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conditions which prevail in the silk and

dye mills. Wages have been driven so

low and the hours of labor increased to

such an extent that weavers working 14 hours a day earn as little as \$15 per week.

The Communist Party (Majority Group) early realized that only a general strike of the textile workers of Paterson could end the present miserable conditions of the silk workers. It initiated a

number of conferences for this purpose. The conferences resulted in the setting

up of a joint organization committee with

representatives of the following organ-

reations: United Textile Workers locals of Paterson (A. F. of L.), Associated Silk Workers (Independent), American Association of Full Fashioned Hosiery Workers (A. F. of L.), Communist Part (Malarity Group), and Conference

ty (Majority Group), and Conference for Progressive Labor Action (Muste

The C. P. Majority Group, at the very

beginning of the united front movement, stressed the need of the immediate calling of a general strike. However the strike call was delayed pending the amalgamation of the A. F. of L. locals with the Assessment of the A. F. of L. locals

with the Associated into one organization affiliated with the A. F. of L. The National Textile Workers Union affiliated with the T. U. U. L. also had a local in

had no base in the industry, controlled no shops, and had no influence among the workers. Its main activities in Paterson up until recently were to attack the C.P.

Majority Group and to carry on a campaign against the U. T. W. and the Associated as "company unions" and "scab

As soon as the National Textile Work ers Union became convinced that amalgamation between the Associated and the U. T. W. was to go thru and would be followed by an organization campaign and

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MAKTA RANK

Higgins Heads New Board;

Dictatorship Advances

In Germany

The upshot of all the conferences of

statesmen and financiers flying back and forth from London to Paris and Berlin to

London is that Albert H. Wiggins, chair-

man of the governing board of the Chase

National Bank, the world's biggest bank,

has been selected as an American mein-

ber of the committee set up by the Bank

of International Settlements to inquire

into the credit crisis in Germany. This means that as a representative of Wall

Street, Mr. Wiggins will dominate the

In the meanwhile, the situation in Ger-

many is getting worse hour by hour.

The government has just temporarily sav-

ommittee.

The local was insignificant,

of all kinds of fines,

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C.P.L.A. Split As It Decides to John D. Slashes 6,000 Silk Workers Answer General Strike Call in Paterson Form New Reformist Party

Bitter Struggle Marks The New Departure; "Militants" Defend Socialist Party Position; Communists Resign As Salutsky Plan Is Put Thru

Sharp fighting marked the recent P.L.A. was destroying itself as a promembership meeting of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action on Ended in the Conference for Progressive Labor Action on Ended in the Conference for Progressive Labor Action on Ended in the Conference for Progressive Labor Action on Ended in the Ended in t eight Communists opposed the pro-posal of the National Committee of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action to launch a new reformist party, pretending to be "in between" the Socialist and Communist parties. Led by J. B. S Hardman (Salutsky), of the reactionary Hillman clique in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the inspirer of the whole plan, Ludwig Lore, editor of the Volkszeitung, who associated the proposal with the crystallization of new centrist par-ties in Europe, Bert Miller, the most vicious crusader against Communism, and A. J. Muste, chairman of the C.P.L.A., the National Committee hesitantly and timidly took its first steps in the new direction under the threats of the S.P. leaders, headed by McAllister Coleman, to withdraw all S.P. members from the C.P.L.A. if the new move were carried thru. The Communist group, led by D. Ben-jamin and V. Cibulsky, members of the local executive, attacked the S.P. and sharply condemned the proposal for a new "left" edition of the S.P. Just as this proposal was being adopt-

ed, the Communist group declared their resignation from the C.P.L.A. The leadership of the C.P.L.A., anticipating opposition to its new departure, brought down members from Paterson, Katonah and Philadelphia, as well as students from Brookwood, before. Fully two-thirds of the 65 olution, they are revolutionaries in (2½ times the size of the average fact. New revolutionary parties are meeting of the C.P.L.A.) were made being planned by these left Social-up of individuals attending for the democrats all over."

The resistance among the workers.

In the meanwhile, thruout the ranks of labor there is growing unrest and resistance to the wage-stashing drive

democrats all over."

Victor Cibulsky, another Communist, laid bare the shameful methods of the local executive had previously been refused the right to make a minority report or statement to the membership and at this meeting was not allowed to present its resolution to the membership. The chairman, A. J. Muste, was quite arbitrary in the time he allowed to the various speakers. Benjamin, presenting the viewpoint of the Communist Opposition, was strictly limited to his formal support of the army has announced fine the wage-slashing drive of the bosses. The railway unions are especially set upon preventing wage-cuts. The U. S. Department of Labor Age, said he "could not understain the discussion in the same direction. Louis Francis Budenz, editor of Labor Age, said he "could not understain the discussion"—failing completely to grasp the full significance of the new gerstance to the wage-slashing drive of the bosses. The railway unions are especially set upon preventing wage-cuts. The U. S. Department of Labor's strike-breaking department, the Division of Conciliation, reports 447, appeals, involving 132,273 workers, allowed to present its resolution to the membership. The chairman, A. J. Muste denied to he army wage-cuts. The conciliation, reports 447, appeals, involving 132,273 workers, appeals, involvin was strictly limited to his 10 minutes, but the Socialists and those who favored Muste's proposal were quite "leniently" treated.

A. J. Muste began his report by reading excerpts from the National Committee thesis. After brief remarks by Patrick Quinlan on some sections of the thesis, D. Benjamin got the floor and, within the limitations of time, made a penetrating criticism of the whole project, show ing that the C.P.L.A. had none of the requisites of a revolutionary working class party, that there was no ob-jective basis for another revolutionary party side by side with the Communist Party, that the new party would inevitably be a new edition of the Socialist party with a more "left" face. (The general line of Comrade Benjamin's remarks is indicated in the article "Against A New Reformist Party" on page 3 of this issue). In taking this step, he declared, the C.

PRIESTS OUSTED

Government Anti-Church

MEXICO CITY:—Only four priests case, it has been amounced semi-of-now remain in the State of Vera Cruz, ficially, Walker was associated with Such are results of the drive recently undertaken by the State government, undertaken by the State government governmen der the leadership of Governor Tejeda, period of Dr. Doyle's hey-day, Walker against the reactionary power of the Cathe was a steady practitioner before the

the greatest bitterness the execution of ating in the city. the Vera Cruz law limiting the number of priests, a law that has the enthusiastic support of the masses of the peoso far as to incite a fanatical youth to

An inventory of church property has been started preparatory to turning it

Immediately a vicious attack was launched against Communism and the Communists by the S.P. membership is again the central question before Communists by the S.P. membership and by the adherents of Hardman, Lore, Miller, etc. The lead in this anti-Red crusade was taken by Hardman, McAllister Coleman and Bert Miller-who has just been rewarded for his attack on the Soviet Union in the last issue of Labor Age by being put in charge of the national office of the C.P.L.A. Miller declared that he "stood ready to be convinced that the ly showed the government's open hand S.P. could be changed or reformed" as an agency for wage-cuts when he and went out of his way to pay tribute recently declared that some industries to the "splendid revolutionary qualities" of the "militants" in the S.P. He branded the Communist movement as "counter-revolutionary" and declared that he was "glad he was thru with the Communist Party." Many of the Socialist speakers criticized the thesis of the National Committee of the C.P.L.A. on the ground that of the C.P.L.A. on the ground that the position contained therein was so similar to the line of the S.P. that there was no need for the launching of a new party. The "militants" were

Ludwig Lore, the political spokesman of the new party, laid down the basis for the whole project saying:
"What we need is a real revolutionary tion for "adjustments in the salaries S.P. This is not only an American while the S.P. packed the meeting question. It is in the air everywhere with its adherents, the ovedwhelming in the world. The left in the Social-majority of whom had never been to a membership meeting of the C.P.L.A. sound, sensible; they do not talk revenue over immediately. This resolution is merely a manouver to try to lesson

especially vigorous in this line of at-

In his summary, A. J. Muste denied (Continued on Page 2)

Sinking Fund Commission were ques-

tioned on July 29 regarding appearances before that body by Charles L.

Craig, former city controller, on be-

half of steamship companies seeking

leases to city piers. Mayor Walker is chairman of the commission which

has the final voice in the disposition

that Samuel Seabury had obtained

the files of a case in 1925 in which Walker, then a state senator, repre-sented the Packard Motor Company

before the Board of Standards. In this

some of the biggest corporations oper-

of city waterfront property.

A slash in the basic wage scale of 20% has just been announced by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company and five other major companies operating in the State, all Rockefeller subsidiaries. The Successor Lasts One Day; wage-cut affects many thousands of work-

Due to the acute sharpening of the economic crisis, the question of a furthe whole country. At the same time the number of strikes and strikers, the resistance of the workers, is showing marked increase.

Despite Hoover's denial that his administration now openly demands wage-cuts, the prevailing opinion is that Secretary of Commerce Lamont really let the cat out of the bag, realas an agency for wage-cuts when he also drawn into the condemonstrations.

order to put over its wage-cuts, has taken another step, at the recent meeting of its Board of Directors, to make a cut in salaries in preparation for cutting wages again; this time, on a national scale. The announcement by U. S. Steel of a national wage-cut will be a signal for a genof officials and other salaried em-

The wage-slashing drive is expected the possibilities of a broad labor party movement in this country for the next few years and insisted that the fired 75,000 men in Detroit.

WALKER INVOLVED IN GRAFT QUIZ

ALONG WITH SILENT DR. DOYLE

Scandal; Mayor Leaves for "Vacation" Abroad

Big Wage Cuts Everywhere | IBANEZ REGIME IS **OUT IN CHILE**

Outbursts in Santiago Preceded Revolt

SANTIAGO, Chile.-Both President Carlos Ibanez and Pedro Opazo, president of the Senate, to whom Ibanez yielded his position, have been forced out of the government by a movement that culminated in a series of scrious mass outbreaks in this city. Ibanez has already fled to Argentina.

Since Thursday, July 23, demonstra-ions of students and other lower middle class elements had been growing under the slogan of: "Out with Ibanez!" Cer-tain elements of the working class were On Thursday a group of students barri caded themselves on the buildings of the University of Chile. The struggle of the students against Ibanez regime soon enlisted the support of lawyers, doctors, banking and railroad employees, merchants, and others and the movement took on formidable proportions. The profound economic crisis, the most severe in the history of Chile, had already created deep dissatisfaction among the workers and considerable sections of them

too joined in the anti-Ibanez movement. General Ibanez attempted to handle the situation with his usual methods of terror and threats but to no avail. On lunday, July 26, he was forced to sign declaration of resignation. He named Opazo, a relative of his and a member of his clique, as vice-president and his sucessor, but Opazo could not hold power for more than one day. At the pres-ent time Juan Esteben Montero, who had been chosen premier of the new cabinet, has assumed the vice-presidency and acting presidency but his position is also far from firm. General Bartolome Blan-che, head of the army, has announced his formal support of the new regime

Wall Street. About one billion dollars of American money is invested in Chile, with the Soviet Union, on the ground of the "militant" leaders, who are now of the "militant" leaders, who are now primarily in nitrates, copper and railroads. that the workers revolution in Russia in full retreat and terrified at their The reports indicate that the anti-Ibanez was "unlawful, illegal and wrongful." own temerity in raising their voice but this does not mean that the new regime will not form a working arrangement with Wall Street and turn out to be as part of the Socialist leader. The first introduced the original anti-Hillquit servile a tool of Yankee imperialism as, Walker Connected With Doyle in Board of Standards | St

MEET OPENS

DR. DEWEY EXPLAINS I. L. P. Delegates Protest Official Position on War Question

ing here in the fourth world congress of the Labor and Socialist International, commonly known as the Second (Socialist) International. War debt ried on against the Russian Soviet Union. man situation are to be the principal particularly by Mr. Matthew Woll and subjects of discussion. In connection

A secondary object of our committee is to call attention to those wretched so-toil and economic conditions in this country, which are the basic course of the many conditions of the part of Mayor Seitz of Vienna. (Continued on Page 2)

Masses Rally to Strike Call of Amalgamated Unions Strike Spreading Fast - National Textile Union Plays Disruptive Role

Over 6,000 Paterson silk workers are out in general strike called on July 28 by the joint action committee made of representatives of the newly amalgamated textile unions (United Textile Workers, Associated Silk Workers), the Conference for

The strike is proceeding in a militant spirit and the number of strikers is increasing daily. Arrests of pickets and police attacks on the strikers have already begun.

Unemployment is very severe. The speed up is terrific. The workers in the shops Progressive Labor Action and the The textile workers of Paterson are to-Communist Patry (Majority Group). day fighting to end the inhuman slave The textile workers of Paterson are toare not only harrassed by the bosses despotic regime but their pay envelopes are constantly robbed thru the imposition

THE MARCH OF AMERICAN PROSPERITY



Hillquit Forced to Drop Anti-Soviet Case As Mass Protests Grow in S. P. Ranks

Wire From Paris Announces The Decision; Philadelphia S. P. Convention Condemns Hillquit; "Militants" Help Expel Y.P.S.L. Member in New York

s reliance up- 11, Morris Hillquit, chairman of the on military despotism, his clique dicta Socialist party of America and one on military despotism, his caque unclast torship, the huge increase of the foreign debt, the heavy military expenses, etc.

Socialist party of America and the counter-orientative of its delegates to the Socialist Interior ist party burocracy to smash the wave national Congress now taking place in of protest that has arisen in Social-accounted the most shameful The demands of the toiling masses found no expression in the anti-Ibanez move- from the anti-Soviet case with which anti-labor conduct of Morris Hillquit, Chile is one of the most important he has been identified in the last few months. The case involves a claim of the Socialist party chairman, in accepting as the position as legal countries.

Well Street About any hillien delicer.

branches. Only recently the city convention of the Socialist party in Philadelphia voted 34 to 7 against Hillquit. Czarists against the Russian masses.

VIENNA—Over 600 representatives of 34 Socialist parties are meetrevision, disarmament and the Ger- caught in such a position; they generally conduct their anti-Soviet activities under the hypocritical mask of "sympathy for the Russian workers and the Russian revolution."

Thirdly, it is rumored, and more war. In contradistinction we advocate a fair and friendly policy towards Soviet Russia, both as the proper attitude towards a great social and economic experiment and as a means of furthering inter-

The agitation carried on by the strations of mass welcome have Revolutionary Age and the exposures marked the visit of George Bernard featured in it constituted a very great Shaw, Anglo-Irish author and Sofactor in stirring up the Socialist cialist, to the Soviet Union. try which are the basic causes of the present widespread misery, unrest, and violence. We believe that Mr. Woll and between Otto Wels, chairman of the party membership and the progressive so far as to incite a fanatical youth to should not give the "appearance that make an attempt upon the life of Governed he is running away." Figure it out agitate for the cure of these conditions of the French Socialist party. The than to issue polemics against Russia and morning was marked by the attempt anything at all except a glib phrasel) stimulate the persecution of American of the leaders of the congress to suppradicals.

of the leaders of the congress to suppress the attempts of David Kirk-Revolutionary Age was the only pa-with the word "Tovarishi" (comrades) l per in this country that really con-

In a declaration dated Paris, July ducted a systematic campaign in this

ist party burocracy to smash the wave Various factors have contributed in against Hillquit, the comrade of Cireffecting this right about face on the cle 1, Bronx, of the Y.P.S.L. who factor is undoubtedly the tremendous resolution in New York some weeks wave of protest that has developed in ago, has been expelled from the Y.P. Socialist ranks, in spite of the sabo-S.L. as a "Communist"! It is imtage of the "militant" leaders. Res- portant to note that this dirty work WORLD SOCIALIST olutions condemning Hillquit and was done not by the right wingers even demanding his expulsion have been pouring in from branches of Socialist party all over the country and especially from the New York to the Socialist party of Hillquit and branches of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the second of the second of the Socialist party of Hillquit and the second of the secon

> This anti-Hillquit sentiment was cleverly utilized by Norman Thomas clairst party but the comrade who and his openly bourgeois liberal wing of the S.P. adopted in her own circle and in a Secondly, the more astute Social-number of other circles as well! Such democratic leaders of Europe, espe- is the anti-working class logic of the is the anti-working class logic of the Socialist party; such is the logic of confusion and capitulation of the "militant" leaders.

SHAW PRAISES SOVIET POWER

Declares British Workers Must Follow Example of Russian Masses

MOSCOW. - Tremendous demon-

The world famous critic and dramatist celebrated his seventy-fifth birth- France imperialism and between Buglien an entertainment given in his honor in the Hall of Columns. He began with the word "Tovarishi" (comrades)

wall Street on his recent visit to Ber (Continued on page 2)

ed from collapse the Dresden Bank, one of the biggest German "D" banks, by supplying it with \$25,000,000. Hindenburg and Bruening have just ssued a decree virtually suppressing all

freedom of press for working class pa-pers. Martial law revails in the town of Ruhla in Thuringia, whose mayor is a Communist, a member of the Communist Opposition of Germany. All papers 🙀 Germany are now ordered to print all government decrees without any hostile comment under the pain of suspension in case of violation. Communists are being arrested left and

right thruout the country while the fas-cists are unmolested in their murderous drives on workers organizations. Sharp battles are spreading thruout the country between the Communists and fascists, par-ticularly members of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmets, fascist military outfit.) Unemployment is again rising and a movement of rebellion is evident thruout the country. The fascists are openly denouncing Bruening and are yelling:

A temporary emergency director of fi nance has been appointed until terms call be arrived at with Hjalmar Schacht to full his job. The Nationalists are demanding a high price. At the same time the violent antagonisms between American and

'Let's string 'em up.

IN VERA CRUZ

Only 4 Left As Result of In the second place it became known Drive in State

The Catholic prelates have resisted with The Church authorities have gone

over to the Federal government. W. Bernard Vause, former Kings

Mayor James J. Walker became in-volved in two directions in the in-vestigation's being conducted by Judge vestigation's being conducted by Judge Lines for representing them in nego Samuel Seabury for the Hofstadter tiations with the Dock department for Committee. In the first place the leases of two city piers. secretary and two members of the

STAND

The erroneous impression was given in a portion of last week's press that as President of the People's Lobby I am heading a special "anti-red" committee. The committee in question is neither antired nor prorted. Its primary purpose s to offset so far as possible the effect of the hysterical propaganda being caraccording to a statement issued by the Dr. Doyle, self-confessed receiver of have fled the State or are in hiding. Such are results of the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently un- Doyle, but thinks it is "not have fled the drive recently announced Committee of One with this Congress there are also being the opin ing held the fourth international wo- men's conference of the Socialist In- the seeds of international hatred and ternational, the conference of Social- war. In contradistinction we advocate a list Students, the conference of Social-Board of Standards, representing

Mayor Walker has announced plans | cial and economic conditions in this counto sail for Germany within a week for try which are the basic causes of the a "vacation." He is very "anxious," present widespread misery, unrest, and it is declared, that this vacation violence. We believe that Mr. Woll and his associates would be better advised to German Social-democracy, and Brache

-John Dewey.

THE FURRIERS FIGHT FOR UNITY!

by A Fur Worker

New York City ers Industrial Union and by the "United Front Committee". According to the official report there were about 190 delegates representing 160 shops, mostly in

Winogradsy, chairman of the conference, announced that the conference the dog line strike as well as the recent Stetsky unity manouver (the offer of a unity conference made by the Joint Shapiro insisted that the two questions be separated and his viewpoint After a report by Gold on the situa-

tion and on the dog line strike and after a discussion on these questions, the floor was thrown open for discussion on the the Fur Department of the Needle Trades Stesky unity conference. The official opinion of the N. T. W. I. U. and of union of all fur workers. the "United Front Committee" (which is the same thing) was that the conference should completely ignore the Stetsky unity manouver and reject unity conferences with the bodies of the International Pur who got the floor at this point, strongly attacked this position. He declared that precisely because Stetsky's unity offer lomatic managements all dipwas no more than a dishonest manouver, just for this reason the Industrial Union should not reject the gesture so as to convince the workers that it is sincere in its desire for unity. A long discussion took place in which many delegates participated. Towards the end of the dis cussion, B. Baraz got the floor and after a vigorous description of the situation in the trade and a plea for the ending of the "two union system" and the establishment of unity among the fur workers organizations, introduced the following

"This conference of delegates from fur shops meets a time when a movement is under way to improve the present mis erable conditions of the fur workers. The

fight in a number of shops for July rais-On Thursday, July 23, there took es, as well as the strike of the dog-skin place a conference of delegates from fur workers show that the furriers are more shops called by the Needle Trades Work and more ready to take the offensive against the bosses to put an end to the unbearable conditions in the shops. Recognizing this fact, it is necesary to un-derstand that for this movement to be effective, it is necessary to spread the struggle thru the entire trade and to take steps which will safeguard and guarwould take up the general situation and antee the gains already won and that can the dog line strike as well as the recent be won. To accomplish this the conference declares that it is necessary to make every effort to unify the ranks of the fur workers by establishing one union in the trade and therefore adopts the following decisions: a. That we are in favor of uniting the

two existing unions in the fur trade (The International Fur Workers Unions and

b. That this conference elect a special conference representing all organizations of the workers, all groups and all shades entity between the white and colored of opinion in the workers ranks for the races is being galvanized into life. The

sue and instructs its committee to make genuine effort to unify the existing for

election of the executive of the conference, Gold arranged it so that he gave the signal to his followers for whom to vote. Nevertheless the supporters of the position of working class unity defended by Shar piro and Baraz received as many as 30

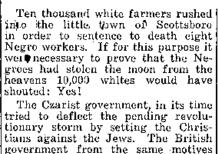
SMASH THE SCOTTSBORO FRAME-UP

History Has A Long Memory!

by Alexei Tolstoy

International

Solldarity



government from the same motives kindled in India the hatred between Moslems and Hindus. The American bourgeoisie, depressed by the growing crisis at home and the growing might of the proletariat of the USSR, is seeking ways of salvation and is adopting the old prescriptions: cant hypocrisy, national and race prejub. That this conference elect a special dice, etc. It is necessary to split the committee to take the initiative in calling ever more closely consolidating masses of the proletariat. And so, the old races is being galvanized into life. The color of the skin is sufficient to bring a man to hangman's rope. "You, millions of unemployed, come and be divided: whites—to the right, colored dreamer and is always in a melandestroy the blacks, the yellows, the destroy the blacks, the yellows, the of the past, their Golden Age—some—the destroy the blacks, the yellows, the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, their Golden Age—some—in any the state of the past, the past of the past of the past, the past of t

This is a question for us, comrades, chains on the plantations, in chains cal smile you please but release our — A Fur Worker The proletariat lives with its future, underground, in chains in the war gal-black comrades!

BIG SOCIALIST MEET

OPENS

first step, radical solutions being in-acceptable to Geneva and no good,

At Tuesday's session Adler read

various messages of greetings. He was

compelled to express regret at the

complete lack of colonial representa-

After two hours Bacon of the Brit-ish ILP rose and complained that the

opportunity to discuss. He demanded

war and calling on the signatories to

Every word spoken and every act done by the leaders of the Socialist International Congress shows very clearly the real object of the Socialist

parties and of the Socialist Interna-

tional today is to restrain the working masses, to apologize for capital-

ism, to make the murderous rule of

the bourgeoisie palatable to the work-

keep peace.

ers and farmers

leys, in merchants shops—indeed, this was heaven. If only the bourgeoisie were to transport themselves there on time machine . . .

The methods of the struggle for

To you, sons of frightened bourgeois, to you members of the Young Men's and speculators:

The bourgeois has his eyes at the back of his head; the bourgeois is a choly mood; they sigh for the clouds tory has a long memory. Bourgeois of the past, their Golden Age—some—economics is shaken to its foundations. workers organizations."

Gold carefully manouvered not to allow a vote on this resolution. In the low a vote on this resolution. In the playment!"

Genume effort to unity the existing for the playment to make the colored—America for the where thousands of years ago—in an client Rome, in miraculous Carthage:

blooming gardens, white marble pal
will bloom the cristian and the second the cristian and the second the cristian and the colored and t The bourgeoisie is fighting for life. aces, transparent lakes, where the lt calls life all those conditions, in fishes are fed with the bodies of wour enemies, but these enemies will which separate individuals can push slaves—thus lived the godly merforward and seize as much good for chants, the usurers and the planters themselves as possible. The weak are with annointed bodies and scented the planters of places in the second transparent lakes, where the ers. Eight Negro workers—they are remarked to the second transparent lakes, where the ers. Eight Negro workers—they are remarked to the should be remarked to crushed underfoot. And the future? beards, and millions of slaves in mand from you: Make any hypocriti-

ife with us and with them are clear. And so we, Soviet writers taking part as far as our strength will allow in the building of the foundation of Socialism, we with feelings of disgust and indignation turn to you in wrath To you executioners of Alabama!

Christian Association, to you bankers, fattened on the bloody billions of the world war, to you industrialists We demand from you: Stop the ex-

ecution of eight black proletarians! You are not even lighting, you come as a bandit to cut the throat of a sleeper. Really, one is ashamed to call himself a white man after this,

Klan. Fear should, however, stop you. Make no mistake about it—his-

6000 SILK WORKERS OUT IN PATERSON

Masses Rally to Amalgamated Unions

(Continued from page 1)

a general strike, they called the Paterson workers out on strike on July 22, without preparations, without contacts and without having a following among the workers themselves. Before the Na tional Textile Workers called their strike the Joint Action Committee set up by the United Front Conference set August 3 as the date for the general strike.

Benjamin Gitlow, the representative of the C.P. Majority Group, insisted as soon as the early date of the National Textile Workers Union strike call became known, that the date be advanced to the same date, or the latest to July 27, in order that the workers should not be dirided into strikers and scabs, and in order that the workers should weld together a united front of textile workers in an effective strike against the bosses. When Gitlow's proposal was rejected a statement was issued by the C.P. Majority Group on its position for an early gen-eral strike, which statement was published in last week's issue of the Revolutionary Age and in the local press. Pollowing the publication of the statement the strike

Shame and disgrace will perhaps date was advanced to July 28. not stop you? Your face is covered with the white mask of the Ku Klux Workers Union had a very 200 The strike of the National Textile Workers Union had a very poor response, only a few hundred worker sanswering their call. Nevertheless the National Textile Workers Union continues to consider the struggle against the strike of the amalgamated unions as much more important than the fight against the bosses. It continues to try to disrupt meetings and to do everything in its power to divide the workers.

The general strike of the joint action committee, of the amalgamated unions of the A. F. of L., is very effective. Over 6,000 have responded so far. The police have arrested so far a large number of

pickets but have let them off with sus-

pended sentences, small fines or released hem. The authorities are attempting to pre-

vent picketing altogether or to make mass picketing ineffective by prohibiting the picketing of shops which the bosses dedare are not on strike or by having the pickets march two by two a big distance apart from each other.

The amalgamated unions are refrainthe amagamated unions are retraining from attacking or interfering with the strike of the N. T. W. U. in spite of the provocations of that organization.

The strikers picket every morning, noon and evening. The strike mass meetings take place in Roseland Dance Hall,

aterson and Ellison Streets. The Paterson strike is linked up directly with the strike of the silk workers in Allentown. That the strike is effective in curtailing the production of silk is

The Henry Doherty Mill, the largest silk weaving unil, employing 1,300 workers, situated in Clifton, at the time of the writing of this news item is to be brought into the strike by the use

also for effective trade union organiza-The solidarity and spirit of the strikers assures victory and a union.

How to Celebrate The Fourth

We reprint below for the edifical "Timely and Untimely Observa-

SUGGESTED FOURTH OF JULY

PROGRAM

Line of March, from County Jail to
Poor Farm, Potters Field, Insane Asylum,

1.-Police Band playing dirge, "Freedom's Farewell."

three minor Communist during the past

escorted by Daughters of the American Revolution, followed by American Legionnaires, with eyes and gun-barrels on the bird.

monstration suduing police squads, armed with riot clubs, sawed off shotguns, tear

find absent in this article. -W. J. White

C. P. L. A. FORMS **NEW PARTY**

I say such writings should not be let

go into our press without a lesson being

pointed out and the proper evaluation

made of the part such men play in the

subjection of our class, all of which we

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tude towards the Communists were a special appeal to the Socialist "mili-

Budenz proposed that the discussion

adopted.
The Communist group thereupon declared that it was ready, as always, From the ranks of the Michelsons and to cooperate with progressive labor elements to strengthen the progressive gists and defenders for the master class forces in the American labor move-and a casual examination of the thousands ment and to help build up a broad la-of books which come from this group of bor party movement, that it had servants will show the slimy part they fought reformism in the labor moveplay in the present system. Two institut ment all along and would continue tions which the workers are warned to this fight and would therefore fight he on their guard against are the institute against the new party proposed. Since time of learning of the mosters and the C.P.L.A. had ceased to be a prochurch of which so much has been write gressive tendency in the trade union movement and was becoming a re-formist sect—the declaration of the Now let me take up the case of this Communists concluded—it was the duty of the Communists to resign from the C.P.L.A. and to continue he fight from the outside.

G. B. SHAW PRAISES SOVIET UNION

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openly admitted by the bosses.

of militant mass picketing.

The Paterson silk strike is not only a move for unity for better conditions but

tion of our readers the following bit taken from Adam Coaldigger's coltions" in the July 3, 1931 issue of the American Guardian, published in Ok-lahoma City.

and return.

2.—Gold Star cops in plain and fancy clothes, composed of members of the force who slugged at least one adult or

3.-Float. Bird of Liberty in cage,

4.-Bread riot and unemployment debombs and similar arguments.

Second Division:

1.—Police drum corps, drumming on cracked skulls of demised free speech advocates. 2.- First, second, third, fourth, fifth,

sixth and seventh sections of contented veterans of the Soup Kitchen War, bearing streamer: "We are in the soup, but the soup is not in we."

3.—First to twenty thrid division of the Grand Army of Free, Brave, Independent, Dependent Unemployed Americans, singing "We Are Coming, Uncle Samuel, a Hundred Thousand Weak." 4.-Procession of underfed and defect-

tive school children, waving little flags, while chanting:
"You've made us what we are rody, We hope your satisfied."

5. Float. The empty milk bottles. Third Division: 1.—Batallion of staggered job holders,

staggering, staggeringly behind banner bearing slogan: "We're staggering to beat 2.-Red Cross ambulance corps, with

stretchers bearing job-staggerers too weak to stagger. 3.-Advertisement tableaux on Model

T Ford, composed of genuine human floatsome, surmounted by loud speaker shouting, "Ivory soap floats, so do we." 4.—Pirst, second and third section of juvenile criminals in handcuffs and stripes, who got that way by following Hoover's advice to help themselves.

5 .--- Grand concourse of evicted families carrying huge "God Bless Our Home' and "What is Mother Without a Home' pier res in wilted gilt features. Special Ceremonies Along Line of March

County Jail: Reading of Patrick Henty's famous oration, "Give me liberty or give me death," with variation by Turnkey Holdem, assuring the latter in the event of attempting the former.

Poor Fatur Oration, "The Fruits of Rugged Individualism" by Probate Judge J. Joseph Jabber.
Potters Field: Oration, "What the Founding Fathers Founded," by U. S.

Senator T. Pot Dome. Insane Asylum: Recitation of the collected forecasts of American master minds, concerning the duration of the

present business depression, by the in-Grand Finale (by and with moonshine)

Stupendous spectacle of fire works, fired by fired workers, followed by mass chorus singing the National Blues: Don't feel blue, sleeping in the park,

Don't feel blue, weeping in the dark Don't feel blue, going without cats, Don't feel blue, sitting on bare seats. Cheer up, deary; spunk up, weary; Herbett says it's only temporary, If the Fourth fell in December. And above all alse, remember,

How much worse this all would be.

Party History

6Plenum on U. S. Trade Union Question

Material on the History of the Communist

Movement in the United States

We publish below extracts from the | leaders of the trade union movement "Resolution on the American Ques- are drawn into it. tion," adopted by the Sixth Enlarged Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party is to bring of the Communist International, Febrawry-March 1926. We call the special millions of workers. This is a Brandt is wounded, and David carries cial attention of our readers to the fundamental step towards the revolutwo points emphasized in this resolu- tionizing of the American labor movetion: the condemnation of dual union- ment. The organizing program must ism and the demand for the building be to build up the existing unions and up of the existing reactionary unions. to support the establishment of new

In trade union tactics the Party must not content itself with work of ideological enlightenment but has the task of applying the tactics of the united front everywhere. To gain mass influence, it is necessary to carmass influence, it is necessary to carmass character our comrades must the makers of war, the ry on patient preparatory work, and mass character our comrades must to conduct a tenacious fight for simple, concrete, every-day demands of the workers and utilize point for the formation of real trade mains in Russian local united front committees. Un-prepared approach to the masses di-prepared approach to the masses di-unions. the Communist Party (which was done recently in the anthracite miners strike) does not lead to the desired results and must therefore be avoided. As soon as opportunities present themselves for gaining a leading position in a (Continued from page 1) trade union by the application of the wood (England) to speak as repretactics of the united front, such op-sentative of the minority of the dis-portunities must always be taken ad-armament commission which drafted vantage of in a skillful manner. One of the most important tasks of the cial report. Kirkwood insisted on de-Communist Party is the struggle for claring that the resolution was totally

power in the trade unions.

In the formation and work of the gard of the serious international situ-Communist trade union fractions, the ation, that it was based on faith in greatest care must be taken that the the League of Nations. Wels conti-Communists never isolate themselves mully interrupted Kirkwood.

from the rest of the workers, Secessional movements and the formation the platform dissuading Kirkwood of parallel trade unions should not be and assuring him that he could pre-

instigated or encouraged in any form, sent criticisms during the discussion following the report. As far as the Trade Uinon Educational League is concerned, the En. of Belgium dealt with the first point larged Plenum of the E.C.C.I. is of on the agenda, disarmament. His rethe opinion that its general program marks were empty and unconvincing. He requested that the Congress adopt must be radically revised. An organization which is called upon to embrace not only Communist workers he added, it must be moderate as a but also sympathizing and non-Party workers, cannot and should not officially have a purely Communist program. This organization must conduct its work in such a way that it will really get the opportunity of carrying out the tactics of the united front, that is, it must put forward a tives. number of immediate demands which will unite the Communist vanguard rank and file delegates were given no with the broad non-Party masses instead of repelling them.

C.I. does not doem it necessary to ament instead of proposed Commischange the name of the Trade Union sessions. Adler advanced "techchange the name of the Trade Union sion sessions. Adder advanced "technical reasons" for refusing to put the motion to a vote.

League and its program must be brought into accord with the tasks of the tactics of the united front. The leading staff of the Trade Union Educational League must be shaped in cational league and its program must be shaped in cational league cational League must be changed in such a way that a much larger number of the congress appeal to ber of non-Party and sympathizing the signatories of the pact outlawing

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Movies

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David, the young Jew, goes to war. In a shell-crater he is locked in a death struggle with a German soldier. Sudden-ly they recognize each other. The German's name is Brandt, a salesman from Galicia who sold woolens to the tailors One of the most important tasks for whom David worked. They talk but their friendly conversation midst the horror of war, is interrupted by a shell. Brandt is wounded, and David carries into the unions the hitherto unorganplimented by his officer for bringing in German prisoner.

unions in industries where no unions officer to let him go, as he cannot conexist. An important phase of the time the killing. He tries to explain to

-the war against the makers of war, the

Brandt, like many other prisoners, remains in Russia and fights for the Revo-Brandt becomes a Commissar, but having been given power, he is not true to the trust placed upon him. The Revolution fought on many fronts against invasion, but it also had a serious enemy grafters. He investigates Brandt and is faced with the task of executing a friend,

Years pass. The country is rebuilding. David returns to his home as the head of the State Shoe Factory. He runs the factory in an efficient manner and disciplines all drunkards and laggards. He does not patronize the Jewish shopkeepers who call on him for special privi-leges because he is a Jew. A drunkard, David-knife in the back,

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ing class.

Letters from Workers

class readers the news of the many class conflicts raging on the far-flung battle line of the world. Its second duty, however, is so to place the light of Communist criticism on events as to make the workers hate the capitalist system which The war goes on. David attempts to In this light I must take exception to desert but is caught. David begs the the article of H. Z. in number 34, July

class of this country has handed out to two of its servants, Albert Michelson and Richard E. Byrd. In the case of Michelson the amount of wealth amassed is given at \$37,000, while with Byrd it has reached the sum of \$685,000. Let us take the case of Michelson, whether it had 200 followers, fifty or What will be the effect of this story five. He proposed the retaining of except to excite in the working class the C.P.L.A. as the "industrial arm" readers of the Revolutionary Age a feel of the new party, seemingly independent of pity for Michelson and the poor dent but really a department of it! return he received in comparison with His conciliatory attitude towards the the larger sum given to Byrd for his Socialists and his antagonistic attiwithin, and David is sent to catch the know H. Z. points out that Byrd found continents in which prospective oil, gold,

"noverty stricken" Professor Michelson. He died, says H. Z. leaving \$7,000 in personal property and the balance in real estate-something like \$37,000. He only had among other things two homes. Now I do not wish to become sarcastic, but how can I help it when I think that the average wage of one of our class who has not even a home in this land, is from \$950 to \$1,000 per year, which means that if the average worker did nothing else with his wage, not spending one red then continued in English: cent on himself but turning it over, dolclass for 37 years. In the case of Byrd and the proletariat of the whole first, and the other Western nations, this same worker would have to work world.

600 years which may be some consolation "Previous speakers expressed the "When you have finished your job"

Our Communist press has among its acted for the capitalist class and in their whole lives, never once did either of them raise his voice in favor of the work-

other purposes to give to its working

25, of the Revolutionary Age. In this article there is an examination of the monetary rewards which the capitalist

silver; coal, copper, fisheries and other forms of wealth may materialize in the near future while in the case of Michelson he was foremost in the field of research; and investigation of the qualities and properties of light. However, let us not forget that each of these were servants of the master class. Each were watchmen on the wall for the capitalists. Each of them, both Michelson and Byrd, fired by the tongues of the men who used belong to a class which are enemies of the to own the factory, on a dark night kills working class. In the case of Michelson the class he belongs among are engaged David is dead, but what he fought for in turning out servants for the capitaland died for marches on-he was the lasts. From the universities and colleges as Michelson preside and rule come the trained foremen and over lords of present day capitalism, chemists, lawyers, doctors and specialists of all descriptions. Murray Butlers also come the chief apoloten in the literature of the working class.

new centrist party had to be launched

especially noticeable. He ended with

on the new party project be "develop-ed and extended on a broader scale." The Socialists sharply opposed accepting the thesis of the National Committee as a basis for discussion. A motion to reject the thesis was defeated by a vote of 26 to 14. A motion to refer the thesis back to the National Committee (because of the section criticizing the S.P.!) was defeated by a vote of 22 to 18. A considerable number present did not participate in the voting at all. As a result of the rejection of the two motions mentioned, the thesis stood

which aroused great applause. cent on himself but turning it over, dol | "That is the only Russian word I lar for dollar to this professor, he would know, and I have grown fond of it have to work 37 years to dig up the since my stay here . . . Some of them, money this "poverty stricken" servant of Lord and Lady Astor and the Earl of the capitalists left at his death. This impoverished professor whom we are to ers on a vast scale. It is not their

to Byrd, but to the worker it would make hope that when I return to England and succeeded there will be a hurry no difference except in the length of time I shall tell them of what I have seen to follow your example. It is up to

book with an enthusiastic dedication. Even then I believed you would win. "Some of us foreigners ask why did not England begin this instead of worry about has had lavished upon him fault; they cannot alter that. But Russia . . The British should be during his life, the life of one of our the British proletariat will alter it, ushamed of themselves not to be the "When you have finished your job

the robbery went on. Rather a wide discrepancy in favor of Byrd as against Michael been telling them that since so they will have no other choice but chelson, but why the hell the working ten years. In 1918 I sent Lenin a to follow."

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On the Road to Socialism

by Joseph Stalin

(Continued from last issue) 3.—ORGANIZATION OF LABOR

It is necessary forthermore to place the workers in such conditions of labor as would enable them to work efficiently, to increase production, to improve the quality of production. Can it be said that the present organi-

zation of labor in our factories answers the modern requirements of production? Unfortunately, such is not the case. At any rate, we have quite a number of enterprises in which the organization of labor is altogether bad, and where, instead of order and harmony, there is disorder and disharmony, and instead of responsibility for the work, there is total irresponsibility, no personal charge of the work in hand.

What is the meaning of "impersonalism"? It means the absence of any responsibility for the work in hand, an absence of responsibility for mechanisms, lathes, and tools. It stands to reason that, under "impersonalism," there can be no talk of any serious increase in the pro-ductivity of labor, of improvement in the quality of production, of careful handling of mechanisms, lathes, and tools. You know what has happened in railway transport as the result of "impersonalism". It has had similar results in industry at large. By abolishing "impersonalism" on the railway transport, we have raised its efficiency. We should do the same in Industry, in order to raise its work to the highest level.

How could "impersonalism" become established in a number of our enterprises? It came into the enterprises as the illegitimate companion of the non-stop machines and lathes, with the proper organization of shifts of equal quality and skill,-under such conditions the nonstop week leads to a tremendous growth in the productivity of labor, to improved quality of the work, to the abolition of "Impersonalism". Thus, on the railway transport where the non-stop week is in force there is no longer "impersonalism". Yet we now have in a number of factor ies of the non-stop week on paper, and "impersonalism" in reality. The result is that there is a lack of a sense of responsibility for the work in hand, care-less handling of mechanisms, wholesale breaking of lathes, and the absence of a stimulus to increase productivity of labor

In order to remedy the situation and do away with "impersonalism," there are only two ways. Either to change conditions by carrying out the non-stop week so that it might not become transformed into a system of "impersonalism" as was the case for railway transport; or where present conditions do not favor such an experiment, to discard the paper nonstop week and adopt for a time the 6-day regular week, as was recently done at paring the conditions for a subsequent rethe Stalingrad Tractor Works, while preturn to a real non-stop week but without

Some comrades believe that "impersondism" can be abolished by south-saying. by pompous speeches. At any rate, I know a number of industrial managers who, in the struggle against "impersonalism", content themselves with denunciations, at meetings, apparently believing that such speeches they will induce "impersonalism" to vanish of its own accordso to speak. They make a profound mis-. It would be a good deal better if our industrial leaders, instead of indulging in speech-making and southsaying, should betake themselves to a mine or to a factory, say, for a month of zation, really do away with "impersonal-two study all the details of labor organiism", and then extend the experience of a viven enterprise to other enterprises. To sum up, our task is to do away

with "impersonalism", to improve the or ganization of labor, to properly distribute our forces in the factories.

4. -- PREPARING A TECHNICAL STAFF

The situation has also changed in regard to the commanding staffs of industry in general, and to the engineering and technical personnel in particular.

Formerly the situation was such that the basic source of supply for the whole of our industry was the coal and metallurgical base in the Ukraine. The Ukraine furnished metal to all our industrial regions, to the South, as well as to Moscoal to our basic enterprises. I do not with the Donetz Basin it played an inbasic training grounds for industrial commanders: the South, the Moscow region, the Leningrad region.

Now we have quite a different situaif we are to keep up our present pace duction, we can no longer be served adequately by the Ukraine alone. You age of Ukrainian coal and metal, notwithstanding their increased production. You know that we are now forced to crealso know that we are successfully creating this new base. Yet this does not suf-We must create a further metalgrowing needs, and we are already doing ! Furthermore, we must create new ble for lives these nine workers".

The N.A.A.C.P. is shocked and dismay. bases of non-ferrous metallurgy in Kazak-

est possible scale, as demanded by the in- | ces of the working class in factory, workterests, of the border republics as well as of the central regions of the U.S.S.R.

dustry that were adequate before. The old training grounds for engineering and technical forces are no longer sufficient, we must create a whole network cure three times, five times the number of engineering, technical and commanding forces for our industry if we really mean to carry out the program of Socialist industrialization.

We need however such commanding, engineering and technical forces as will capable of understanding the policy of being prepared to honestly carry it out. Our country has entered into a phase of development when the working class must create its own industrial and technical intelligentsia, capable of protecting the interests of the ruling class, the working class, in production.

No ruling class has ever managed without an intelligentsia of its own. The working class of the U.S.S.R., likewise.

ance of this fact, threw open the doors of the high schools for all branches of of the high schools for all branches of national economy to people of the working class. You know that tens of thou while promoting less capable and less are now being tought in our higher schools. Whereas formerly, under capi-

intelligentsia of the working class will the working class, not only be composed of people who To sum up, it have gone through the high schools but it will also be recruited from among practical workers of our enterprises, from among the skilled workers the cultural for-

shop, and mine. cialist competition, the leaders of shock This, however, implies that we can no brigades, the practical inspirers of labor longer manage with the engineering, enthusiasm, the organizers in the differtechnical and commanding forces of in ent branches of construction,—such is the new stratum of the working class which should, together with the comrades graduating from the high schools, from the basic intelligentsia of the working of new training grounds—in the Urals, in class, the basic commanding staff of our Siberia, in Central Asia. We must now so industry. Our task consists in encourindustry. Our task consists in encouraging such comrades possessing initiative, in promoting them to commanding knowledge, and in creating for them the necessary conditions of useful activity, grudging no expense in this matter.

Among these comrades there are many who are not members of the Communist Party. Yet, this cannot serve as an obstacle to their promotion to leading positions. On the contrary, these non-Party comrades should be surrounded by particular attention, should be promoted to commanding positions, so that they might become convinced in real practice working class of the U.S.R., likewise, cannot manage without its own industrial and technical inteligentsia.

The Soviet authorities, taking cognizing ance of this fact, threw open the doors our factories and workshops. Upon these sands of young workers and peasants energetic Party members to leading positions. Needless to say, there can be nothing more stupid and reactionary, week. It would be incorrect to say that the non-stop week necessarily implies "impersonalism" in production. With proper organization of labor, with proper

To sum up, it it our task to see to it that the working class of USSR shall have its own industrial and technical intelligentsia.

(continued in the next issue)

The American Civil Liberties Union Report

THE TRUTH ABOUT SCOTTSBORO

by Hollace Ransdell

(Continued from last issue) Conflict Between Rival Organizations for ducted. They favor working quietly with Control of Case

Two organizations have been in itreconcitable conflict over handling of the case since the conclusion of the trial. The International Labor Defense, a Communist organization with southern headquarters in Chattanooga, read of the arrest of the Negroes in the press and sent representatives at once to Scottsboro to observe events there. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People say that they were informed of the case thru the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, an organization of colored preachers in Chattanooga, and claim cred-: for the presence at the trial of Steven Roddy, Chattanooga attorney who represented himself in Scottsboro as sent by friends of the defendants in Chattanooga, but refused to go on record as attorney in the case, saying that he had not been employed by any organization whatever. Milo Moody, an ancient Scottsboro lawyer, of low type and rare practice, was appointed by the judge to represent the defense Later both Mr. Roddy and Mr. Moody received a small fee from the

After the convictions were rushed thru by the Scottsboro authorities, the International Labor Defense retained their Southern attorney, George Chamlee, of Chattanooga to start action for an appeal of the case. On May 6, when the hearing on a new trial came up in Scottsboro, Mr. Chamlee was present as attorney for the defendants and appeared before the Judge on the hearing which was postponed until May 20.

The two organizations differ so fundamentally on principles and tactics, that any hope of a compromise in the legal control of the case seeins impossible. The I. L. D. believes in making appeals to the masses of the workers, both black and white, on the issue of the case, calling upon them to support the defense of the cow and Leningrad. It also furnished prisoners on a class basis. By constant agitation thru the Communist press and speak of the Urals, because in comparison by mass meetings, the Communists believe in using the case as propaganda to significant role. Hence we had three educate the working class and to make clear to them what the Communist Party stands for.

The thing for which they have been tion. I take it to be quite obvious that their political philosophy in their tactics on the Scottsboro case is the sending of development and gigantic scale of pro- of telegrams to the Governor of Alabama, the Judge at the trial, and other public officials. As printed in the Scottsknow that we experience already a short boro paper, the telegram from the I.L.D. sent to Judge Hawkins during the trial reads: "In names of masses of white and Negro workers we protest attempt to leate a new coal and metallurgical base in gally lynch nine young Negro workers the East-the Ural-Kuznetsk Basin. You Scottsboro frame-up rape charges. We demand immediate change venue, new trial, dismissal defense lawyers openly advocating quick execution. Imminent lurgical base in Siberia itself to satisfy its danger lynching mob. Guardsmen openly adovcating. We hold you responsi-

stan, in Turkestan. Lastly, we must de led by these tactics, thinking that it does kind of prejudices, the particular type of velop railway construct i on the larg. great harm to the case as the members of economic struggle under which another

the organization believe it should be conducted. They savor working quietly with not carry papers with them giving the as little publicity as possible, thru liberal contacts in the South wherever possible. We cannot too strongly protest against They are most anxious to try to avoid antagonizing Southern prejudice.

By going to interview the colored prisoners at Kilby in company with a Ne-gro minister, the Rev. Terroll, from Birningham, Walter White, of the N.A.A. C.P. succeeded in getting four of the defendants to sign their crosses to state-ments prepared by the N.A.A.C.P. saying they wished the N.A.A.C.P. and not the D. to handle their case. All of the defendants are illiterate, unable even to their sons to have anything to do with

The N.A.A.C.P. also has negotiated vith Roderick Beddow, a young Birmingham attorney with some reputation in the State as a criminal lawyer, regarding a retainer to take the case for an appeal.

Some days after Walter White's visit

to Kilby, the I.L.D. took the parents of the boys, accompanied by their attorney, George Chamlee, to the prison to see the boys, and claims to have won all of them over to allowing the I. L. D. attorney to handle their case.

As the affair stands at present, the struggle between the I.L.D. and the N. A.A.C.P. seems to be in a deadlock. with the possibility in the future that the case will be split between the two organizations, each retaining their own attorney, and endeavoring to win over as many of the defendants and the relatives to

GROUND OF THE SCOTTS-BORO CASE

Why Do People Do Such Things? More than a mere knowledge of the vents in the Scottsboro case is necessary or a real understanding of it. Like the Dreyfus affair, the Mooney-Billings and Sacco Vanzetti cases, the Scottshoro trial has laid bare some of the inner workings of our social structure. How few human being understand the real nature of forces moving beneath conventional surfaces is shown by the startled surprise criticized most severely by opponents of expressed generally when our Scottsboro trials, our Sacco-Vanzetti cases bring out strange and terrible things produced by these underground forces.

It is important for those who believe mankind can learn and is learning to exert some control over social forces, to make a careful study of such phenomena when they are thrown to the top of such eruptive events. Nothing could offer a richer field for scientific observation and study of the effect of strong economic and racial prejudice on the ordinarily mild and civilized impulses of modern men, than the trial of the nine young Ne-

grões in Alabama. The question that comes first to the mind of a person who has grown up away from the influence of the particular

What About that

About two weeks ago, the entire American press, including the Daily Worker, featured the news that the Communist Party of Germany was going to call a general strike in protest against the Bruening emergency decrees. In the most glowing terms the Duily Worker described the coming

victory of the proletarian revolution. Nothing was said about the trade unions which embrace more than eight million German workers and, knowng the extreme weakness of the German Communist Party in the trade union movement, it was only too clear to us that the "general strike" would either remain on paper or would result in a disastrous putsch action.

But what has happened to the

'general strike" in Germany? Not word, not a whisper anywhere! positions, in enabling them to display Perhaps the Duily Worker, an expert their organizing abilities, in affording them the opportunity to supplement their knowledge, and in creating for them the they're at it, the Duily Worker might also explain exactly what benefit is brought to the Communist movement point to the members of the C.P.L.A., by this irresponsible playing ground the minority issued a long mimeowith the basic interests of the work-

Deportations on the Waterfront

New York, July 31, 1931.

The immigration authorities are now terrorizing the boat captains on scows and coal boats alike. Today four men were taken off their boats and bundled off to Ellis Island where they are now being held awaiting deportation. Particularly callous was the arrest of one of the captains on the C. F. Harin scowlying at the foot of 102nd St. This worker was not even given time to pack his four helengings on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the office of the captains on the 25 to the captains of the 25 to the captains on the 25 to the captains of the 25 to the captains of the 25 to talism the high schools were a monopoly of the aristocratic youth, now, under the Soviet regime, they have been put many party workers from our Party. It is not at the company to draw the few dollars due to party workers from our Party. It is not at the company to draw the few dollars due to party workers from our Party. It is not at the company to draw the few dollars due to party workers from our Party. It is not at the company to draw the few dollars due to party workers from our Party. It is not at the company to draw the few dollars due to party workers from our Party. him, but was simply taken off the scow and taken over to the Island where he is held for deportation to France, his native country. No time was given him to telephone the union and it was only by chance that another member happened to be present to report the matter to the union. The other three workers were given the same treatment.

Th union has taken the matter up with the Civil Liberties Union and that or ganizaton is now taking steps to give these workers legal aid.

It should, however, be pointed out that legal aid is not sufficient. Some united action of all labor unions on the waterfront must be instituted if we are to prevent a recurrence of this. This is only the beginning of the drive instituted by Secretary Doak who recently announced his intention to deport 100.000 "foreign" scamen from the U. S. A. No worker is safe today on these barges and scows unless he carries with him birth certificutes, etc. Some of these workers have been employed in this harbor for years i and it stands to reason that all of them do

this high-handed method of the immigration inspectors and it should be the duty of every worker and workers organization to back us in this fight against deporta-

Independent Tidewater Boatmen's Union

sign their own names. He also visited boro case, it is crystal clear to an unsome of the parents with a warning to biased outsider that the persons concern. L. unions. Such intra-union warfare lowed it, even resorting to the slugthe effect that it meant electrocution for ed did cruel, unfair and unreasonable flared up on the picket lines in the ging tactics of the burocrats. For a things. An inquiry into their behavior bituminous strike regions and now union to call workers scabs because might take the form of three questions: among the Paterson silk strikers. 1. The record of the trial and personal interviews later show that the two young women who brought the charges of rape the past? evidence.

Why with nothing apparently to gain say anything, regardless of its truth, that munist Party. would bring death to nine boys?

2. The officials and citizens of Scottsboro and neighboring communities present at the trial gave unmistakable signs of violent hate, of blind, unreasoning antipathy to these young Negroes whom harming were present for all to see, in opposed to the wage-cuts. blooming health, and one of them at]

3. The young Negroes charged with a rough, undisciplined gang; they did not know how to read nor write, and they had no jobs. In outward appearance T.O.). The vacillations of the leadto the average white person certainly, they looked like an uncivilized, uncouth lot One of them nearly blind; another dependent factor. Even then we welwas diseased with gonorrhea!; a third was of low mentality.

Why had society so neglected these boys that they were roaming the land, diseased, destitute, and ignorant?

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The Struggle Against Social-Reformism

General Strike? | Against a New Reformist Party

From the Statement of the C. P. L. A. Minority

A short time ago, A. J. Muste, in strument, an organ of a particular class. party fit in, however? It has no working the name of the National Committee, the revolutionary party of the working class basis; it does not have revolution to a foint meeting of the National and Local Executive Committee, standpoint of the working class and would formism; it is the result of a few self-National and Local Executive Com-mittees of the Conference for Prorressive Labor Action a thesis advocating the formation of new "revolu-tionary anti-reformist party," opposed to both the Socialist and Communist parties, i.e., a centrist party on the model of the Independent Labor warty of England. This thesis, it turned out, had been drawn up with the active participation of Bert Miller, Ludwig Lore and J. B. Salutsky, This thesis aroused the protest of a group of members of the C.P.L.A. especially those who had recently left the C.P.-Majority Group to join the C.P.L.A. Prevented from presenting their viewgraphed circular under the heading;
"Against the Launching of Another
Reformist 'Party'! For the Organization of a Campaign for a Labor Party! For the Building Up of a Real
Progressive Labor Movement in This
Country!" This document was signed
by the following comrates: D. Benjamin, X. Christie, V. Cibulsky, E.
Dorf, M. Rock, H. Shaines, B. Stern,
E. Wright, L. Lerner.

Believ we available some extracts

Below we publish some extracts rom this document.

The National Committee of the organization from one for progressive la-bor action to one for "revolutionary" abor action

. . . . It is our opinion that the new proposals must be rejected as being harmul and detrimental to the interests of he American working class

mittee's Proposal,

lass interests. A party is a class in-

revolutionary in ideology, objective and workers, action. It would be based upon the class struggle, an uncompromising fight against reformism, would stand for the vorkers revolution, for revolutionary, illegal, and forcible overthrow of the capitalist State, for the establishment of a movement in the U.S. at the present proletarian dictatorship based upon Soviet power such as we have in the Soviet there is a glaring need for a revolution-Union today, and for the defense of the Soviet Union, the workers fatherland, to the American workers but the American The C. P. L. A. and the new so-called can working class in its present backward

Which class would the "revolutionary" C.P.L.A. party represent? It would be launching of a new revolutionary party pased upon several layers, as the thesis itself states on page 6 and page 8-upon the industrial, agricultural, clerical, echnical, and professional workers. In fact the emphasis will be upon the "intellectual" elements as is to be seen from Muste's article "The Labor Outlook" in the February 1931 Issue of the Labor Age. . . . Another important layer of the new party would be a section of the repartitionary burocracy as the Hardmans. Party and against the bankrupt line of 3. P. L. A. has decided to change the reformist sect—a party of the petty-bour-The American Communist movement,

the revolutionary movement of the working class of this country, was the result obviously hold to the theory that there of a long period of development of the is a general radicalization of the Ameriworking class and radical labor movement. Born during the war and post-war per II.—The Position of the Minority of the of the proletarian revolution in Russia, C. P. L. A. on the National Communist International, based upon the Parties represent classes in society and revolutionary theory and action of Marx ism-Leninism. How does the C.P.L.A

be based upon the industrial workers and appointed messiahs trying to impose from the exploited masses. The revolutionary on top their confused, utopian, and reparty of the working class would be formist sentiments upon the American

III .-- No Objective Basis for Another

Revolutionary Party in the U. S. There is no objective class basis for time. In the present economic crisis revolutionary party do not stand for stage of development does not provide us with a sufficient number of revolutionary forces in addition to those now in the Communist movement to warrant the

It is one thing to propose that a very important section of the present Communist movement, the C.P.-Majority Group, which has shown in life and past action that it was capable of correctly analyzing the American scene and of fighting in a revolutionary manner, take Party and against the bankrupt line of Ladermans, Linvilles, Lefkowitzes, and the Party; it is another thing to propose Spectors. This party would be a liberal, the launching of another revolutionary reformist sect—a party of the petty-bour- movement out of material that does not yet exist in the American labor mover

Those who make this latter proposal can working class, for only that could result in the crystallization of another revolutionary layer which would furnish the basis for a new revolutionary party. That the National Committee holds this theory is shown by its own thesis. In talking of ta Plan for America's (1) (whose America? we ask) Economic Life, the thesis says: "The Plan must be made and put to work soon. Before long the men and women, most of all the youth, who do America's work must decide to take control of their own destinies, must work out a rational plan for running our vast economic machine, and must organize to achieve power so that their Plan may be adopted and put into effect. Otherwise when the next crisis overtakes us, as a result of the dragging out of the present depression or of a new depression a few years hence . . . American labor will be caught unprepared and a Fascist dictatorship will fasten itself upon us, or the engines of modern warfare will wipe out American civilization (!) (the civilization of lynching, frame-up and racketeering) altogether". In other words, the National Committee is practically of the opinion that a revolutionary situation exists in this country, or at least a pre-revolutionary situation - the same inalysis made by the official Communist Workers Union and the supporters of succeed in some things, in breaking the Joint Amalgamation Committee the united front of the workers, in timery party must be launched immediately. tionary party must be launched imme-diately, an Economic Plan for Ameri-ca (!) must be worked out, and even

Communist Party is unrealistic and bankrupt, thus defeating its own end, yet the Party is revolutionary from the standpoint of its principles, its willingness to struggle and sacrifice. While the C.P. Majority Group hesitates to assume vigorous leadership and independent line from that of the Party in the class struggle, yet it has revolutionary clarity and is sis. The C. P. L. A., however, does not meet the first requirements of a revolutionary party.

First of all, it contains reactionaries

within its own ranks. And reactionaries in economie struggles cannot be revolutionaries in political struggles. The Ladermans have just betrayed the pocket book workers. J. B. S. Hardman is part and parcel of the reactionary Hillman clique with its gangster methods, classproduction standard

To cap the climax we have the counin his book review published in the July The National Textile Workers issue of the Labor Age, as follows: "We views, does not aim at strengthening and improving the proletarian dictatorship, but aims at the overthrow of the proletarian dictatorship now in existence n the Soviet Union .

That the leadership of the C. P. L. A. amination of the inner composition of

(Continued on page 4)

by Alex Bail

New Bedford and Paterson: A Contrast

THE PARTY AND THE A.F.L. WORKERS

Alex Bail was district organizer of Weak, without a mass base, it again the New England district of the Com-munist Party at the time of the New Bedford strike and was very active tions warranted it (there were no n the direction of the strike.

the Joint Amalgamation Committee the unnead from of the workers, in (United Textile Workers, Associated dividing and confusing the ranks, in making victory more difficult. The United Textile Workers, Associated dividing and confusing the ranks, in Silk Workers, Conference for Promaking victory more difficult. The Silk Workers fight.

Fraternally yours,

Jack Soderberg, Secretary,

Independent Tidewater Boatmen's Union group has developed, is: How can people behave in group has developed.

The group has developed, is: How can people behave in group has developed, is: How can people behave in group has developed and different containing and containing different making victory more difficult. The making victory more difficult. The same difficult in the group has developed, is: Silk Workers, Conference for Promation Committee, after making victory more difficult. The same containing victory more difficult. The same containing victory more difficult. The same containing victory more difficult. The same containin behave in such a manner? In the Scotts The center of attack is therefore and dirt on the Joint Amalgamation

Is this a correct policy? Has this that union as a narrow little clique, been the policy of the Communists in A union that resents a more effective against the nine Negroes said things that Bedford offer us a splendid opportu- leally anti-working class policy. Such fitted together so badly as to indicate that nity of contrasting a correct Com a policy and such tactics, even the capable of revolutionary political analythey were deliberately giving untruthful munist approach to the masses of they bear the Communist label, have workers in the reformist unions, with nothing in common with Communism. the present "ultra revolutionary" and by it, were these two girls so willing to basically wrong approach of the Com-

The Strike Call

Bedford strike, an intensive wage-

their side as possible.

least, in the best of spirits.

What made these officials and citizens

When the wage-cutting drive reached New Bedford, the Communists decided on a policy intended to bring them, lust so for the blood of these help the greatest possible pressure upon strike. Thousands of leaflets were disthe rape were undoubtedly members of tributed and meetings held calling on ership of the existing unions forced the Communists to step in as an insolidarity of the workers.

In Paterson the situation was reversed. The existing unions (U.T.W. and Associated), recognizing the necessity for a fight against the intolerable conditions under which 20,000 into joint action with the Conference The Associated and the U.T.W. were are doing incalculable injury. amalgamated in order to strengthen the fighting front, an organization There are some naive Communists drive was started, and August 3 set who prattle about a "change of trade

preparations) but in order to attempt The press prints reports and gives pictures of hand to hand fighting in Paterson between silk workers affiliated with the National Textile Movey and the supporters of Succeed in some things in breaking in the desiron the favorable situation destroy the Joint Amalgamation destroy the favorable situation destroy the fa they come down on strike, exposes Our experiences in New spreading of a strike exposes the bas-

.Fraternization vs. Slugging

In the New Bedford strike, which lasted many months, we faced a condition of rival picket lines at the same In New England, prior to the New mills and rival strike meetings. The Communists and the strike leadership cutting drive spread from Maine followed a policy of fraternization southward. No resistance whatever with the members of the reformist collaboration, they had never seen before, and who had done nothing whatever to them. Even towns there existed A. F. of L. organ-the two girls they were charged with izations and the workers were bitterly the U.T.W. merged at the outset of trying to turn the Teachers Union from the strike). The result was the de- a union defending teachers interests and velopment of broad sympathy for the rights to a professional educational asso-revolutionary union in the ranks of ciation aiming to "improve" capitalist the A.F. of L. As an example we cite education, and fighting every move for the case of an invitation by one of progressivism within the union. Worse the existing unions for a general the local unions of the A.F. of L. to than this, the National Committee has Fred Beal to speak to them. He ad- tolerated these reactionaries in the organdressed these workers in their own ization for years, has even permitted headquarters and his appeal for joint some to be in the highest councils of the action and more militancy was warm- organization . . ly received. This policy of fraternization raised the strike as a whole to a ter-revolutionary statement of Bert Miller much higher level of militancy.

comed the strike call of the reformist Union is following a different policy have sufficient confidence in the virility unions since it meant the emptying of to-day. In the one week of the strike, and stamina of the Russian workers and he mills and a demonstration of the fights have occurred and efforts have peasants to await with assurance the day even been made to break up strike when . . . the proletarian dictatorship meetings called by the amalgamated will be re-established." According to him A. F. of L. unions. The police in no workers government exists in the Sovthese cases have been amused and im- let Union today; one must be reestabpartial observers. As long as the lished. Why doesn't he come out openly workers fight among themselves there and say that the present Soviet governsilk workers labored, agreed to enter is little danger for the mill owners ... ment is not a workers government and These tactics are bound to arouse the that it must be overthrown by force. for Progressive Labor Action and the resentment of the workers against This anti-revolutionary theory of Miller, Communist Party (Majority Group), the N.T.W.U. because these methods similar to that of Kautsky which he re-

as the date for the general strike union line" by the Communist Party. Into this favorable situation, that The developments among the miners gave great promise for the oppressed and now Paterson gives the lie to such | did not wage a sufficient struggle against workers, the National Textile childish nonsense. What we are sectorary trade union burocracy is union stepped in. ing to day is the sectarian trade union | evidenced not only by the preceding ex-The N.T.W.U. had been thoroly dispolicy of the Party in full bloom. It credited in Paterson by its adventu- is bringing isolation for the Party the C. P. L. A. but by its failure to fight rist and frequent calls for general and weaker unions, shattered hopes the treacherous actions in the Southern strikes which no one took seriously, and worse conditions for the workers.

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ON THE SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK

TIVE young children have just been shot in cold-blood in a crowded, poverty-striken street in Harlem, New York. A gang of armed gunmen in a high-powered car whirled thru the neighborhood jammed with women and children seeking to escape the heat of their horrible hellholes, called rooms. These agents of the bootleggers, these representatives of the big- Times, eleverly written and couched in gest industry in the country, serving cabinet members, senators, high government dignitaries and captains of finance and industry, were out to drive Soviet, anti-Communist attacks yet made some competitor out of business and insure the profits for themselves. in this country. Duranty, it must be The children playing, as best they could in the filthy streets of the world's remembered, is no ordinary newspaper empire city, were in the way of these gunmen and they paid the price. political education and general under Two with their lives and three fatally wounded.

This event is not an accident. In one form or another such events after years of observation, Duranty shows are regularly recurring incidents in this land of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," in this country of "rugged individualism" and free ridiculous and reactionary conclusions. competition. This brutal murder of working class children only mirrors a phase of capitalist civilization at its zenith, as much as the planned, progress in Socialist construction eslegal murder in Scottsboro mirrors another phase and as much as the pecially over the fact that it comes at lynching of Negrocs, the slaughter of men, women, and children by "accidents" in industry, joblessness and starvation amidst plenty bring the breakdown of its economy is growing to light still other phases of our anti-social order. They are all crimes against the working class in the name of rent, interest, profits and divi- growing interest and faith of the toildends—the mainsprings of capitalist society and civilization. They all grow out of a system of social relationships where the driving force is harmony of the capitalist chorus throut profit, exploitation of the many by the few.

law and order.

of Moscow, the capitalist press would very likely report an armed revolt against the Soviets. And even the "fairminded," "liberal" press would say that such an incident shows the "insecurity of life in the Soviet Union." We recall the countless fantastic stories about "waifs" in the Soviet Union. Compare the treatment of children in the Soviet Union, the SECURITY of the children in the land of the Socialist Republics, with the child labor, country in the world.

blows against the workers. This is capitalist law and order-against the more about this murder of proletarian children than shrug his shoulders. And the "arch-progressive" Governor Roosevelt can only say, "It's a damnable outrage."

We workers—as a class—must learn that the whole capitalist system with its exploitation, lynching, corruption, racketeering, strike-breaking, gangsterism, the whole sham and fraud of capitalist democracy-is the most damnable outrage in our live today. Let us help ourselves. Let the child slaying in Harlem in all its gruesomeness arouse as and fire our determination to join hands to hasten the day of the destruction of the capitalist system and the introduction of a profitless, classless society in the United States.

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Marxism and Russian Revolution

by Jay Lovestone

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Lenin on Marxism

What is marxism? What is Leninism

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theory, at best only outline the funda-mental, the general and do not come near

"The Marxist does not leave the firm

enough to the complexities of life . .

ground of the analysis of class relations

With the above as our standard, rely

ng on this yardstick of Marxism, it is

patent that the Union of Socialist Sov-

et Republics today, the policies of the

Communist Party of the Soviet Union

to which the U. S. S. R. is adhering,

on the scientific, revolutionary teachings

of Marx. All talk about Tamerlane, even

ho under the chocolate coating of "Stal-

nism", is calculated hokum aiming to

discredit and destroy the base of support

of the Union of Socialist Soviet Repub-

Liberty and the Proletarian Dictatorship

cal tactics and conclusions Marxism is

said: "Marxism is the algebra of the

evolution" and "his (Marx's) teaching is

that social development inevitably leads

of revolutionary spirit in his teachings

"coined the phrase 'dictatorship of the

ly before his death in 1891." The last

time (about a quarter of a century ago)

when Kautsky even tipped his hat to

the revolutionary teachings of Marxism

he spoke of "the seizure of the powers of the state," by the proletariat (The

Marx minced no words when he in-

sisted in his Critique of the Gotha Pro-

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of the revolutionary transformation of the one into the other. This corresponds to a political transition period, whose state can be nothing else but the revolution-

ary dictatorship of the proletariat." The Social-Democrats, who are always

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Road to Power).

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of Marxism:

"We can measure the imbecile features [fon in order to dispell these misconcepof the modern bourgeoisie by the altitudes irs 'great intellects' can reach.'

This is how Marx long ago characterized the bourgeois "brains" in the realm colt in the Communist Party of the of the science of political economy. This Soviet Umon and the Comintern and estimate still holds true. However, this who repeatedly speak of the Soviet loes not in the least lessen the dangers Union under the leadership of Marx, to the working class in the analyses and Lonio and Stalin" (Browder). 'theories" of capitalist political and economic experts.

A recent series of articles on the Soviet Union and the Communist International by Duranty in the New York many superficially pro-Soviet terms, constitutes one of the most dangerous anticorrespondent. In powers of observation, standing of the Soviet system he stands head and shoulders above his colleagues on the American ruling class press. Yet, his total failure to grasp the fundament als of the class struggle by coming to

Obviously, the bourgeoisie is much disturbed over the Soviet Union's great he same time that the whole capitalist world is steeped in so serious a crisis and steadily worse. That's why they are so eager and interested to undermine the ing masses in the Socialist progress of he Soviet Union. This explains the the world which ridiculously "greeted" Stalin's recent speech, before the Soviel industrial experts, as "a retreat from Communism, a return to capitalism". ular is concerned at must be said that a good deal of the fabric of his antitices, the extravagant factional boasts and the clique talk and manouvers of the Times expert has apparently drawn considerable inspiration from the "leaderthe last factional struggle in the Com-munist Party of the Soviet Union by the

Stalin supporters. In his last series Duranty thus raised he emphasized that Marx and Engels some fundamental questions which demand clarification. Let us examine these

Marxism Leninism Thru Bourgeois Spectacles

Duranty presents the essence of his es timate of the Soviet Union when he chides so-called "Western Marxists" and his own "bourgeois critics" because "they ail to understand that":

"The dominant principle of the Soviet Union, the called Marxism or Communism is now a very different thing from the theoretical conception advanced by Karl

day is not Marxism or even Leninism altho the latter is its official title, but

"Stalinism is a tree that has grown prepared to use brutal violence for the from the alien seed of Marxism planted in bosses and against the workers, shudder Russian soil and whether Western Socialists like it or not it is a Russian tree. Stalinism, too, has done what Lenin only at-It has re-established the semithrone as a suler whose latest word is all ism! Now comes along Duranty and partial and whose frown spells death.

"The Five Year Plan is nothing more or less than applied Statinism." (New York Times, June 14, 1931).

In the same violent anti-Soviet strain of the cultured ignorance of the Marxim than applied Statinism." (New York ism of the epigones, of the perverters of Marxism. Of course, Duranty, being a world put together. Thus, in the Unitlive-wire newspaperman and first class or state is an organ so "sunerior to society" as to club and fail

In the same violent anti-Soviet strain Duranty, under cover of complimenting Stalin, thus lets his imagination further

"Where Marxism theorized Statinism acts. Marxism says: 'Eliminate class distinctions', and Stalinism does so by simple ed ruling class, that the smashing of to it' (society) as to provide for comthereons, and Statistism does so by shapes and effective process of destruction, as class lines, is something foreign to Marx price social as class lines, is something foreign to Marx practically abolish unemployment, and take the peasantry out of the dark misters prophet slew for the glory of the of his pet creation "Stalinism." twentieth century America to hear this but facts are facts. . . So Tamerlane made pyramids of hostile skulls, or Sans uel 'hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord' '(New York Times, June 24, 1931). "Leninism—anyway, at the outset, as the records show—was a sort of debating society where a small group of devoted comrades discussed policies, sometimes wasting time and energy in discussion, with freedom and equality.

"Stalinism is an imperial sceptre, not decked with the golden orb and cross and the Orloff diamond of Czarist rule but a bar of polished steel" (June 27, 1931.) Could any one make a more frantic appeal to the fundamental class interests of the American exploiters? But Duranty goes on to set up a dividing line beween Stalin and Lenin and Marx and Stalin on such basic questions as the peasantry, the national question, and even

the proletarian dictatorship. He declares: . . The Kulaks who under Leninism were an almost privileged class, en-couraged to work and prosper . . . (New York Times, June 24, 1931).

"One of the most orident ways in which Soviet Russia is modifying Marxism is in the matter of nationalities and Soviet federation" (June 26, 1931).
"Karl Marx conceived of the establish-

ment of a proletarian dictatorship in a highly industrialized state where the autual majority of the population would be urban workers speaking the same language and having the same needs, habits, and aims" (June 26, 1931.)

It is easy to see what poison there is for the workers in this estimate. What the several times it is mentioned that subtle blows are here aimed at the underlying Leninist foundation of the U.S. S. R.! What forces of demoralization and hostility such conceptions can let loose among the workers who are for the Soviet Union because they very correctly see in it the embodiment and the time on a plan for American economy beginnings of the realization of Marx-

the capitalists.

clearly:

(Continued from Page 3) The advocacy of class collaboration, VII.—The Conciliatory Attitude of the

cooperation with management, peacefull nd brotherly attitude toward the boss, Christian feeling in the class-struggle these are not to be the characteristics of revolutionaries.

Stand For Revolutionary Overthrow of Capitalism

nore influence . . .

X.-Another Reformist Sect on the



RED BREAD, by Maurice Hindus, Jona than Cape and Harrison Smith, 1931. New York City.

"The working class cannot, confine it

Further developing this theory of Marx,

ble without the violent destruction of the bourgeois governmental machine and the

"The digratorship of the proletariat is

the new class against its more powerful

throw . . . The dictatorship of the pro-letariat is a relentless struggle with blood-

shed and without, a struggle both violent and peaceful military and economic, ed-

neational and administrative, a new war

against the forces and traditions of the old order" (Left Wing Communism).

In the face of this, why does Duranty speak sneeringly of Marx as the "theor-

ist," in a disparaging sense and of Lenin

as a "debating society" leader-but of

Stalin as a man of action against the old

order? Only the fools of the factional-

ly perverted would think this "glorifica-

Marx and Lenin grows increly perhaps

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and personal admiration of Stalin. No

madness. The method and aim are ob-

vious when we do not forget that when

Duranty speaks of Comrade Stalin as

Soviet Union he compares him to Tam-

Soviet Union. Certainly Tamerlane led

no movement building a Socialist a class-

less society-a society free from exploita-

tion and oppression-the kind of socie-

under the inspiration and leadership of the C. P. S. U. of which Stalin is today

One need not argue with Duranty

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the outstanding figure.

ies among the ever increasing masses who We believe there is method in Duarnty's

In ideological structure and in politic the leader of the Bolshevik party of the

evolutionary. Bukharin has correctly erlane. This is shameful slander of the

And when Kautsky still had a breath ty now being built in the Soviet Union

by Duranty of Stalin as against

Lenin said:
"The proleturian revolution is impossi-

putting of this new one in its place."

And then Lenin shows:

years. He said:

Soviet Russia is a classical confirmation of the theories of Marx and Engels. self to taking possession of a ready-made In Russia today we are witnessing the governmental state machine and setting Civil War in France.)
"The prolatarian revolution has not to new and unique economic forms and is transforming the whole ideological and transmit the military and bureaucratic machine from one hand to another, as has been done up to the present ,but must cultural life of the people in accordance " (Marx:-Letters to Kugownership, the desire to accumulate More than that. Marx never viewed riches, individualism—all reflections of this as a single act but as a process over the former system of capitalism, are disappearing and in their place we have a "You will have to go thru fifteen, twen-ty or lifty years of civil and international war, not only to change social relation-"body of motives, aims and relationships which will make Russia an ships, but also to transform yourselves and make yourselves fit for political dominaanomaly among nations."

tia, habit", slowly yielding to "new ways of work and new ways of living. Religion which sixteen years ago was so powerful a factor in the life of the Russian peasant is fast becoming a thing of the past. The peasant is learning to use the trace enemy, the bourgeoisie, whose power of tor and farm scientifically. He is aband-resistance is increased tenfold by its overincreased tenfold by its over- oning his age long individualism and The dictatorship of the pro- working with his fellow peasants in the kolhoz, the collective farm. mulation of private wealth appears to him as a useless and stupid procedure He is beginning to appreciate the value of group activity and group life. The peasant, in spite of all the learned dissertertations of bourgeois writers concern ing the impossibility of changing human nature, is thinking and acting collective lv. The peasant woman is emerging from her long subjugation and becoming an in-

This transformation is naturally accompanied a great deal by hardship for the depend upon the continuance of the beasantry. result of the "barbarities of the revolue dred thousand a year out of the four-tion", as Mr. Hindus would have us be square gospel—\$6,000 from the Bible lieve. To understand the real causes Call, \$1,800 from the Crusaders, of these hardships we must probe deep \$1,750 from the Lighthouse, \$10,523 ct. We must examine the objective con from love offerings (no connection ditions surrounding the revolution with her little trip to Carmel-by-the-Change under the best of circumstances Sea), \$105 in wedding offerings, is difficult to make. The Russian peas \$2,148 in royalties, and \$31,658 from ant, steeped for centuries in the old way the collection plate, are a sample run of life, yields reluctantly to the new. Due of the mill. Like Capone, Aimee is to the peculiar historical conditions of now under indictment for income tax the Russian Revolution, due to the fact dodging but her major racket is not that the capitalist nations are daily await being touched. Both Aimee and Al ing a pretext for attacking the Soviet believe in the gospel; Union, Socialism must be built quickly. "Behold the littles of the field. Collectivization must be pushed with They toil not, neither do they spin bout liberty and freedom in the United great rapidity. Hardships, a natural re Yet Solomon in all his glory was not States. Very likely he knows at least as sult of this necessarily rapid change, can much about Colorado, West Virginia, not be avoided. These hardships it much about Colorado, West Virginia, not be avoided. These hardships it Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and the should be remembered, are only temporrest of the stars in the American flag as ary. The net result of the collective movement is of great benefit to the peasant, he knows about the Soviet Union. How ever, since he talks so much of liberty as Mr. Hindus shows,

and cries so much about its absence in The reaction of the young in the vilthe Union of Socialist Soviet Republics lage to the revolution must be very painand the ruthless smashing of class lines ful to those who hope for a revolt from in the Soviet Union because the latter munist systems (the present status in the is supposedly founded on his invention Soviet Union) of society lies the period of Stalinism instead of Marxism, we are cations. They are the first to join the colprompted to remind him of the splend definition of liberty made by Marx:

"Liberty consists in this, that the state is transformed from an organ superior."

The splend cathons, they are the first to join the correct point the good for a republic when its current farms; they scorn the quest for zens clash with the police and armed forces of the nation."

They are the first to join the correct point the good for a republic when its current farms; they scorn the quest for zens clash with the police and armed forces of the nation. They are a public policy and force of the nation." is transformed from an organ superior to society into one subordinate to it; and less free in proportion as they limit the 'freedom of the State'."

All ready to serve the revolution. What 'Have we not suffered enough?" he wails. 'He hopes the bosses will stop cutting be said of all the youth of Russia. "It wages. "Here we stand like the Greeks would take an upheaval as mighty and at Thermopylae (a famous pie-counter capitalists and landlords, against the over Times and the Kulaks may deplore, deas bloody as the one Russia had gone B. D. W.) We refuse to budge divine supreme autocracy of the imperial thrown ruling class. And this opposition spise and despair, there is more liberty thru, to win the revolutionary youth back the name of God, are we to sit still and idea and has placed itself on the Kremlin is supposed to be in the name of Marx. In the Soviet Union today—for the to a feeling of contentment in an individe nothing?" vidualistic society. This fact alone would It sounds like something Brother overwhelming majority of the population than there is or ever was or ever can make the conquest of Russian territory Green was drinking went down the wrong

> conversion or extermination!" The kolhoz, or collective farm, is the envelope in which socialization is taking better. place in the Russian village today. But this movement, as Mr. Hindus points out, is not merely concerned with raising the level of agriculture. The superfority of collective farming to individual a name for the new dry daily he is to agriculture is rather obvious. What is launch in New York, we would suggest not so obvious is that the kolhoz is the i—The Daily Towel—or maybe—The The disappearance of inidivdual ownership of land, the coming of large scale | The New Sacrament (Bread and Water, industrialized farming, the collapse of the village, the rise of rural townships, the growing sophistication of the peas ant women and its effect on the birth rate, the collapse of religion and the nd Lenin, is based on violence against he capitalists.
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> Read the second article in the selfus transformation of the individualistic family transformation of sian village. They are rooted in the very principle of the kolhoz, and as the kolhoz strengthens, they will strengthen" (emphasis mina).

> > To one wishing to understand the effect of the Revolution in the village, we heartily recommend Red Bread. Hindus writes with sympathy and understanding. He is alive not merely to the changes in the mechanics of farming involved in collectivization but also to its deeper social significance. He tells his It is an accident that the thesis treats story in simple and forceful language. Such statements as "the barbarities of 'The Socialist party in the United States the revolution", "the terrible inhumanitoday does not have a clear, working-class orientation." The Socialist party, or supposed enemies," we can only describe, as would his friend Nadya, as "only a reflection of the bourgeois ideology which capitalist society had incal-, is culated."

> > > As the and confuse the labor movement. This



Once more we get proof that under the grand racket called capitalism everything has its price. Now come revelations of racketeering in prison. most gigantic change in history. A new Prisoners have been selling fellow-inmode of production, Socialism, is creating mates transfers, easy work, prison new and unique economic forms and is privileges, etc. Racketeers have collected as much as \$1000 for arranging transfers from one prison to anwith the new productive relations. The other. Thus, prisons are only a church, the individual family, private "model" in miniature of the outside world with racketeers and victims, parasites and those preyed upon. Racketeering and gangsterism have

also invaded the public schools. There is one school in Brooklyn where police escort teachers to and from the subin the village which Mr. Hindus describes in Red Bread. We see the peasy antry weighed down by "beatings" fection to schoolmates at all the factor. way station to afford protection, and ment unless you actually caught the disease and were enabled to stay home from the "prison house" known as school for a few weeks. We can soon look for some juvenile organizer to prevent muscling in and stabilize prices on some scale as this:

The progressive and genuinely social character of any society can be accurately measured by its attitude towards its children, by the way fortunately, insofar as Duranty in parti in which it treats and develops its children and its youth. From this viewpoint, American capitalism, is guilty of the most ghastly crimes. The Soviet phantasies is woven from the pracslums of New York, and Chicago, the feudal terror and degrading poverty in the mining and textile centers are only the overflow, the "excess," of Stalin regime itself. This New York a society regimented and captained by the bourgeoisie. The capitalists always boast of "security" and "law and order" under their system. We ship cult" so energetically propagated in sometimes marvel at the patience of the masses in tolerating such arrogant cynicism on the part of the bosses in the face of the present hunger crisis. But this wounding and killing of innocent, helpless children, victims of the greedy, racketeering civilization, gives most forcefully and painfully the lie to all the claims of the exploiters about "guaranteeing security and life." It is a brutal exposure of the real nature of capitalist

If perchance some maniac would shoot down a child in the streets

the slum life, and devastating disease, the mowing down in cold blood of children in the streets of the wealthiest and "most advanced" capitalist Such murders will occur time and again-even, if the very improbable should happen and the individual culprits in this case should be punished. Really there is no danger of even that. If it were a case of having to prepare the murder of a striker, the shooting up a miners tent colony, the deportation of thousands of foreign-born workers, the ruling class

would show real energy in the name of law and order to strike these workers. Thus, New York's Mayor Walker can see fit to do nothing run riot:

AGAINST A NEW REFORMIST PARTY!

to strike an even more dangerous blow at when jobless, to deport them when class

the Soviet Union. Duranty's thesis is conscious. On the other hand, in the

class lines, is something foreign to Marx plete social insurance for the workers

What are the facts? First of all, Marx ery they were immersed in during the

never viewed the dictatorship of the promany centuries of Carism and capital letariat as a change of cabinet; he saw ism. The essence of liberty prevails and

it as a new and distinct type of governing grows in Socialist Russia. The essence mental machine not growing out of the of liberty doesn't exist and can't development of the original results.

capitalist state but coming out of the de- op or grow in capitalist United States

and Lenin, is based on violence against loud hoasts of "rugged individualism"

struction of the bourgeois state. The pro- with all its much vaunted talk of being letarian dictatorship, according to Marx the "land of the free" and Hoover's

textile field . . .

Very significant and of the utmost importance is the fact that the thesis that merely said "not to have a clear working he National Committee has drawn up, class orientation." apitalism must be abolished and a workrs republic set up, not once is it menioned that this can be done only thru revolutionary struggle; that is, thru use of armed force by the working class . . . It is peculiar that the thesis spends so much but is silent on the question of revolu ism, of Leninism in life, in their own tionary overthrow. The fact of the days and time! avs and time! matter is that the leadership of the C. clarity is necessary for the American ties it had for carrying on positive, pro-

fundamental question

C.P.L.A. Toward the Socialist Party . the Socialist party so politely? It says: VI.—C.P.L.A. Leadership Does Not which has an anti-working class orientation, which betrays the workers, has given up the class struggle, stands for reform ism and bourgeois democracy.

> The Socialist party is belabored for not having succeeded in "winning the confi-dence of American workers." As the that were a tragedy! It would have been is the result of the confusion of the Na-

Labor Scene

Racketeering in Prison

25c a week Mumps 20c a week Diphtheria 30c a week Double pneumonia 75c a week Common cold 2c a week Tonsilitis, without operation, 10e.

without operation 25c a week Rates on other infections on request.

The Profits of Religion

Aimee Semple McPherson and Al Capone, the right and left wings of the hosts of prohibition, are fighting with their backs to the wall to defend the 18th amendment. Both rackets These hardships are not the dry law. Aimee makes a couple hun-

arrayed as one of these.

Or, translating the Bible into modern English: "Only saps work." The Als and Aimees work the saps.

Bill Green at Thermopylae

William Green, who floats on the surface of capitalist society with the other parasitic scum, thinks that the situation within. The youth accept the revolution of the unemployed "is more than it ap-in all its aspects and with all implipears on the surface," He also thinks "it is not good for a republic when its citieager to learn to read and write, anxious world revolution" and fears a whole to become scientific farmers and above all ready to serve the revolution. What "Have we not suffered enough?" he wails:

by alien power a gruesome tragedy for pipe. Matty Woll should pat him on the its present youth. Before there could back till he stops choking. Then they be subjugation there would have to be can break a few strikes, endorse Hoover for reelection and propose war on the Soviet Union. That'll make 'em feel

> * * * Helping a Contemporary

If Rev. Stanley High, editor of the Christian Churchman, has not yet chosen Dry Martini. Other possibilities areformerly, Bread and Wine)-or how about The Bootleggers Friend?

At Last a Solution

Dr. W. F. Russell of Columbia has a new solution for the unemployment problem. What the jobless need, it seems, is 'vocational retraining." All the coal miners out of work should train themselves to be needle trades workers while the unemployed garment workers should take a course in pick and shovel wielding. Pretty clever!

Henry Solves the Crisis

Henry Ford says the present depression will end as soon as people get the idea of work. Now that's funny—the unemployed have had the idea of work for many months and it hasn't helped them a down bit. Maybe if people got the idea of putting Henry and his fellow parasites to work. . . .

Sympathy At Last

After a tear gas bomb exploded in his vicinity, ex-Secretary of Labor Davis was found weeping over the plight of the coal miners.

"STATUE OF LIBERTY TO GET BEAUTY TREATMENT"-Times. She needs it! Dame Liberty should have her face lifted, her torch brightened a tragedy had the Socialist party won tional Executive Committee itself. And up and should be turned around so that other sect claiming to represent the Amer- we can see her. At present she has her ican workers will appear on the scene face toward. Europe and her back toBy this act, the C. P. L. A. will be comwards America. I'm afraid all the beauty mitting suicide as a progressive labor doctors will do to her is put her on a diet Precisely at a time when unity and force and will destroy whatever possibility to reduce her. Lord knows, she's thin

-- B. D. W.