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HAIL 15TH YEAR OF THE SOVIET UNION!

Supreme Court Rejects Appeal of "Age"; Labor Press Threatened

"Age" Hit Because Of Its Militant Stand For Labor; Civil Liberties Union To Work For Repeal Of Law; Decision "Outrageous", Says Ernst

The Supreme Court has just denied the writ of certiorari petitioned for by the Revolutionary Age in connection with the denial by John J. Kiely, Postmaster of New York, of second-class mailing rights to this paper.

The Revolutionary Age applied for second-class mailing rights as soon as it was established, in December 1929. After a delay of several months the management of the paper was informed, in May 1930, that these rights had been refused it under a section of the war-time Espionage Act still in force, because of its revolutionary, political and economic doctrines contained in it, because of its militant defense of the cause of labor. Immediately afterwards, a number of other Communist and militant labor papers were refused similar rights. With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union and with Arthur Garfield Hays as counsel, the case of the Revolutionary Age was taken to the United States Court where Justice Woodley upheld the ruling of Postmaster Kiely. The appeal to the Supreme Court followed immediately after and has now been denied.

The ruling of the Supreme Court is the worst blow against the freedom of the press in this country that has taken place since the dark days of the World War. It is now possible for the postal authorities to refuse second-class mailing rights, and in this way practically to suppress any newspaper or journal with the opinions or views of which they may not happen to agree. This decision will certainly make it easier for the government to suppress any labor paper that raises its voice against economic exploitation and political oppression. The precedent set in the case against the Revolutionary Age will serve

FORD ORDERS BIG WAGE SLASH

Reduces Wages From \$7 A
Day To \$6; Indirect
Wage-Cuts Also

DETROIT.—The Ford Motor Company has ordered a straight 14 2/3% wage-cut to go into effect in its shops since December 1, 1929 it has ordered a return from the \$7-a-day minimum wage rate to the \$6-a-day rate. A statement issued by the company asserts that the wage-cut has been made "to meet present and economic conditions" and that it "represents no change in the company's wage policy."

For some time past the Ford company has been laying off men in one department and rehiring them in another department at lower wages.

The Ford wage-cut, now officially announced but actually in practice for many months, will serve as a great stimulant in the wave of wage slashes deluging American industry today.

NEW YORK CITY.—Support for Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate in the tri-cornered fight for Boro President of Manhattan, was urged by George W. Wickersham, leading conservative, former United States Attorney General and chairman of the Hoover Law Enforcement Commission.

In a letter to the press urging Republican and independent voters to back the Socialist candidate, Mr. Wickersham described Mr. Thomas as "the outstanding candidate whose election would be a great forward step towards improving the city government."

It is interesting that Mr. Thomas's new supporter was the leader of the conservative wing at the recent Episcopal convention. Mr. Wickersham protested against the liberal economic doctrines included in the convention resolutions.

as a weapon in the hands of the capitalists to crush the entire Communist press. This is a blow against the whole working class.

J. Louis Engdahl, secretary of the International Labor Defense, declared that "full comment could only come when the decision is public" but vigorously condemned the decision as "another vicious attack on the working class in general and upon its most militant section, the Communists, in particular." "This decision," said Engdahl, "affects not only the Revolutionary Age but also the Vida Obreira, the Young Worker, etc., and confirms the arbitrary right of the Post Office to ban any paper that fights in the interests of the workers."

In a statement issued on October 28 the American Civil Liberties Union announced that it was initiating a campaign "to repeal the section of the war-time Espionage Act under which the Solicitor of the Post Office Department has barred from the mails the Revolutionary Age and six other radical publications."

Morris L. Ernst, famous anti-censorship attorney, in an interview with a representative of the Revolutionary Age, branded the Supreme Court decision as "outrageous." "It strikes a heavy blow," he emphasized, "at the freedom of the press in this country."

HOOVER REJECTS P. I. FREEDOM

Declares Philippines "Not
Ready For Independence"

WASHINGTON.—After canvassing the situation at the bi-weekly Cabinet meeting on October 27, President Herbert Hoover made it clear that the administration was opposed to independence for the Philippines "at the present time."

Every president of the United States since the Spanish-American War, Mr. Hoover admitted, had directly or indirectly promised independence of the Philippines, but the question is "one of time," he insisted. In his statement on the situation, Mr. Hoover announced that the "durability of the insular government must be assured before independence can be effected."

The October 27 Cabinet meeting was the first attended by Secretary of War Hurler who had just returned from the Philippines. It is understood that Mr. Hurler's report had considerable to do with the President's statement.

The statement of the President is a striking proof of the fact that independence for the Philippines can only be achieved by the struggle of the Filipino people themselves and not by trusting to the promises or good will of the American government, of Wall Street.

BROOKLYN CLUB IN BIG DANCE

The annual dance of the Frederick Douglass Interracial Club on Saturday, October 24, at Howland Studio, 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, was a big success.

Well over 250 workers, mostly Negro, crowded the hall, showing great interest in the organization and its work. Brother Lawrence, vice-president of the club, greeted the Negro and white workers present, described the purposes of the club and invited all to attend the Sunday forum meetings of the club, the first and third Sundays of every month at 4 P.M.

Appeal of the Communist Party (Majority Group)

FOURTEEN years ago, in 1917, the toiling masses of the old Russian Empire, aroused by the deep crisis brought about by the war, rebelled, overthrew the rule of the Czar and the land-owning aristocracy and capitalists, and laid the foundations for the first Workers and Farmers Soviet Republic in the world.

Since that great moment in the history of mankind, the whole world has been split into two parts standing in fundamental opposition to each other: five-sixths of the globe still under the heel of the exploiters and one-sixth that has broken the dead hand of capitalism and is marching forward to freedom! Workers and farmers of America! See the contrast between these two worlds. The capitalist world now lies in the spasms of its entire history. Factories lie idle, huge supplies of the necessities of life are allowed to rot away or are wantonly destroyed while millions are in the direst need. In this country alone, nearly ten million workers are jobless, with millions others on part-time. The wages of the employed have been mercilessly slashed, their union organizations weakened or destroyed, the fruits of struggle wiped away. The economic and financial structures of such capitalist giants as Britain and Germany have been shaken to their very foundations and other countries are in line. While misery and hunger stalk at home, a new world war is being prepared on the international arena, a war more horrible, more destructive, more incredibly annihilating than the last. This is what capitalism has brought to mankind after generations of unchallenged domination.

Look to the Soviet Union! No economic crisis but constant and feverish economic progress under the Five-Year Plan! No unemployment at all! No wage-cutting, no union smashing, no destruction of social legislation! On the contrary, constantly rising wages, one-hundred percent union organization, the most extensive and the most effective system of social benefits ever seen on earth. No misery in the midst of riches, no starvation in the midst of plenty! Security and life assured to every toiler, nothing to parasites! This is what Socialism has brought to the Soviet masses in the few short years of its existence surrounded by a world of imperialist enemies.

Workers and farmers of America! There is no real way out of the capitalist chaos and misery except Socialism—the replacement of the Wall Street government by a government of workers and farmers, the restoration of all the means of production into the hands of the toiling people. No other solution will do, no amount of fantastic capitalist "planning" and "conferences" will be of any avail as long as capitalist private property and capitalist rule prevail. This is the lesson of the Soviet Union.

World capitalism today is striving with might and main to overcome the acute crisis in which it finds itself. It is striving to overcome it in the capitalist way: at the expense of the workers at home, at the expense of the peoples in the colonies and semi-colonies of imperialism, at the expense of the emancipated toilers of the Soviet Union. The existence of the Soviet Union is a bone in the throat of world capitalism. Not only has it withdrawn one-sixth of the earth's surface and 150,000,000 people from the bloody grip of capitalist exploitation, but it also stands as an inspiring beacon to the hundreds of millions of the world's oppressed. The destruction of

the Soviet Union, the restoration of capitalism within its bounds, is the great aim upon which all rival imperialist powers agree. The destruction of the Soviet Union, or even the effective interruption of its course of Socialist construction, would be a colossal catastrophe for the toiling people of the whole world. It would set back the advance of mankind by a century. It would usher in a deluge of reaction that would not only destroy every gain the labor movement has made in the last hundred years but would reduce the workers to a position lower than slaves. It would extinguish the last flickerings of freedom and progress in the world. It would bring in the reign of brutal, merciless, savage and boundless capitalist tyranny and exploitation. The defense of the Soviet Union against imperialist aggression is the duty that every worker, every farmer, every colonial slave, every liberty-loving man owes to himself, to his class and to mankind.

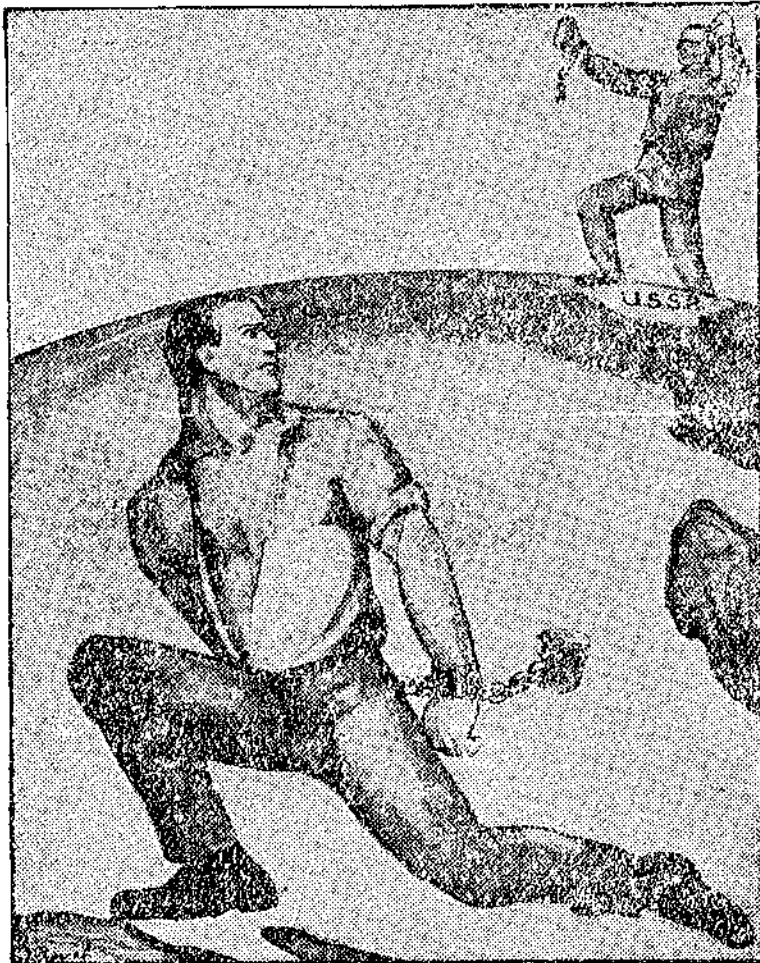
The most bitter, the most inveterate, the most dangerous enemy of the Soviet Union today is the United States, the leading imperialist power in the world. Alone of all big capitalist countries, the United States has refused even to extend diplomatic recognition to a government that is today the most stable in the world. It hampers the extension of credits to the Soviet Union even though such credits might help the unemployed in this country. It supports and finances every diplomatic, economic and political offensive against the U. S. S. R. It is behind every conspiracy, every intrigue, every maneuver against the Workers Republic. For this reason, the duty of leading in the defense of the Soviet Union falls upon us, the workers and farmers of the United States.

Workers and farmers of the United States! The dreadful crisis of the capitalist world and the gloriously triumphant course of the Socialist Soviet Union place before us the alternative that faces the workers of the whole world: submission to the attempts of the capitalist class to overcome the crisis at the expense of the toilers or a united front of labor in the class struggle against the exploiters and in defense of the Workers Republic! Slavery or struggle!

Fascism, which is growing at a monstrous rate all over the world, is the spearhead of the capitalist offensive. In the face of the Fascist menace, in the face of an enraged and desperate capitalism, the working class finds itself weakened by its lack of organization, by the division in its ranks, by the repeated betrayal of the conservative labor leaders and reformist "Socialists" who preach the collaboration of classes and tie the hands of labor in its struggle. Only the policies of Communism, which have brought victory to the workers of the Soviet Union, only the policies of unremitting class struggle, can lead the masses to the improvement of their conditions, to the defeat of reaction, and to the emancipation of labor.

For the recognition of the Soviet Union by the United States government!
For the defence of the Soviet Union!
Against the danger of a new world war!
For a united labor front against the bosses!
Long live the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics!

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE U. S. A.
(Majority Group).



BREAK YOUR CHAINS!

Tories Score in British Voting; Big Push to World Reaction

Labor Loses 1 1/2 Million Votes, Liberals 3 Million
Tories Gain 3 1/2 Million; Undemocratic Election
Laws Give Tories Big House Majority

A severe defeat for the Labor Party, made much greater by the undemocratic parliamentary system of the country, and an unexpectedly great victory for the Conservatives, were the outstanding features of the October 27 general elections in Great Britain, which had attracted the attention of the entire world for many weeks in advance.

With eight districts not yet recorded, the following are the results.
National bloc: Conservatives: 11,831,438, (470 seats in the House of Commons); National Liberals (Samuels): 2,200,183 (58); National Laborites (Macdonald): 339,721 (13); National Independents: 52,165 (4).

Opposition: Labor party: 6,642,230, (52); Liberals (Lloyd George): 93,640 (4); New Party (Mosely): 35,916 (0); Communist Party: 74,824 (0); Independents: 129,058 (2).

It will be seen that altho the Labor party received 31% of the popular vote, its representation in the House is 9%, whereas the Tories, with a popular vote of 35%, received a representation of 80%. To elect one Conservative about 25,000 votes were necessary—but to elect one Laborite 128,000 votes were needed! One Tory vote was worth five times as much as a Labor vote! This is the boasted "democracy" of the "home of representative government!"

In the 1929 elections the Conservatives

had received 8,591,000 votes (260 seats), the Labor party 8,331,000 (289), the Liberals 5,257,000 (58). Compared with the 1929 elections, therefore, the Conservative gain was 3,269,000, the Labor loss 1,664,000, and the Liberal loss over 3,000,000.

Among the notable defeats was that of Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party. MacDonald carried his district by a majority of 5,900 votes as against the 25,000 majority in the 1929 and even this victory was obtained largely thru manipulation and corruption.

The severe defeat of the Labor party and the victory of the Tories are fundamentally the bitter price the British proletariat must now pay for the gross reformism, in policy and practise, that has dominated the Labor party and its leadership. The pseudo-Socialist but really capitalist course of the Labor party leadership led from one miserable fiasco to another and finally reached its climax in the open desertion of MacDonald and in the implication of Henderson in the anti-labor "economy" program of the National government. The type of "opposition" conducted by Henderson on the eve of the elections could not but have had a demoralizing effect. At the same time the objective sharpening of class lines, the slogan of Socialism vs. Capitalism, that arose in the course of the struggle, drove away large numbers of the middle class elements and intellectuals of which the Labor party leaders had made so much in the past. To the great advantage of the Conservatives came also the temporary rise in trade and decline of unemployment that accompanied the collapse of the pound.

The Labor party has been shaken to its foundations by its great political defeat. A political and organizational reorganization is inevitable. Which road this reorganization will take will be of decisive significance for the future. Will it be a reorganization to the left, a turn towards a class struggle policy? Or will it be a turn to the right, towards Liberalism, with a bid for Lloyd George to assume leadership?

The new government of the National bloc, made up overwhelmingly by the Tories, is utterly unstable. It is practically certain that, after a few transition stages, a straight Tory government, dominated by the bitter-enders under the Chamberlains, will result. A program of out-and-out reaction, at home and abroad, is certain.

The international implications of the victory of British capitalist reaction are bound to be tremendous. In the first place, a powerful impetus has been given to the brutal march of reaction and Fascism internationally and an equally serious setback to the labor movement. In the second place, the initiation of a protective tariff policy, made inevitable by the Tory victory, will bring about a sharpening of international relations. Thirdly, a new offensive against the colonial peoples under the British heel is to be expected. Finally, a change of front against the Soviet Union is certain, a considerable strengthening of the anti-Soviet bloc. Reaction is triumphant all along the line.

The attitude of the official American Communist press shows to what extremes of degeneration the present anti-Leninist sectarian course can lead. The Daily Worker and the Freiheit are actually jubilant about the defeat of the Labor party. Here is what the Daily writes in its headline:

"LABORITES ARE SNOWED UNDER"
"LABOR PARTY IN ENGLAND GETS THE WORST DEFEAT IN HISTORY"

And the articles bear out the headlines! Such shameless ideological corruption calls for a reckoning!

JAPANESE IN ANTI SOVIET TRICK

Raise "Red Menace" Bogey
To Divert Attention From
Own Aggressions

TOKYO.—A new phase of the diplomatic offensive of Japanese imperialism in Manchuria opened with an attempt to divert attention to a newly discovered "Soviet menace" in the Far East. On October 28, Baron Shidehara, Japanese Foreign Minister, sent a "friendly note of warning" to Moscow requesting the "discontinuance of troop demonstrations along the Manchurian-Siberian border."

The Red Army troops are stationed along the Siberian border to protect the Soviet Union against imperialist aggression, in this case, against Japanese aggression. The "Red menace" cry is deliberately raised by Japan to shift attention from the League of Nations dispute and from its own shameless aggression in Manchuria.

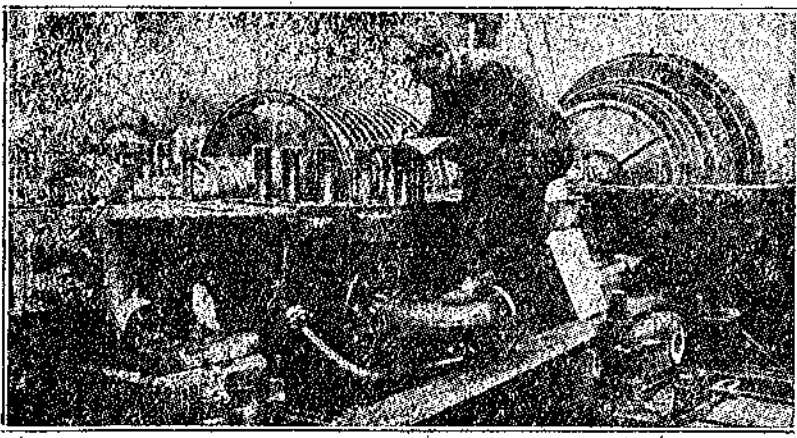
CORTES FOR ONE HOUSE BODY

Socialists Reject Senate
Against Protests Of
Conservatives

MADRID.—The Constituent Assembly voted overwhelmingly on October 27, to establish a Parliament with a single chamber instead of a bi-cameral legislature with a senate to act as a check upon the deputies. The defeat of the bi-cameral scheme was brought about by the votes of the Socialists, led by Indalecio Prieto. Former President Niceto Alcalá Zamora, representing conservative opinion, bitterly opposed the uni-cameral system and defended the necessity of a senate.

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SOCIALISM TRIUMPHANT!



Inspecting A Turbine At The Stalin Machine Works in Leningrad.

ALLIANCE URGED BETWEEN NEGRO AND LABOR FOR EMANCIPATION

Dr. Max Barber In The "Pittsburgh Courier"

We gladly reprint below the most important paragraphs of an article by Dr. J. Max Barber in the Pittsburgh Courier of October 31, 1931. We agree entirely with Dr. Barber's plea for an alliance between the Negro people and labor to fight for emancipation.

In this article I want to further suggest a liaison between the labor organizations of the country and the Negro. These groups ought to be consolidated. Their economic interests are practically identical.

In turn, labor must not hesitate to put its bravest arm around these black children. It can and ought to hold them in its arms.

The two old political parties are stagnating. They no longer have distinctive principles.

What does your representative know about housing conditions among the working classes? What does he know about the relation of his wages to his obligations?

What does your representative know about the relation of his wages to his obligations? Is your representative interested if a theatre door is closed in your face? Or an eating house refuses to give any human being food who is willing to pay for it?

Does he ever hear of a part of his constituency being set apart in railway carriages like lepers? Does he know that ever so often a Negro is burned or lynched in America to make a Roman holiday? If he knows, he acts as if he did not know.

He misrepresents you instead of representing you.

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LEFT CLUB OPENS IN PATERSON

Gitlow Speaks At Inaugural Of Paterson Progressive Workers Club

The opening of the Progressive Workers Club of Paterson took place Saturday night, October 31, at the headquarters of the club, 20 Carroll Street.

The headquarters was overcrowded with workers and many who sought admission were unable to enter.

Benjamin Gitlow was introduced as the main speaker of the evening and received a splendid ovation.

A collection was taken up of over \$60.00. The singing of the "International" and strike songs took place.

The opening of the Progressive Workers Club, the splendid support given to it by the progressive and revolutionary workers of Paterson marks the beginning of a movement for the building up of a strong and mighty militant left wing force in the labor movement.

THE NEW WOMAN



A Worker-Student At A Grinder In A Factory School

The Stage and Screen

"CYRANA" WITH PHILIP MERIVALE AT MOROSCO

"Cynara," by H. M. Harwood and R. F. Gore-Brown, a play done in London recently, was presented at the Morosco Theatre Monday night by the Shuberts.

"COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW" BY ELMER RICE OPENS AT PLYMOUTH

Elmer Rice announces that the opening date of his newest play "Counselor-at-Law," scheduled for the Plymouth Theatre with Paul Muni in the featured role, has been set ahead to Friday evening, November 6, instead of the following Monday.



ALICE BRADY

Who gives an exceptional performance in "Mourning Becomes Electra," Eugene O'Neill's trilogy now at the Guild Theatre.

as previously announced. Other players are: Louise Trussing, Anna Kostant, Jennie Moscovitz, Jack Leslie and J. Hammond Dailey.

"THE VENETIAN" AT THE MASQUE THEATRE

Maurice Browne and the Messrs. Shubert presented the London success, "The Venetian," by Clifford Bax, at the Masque Theatre on Saturday night.

"SPIRIT OF NOTRE DAME" AT HIPPODROME

The screen at the Hippodrome is reflecting "The Spirit of Notre Dame" with Lew Ayres, Frank Carideo, the Four Horsemen, Sall Blanc, and J. Farrell Mac Donald.

"TERRA MADRE" ON CAMEO SCREEN

"Terra Madre," ("The Motherland"), an Italian romance with English subtitles, is showing at the Cameo Theatre this week.

METROPOLITAN OPENS WITH "LA TRAVIATA"

The Metropolitan Opera House opens Monday evening, presenting Verdi's "La Traviata" with Ponselle, Engerer, Lauri Volpi, De Luca and Bada singing the chief roles.

HOOVER BODY IN SILLY PLAN

Unemployment Committee Submits Report Full Of Trite Phrases

Keeping up its terrific drive to spread illusions about the recovery of the country, about the restoration of prosperity, Hoover's Committee on Employment Plans and Suggestions has just come out with a 6,000 word document containing new proposals to "end" the unemployment crisis.

This worthy document is completely empty in so far as any concrete proposal is concerned.

All of these proposals are the ordinary trite suggestions that have remained pious wishes for the last few years in this country.

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Greetings to the Revolutionary Age on its 2nd Anniversary BRANCH 305—WORKMEN'S CIRCLE Philadelphia, Pa.

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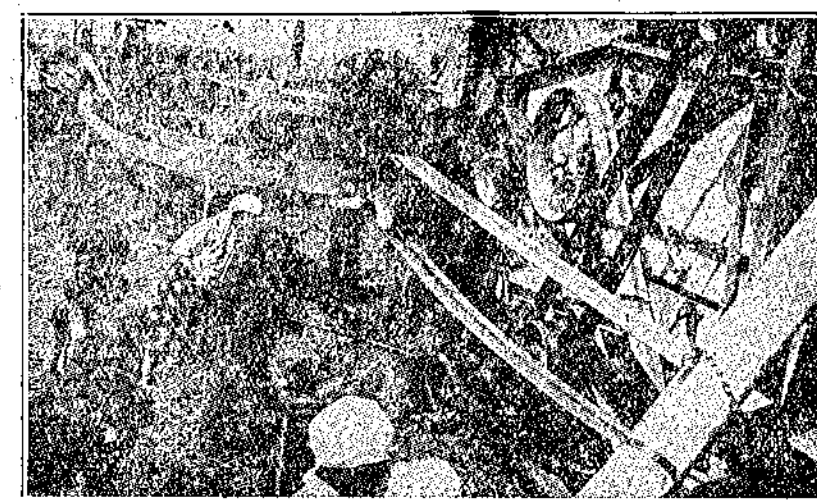
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THE REVOLUTION IN AGRICULTURE



Threshing Grain On A State Farm In The Middle Volga Region

EDISON WAS FRIEND OF SOVIET UNION SON DECLARES AT GRAVE

Soviet Academy Of Science Honors Inventor

We reprint from the Economic Review of the Soviet Union (November 1, 1931) the following extremely significant paragraphs indicating the attitude of the great inventor, Thomas A. Edison, towards the Soviet Union and towards the world-historical struggle in which the masses of the Soviet Union are engaged.

The Academy of Sciences of the Soviet Union in Leningrad sent a message of condolence to the family of Thomas Alva Edison expressing deepest regrets on the occasion of the death of Mr. Edison, who was an honorary member of the Academy.

In accordance with this request, a delegation from the Amtorg Trading Corporation laid a wreath on Mr. Edison's grave on October 22.

"In his own way he has done much to recast civilization. None can know better than he the demands life makes on those who seek to accomplish the sacrifices exacted, the hardships to be endured, the ridicule and opposition of those of lesser vision.

"He has at last laid down his pencil. But where his experiments end those of the Russian people are beginning. Thru them, a civilization will again be recast, not by war and bloodshed but thru the irresistible pressure of intelligent work well done.

"To the men of science in Russia whom the Academy of Sciences represents and whose privilege it is to influence largely the character of the new world that is building, I again say, thank you for your tribute to Thomas Alva Edison."

In speaking for the Amtorg delegation Mr. Michael stated in part: "For the entire population of the U. S. S. R. Mr. Edison has been and always will be a symbol of light and achievement and a beacon-light for the future. He is

looked upon in the Soviet Union not only as a citizen of this nation but as a citizen of the world and he belongs to the world."

Big Crowd At New York Election Rally

A crowd of over 1,000 attended an election campaign meeting held by the Communist Party (Majority Group) at Union Square.

The speakers, including J. O. Bentall, D. Benjamin, Ben Lifshitz, Eddie Welsh and Minnie Lurie, discussed the situation in this country, exposed the fake unemployment relief talk of the government and called upon the workers to go to the polls on election day and vote Communist.

D. Benjamin was warmly applauded when he pointed out the need of a Labor party to fight the capitalist parties.

I. Zimmerman, the chairman of the meeting, made an appeal to the workers for the Revolutionary Age and \$4.00 was contributed. In all, about 150 copies of the Age were sold.

Filipino Communists Are Sentenced

MANILA, P. I., Sept. 18, 1931. — Branding Communism as a "crime," Judge Mariano A. Albert, of the fourth branch of the city court of the first instance, this morning convicted Crisanto Evangelista and Jacinto Manahan, leaders of the Communist Party of the Philippine Islands, and thirty others on charges of sedition and "organizing an illegal association." Penalties ranging from four months to a year and six months and banishment for eight years were imposed.

The attempt of the American puppet regime in the Philippine Islands to suppress the revolutionary movement of the workers and peasants must meet with the determined opposition of the American workers. The enemy of the Filipino people is the enemy of the American masses: Wall Street imperialism.

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THE ELECTIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN

IN the overwhelming victory of the Tories in the British elections, international capitalist reaction has scored a major victory.

The decisive factor to be emphasized here is that the Labor party was THE mass expression of the working class, politically confused and backward as the proletariat still is in England today.

Undoubtedly, the Communist Party has a revolutionary program, but it is still a pitiful sect, divorced from the masses organized in the unions and the Labor party.

The reason for the defeat of the Labor party is to be found rather in the mistakes and weaknesses of labor itself than in the strength and virtues of MacDonald and his conservative cohorts.

Hadn't Henderson and MacDonal, together with Snowden and the rest of the Labor party bureaucracy, turned their backs on the workers during the entire period of the Labor Cabinet?

Add to this the very important fact that the Communist Party, by isolating itself from the masses thru its sectarian and adventurist policies, has taken some of the best blood and driving forces out of the ranks of labor.

The reactionaries will surely abuse their great vote for a sharpened attack on the workers at home and intensified imperialist aggression abroad.

The Tories will undoubtedly forget that more than six and a half million workers voted for the Labor party and the workers will more and more begin to question why it is that it takes only about 25,000 bourgeois voters to elect a Conservative while it takes over 125,000 working class voters to elect a Labor member to Parliament.

The number of Labor members of Parliament does not represent Labor's real strength among the masses. It reflects much more a lack of confidence in their official leadership, in the Labor party's bankruptcy in militancy, in the sham and fraud of bourgeois democracy at its best.

Let no one exaggerate the seriousness of the Labor defeat. The number of Labor members of Parliament does not represent Labor's real strength among the masses.

We, workers in the United States, should draw the lesson from the British elections: What we need is more working class unity, more working class militancy, a merciless repudiation of reformism, a tireless struggle against sectarianism, and the building of a Communist Party rooted in the masses to lead the struggle to victory.

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Workers in the Soviet Union

from the "Economic Review Of The Soviet Union"

The following paragraphs are taken from a long leading article in the October 15 issue of the ECONOMIC REVIEW OF THE SOVIET UNION.

The rapid development of industry in the Soviet Union during the past few years has been accompanied by continuous improvement in the working and living conditions of the population.

The system of piece work and graduated wage scales, which has been in practice since the institution of the new economic policy in 1921, is now being extended.

Simultaneously with the increase in nominal wages, there has been a steady advance in real wages. Taking 1913 as 100, the price index (budget index) in 1927-28 was 196.7 and in 1928-29, 205.1.

The increased productivity of labor has, in its turn, brought about an improvement in the material well-being of the workers.

Number of Workers The number of wage-earners in the Soviet Union has increased during the past few years not only in absolute figures but also in comparison with the total population.

Hours of Labor, etc. The increase in the number of workers in industry is the result, on the one hand, of the putting into operation of new plants and the expansion of old ones.

Wages The average monthly wages in 1930 increased by 14.78 rubles per wage-earner in 1927-28, or 21.5 per cent of the nominal wages.

Housing Soviet industry has faced a complex housing problem. The rapid expansion of old industrial centers and the establishment of many new ones resulted in an acute housing shortage.

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