without any help from his allies in bringing about the general peace which he desired."

Kerensky a Socialist idealist and de frons of general peace! Just like Nornan Thomas! : A Socialist idealist who does not want to crush the capitalists and endeavors to lead the workers and peasants to war uphold allied imperial ism! It is lucky the workers of Russia made short work of Kerensky. But Thomas as much as he does not ad-

nire the Bolshevik revolution must admit that it was almost bloodless. He says "The Bolshevik or November revolution, like its predecessor eight months earlier, was in itself almost bloodless."

In spite of this statement : Norman Thomas is profuse with statements against revolution, against dictatorship against Communism as "tactics of catas He shuts his eyes to the whole sloody course of imperialism whether it s cloaked in royal, democratic or Fascist robes.

Norman Thomas blames intervention or the success of the Communists in Russia. He writes:

"But possibly all this might have been in vair had it not been for the incptness.—to put it mildly—of the allies and the United States in subsidizing stepid and brutal counter-revolution and in actual intervention on Russian soil. This intervention was enough to aronse the latent nationalism of the peasants and even of some of the old military officers under the Czar in the support of the Fatherland."

He does not see the damage done by he intervention, the economic and his nan costs to the revolutionary workers government. But only if the capitalists had not intervened and aroused the peas ants there would have been no Commun ist regime in Russia! If not for the coun virtual "dictator" in Russia and the most ter-revolution and intervention the Russian revolution would have made much more progress in its economic and con-structive work. That is the fact Norman Thomas refuses to see and ignores, (Continued in next issue)

The Capitalist System and the Workers

THE 'AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING'

by A. E.

The favorite theme of the halleluja of life" as they are understood by the singers during the late lamented American worker—education, recrea"prosperity days" was "That Wonder—tion, church, gifts, etc. And educaful New Standard of Living." On tion and recreation, which are surely every side we were being told that the most important of these "better The attitude of Norman the American worker was enjoying things of life," get a quota of 2.3% openly, frankly and bravely stated what is actually on his mind. He therefore of labor unions joined in this chorus, insinuates his opposition behind a thin veil of apparent support. Says Norman vember 1929 have considerably sub-

> United States and (2) a group of professors of the University of Cal-ifornia. Note that the comparison is not made between wage-earners and the real masters of modern economic life, the millionaires and multimillionaires, but between the wage-earners and moderately prosperous

I. WAGE EARNERS IN THE U. S. Amount Percent \$1,513.29 100.00 Food Slielter & upkeep Clothing Miscellancous

professionals. Here are the figures:

II. UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS Total \$5,511.77
Food 893.73
Shelter & upkeep 1,617.60
Clothing 487.76
Miscellaneous 2,512.68 100.00 17.3 30.2

In other words, food, shelter and clothing, the necessities of mere existence amount to three-quarters of the expenses of the working class family, leaving only one-quarter of the income to be devoted to miscellaneous which include all the so-called "bet-In Russia the Communists succeeded ter things of life." If we add to this, in taking advantage of favorable condi- the expenditures of health, insurance keeping "fit for work," we find that no less than 94% of the annual income is used up in these barest necessites. Less than 6% of the yearly income remain for the "better things

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tion and recreation, which are surely

III. DISTRIBUTION OF "MISCELLANEOUS ITEM" Wage-Earners in U.S.A. University Professors Amount % \$2,512.68 43,1 313.03 5.6 742.08 13.0 329.80 286.50 ligifis, etc. Cariare 34,95 359.80

Two interesting comparisons may be made. The percentage expenditure of the American working class family in recent years for recreation was 1.2%; the percentage expenditure of the Saxon working class family in 1857 was 1.0%! A difference of seventy-five years, of the old world and the new, but the percentage spent for "enjoying oneself" remains the same! Now let us compare the working class family expenditures with those of the professional family. The latter spends only 57% of its annual income for food, clothing and shelter. Of course, in dollars and cents, it spends more than the working class family, but since its income is higher it spends less proportionately. Both absolutely and relatively does the moderately prosperous professional family spend more upon the "better thing of life" than the working class

All of these figures mean this: In the most hectic days of "prosperity" the worker's income went practically exclusively for food, clothing and shelter, that is to cover the necessities of a man still further when he has "all life (to keep himself in working con- | truth" not in his head but in his seat. dition) and to raise his family. Only the barest margin of his income could go to the wide variety of interests 000. Well, how else can cockroach capithat go under the general head of talists avoid bankruptcy in periods of de we got there there were present all the "enjoying life"!

In the face of these conditions we find the shoe workers almost com-pletely unorganized. Since the smashup of the old fighting Independent, the shoe workers have had no united organization thru which to fight for

to pay securities of \$100 to \$200,

better conditions. The remnants of the old Indepen

dent, renamed National Shoe and Leather Workers Industrial Union, continues to function as an isolated sect, without influence among the shoe workers, and with a policy, which certainly makes it impossible for it to be the rallying center for the shoe

The Boot and Shoe Workers Union has a long history of betrayal of the shoe workers and of class-collaboration and strike-breaking. Yet at the present time it has succeeded in organizing 1500 to 2000 shoe workers, among whom are a good many for-all auxiliary organizations the strength of mer members of the Independent.

The leadership of the Boot and pary degree. Shoe Workers Union is reactionary and cannot be trusted. It does not take advantage of the possibilities for organizing: the shoe workers in this resent crisis.

ases they deliberately sabotage and hinder the workers when they of themselves take militant action. Consider for example, the settlement in the Carol and the attempted sell-out in the Becker and Freidman.

What, therefore, must class-con scious, progressive workers do in this

There are in the B. & S. in New York today 1500-2000 she workers, many of whom are progressive workers who want a militant, fighting mion such as the Independent was. But the progressive sentiment in the union is unorganized and cannot therefore effectively fight against the organized burocracy which is in con-

The crying need of the workers in the B. & S. today is an organized left wing which shall give expression to the discontent of the workers and lead them in the fight against the reactionary officials of the B. & S. -

It is therefore the duty of every left-wing shoe worker to join the B & S. where the largest number of organized shoe workers find themselves oday and organize them and lead them in their struggle against the osses and their agents, the reactionary union leaders.

We call upon all she workers to oin B. & S. and carry on a fight for he following program:

Organization of the unorgan

2. For the closed shop! No hir ing and firing! No discrimination! Abolition of all securities as payments for jobs! Against all forms of yellow dog contract!

overtime during this period of unemployment!

No arbitration! Agreements and settlements to be made directly between the workers representative together with an official. Rank and file control of the

(a) Regular meetings of shop

chairmen. (b) Paid and unpaid officials of the union to be elected by the mem-The membership to have the right of recall.

8. Full democracy in the union. No discrimination, suspension or expulsion for expression of differences of opinion on economic or political questions.

9. Agreement for the N. Y. shops shall be placed before the membership for approval and, when approved, the agreement shall be signed by the New York district officials. Shoe and Leather Section, C. P.-Majority

. Group

The Seat of the Mighty It must be great to be a Pope and refer to yourself as "the sacred depositary of all truth." True, the modesty of H "Holiness" Pius XII compelled him to re- the breadline and that there was no use to fer to "the Chair of Peter", as the "sa-

Fire losses in 1930 rose to \$465,000,-

Hunger and War in Europe

Czechoslovakia in Crisis

by Alois Neurath (Prague)

(Concluded from last issue) Radicalization Among the Workers And all this occurs at a time in which

se objective conditions of revolutionary class struggle are splendid and become better and better every day. The econ-omic and political pressure upon the working class is unparalleled. Unrest and villingness to resist grow immistakably, The process of radicalization has made quite considerable progress. Reformist trade union leaders and Socialist politi becoming nervous. No district conference, no conference of any sort, certainly no national convention of any Sociallemocratic or trade union organization takes place at which there is not visible the growing dissatisfaction of Social-denocratic workers, Party and trade union functionaries and the growing sentiments of opposition. The broadest sections of the Socialist workers are infuriated with the armed cruiser policy of the German Social democrats. The attitude of the official Social-democracy to the Sovie Union stimulates, internationally as well as nationally, a gigantic process of dif-ferentiation in the ranks of the masses ed by the reformists and Socialists. In the left wing is growing to an extraordi-

The Effects of the Party Line

All this is a mystery to the ultra-left petty bourgeois leaders of the Communist Party. It is in vain that we look in the These leaders not only fail to encolumns of the official Party press for courage the workers to fight against the least indication of these important the attacks of the bosses but in many manifestations in the labor movement. There is not the slighest change. "theory" of "social-fascism" bars Communist workers from contact with the masses of their fellow-workers. It only assures the isolation of the official Party from the masses and from the political and econômic life of the masses; it assures also to the same degree the advance of l'ascism and the continuation of the general offensive of capital. Whereas the objective conditions demand a basic revision of the petty bourgeois ultra-leftism, the new "leaders" of the Communist

member of the New York Unemployed Council affiliated with the T.U.U.L.

This article shows how the wrecking

course of the new sectarian line is

working out to paralyze the activities

For months there were sharp disagree-

nents in the Council but we were keep-

ig quiet, holding back on criticism un-

til we could no longer stand it. Nesin the organizer of the Unemployed Coun-

cils, tried to organize the Miditown Coun-

cil from the bread line of the Municipal Lodging House. The first thing he did

demands were for cleaner-towels, better

colfee, cleaner spiids, etc.: Altho most of

help us. We are organizing the work-

ers in the Lower Manhattan district and

tion, it makes no difference! We can't

of all we have to elect a delegation from

the Municipal Lodging House to present demands to Taylor". When we told him

that this was wrong, that only last week

come this week again, Nesin's only an-

swer was: "We know what we are doing

We saw that there was no use talking, that

he knew nothing of the work, that he

knew nothing of what was necessary to be

we presented demands to Taylor from

Section or no sec-

anything like this?

amongst the unemployed masses.

An Unemployed Council Member Writes:

THE PARTY AND THE COUNCILS

by "Unemployed"

The cooperatives remain the only phase of the general labor movement in which the Communists still have some significant roots. But now these are being de-troyed. The Party is at least successful in this—in destroying its last positions all more surely, we are gaining ground.

In the labor movement. The growing strength of the Opposiin the labor movement.

The Fight of the Opposition

The first results of these insane ultra-left tactics consisted and still consist in stimulating the attitude of indifference, is strengthening the Social-democratic move ment and above all Pascism. Under the leadership of its ultra-left burocracy the official Party fights two "main enemies". 'social-fascism" and the Communist Opposition. It fights the Opposition primarily thru slander and senseless insinua-tions. In the beginning this campaign tions. was not without effect and it still has some consequences, altho greatly weakened. But the number of those who believe this campaign grows smaller every day; there are no longer very many who believe that the ultra-left petty bourgeois are revoutionary Bolsheviks while the Oppositionists, who are fighting for Lenin's ideas, are reactionaries. The first appearance of the Opposition was met by the Party with the declaration that it was "altogether without significance and would soon be destroyed." But two years the Party influence among the masses has] been destroyed. The Opposition is forced to work under the greatest difficulties, The campaign of incitement which is, the very life blood of the ultra-left hourgeois leadership, has given rise to a most unwholesome passivity in the ranks of contradiction to the radicalization that is devoloping among the masses of the workers. The official Party places its entire press at the disposal of this idiotic campaign of incitement; in this connection it is freed from material cares. The Opposition is able to keep its meager press going only thru the greatest personal sacrifices. The present economic crisis makes it incomparably harder to make Party, however, pass from one field of these sacrifices. Nevertheless the Opposithe labor inovement to another, with a tion is active in all of the most imports stellidity and equanimity that indicates ant fields of the labor movement. In very political ignorance, everywhere destroying many cases the critical attitude of the

every vestige of Communist influence Opposition has achieved great influence in the economic struggles of the working class, especially on a local scale. In such important industrial regions as Asch and Kladno the Opposition has decisive influence. The main thing is that slowly but

> tion is shown in the recent Enlarged National Council of April 5. In this conference there participated sixty-two functionaries and representatives from all parts of the country. The conference issued an appeal to the workers and a program of action, which provides the fundamentals of our position on all questions of the economic and political struggle. The conference decided to organize independent demonstrations on May 1 and to take an independent part in the municipal elections in the fall of 1931. Finally the conference confirmed the affiliation of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia (Opposition) to the International Communist Opposition.

was elected despite Johnstone, Steuben (Rijak), Nesin, Lampkin and Anna Lyons, who all voted for Lampkin. Our candidate was a member of the Communist Party but one who is against Nesin. This development aroused the Party buroctats. The Party fraction took up the question of what happened in the Counhave passed and not the Opposition but cil. Johnstone laid down the law: "We must get rid of all non-Party workers who are in leading positions and we do not care how we do it." This speech of Johnstone's was a signal for opening a tirade of abuse against those in opposi-tion to Nesin's methods of work. I remember how one worker was denounced thousands of former Communist function as a government agent and he happened aries—a passivity that stands in striking to be one of the hardest workers for the council. In a couple of days Nesia and Lyons came down to the executive committee of the Branch with the following concrete organizational proposals: That Courades Ball, Silverman and Stone be expelled from the Trade Union Center. But they did not dare to push this issue since we have many members with us. The next night they came prepared and came down with a group headed by Nesin against us. Nesin himself took charge of the meeting and had himself elected chairman, over our protest that he had no business to be chairman since he's no member of the Branch, But Nesin pushed things thru his own way and brought charges against the secretary. We again protested. We said that the chairman would be very partial since he himself brought the charges. We made a motion that Nesin should be removed from chairmanship. A general uproar and fight followed. Nesin refused to give up the chair. Together with the group which he brought in, Nesin's forces amounted to about 150. We had only about forty of our supporters present We herowith print an article by a jenknecht, etc. We told Amter of the! So there was no show-down on this conflicting instructions from the Party question. The next day Nesin brought and from Nesin. Seeing themselves in in Paul, a member of the Communist in Paul, a member of the Communist party said ran a certain Comrade Ball. The vote "There is no use arguing about it, any was 17 to 17. Then Nesin said: "All "There is no use arguing about it, any was 17 to 17. Then Nesin said: "All way. Let us have a big delegation from the Down Town and from the Madison Square branch?" The workers who cries a Party member so Nesin expected him to ticized this; proposal were immediately vote for Paul but when the secretary did not vote for Paul, Nesin then called for new nominations. A new fight started. Many workers were disgusted and refuse Led to participate in the voting. Paul was

Every day we go to the city employ then elected chairman.

nent agency to pick up a few workers. At the next fraction meeting John-Equal division of work! No was to instruct some of the Party mem One day we picked up a certain fellow stone raised hell and ordered the fraction bers who were in the bread line to draw by the name of Lampkin. Nesin took to open fire against Ball and all those op demands to be given to Mr. Taylor, him and immediately spoke of him as the who didn't vote for Paul. At the next the Commissioner of Public Welfare. The future leader of the workers. Nesin con- meeting of the branch however, Steuben, tinually said that we must develop these Johnstone's assistant, got the floor and workers and put them on the platform yelled: "There is something wrong here. the members in this Council are of the to speak. Pinally Lampkin did land on a There are workers here in the executive slum proletarian type there are some real platform and in his maiden speech, he working against the working class. I. W W.'s, syndicalists, Lovestoneites! proletarians there—thrust into municipal said: "Firemen, policemen! Join the un-lodging houses by the unemployment employed council and fight for the workare all working together against the revolutionary workers of the city. We must draw out the pus and we must do it After this, Brown, section organizer Lampkin went to Buffalo. Four weeks of the Party, care up to Comrade Stone later upon, his return Johnstone, appoint and others and said: "Comrades, you must ed this undeveloped worker as secretary Soon they got after Ball and others to of the May Day Conference. When some | get rid of them.

'Amongst themselves they said: "We we want to put up demands to the Commissioner of Welfare, Taylor". When we told him that the Party was not presented vigorously. Nesin defended his done because many members support us find, by saying: "What is this? He's a who are in opposition to the crazy methods of Nesin, Johnstone and Rijak, Right. we told him that the Party was not pre-pared for this yet he insisted that it had to be done in three days and further said: "You must do it. You must work in con-function with the Party." We then went ahead with this plan. A spokesman was irresponsible appointments were branded speaks quite well and in a manner like elected to head the delegation. But by Nesin as disturbers and were declared every other Communist Party and T.U. out of order. Nesin even expressed re- U.L. member. His real views he ex-Nesin, hearing of this, jumped on us out of order. Nesin even expressed re- U.L. member. His real views he ex- and yelled: "What right have you to do grets that those who raised objections presses only among individuals. John stone decided to get rid of him and launched an attack saying: "This enemy allow you to do anything like that. First ed to him: "Look what Lampkin has of the working class, this enemy of the Comintern, if we had the power we would stration? Lampkin helped-do that," Right | put the guns on him and shoot him down

like a snake.`

A couple of days later there was a meeting of the Branch with Comrade Ball, as chairman. He read off a list of members of the executive with Marks' name on it. When Johnstone heard this he flew up in the air and shrieked: "This cannot go on. We must get him off the Branch executive committee." Johnstone made a lynching talk. The Marks was not present at the meeting Johnstone demanded that he be taken off the executive committee. A motion was made to the Battery for aid. The most ri- that he should not be allowed to speak on the platform of the unemployed coun-Parry members decided to let things go thru so the motion was passed. Right afset this Paul moved that Marks be expelied from the Council. This motion was passed by a vote of 30 to 6. The chairman asked Johnstone what he thought of this expulsion move. Johnstone didn't reply to the chairman but against Ball immediately. At the next ganized. We took up the question of

The Economic Week

week, except for European economic developments, particularly German, which became much worse. Movements on the stock market were insignificant. Steel operations contitue at about 40%. Auto produc-

are tapering off. Bank clearings and

S TAGNATION characterized the railroad income continue to fall. The price decline is still on. Freight car loadings are not rising even on a seasonal basis. The coal strike in Pennsylvania and Ohio continues to spread and this will further lower car loadtion and building construction awards to the lowest level to date. Wall percussions of first magnitude are ex-

for freight rate increase but doesn't expect it to go thru. The "flight of the mark" has assumed serious proportions. American short term capital has led the exodus of foreign money from Germany. The mark's ings. The economic index has fallon. fall has been serious and economic re-Street welcomed the railroads demand pected in Germany as a consequence.

Fizzle After Fizzle

branded as wobblies, syndicalists, Trotsky-

Building a Leadership

workers later saw Lampkin on the plat-

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round and instructed Nesin to stop push-

When opposition to this hand

Vesin.

ing Lampkin.

After this grand opening

ites, and Lovestoneites!

a week or so another fizzle was done. We decided to see Comrade Am-They decided to organize many nade. ter, the Party district organizer. When ouncils in the Downtown district and o appeal to all organizations from 52nd big shots-Amter, Peterson, Stachel, Wag diculous thing that we ever did was in going to these organizations. For in cil. Many workers protested this prostance, we went to the International cedure. The chairman of the meeting Workers Order. In one branch there seeing that 95% of those present were were seven members present and I asked for three delegates. After long speeches they finally decided to send these delegates. In the second branch there were eleven present, in the third-fourteen, in the next one twelve and in the fifth branch nine. All of these branches elected delegates to the unemployment conference! Again Nesin appointed Lamp told others that something must be done cin as secretary of this conference. We objected but Nesin selected delogates incetting of the branch we were better orfrom the Bronx, Harlem and Brooklyn and appointed only the most ignorant and appointed only the most ignorant Marks' expulsion and reinstated him, ones who mechanically faised their hands From that day on, Nesin came down to for him. Thus Lampkin was elected to our branch meetings regularly and took the Trade Union Center. We put up our charge of assigning all speakers.

own delegate at the conference, and he (Concluded in next issue)

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A CHOKING SURPLUS

THE oversubscription of the United States Government Loan by sevenand-a-half times affords a classic example of the inherent, unsolvable contradiction of capitalism even in its strongest position. Six billion dollars were offered to the government instead of the \$800,000,000 wanted by the Treasury Department.

To the superficial observer, this huge oversubscription would appear as a sign of strength of American capitalism in its period of most acute adversity. Likewise to those who refuse to look facts in the face, to those who brand this fact as merely another "Fascist fact," this report would appear as fautastically false. But actually this is what happened. And it is precisely this very huge surplus of capital that shows TODAY, UNDER THE SPECIFIC, PECULIAR CONDITIONS in the United States, the deep crisis in which the country finds itself.

What is the significance, economic and social, of the $7\frac{1}{2}$ times oversubscription of the Federal Loans? First it shows that vast surplus of capital reserves still at the command of the American ruling class. However, of far greater importance and meaning, is the fact that the system is so sick to the marrow, is so unbalanced, that many billions of dollars of capital are idle, fallow, useless while many millions of workers and their dependents are starving. Herein is the basic contradiction of American capitalism. The productive capacities of industry are already so far beyond the marketing possibilities under capitalism that additional billions of dollars of capital can no longer be PROFITABLY invested in industry.

This is evidence of stagnation, of a dangerous glut in the whole system of economy. The very high levels which American capitalist economy gone out in its name and only one effort had reached yesterday are today themselves letting loose the most serious was made to call such a meeting --on Dec. 26, 1930 and then invitations went our forces of disintegration in the economic system. Thus, this oversubscription so late (I received mine Dec. 24) that shows the desperate plight of American capitalism, a plight in which even it was obviously impossible to get a satisthe most aggressive capitalist class hesitates and fears even to attempt to invest more capital in industry and flocks to the cover of investment in government bonds. Similarly, the huge savings banks deposits today do not show the strength of capitalist economy but rather show the basic weakness of the system. Even giant corporations, not being able to reinvest their surplus capital at a profit or daring to invest in new fields, deposit their reserves in savings banks.

The fact that so many capitalists with so many millions are anxious to throw their fabulous funds into government bonds, into tax-exempt securities, only further shows the extent of the development of parasitism in the capitalist system. We have here a glimpse of the ever-broadening base of the rentier class, of the class of coupon-clippers, that doesn't even contribute to the national economy the equivalent of taxes.

Then, the tremendous reserves of idle capital in the United States mirror not only the essential chaos of American capitalism but also the lack of balance, the anarchic foundation, and the advanced stage of decay of world capitalism on the way towards its final crisis and collapse. Here, U. S. capitalism is choking with a plethora of capital while many sections of capitalism are in crisis for lack of capital. But the capitalist system in those countries which need capital most does not afford sufficient guarantee for investment because of its seriously weakened condition. Another violent contradiction, as evidenced in Wall Street's relations with Germany, China, and certain Latin-American countries, illustrates dynamically the hopelessness in which world capitalism now finds itself in its imperialist epoch, in its period of decay.

It is under these conditions of capitalist development that the United States, the strongest imperialist power, no longer serves to help the weaker capitalist countries out of the crisis but even serves to intensify the very forces making for the aggravation of the world crisis of capitalism.

I. Zimmerman on Long Tour For C. P. Majority Group

An extensive tour thruout Pennsyl- ber of cities in the above states in vania, Ohio, Upper New York State, which meetings of various sorts will Massachusetts, and Connecticut has be held, the Revolutionary Age sold been arranged by the National Office and distributed, and subscriptions obof the Communist Party (Majority) tained. for I. Zimmerman, well known as or- Organizations of the C.P. Majority 1.

ganizer among the shoe workers of Group, sympathizers and readers of New York and one of the leaders of the Revolutionary Age are urged to the former Independent Shoe Work- give Comrade Zimmerman every asers Union. Comrade Zimmerman's sistance when he comes to their dis-

tour will take him thru a large num-tricts. June 11-22 - Uniontown | July 5-6-Buffalo. and surroundings. July 7-Rochester.

surroundings. June 25-Akron. June 26-Canton.

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An Open Letter to S. N. Ghose

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by Bertram D. Wolfe

June 4, 1931.

Sailendra Nath Chose India National Congress of America New York City. Dear Mr. Chose:

I have just received an invitation to a "Testimonial Dinner tendered in honor of Mahatma M. K. Gandhi of India" to take place at the Hotel Astor on Thursday, June 4th "for the purpose of formally expressing America's good wishes for the success of his undertaking in achieving India's independence."

I note that the speakers include U. S. Senator Copeland, Judge Cohalan, Upton Close, Major Kinkhead, Bishop McConnell, Raymond Robins and yourself. The nvitation contains the further informaion that "good-will messages from our riends will be conveyed to Mahatma Gandhi personally by an American dele-gation who will meet Gandhi on his ar-rival in London." Finally to cap the climax, I this morning received a second preparing to go as a delegate. letter from you on your official stationary reading in part:

"May we request you to send us your personal message of good will for India's success which will be forwarded to Gandhi."

These two circular letters and the fact that for many months my name has been on your letter-heads as a member of your National Committee of Friends of India's Independence makes it imperative that I write to protest against the turn which your work is taking. I wish also to protest most emphatically that the Committee of which I am a part has never met once altho statements have repeatedly factory meeting, so that altho I attended even you personally did not feel it necessary to attend.

functioning committee and the issuing of statements in its name which I am state other members of the committee and indeed any sincere and conscious friend of freedom for India must disapprove, creates an impossible situation and I thereing of that committee or at least of all members residing in or near New York, within one week, to define the attitude and future work of the committee, or, if there is no harmony on these matters to dissolve the same.

For the consideration of the members of the committee; I wish to define my attitude on some of the questions in-1. I stand for complete and absolute

freedom for India.

2. Dominion Status, "autonomy" "home rule", etc., do not represent such freedom. They are thinly veiled forms leave India no freer than the so-called Irish Free State. Only complete independence can satisfy the needs of the Indian people.

3. As you correctly stated at a meeting in Park Palace last year at which we both spoke and at which we laid down the basis and platform on which the committee was organized, India will gain its freedom only thru successful revolution and the violent overthrow of British imperialist power.

At that meeting I stated that Gandhi's significance even at its high point was not personal, but as a rallying center for great masses; that his theory

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false; that the revolution would have to sweep, beyond that theory and any one preaching it, in order to be successful. I denounced the Round Table Conference as a treacherous farce. You expressed your agreement with those views and proposed a statement attacking Gandhi if he should go to the Round Table Conference.
7. Today Gandhi is the leading lig-

ere in that treacherous farce—he urges the disarming of the mass revolt, sanctions by inaction and sabotage the killing of the Lahore victims and the continued imprisonment of the Meerut labor leaders, and orges cooperation with the Briish Vice Roy and British imperialism, disavows and denounces all efforts at the continuation of the struggle to emancipate India and throw off the British yoke, and has sanctioned the Second Round Table Conference to which he is

6. In spite of repeated pledges that the non-cooperation and civil disobedience campaigns would be maintained until complete independence is achieved, Gandhi has called off even these campaigns merely because the British gov-"willing to discuss matters" cenment is with him.

7. In view of these facts it seems ob-

of passive resistance was harmful and vious to me that the Friends of India's 'express good wishes for the success of his undertakings" (Second Round Ta-ble Conference) nor "forward messages She attempted this trip on horseback but of good will to Gandhi", nor arrange was frustrated in her desire to enter In-banquets in his honor and in honor of dia by the barren mountains with their the Round Table Conference, with you or any other committee member as speak-ers. It should, on the contrary, make clear to the American people that Gandforces in India which in defiance of Gandhi's orders and over his head continue the struggle against British imperialism on a

> As a member of the tee of Friends of Indian's Inde-pendence I feel I have the right to nave these views sent to all members of the committee and request you as secretary to forward copies to all committee members and to call the meeting request-

newer and higher basis.

Yours for India's Independence Bertram D. Wolfe

Rationalization and the Workers

by Hal Long

able to influence them, has always been regarded as an outstanding achievement. But only recently has psychology become a science, been put on a basis of systematic investigation and research. young science has however, already to a large extent been employed by the bossfore must insist upon an immediate meet es and where no scientific results on this field are at their disposal, they try to get around it with common horse-sense.

Vocational Psychology

The worker meets psychology as soon as he enters the employment office. He is given tests that aim at linding out how well he is fit for the job in question. Vocational adjustment, as this is called, may evidently proceed from two ends: either, a worker may be tested in order to find out what kind of work he ought to take up; or else, several applicants for a job may be tested to find out which one fits the job best. It is significant of imperialist exploitation which would that books deal exclusively with the latter As humble servants of the rulphase. ing class, the scientists are not interested in the welfare and success of the work ers but only in interests of the bosses. The technique of vocational selection consists in reproducing the mental situa-

tion in which the worker finds himself on the job, or perhaps only certain aspects The reaction of the worker towards this situation will then tell how well he will do on the job. Famous is the test that the German psychologist Munsterberg devised for street-car drivfront of a board with a hole in it. A moving belt is placed behind the board and man reactions and relations in general, these scientists are pleased, indeed, to the hole with varying frequency and velocities are pleased, indeed, to put at the disposal of the bosses. ing belt is placed behind the board and ocity. By signs, the driver indicates what the spots look like and how fast, they move. How well he can do this shows how alert he will be with respect to all the different situations that may arise in

front of his car. Similar tests have been worked out for all kinds of special jobs, such as type-setting, aviation, telephone and telegraph operation, and so on. A movement is also well under way, endeavoring to work packers, machinists and scamstresses are jobs. Several tests have been worked out that show how the worker wil react towards monotony. Where it doesn't pay expert to pick workers that can stand the strain of monotony without slowing

Not only are workers tested for their ability in special lines of work, but also as to their mental qualities in general. Their memory, imagination, ability of recognition, of space perception and so on, are all investigated. For dull jobs, the bosses want dull workers since a smart

To master psychology, to be able to worker will get disgusted with the job analyze the rainds of others, and to be and slow off. The jobs in industry are getting duller and duller so the smart worker in many cases stands the least chance of staying employed. That is what the "rugged individualism" and the "right of the superman" means.

Finally, the workers are tested as to their general desirability as employees, iften without knowing about it. Their honesty, temperament and emotions are tried and weighed, and thru the wordtest, the employer learns about their interests and hobbies. In this test they are told to answer the first word that enters book. their minds when a certain other word recited. They are told to do this to a long series of selected words and the answers will tell the boss to what extent "undestrable" (class conscious) they are

Psychologizing the Workers in the Shop

All this concerns the employment of ice, the selection of workers. But also nside, in the shops, the bosses are trying hard to work on minds of the workers. In the first place, they try to train the workers, to break them in on the jobs with a minimum loss of time and energy. This is made possible thru the extensive research in the field of educational psychology that has been made during recent years. But this aspect is rather significant, the main part of psychology in the shops consists in mental pressure on the workers. Here the bosses have no systematic investigations to ap Minister of Colonies, Paul Reynaud, ply but whitever scattered experience before the Chamber of Deputies Colmay be accumulated by scientists on hu-

It would be fine if every worker would read the chapter on "Satisfaction and Morale" in the book Psychology and Industrial Efficiency by Professor Burtt of Chin State University. The first State University of the Ohio State University. He has plenty of advice to give the bosses about how to make the workers forget that they are exploited wagerslaves. He tells them to talk to the workers as the interested in them. to say that they regret it deeply whenever the workers are laid off or have out tests for whatever jobs there are in their wages cut, to say it can't be avoid-industry. Thus tire-builders, chocolated ed but that it will be straightened out again as soon as possible, etc. Further, tested as to their ability in prospective the bosses should encourage the workers to develop hobbies, to organize athletics, social activities, debating teams and so on. They are to establish company newspapers, where the workers can see their names in print every once in a while, and to let those highly esteemed by their fellow workers participate in management conferences so as to have them see things from the management point of view. As for the radical workers, the professor hints at having psychiatric experts declare them insune and lock them

up in asylums! (Concluded in the next issue)

BOOKS

THE ROAD TO THE GREY PAMIR An American Woman's Journey or Horseback Thru Asiatic Soviet Russia by Anna Louise Strong. Little Brown Company, New York City, 1931

In this story of adventure and travel Independence, if it is to fulfill the purpose for which it is organized, should not tempt to follow in the footsteps of Marco Polo and Ghengis Khan thru India snow-capped summits.

The story is intensely interesting. Miss

Strong describes how she was fed, guidhi no longer in any form, not even ob- the many new commissions at work in the location, sowing of religious prejudice by ectively, represents the movement for regions she traversed. The most signific division of school children on religious Indian freedom, that his present activities cant part of the story is her account of lines such are signs of the process of represent an obstacle to the development the work the Soviet government is doing decay that has set in in bourgeois culof that movement, and that all friends of among these backward tribes. She shows ture which was once so bravely secular, India's independence must support those in detail how schools are being organized non-sectarian and atheistic. everywhere, how the Soviet power is But the Rubbis of Toronto had their carrying on the work of organizing col-beards singed by their own candles when ducation and material assistance the been rejected.

Wonderful, almost miraculous things are told in a matter-of-fact and earnest manner by Miss Strong. One of the most interesting features of the book is the account of the status of women in the Far-Eastern world and the part the Soviet Union is playing in their emanci-

The book is well worth reading indeed ind is a very valuable contribution to the literature of the New Russia.

ALAY-OOP, Life and Love Among the Acrobats Told Entirely in Pictures, by William Gropper. Coward-McCann, New York. 1931.

Bill Gropper, it appears, got the well-known "class-struggle blues." He got tired of big, fat capitalists; poor, kinny workers; wage-cuts raining down on the toilers; the Soviet Union beating back the imperialist offensive; the Communists demonstrating and the cops heating up. So he decided to turn to "life and love among the acrobats" for relief. Hence this picture book. It is a very entertaining piece of work indeed and well worth reading, if you can read a picture-

But what bothers us is this: Gropper and his "proletarian art" friends never tire of emphasizing (and quite correctly too!) that the life and struggle of the workers provides the artist who has established organic contact with reality with an inexhausible reservoir of creativity. Why, then, did Bill Gropper have to resort to the circus and its vapid, melodramatic superficialities for inspiration?

REVOLT IN INDOCHINA GROWS, IS REPORT

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PARIS-A panic was created here on June 2 by the report of the French onics Commission about the tremendeparture of Governor General Pasdeal with the situation."

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A DAY IN CHURCH

Religion in the Schools

As part of the general ideological rethere is a strong movement on foot in New York and elsewhere thruout the United States to reintroduce religious instruction into the schools or to give credit towards a high school diploma for religious instruction after school hours. By the same token more and more schools are driving out the teaching of biological and social evolution from "ed-ucation." Less science and more supered and assisted by the Red Army and by stition, reuniting of church and state ed-

But the Rabbis of Toronto had their lective farming among this beretofore no their demand to have the Bible taught in madic people, how self-government has the schools was met by the inclusion of been established in these regions as in both Old and New Testament. Now tegral parts of the Union of Socialist their petition for the discontinuance of Soviet Republics, how thru propaganda, the latter volume of Bible readings has They wanted a united Soviet authorities are rapidly helping the front on the minimum program of the peoples only recently emerged from send Old Testament against Chinamen, Hinbarbarism to take their place in the model dus, Turks, free-thinkers and atheists. But ern world and to win more of the good the united front got narrowed down to Christian sects and the poor Rabbis find themselves thrust among the hated "Epicureans" and infidels in the outer dark-ness. God must have been in Zion at the time stopping the "desceration of the Subbath" by Jewish football players be-longing to the Maccabec sports organiza-tion. He who took Daniel's vice presidents onsinged from the fiery oven and Daniel unscratched from the lion's den would never have delivered the Canadian sia. Rabbis improtected to the buffetings of W. J. W. the Toronto Board of Education.

> Plain Words from Bishop McConnell "A lot of missionary methods start with the idea that the person address-ed has no intelligence."—Bishop Me-Connell.

Righto! And all preaching, sermonizing and religious dope-peddling starts with the idea that persons having intelligence can be persuaded to check it outside the church, as gunman check their pistols outside a dance ball.

More Plain Words

And the Rev. Dr. Robert Russell Wicks told the Vassar grads:

"Complacency is the curse of our bourgeois white middle class, sitting so comfortably on top of our Western civilization and on top of the world The well-to-do classes have allowed religious respectability to proteet the habit of taking everybody beneath them for granted. The so-call-ed labor market has been taken as a means for producing incomes and that magical boon called 'unearned incre-ment', which in turn sustains today an unparalleled condition of luxurious

self/indulgence. "... today everywhere on the earth, the common folk on whom we have lived are on the move. The pressure of this rising tide of life is something so incalculable, so baffling, so undefeatable that our best minds are appalled at the responsibility for reorganizing the world to make room for more people whom we have thus far taken complacently for granted." Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin! The reverend doctor has seen the handwrit-

For a Peaceful Sunday

ing on the wall.

The New Haven Council of Churches has protested against the air raid maneuvers over New Haven last Sunday as "a desecration of the Sabbath." The government can prepare for mass murder on weekdays. On Sunday it should act like

Tongues of Brass

The marathon craze has at last reached preaching and a new record has been hung up, Rev. G. Z. Brown, Negro paster of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, preached for twelve hours emitting 88,794 words and consuming four lamb chops, a chicken leg and a glass of milk. He spent three hours on gambling, then com-panionate marriage, law-breaking, prohibition and the evil in dancing (during which he consumed a chicken leg), pes-tilence, drought (moistened with a glass of milk) and at midnight wound up a little husky but with a good collection. He has now qualified for Senator or disarmament conference delegate. To us it suggests the excellent idea of locking all ministers, priests and rabbis in a big arena, with loud speakers and letting their talk each other to death.

But Truth Is Naked

A correspondent from Wilmington, N. C. writes to Mahatma Ghandhi:

"If India wants independence she should first of all seek ample clothing."
Which reminds us of the boast of Miss Priscilla Truebottom, the elderly and virginal missionary to the naked savages of the tropics: "It has been hard, Reverend Prim, but after ten years of ceaseless striving we have at last succeeded in making the

natives ashamed of their bodies." The Spirit of Christ Some persuasive eloquence from the retiring Moderator of the Presbyterian

teality, psychology for prayer, an inferiority complex for sin, social con-trol for family worship, auto-suggestion

for conversion, reflex action for the fear of God, the spirit of the wheels for the power of the spirit, "The mountains of bigotry and ignorance, the valleys of indecision and apathy, the crooked places of contro-

versy and sincerity are within the Church."

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