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Tammany Triumphs in N. Y. Vote; Democrats to Control House

Crisis And Corruption Exposure Do Not Stem Big Landslide; S. P. Increases Votes But Fails To Make Big Progress; Communist Vote Low

Tammany Hall and its allied Democratic organizations in the city won the most smashing victory in the political history of New York in the 100%-capitalist Democratic parelections that took place on Tuesday, ty took place after years of acute eco November 3. Samuel Levy, Demo-cratic candidate for Boro President and indescribable misery. Yet the masses of the workers and lower mid-of 247,110, while the vote of Carring-dle class people drew no connection ton, the Republican nominee, was between the rule of the capacity of the state of Norman Thomas, ties and economic exploitation and that of Norman Thomas, ties and economic exploitation and the creat political back-

The Tammany sweep was marked elsewhere also. Assemblyman Abbot the yoke of the capitalist parties, is Low Moffat and Alderman Joseph Clark Baldwin were the only Republicans to withstand it. There is today only one Republican member of the New York Board of Alderman.

The "bi-partisan" slate of twelve candidates for the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial District—a most glaring piece of corruption-won overwhelmingly, with the protest "No Deal" ticket scoring less than 100,000.

Amendment 3, the reforestation amendment, carried. So did all others except No. 2, which permitted State legislators to accept civil office. In New York State, control of the Assembly has been retained by the Republicans. About eighty Republicans and seventy Democrats appear to have been elected.

An upset in the Eighth Michigan District, normally Republican but now turned Democratic, will make the House of Representatives Democratic when it assembles in December.

In spite of the fact that the vote for Norman Thomas was not as great as expected (considering that he was endorsed by all bourgeois "honest government" forces, including the New York Times), the Socialist party nevertheless made some progress, running second in many parts of the city, electing a number of local offi cials in New Jersey and an alderman in Bridgeport, Conn. The loss of So-cialist control in Reading against a Republican-Democratic coalition, how ever, served as a counter to Socialist | country. success elsewhere.

Tammany Hall in New York City comes after a period of sensational disclosures by the Seabury committee exposing the incredible corruption of every branch of municipal administration in this city controlled by Tammany Hall. And yet Tammany piled up a record majority! However much trickery, vote stealing and repeating there may have been, and there certainly was plenty, the huge pluralities obtained by the Democratic party indicate that the overwhelming majority of the workers and middle class elements of the city voted solid for Tammany. The mas-ses of the people of the city failed completely to see how they, ultimately, must stand the cost of political corruption. Their attitude is still expressed in the well known saying:

> New Timely Subjects in the Lovestove Lectures

The popular lectures which Jay Lovestone is giving every Friday evening at the New Workers School are continuing with the inclusion of four new subjects which are timely and very important. The lectures will be interrupted one week, on November 27, for the Lovestone-Russell Debate on the "Proletarian Dictatorship" at the Central Opera House. Otherwise, the lectures will continue every Friday evening. The schedule is: NOVEMBER 13—"Working of the Stock Exchange—How It Works

and Whom.' NOVEMBER 20-"The Present and Future of American Social-

NOVEMBER 27-Russell - Lovestone Debate at Central Opera

DECEMBER 4-"The Present and Future of American Commun-

DECEMBER 11-"The Present and Future of American Trade

DECEMBER 18-"The Marxian Theory of Crises in the Light of the Present World Situation."

the Republican nominee, was between the rule of the capitalist par-Socialist, 48,438. The Communist starvation. The great political back-candidate, I Amter, polled 1,798 votes. wardness of the American workers, whom even a crisis cannot break from

The relatively little progress made by the Socialists and the disappear-ingly small vote of the Communist candidate, also indicate the same thing: the very low state of political consciousness of the workers of this city. The smashing defeat of the

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A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEFENDING THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS

> Police Attack Mass Picket | League Rejects Proposal Demonstration As Big Strike Continues

LAWRENCE.—A special detachment of over fifty policemen, with clubs flying, attacked a mass picketing demonstration in front of the Monomac Spinning Company mill and seriously injured many workers in attempting to prevent the strikers from keeping the Monomac plant on

Thru the manipulations of the "Lawrence Citizens Committee," a strike-breaking agency, a so-called return to work vote was taken among the employees of the Monomac mill. When some backward workers and scabs attempted to file into the mill on the morning of November 5, the striking workers, organized in the United Textile Workers (A.F. of L.), arranged a strong picket demonstration. The attack of the police was the result. A number of strikers were arrested and two held for de-

portation proceedings.

I.L.D. Rejects Defence of Roy While Liberals in the British labor movement, died early November 2. His death came as the result of an operation upon a glandular swelling in the neck. As Join Appeal; Gandhi Cabled for Aid

C. P. - Majority Group Delegation Met With Evasion And Refusal; Int'l Political Prisoners Committee Issues Statement On India Communist

Roy, the Meerut prisoners and other of the I.L.D. leaders is nothing short Table Conference, by the Communist Party (Majority Group) in the name of the revolutionary workers of this where Gandhi is attending the Round-

Gandhi has been appealed to several times to issue a statement in beammany Hall in New York City and the second se

ROY, VALIANT FIGHTER FOR INDIA'S FREEDOM, ARRESTED UNDER SERIOUS CHARGES IN INDIA. WE URGE YOU TO ISSUE PUBLIC STATEMENT CONDEMNING ROY'S ARREST AND DEMNING ROY'S ARREST AND DEMANDING HIS RELEASE ALSO RELEASE OF MEERUT PRISONERS AND OTHER NA-

A blank refusal, only thinly disguised in diplomatic phraseology, was returned by the plenary session of the National Council of the Internathe National Council of the Internathe representatives of the New York the League for Industrial Democra tional Labor Defense to the appeal of district of the Communist Party (Majority Group) that the I.L.D. take steps immediately to organize a campaign in defense of the imprisoned Indian Communist leader, Manaendra Nath Roy.

The written appeal of the C. P .-Roy's services to the labor movement of the world and especially to the cause of the oppressed colonial peo-ples. It pointed out that it was the by by of the International La- defense committee, however, is headpor Defense, as an organization es- ed by Jawaharlal Nehru, former pre- report to President Nicholas Murray cablished precisely for the defense of sident of the Congress. He is being Butler. class war prisoners, to arise in dedefended by Asaf Ali, prominent Moferences Roy may have with the lead- to the Andaman Islands. ership of the official Communist novement could not be allowed to stand in the way of the obvious duty of the I.L.D. since the I.L.D. has boasted more than once that it has lefended anarchists, syndicalists and vorkers of all sorts of political ten-

the plenum, the representatives of the C.P.—Majority Group were informed evasively that "all class war orisoners cases would be taken up to-When pressed to answer exactly what the I.L.D. would do on the Roy case, no answer was forth-

A cabled appeal to Gandhi urging The members of the I.L.D. must his intervention in behalf of M. N. realize that such conduct on the part victims of British imperialist repressions in India, was sent to London, perialism. They must not allow the I.L.D. to be corrupted in this manner!

> The following statement issued by the International Committee for Political Prisoners:

A protest to the British government ROY, VALIANT FIGHTER FOR of M. N. Roy, internationally known Empire," was chumming with

ALSO RELEASE OF MEERUT The signers of the protest are PRISONERS AND OTHER NATIONARY FIGHTERS. WE URGE YOU TO INTERVENE tO THEIR BEHALF AS YOUR DUTY TO INDIA. nity Church, New York City; Prof Robert Morss Lovett of the University ity of Chicago; A. J. Muste of Brook Buro; Norman Thomas, director of cy; Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation; and Roger E. Baldwin,

hairman of the committee. Roy was at one time active in the for opposing official policies. Majority Group called attention to year and has been conducting a move-

> The committee in addition is sendcommittee in India and circularizing trial problems." members of the British Parliament urging their intervention.

AKRON, O.—The development of When this appeal was placed before rubber by chemists in the employ of Royal Navy against the proposed the plenum, the representatives of the E. P. du Pont de Nemours and wage-cuts, came to light in an Ad-Company was announced on Novem- miralty statement announcing the ber 2 to the rubber division of the dismissal of twenty-four men for American, Chemical Society.

"subversive conduct." The Admiralty American, Chemical Society.

Of Soviet Union

GENEVA.—The Soviet Union's proposal for an economic non-aggres-sion pact between European nations encountered the unanimous opposition in the special committee of the League of Nations named to examine the proposal presented to the Pan-European Commission last May by Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Commis sioner of Foreign Affairs.

Behind the tissue of excuses the real reason for the action of the capitalist nations of Europe is obvious: the inability of the capitalist powers, torn apart by deep contradictions, to make even a gesture of peace and

Famous Head Of M. F. G. B. Dies After Operation And Long Illness

LONDON .-- Arthur James Cook, secretary of the Miners Federation of Great Britain and leading figure a result of his strenuous activities in the 1930 miners strike he suffered a serious physical breakdown. The amputation of a leg destroyed his health so that he was not able to survive the glandular operation. He was fortysix years old.

A. J. Cook was one of the most striking leaders of British labor in the last twenty-five years. At an early age he joined the miners union and rapidly came to the fore. During the war and immediately after he was frequently jailed for his militant activities. He rapidly approached the Communist position and formed an important support of the Minority Movement in its early days. The great General Strike of 1926 marked the apex of his career: his political stamina could not stand the strain of such acute class struggle A short period of hesitation was followed by a sharp retrograde movement and soon A. J. Cook, once the "most dangerous man in the British

URGES ENGINEERS FIGHT U. S. S. R.

Dean Tells U. S. Engineers Prepare Against U.S.S.R.

A call to American engineers to prepare themselves for "a time when our western civilization is approaching the most important crossroads in Communist party, but was expelled history, a crossroad where it is to come into more or less violent conwent back to India secretly early this flict with another civilization rising in the East and founded upon a radically different thesis," hat is, for a struggle with the Sovernment and the official policies of the Indian National Congress. His Barker, of the School of Engineering of Columbia University, in his annual

Dr. Barker declared that the adfense of the Indian revolutionist. It hammedan lawyer. If found guilty vance of the Soviet Union industrialemphasized that the tactical dif- he will be either executed or exiled by brought forward the problem of ing a contribution for the defense balance between human and indus-

> LONDON,—A slight indication of the secret campaign of government retaliation against the ring-leaders of commercially practicable synthetic the recent revolt of the sailors of the The new synthetic product, to be statement makes the excuse that called "Duprene" in all probability, is these dismissed men had "continued" credited with many properties of con-siderable commercial value. their "subversive conduct after the settlement."

Editor Declares Publishing Of "Age" As "Of Great Importance"

A strong protest against the action of the Post Office Department, approved by the Federal courts including the United States Supreme Court, in attempting to suppress the Revolutionary Age by denying it secondclass mailing rights, was voiced by W. E. B. DuBois, famous sociologist and writer, leading figure in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and editor of The Crisis, in a letter to the Revolutionary Age. The letter reads:

"I should be glad to have you say anyone else that I regard it not simply as permissible but of the greatest importance that the thoughts and beliefs of the Revolutionary Age receive publication and that this paper have Post Office privileges. Freedom of speech in the United States should be more than a phrase: it should include the right to say what many people do not like to hear."

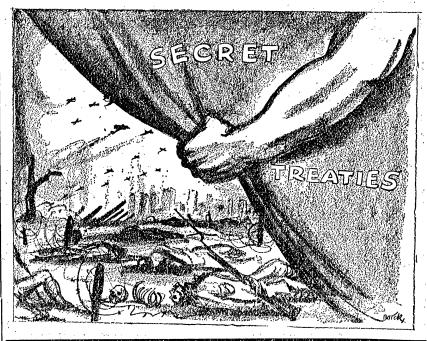
POLICE VIOLENCE POWERS REFUSE DUBOIS PROTESTS Japan Resumes China Invasion in Lawrence Peace offer "Age" ban Soviet Answers War Rumors

New Battles In Manchuria; League Council Called For Paris Nov. 17; U.S. Announces "Support" Of League As Jap.-American Rift Grows

WORLD APPEAL

Moscow, U.S.S.R. In a manifesto issued to the work ers and oppressed peoples of the world, the Executive Committee of the Communist International calls for the ese forces easily defeated the far to the Post Office Department and support of the Chinese masses in remove numerous Chinese troops who anyone else that I regard it not simply sistance to the imperialist aggressions retreated in confusion towards Angaof Japan. This manifesto was issued on the eve of the fourteenth anniversary of the October Revolution. "This Manchuria have been reported via Mukden. war against the working masses of China," the manifesto declares, "is a eign Minister and President of the war against us (against the workers League of Nations Council, will call and colonial peoples of the world) and a special meeting of the council in a step towards war against the Soviet Paris on November 17 to "discuss the Union. Organize mass revolutionary Manchurian crisis." barriers against that war and for a (Concluded on page 2)

WHAT SECRET TREATIES MEAN



TORY CABINET IN BRITAIN AS LLOYD GEORGE-LABOR BLOC RUMORED

Neville Chamberlain In Exchequer And Tories Hold Main Posts; Liberals Split Into Three Parts; Labor Loses In Municipal Elections

LONDON.—A thoroly reactionary the old Liberal party in three district cabinet, composed of 11 Conserva- wings has taken place. Side by side tives, 5 National Liberals of both fac- with the infinitesimal remnant that tions and 4 National (MacDonald) still follows Lloyd George in opposi-"Laborites," has been selected by tion to the National bloc, there is a Prime Minister MacDonald and sub- group of about thirty free trade Lib-

where it will surely be approved. quer is given to Neville Chambelain, Liberals, under Sir John Simon, who the most bitter-ender of bitter-enders, thus guaranteeing an out-and-out Tories. Conservative financial policy, including tariffs. In addition a Conservative is Secretary of State for the Colonies, Secretary of State for War, y brought forward the problem of Lord of the Admiralty, Minister of press matters. As soon as Parlia- the proletarian dictatorship is the corganizing American engineering Agriculture, Minister of Labor, etc. ment is organized, he will leave for a only possible road to economic, and education so as to secure "a proper | Stanley Baldwin is Lord President of vacation with the hope and expectathe Council. The National Liberals of both wings were given the positions of Home Affairs, Foreign Af-

> State for the Dominions. bears out the worst expectations of get elected. the ultra-reactionary course of the tween Lloyd George and the Labor government.

LONDON.—The definitive split of

mitted to the House of Commons erals, led by Sir Herbert Samuel, which supports the National govern-The cabinet is completely under the ment but which balks at an extreme domination of the Tories. The key and immediate protectionist policy, position of Chancellor of the Exche- and another group of thirty-three are hardly distinguishable from the

Labor opposition in the House of Commons are obvious here. The old States. Lovestone will defend the Secretary of State for India, First Liberal leader does not intend to Communist position to the effect that tion that by the time he returns the Labor forces in Parliament will be fairs, Secretary of State for Scotland and Education. Philip Snowden is Lord Privy Seal, preparatory to his classifier to a preparatory to his classifier to the Labor party the idea of Lloyd George's leadership of the lican Civil Liberties Union. so demoralized that they will be eager elevation to a peerage. Lord Sankey, party in Parliament is not altogether National Laborite, is Lord High Chan-unwelcome, however personally uncellor and J. H. Thomas, Secretary of pleasant it may be to Henderson and tate for the Dominions. his friends who are excluded from The composition of the new cabinet leadership because of their failure to A rapprochement be-

party would be of very serious con-

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November 7: 1931. The crisis in the Far East reached new and more acute stage last week after a short period of apparent re-

cession.
1. Simultaneous news reports from Tokyo and Shanghai indicate that hard fighting has been resumed in Manchuria as the Japanese troops again took up the offensive and continued their invasion. A sharp bat-tle took place at the Nooni River bridge near Tsitshihar. The Japan-

was the day originally set by the League of Nations Council, by a 13 to 1 vote, for Japanese evacuation of Manchuria. Japan had announced that it did not regard the League deci-"valid" since political decisions of the League must be unanimous in order to be binding! Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese delegate to the League, opposed the shift of meeting place from Geneva to Paris. The talian and German delegates joined

n the protest. 3. At the same time that the Jayanese invasion of Manchuria was re sumed, Japanese agression against the Soviet Union has grown sharper. In reply to the anti-Soviet diplomatic manouvers of Japan, Klementi Voroshilov, Soviet Commissar for War, in an exclusive interview with the United Press, laid down the funlamental points of Soviet policy in

the Far Eastern crisis:
a. The U.S.S.R. is anxious to preserve friendly relations with Japan and China.

b. The reports of Soviet concentrations near Manchuria are non

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ON NOV. 27

Lovestone And Russell To Discuss Proletarian Dictatorship

What promises to be one of the most sensational debates of the season is being arranged for Friday, November 7, at Central Opera House, 67 Street and Third Avenue. ect under discussion will be: Does the road to freedom lead thru the proletarian dictatorship? The affirmative will be argued by Jay Lovestone, editor of the Revolutionar Age, while the negative position will be taken by Bertrand Russell, the famous British philosopher and scien-

Bertrand Russell, whose general Anarchist-Communist viewpoint is well known, will argue that altho the dictatorship of the proletariat may arise as a necessity in some countries (Russia, Poland) it is not in general Definite signs of a bid on the part necessary to achieve the economic of Lloyd George for leadership of the freedom of the working class, especinecessary to achieve the economic ally in such countries as the United therefore to all other, freedom in the modern capitalist countries, and particularly in such an advanced capitalist country as the United States.

Tickets for the debate will be at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. The rush for tickets is expected to be so great that all readers of the Revolutionary Age are urged to get their tickets as early as possible. Tickets may be obtained at the New Workers School. 63 Madison Avenue, the Rand School sequences for labor since it would in- and at other places that will be an-

Ben Gitlow Speaks on "Labor's Future", Nov. 15 - 63 Madison Ave.

HOW HILLMAN FIGHTS THE RACKETEERS

by Louis Nelson

centrated on building banks, apart- man was always: No! However ment houses, getting in with mayors, when the Beckerman and Orlofsky governors and princes. But at the crowd organized an opposition union same time the Amalgamated began to lose the confidence of the member-come, Hillman got scared. It was not ship; it became a clearing house for accidental that Hillman answered one the clothing manufacturers. Is there any wonder then that such luminaries as Beckerman and Orlofsky became the leading lights in the Amalgamatthe leading lights in the Amalgamated? These new stars went a step Knockout Beckerman, is bought out further: instead of remaining com-mission agents of the clothing manu-months later, he will again be able mission agents of the clothing manufacturers, why not become partners to carry on his racketeering business with them?—this is the natural logic with the underworld. And Hillman of class collaboration.

As Hillman and his friends began to practise their policies, the tailors began to protest. The first local that dared to raise its voice was Local 5 The turer, in order to be able to exploit (operators) in New York. charges made by Local 5 to the General Executive Board of the Amal-gamated was that the leaders of the New York organization were selling who want to break up the union, no out the interests of the tailors to the matter who they are. The Amalgamanufacturers. These charges were mated was built up with the blood proved up to the hilt with facts. of the tailors and not of the Becker-What did Hillman do? Expelled and reorganized the local, expelled the best members, threw them out of jobs union a weapon in the hands of the and appointed a new administration tailors against all those who stand for the local of the same type as against the union. Beckerman and Orlofsky.

Spontaneously and in an unorganized manner, the tailors began a revolt against Hillmanism and the underworld which had run amuck under the protection of the police. The protest meetings of the workers were broken up, many tailors were sent to the hospital, and dozens deprived of their jobs. The back-bone of the Amalgamated was broken—the best and most sincere elements expelled. The Amalgamated became the property of the Beckermans and the Or lofskys-and private property is at your own disposal. The confidence of the membership was entirely lost but the confidence of the clothing manufacturers was gained and the clothmg manufacturers could not be too lavish in their praise of Hillman's spectable" union.

But the Beckermans and the Oriskys and the underworld were not satisfied with things as they were; they went even further. They began to organize clothing manufacturers to withdraw their factories out of town where production is still cheaper. And here began the katzenjammer Not all clothing manufacturers were in a position to give up their factories in New York, competition between the New York and out of town manufacturers sharpened and a cutthroat struggle at the expense of the tailors broke out. But how much can be squeezed out of the tailors after all? The tailors had been cut to the bone and nothing more could words of the manufacturers—not, by any chance, to the tailors. He ordered Beckerman and Orlofsky to put a stop to their activities but he did not expel them nor did he reorganize their local. You must not forget that Beckerman is a shining star in the Socialist party and Orlofsky in Tam-many Hall. Hillman had long had plenty of facts on the year-long betrayal of Orlofsky and Beckerman since tailors had come to him every day with charges. Why had he kept silent so long? What was Hillman's usual answer to the tailors? "We must compete with the out of town shops and drive them out of business!"

But finally our President rolled up his sleeves and came out in a holy war against racketeering and gangsterism in the men's clothing industry. Did he mobilize the membership to fight these dangerous elements in the union? Oh, no! he mobilized rather the police, the Lieutenant Governor, Boro President Levy! And then there was something up indeed—politician battled against politician, gangster against gangster, and the famous lawyer, Steuer, who had demonstrated more than once his support of the bosses (who does not remember the Triangle fire where so many working girls were burned?—Steuer was the counsel for the bosses), was hired by Hillman to "defend" the union! But the Beckerman people had the same forces as Hillman-

not the membership, by any chance, but gangsters, police, Tammany law-yers. The result was that Beckerman organized his own union-how long, after all, can one work for somebody else and share profits. It's surely time to go into business for oneself! The danger now became clear to

Hillman and he turned to his old methods: If you can't overcome your opponent, you buy him! And he did

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NEW YORK CITY.—Since Hill- indeed buy out Beckerman, Orlofsky man and Schlossberg have ceased to and Co. How much he paid is not believe in strikes and have placed yet known—it will come out when the their faith in peaceful collaboration thieves fall out again, and fall out with the bosses, new stars began to again they certainly will. One thing arise on the firmament of the Amalis characteristic of Hillman. When gamated Clothing Workers to help he expelled the honest members of Hillman carry thru his policies, such the union because they called the stars as Beckerman, Orlofsky, and Beckermans, Wolfs and Orlofskys

others of the same stripe.

Things were working well—that is, strikes didn't have to be called, the bosses didn't have to be fought, union treasures remained full and the energies of the union were contact that is the energies of the union were contact to the energies of the union and organize an opposition union. On the contract, the energies of the union were contact to the energies of the union and organize an opposition union. On the contract, the energies of the union were contact to the energies of the union was always. again shouts: "Unity reigns in the Amalgamated!" But this is not the

> the tailors still more. The tailors must organize against

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Europe As I Saw It

"Cock of the Walk"

By Quincey E. Doyle

cle will appear in the next issue.

PARIS, September, 1931.—Many things have been charged or credited to the World War. Whatever the truth may be about many of these matters, it is true that the great carnage of capitalism helped to determine the position of the leading European nations with reference to the "sun's declivity." For Russia it helped to bring the "dawn" of a new order. For France it meant the "moon-tide" of power in the form of that military strength.

pamphlet has been prepared for wholesale distribution in English speaking countries under the title of "The Burden of Empire." It is a reprint from the French journal L'Illustration, and points out that the attack on civilization's sacrosanct doctrine of private property can be repelled by the military power of France's superpatriot, M. Francois Coty, manufacturer of perfumes and lip-sticks. On numberless billboards he cries to the French populace, "Sau-on-tide" of power in the form of noon-tide" of power in the form of of that military strength. French hegemony over the European Continent. For Britain it hastened the "twilight" of Empire. Germany still feels her way about in a "mid-night" of social collapse seeking to light her house with the candle light the Laval gang, are now dominant in the politics of Poland, Czecho-Slova-kia, Hungary and even Austria where still feels her way about in a "midof a timid Social-democracy. Italy they have just finished off the Ausreels home at "three o'clock in the tro-German customs union. In a morning" to sleep off a Fascist deauch.

The most important consideration in current European politics, if we exclude the U. S. S. R. for the moment, is the fact that France has stiffened her Napoleonic strut and made herself the cock of the Europ-

The French army and air force are unmatched in numbers anywhere in the world. These forces are more significant as the last defenses of an lenge to the French thesis of "security" since they must all look to French military power to stay the instil the sense of nationalism in its stick together!

This is the third of the series of proletarian advance in Europe. Let peasants. This year it is providing articles "Europe As I Saw It" by anyone who doubts this observe the a show in Paris, called the Colonial Quincey E. Doyle. The fourth artithe will appear in the next issue.

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PARIS, September, 1931.—Many

pamphlet has been prepared for hibition of imperialism in stucco and

> vons Nos Colonies!" (Save Our Colonies!) Under this plea of desperation is a black unclad figure with an au-The power of French finance is second only to that of Wall Street. tomatic revolver in his hand being French bankers, ably supported by urged thru the jungle by a "Red' soldier, presumably to drive out the French exploiter. The name of this poster is inscribed at the bottom, "Le Peril Rouge en Pays Noirs." (The tro-German customs union. In a Peril Rouge en Pays Noirs." world where cabinets and parliaments Red Peril in Black Countries.) dance at the behest of others, the French bankers are calling plenty of the tunes. In Hungary they have just replaced Bethlen with Karolyi. His daily newspaper, L'Ami du Peu-The armies of puppet states like Pople, screams about the red peril in the

na if French francs did not provide After all this valiant work of the "rouge king" in uncovering the Red peril, I shall not be surprised to see Not all of French control, however, Hamilton Fish rise in the House of is as "honest" as the military and financial alliances with the states of Representatives this winter, take tectors of French prestige and power. No capitalistic nation in the world is going to offer any real challenge to the French thesis of "security" since they must all look. The French the security since they must all look. central Europe. There is the League from his pocket a Coty compact, and

each one of its many editions.

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land and Czecho-Ślovakia would look more like the "bandit" armies of Chi-

smart equipment.

Hans Eisler, foremost proletarian composer of Germany, whose song, "The Comintern," has just been published by the Workers Music League of New York, composed most of the incidental music for the sensational German film, "The Song of Life" ("Das Lied vom Leben,") now showing at the Acme Theatre, 14th Street at Union Square. This film was di-rected by Alexis Granowsky, formely head of the Kamerny Theatre in Moscow. Eisler wrote "The Song of world" and "The Song of the First Cry" for this film. His composition, "The Comintern" has proved very popular in Soviet Russia, where 30,000 copies have been sold, according to the current New Masses.

"MARRIAGE FOR THREE" AT BIJOU

"Marriage for Three," Elmer Harris's new play will be presented by Lee Shubert, Wednesday, November 11, at the Bijou Theatre. Verree Teasdale, Jessie Royce Landis, Terence Neill, Frederick Perry and Lolita Lee head the cast.

> ETHEL BARRYMORE IN THE "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

Ethel Barrymore will return to Broadway on Tuesday night at her own theatre on West Forty-Seventh Street, in Sheridan's comedy School For Scandal."

Fritz Leiber is announced to return here on November 16 at the Royale Theatre in a series of Shakespearian plays. Helen Menken, William Faversham, Tyrone Power, Pedro de Correland, Tyrone Power, Pedro de Correland. doba and Whitford Kane are in the

Paul Green's play of the South, "The House of Connelly," now current at Martin Beck, will be transferred on Nov. 16 to the Mansfield Theatre "Reunion In Vienna," by Robert E. Sherwood, the next Treatre Guild production, is scheduled for the same date at the Martin Beck. Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne play the leading roles.

ACTORS-MANAGERS WILL PRESENT "IF LOVE" WERE ALL"

The Actors-Managers announce their first production of the season, "If Love Were All," a comedy by Cutler Hatch, at the Booth Theatre on Friday, Nov. 13. The chief players are: Walter Kingsford, Aline Mac Mahon, Donald Blackwell, Margaret Sullavan and Hugh Buckler.

METROPOLITÂN OPERA

Puccini's "The Girl of the Golden West" will open the second week of the Metropolitan Opera with Jeritza, Martinelli and Danise. Other operas of the week: Wed., "Manon," with Bori, Gigli and DeLuca; Thus., "Die Meinstersinger"; Fri., "La Tosca," with Jeritza; Sat. Matinee, "La Forza del Destino"; Sat. Evening, "Die

"THE CISCO KID" AT THE HIPPODROME

The Hippodrome vaudeville bill this week is headed by Mlle. Ann Codee,

The Stage and AGE' BANQUET IS

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A very spirited and successful con-cert and banquet was held in New York City on Sunday evening, November 8, in celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution and the second anniversary of the founding of the Revolutionary Age.

Over 300 people were present. Jay Lovestone, editor of the Revolutionary Age, was chairman, while Benjamin Gitlow and Bertram D. Wolfe were the main speakers. They were fol-lowed by Edward Welsh, Eli Keller, a prominent figure in the recent Paterson silk strike, and Robert MacNamee, marine worker. A cash collection of over \$350 was taken in and much more was pledged.

The evening's entertainment was very striking. Andre Cibulsky sang revolutionary songs. Gregory Matusevich gave a very interesting performance on the concertaina. The formance on the concertaina. The Boro Park Workers Youth Club orchestra played thruout the evening.

Verree COMINTERN IN APPEAL TO WORLD MASSES

(continued from page 1) united, independent Soviet China!"
At the same time, V. Molotov, chairman of the Council of People's Comissars, declared before a huge mass meeting in the Hall of Columns that peace was the guiding star of Soviet policy. "Whatever position other nations may take towards China, the Soviet Union continues true to its policy of respecting international perialists to arouse public opinion against the U. S. S. R. We shall de-fend ourselves against such false reports by revealing the truth concerning the anti-Soviet campaign the imperialists are waging in the Far East."

French comedienne; Joe Termini, and George McKay.

The acts include: the McCann Sis-

ters; Frank Redcliff, The Harris Twins with Loretta; Bob Stickney with Lillian Aylon and Los Ovidus. The screen is showing O' Henry's "The Cisco Kid" with Warner Bax ter, Edmund Lowe, Conchita Montenegro, and Nora Lane.

"Heroes All," the first attempt to present a film record of the World War as it was fought on every front, opens at the Cameo Theatre, on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

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HOW THE T. U. U. L. FIGHTS FOR UNITY

What Happened At Local 22 Meeting

On Thursday, November 5, there took place a very important membership meeting of Local 22 of the I. L. G. W. U. The order of business as originally proposed was: (a) Elections of committee of 25 (strike preparations committee); (b) reading of quarterly finance report; (c) special executive committee report upon local economy. The question of the quarterly finance report was taken up first. The reactionary elements, organized in the Club, attempted to make an issue of the report against the secretary of the local on the basis of a special \$4,000 fund. It was during the discussion on this question that the disturbance first arose around which the rest of the meeting was centered.

For several days previous the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union had advertised a meeting of its members and sympathizers for earlier the same evening at which a "committee of 25" would be elected to go to the meeting of Local 22 and demand that a similar committee be elected by the local so that the two jointly could "take over" the coming strike! From the Industrial Union meeting, this committee, accompanied by about a hundred other workers came to Local 22 meeting and demanded admission, raising a rumpus outside. At the down several outbursts, the chairman of the meeting, N. Margolies, explained to the "Left" group members that at that time there was only one question on the floor and that after this question had been added to the "Left" group members that at that time there was only one question on the floor and that after this question had been added to the "control of the League of Nations in Manchural is "very dubious indeed."

g. Serious friction has decreased the service of the League of Nations in Manchural is "very dubious indeed." same time the self-styled "Left" group (the T.U.L. group) did the question had been settled every other question could be taken up. But this did not satisfy the T.U.U.L. members who were set on keeping up the disturbance. The disruption grew so great and the disturbance so intense that in his attempts to quieten the meeting and in his excitement the chairman fainted! Thereupon, Julius Hochman, reactionary general manager of the Dress Joint Board and vice-president of the I.L.G.W.U., stepped in in a Napoleonic manner and took over the chair. And when Hochman ordered them to keep quiet, the heroic "revolutionists" meekly obeyed!

Max Bluestone, secretary-treasurer of the local, made an appeal to the membership, explaining under what difficulties the local was functioning The local administration, he pointed out, was being ridiculed and attacked by the right wing forces for allowing too much democracy in the organization while, at the same time, the "Left" group was abusing the demo-cracy of the local by its disturbances, discrediting it and thus playing into party towards Liberalism and serithe hands of the reactionaries. Why did not the "Left" group concentrate on those locals where practically no meetings were held and where no democracy at all existed, he demand-

referred to next meeting.

The members were then asked to throw the ballots they had received was found that the slate presented jointly by the United Progressive League and the Trade Union Circle group was overwhelmingly elected. It is interesting to note that both the

TAMMANY TRIUMPHS IN NEW YORK CITY

jective advantages, is striking. The agreements and the independence of China. The so-called Red danger is the independence of the complete complete the complete complete complete the complete vote of the C. P. candidate was smalplete bankruptcy of Communist Party influence among the masses!

> Into what situation the official Communist Party has gotten itself as a result of its fundamentally false tactics is by the Daily Worker itself in the issue of November 5:

"The vote for the Communist Party indicates clearly that not only were votes stolen, that many workers were denied the right to vote, but also that many supporters of the Communist Party either did not vote or cast their protest vote for another party in the belief that it would be more effective," "Cast their votes for another party

in the belief that it would be more effective!" This "other party" is the Socialist party and the reason the workers thought a vote for the S. P. would be "more effective" than a vote for the C.P. is because the C.P. has shown itself hopelessly sectarian in the eyes of the more advanced workers (the rest vote Tammany This is how the new course fights reformism! These are the fruits of the fantasies of "social-fascism!"

Admission: 15c.

New York City. | reactionary Club and the T.U.U.L. "Left" group followed the same policy—withdrawing all candidates except two and voting blank ballots!

The whole meeting showed that by their stupid disruptive tactics the socalled "Left" group succeeded in nothing so much as in enraging the membership of the local against them. It is clear that a strong desire for unity exists among the membership but it is equally clear that neither the "Left" group, with its sectarian dualist tactics, and its insincere playing with the unity issue as a manouver, nor the reactionaries, who, like Hochman, declare that only members of the union can receive any hearing or consideration, really want unity at

JAPAN RESUMES INVASION

(Continued from Page 1) The Soviet Union never will collaborate in the partition of China. d. Soviet policies are incompatible with occupation or intervention.

e. The United States position towards the Manchurian crisis is

United States had taken a backseat position officially in the diplomatic negotiations—a reflection of secret negotiations between the two great powers-Wall Street suddenly came to the fore on November 5 when United States Ambassador Forbes visited Foreign Minister Shidehara and informed him that the United States had decided to associate itself with the League of Nations resolu-tion regarding Manchuria. This action came as a bombshell to Tokyo and was a great surprise to diplomatic circles thruout the world where an American-Japanese bloc had been considered as an accomplished fact. How far the rift between Wall Street and Tokyo may go is uncertain.

TORY CABINET FORMED IN BRITAIN

(Continued from page 1)

tensify the tendency of the Labor ously undermine its labor character.

LONDON.—Early signs of friction within the National bloc on the question of the tariff and the compoition of the cabinet are coming to After the disturbance subsided, the special local economy report was given and upon motion all points were MacDonald tends to support the Tory demands but the Samuel and Simon Liberals are recalcitrant.

earlier in the evening for the committee of 25 in the ballot box and therefered a severe defeat in the municipal upon the meeting adjourned. When elections that took place last week. the ballots were counted next day it The control of five London boros and many provincial boros was lost.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

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About the Theory of "Cultural Compulsives"

Marxism and History of Science

by Will Herberg

ory of Cultural Compulsives" (which serves as the introduction of the Modern Library "Anthology of Anthropology,") were written several months ago as a private document sent personally to Comrade Calverton. The recent articles by A. Landy in The Communist, which in the most absurd manner, distort the questions at issue and cast discredit upon Marxism (for The Communist claims to be an "organ of Marxism"), make it advisable to publish these remarks as a really Marxist evaluation of the problem.

1. The essay represents a striking piece of culture-historical analysis. Its main positive features are:

a. its penetrating appreciation of the social (economic) roots of cultural processes.

its thoro grasp of the influence the antagonistic class structure of society upon the antagonistic course of development of social science (anthropology in particular) -development thru dialectic con-

c. its general elucidation of the role of scientific theories and ideas in the class struggle.

d. its examination of the development of anthropology from the historical-materialist standpoint.

c. its vigorous and devastating attack upon the "apologist" anthropology of Westermarck and its complete exposure of the reactionary social roots of this school of anthropology.

f. its needed corrective action against the dogmatic and uncritical adoration of Morgan on the part of large sections of Marxians.

Phases in History of Science The analysis of the social-historical significance of the early "social-evolutionist" school (Morgan) on the one hand, and of the later anti-evolutionary school (Westermarck) on the other, as well as of the relations be-tween the two is thoroly correct and represents a very valuable idea. This basic differentiation of stages is not peculiar to anthropology, it is characteristic of the development of all social sciences in the era of bourgeois culture. (a) In the first period in the early period of the science when its deeper implications are not yet evident, it is prosecuted in the spirit of free inquiry without ulterior motive — upon this basis, however, that the (bourgeois) present is regarded as the only and the unchangeable, as the ultimate culmination of the past, as the natural standard by which all previous experience is to be measured. This is the "classical" neriod in the development of the science (b) At a certain stage, however, the inner contradictions of the "classical" viewpoint become acutely obvious free inquiry into the past versus the sacred and untouchable character of the institutions of the present. It may be assumed that the development as "natural" (the attitude of

of the class struggle in society, reflecting itself in cultural life, tends to bring this inner contradiction to the fore. At this stage of the game existing (bourgeois) institutions can no longer be simply taken for grante cal" science); they must be directly defended. And so science acquires its ulterior motive—the explicit defense of existing society. It there upon enters the phase of apologetics The consuming motive of bourgeois science in its apologetic phase is the essential justification of bourgeois so ciety. As apologetics, science begin to degenerate; the number and impor tance, even the brilliance, of isolated achievements are unable to make un for the growing inner rottenness.

It is in economics naturally (since economics touches most directly the basic foundations of bourgeois socie ty) that the transition from classical to apologetic science took place earli est and most clearly. Marx described this process in his preface to Capital

"Insofar as political economy remains within the bourgeois horizon, insofar, i.e., as the capitalist regime is looked upon as the absolutely final form of social production, instead of a passing historical phase in its evolution, political economy can remain a science only so long as the class struggle is latent or manifests itself only in isolated or sporadic phenomena. "Let us take England. Its political economy belongs to the period in which the class struggle was as yet undeveloped. ... With the year 1830 came the decisive crisis. In France and England the bourgeoise had conquered political power. Thenceforth, the class struggle, practically as well as theoretically, took on more and more outspoken and threatening forms. It sounded the knell of scientific bourgeois: economy. It was henceforth no longer a question, whether this theorem or that was true, but whether it was useful to capital or harmful, expedient or inexpedient politically dangerous or not ... In place of genuine scientific research, the bad conscience and the evil intent of apologetics ..." "Insofar as political economy remain: ithin the bourgeois horizon, insofar, i.e.

It is exactly this process that is

described by Calverton for the science of anthropology.

Classical and Apologetic Science—and A Third Stage

3. In this analysis of this basic process Calverton is entirely correct. Yet it appears that he neglects cer tain immediately consequent ideas of first-rate importance, without which

the historically objective viewpoint, classical and apologetic science do not stand on equal levelsas seems to be implied in Calverton's upon which Tom Mooney had issued analysis. This is already involved in his call: the united front. That we

the analysis itself seems incomplete.

The following paragraphs in crit-icism of V. F. Calverton's essay Marx's words quoted. For the classi-"Modern Anthropology and the The-cal period represents free scientific inquiry within the limits of the inviolability of the basic concepts of bourgeois culture; but since the latter did not appear to stand in any imminent danger, these limits, tho definite were very broad and not intolerably cramping. But apologetics is—apologetics, with "bad conscience and evil intent"! The justificatory mission of science is now foremost and objectively operative (whether also subjectively is an altogether different the related question). The profound contrast in the two periods is personified n their representatives: Adam Smith

Ricardo—Ĵevons, Marshall; Morgan

–Westermarck.

4. But the two phases already analyzed do not exhaust the entire history of science. The dialectic movement (reflecting the dialectic movement of society) brings forth a third stage, reflecting a new point of view. This new point of view is based upon fundamental negation of the sacred orinciples of bourgeois culture and consequently has but little sympathy for the general viewpoint of apologetic science which lives only to justify these principles. Its attitude to Morgan" anthropologists, especially the science of the classical period is the Americans, have always systemquite different: it builds upon its atically neglected, underestimated and achievements (which are quite considerable), it strives to take up the threads of scientific progress where the great classicists had left off, for in the science of the apologetic phase permanent significance. it recognizes no fundamental contribution. But it brings to science not only a new point of view but also a new spirit and a new methodology. The general point of view of this new stage in the development of science is Marxism; its social base is the revolutionary proletariat.

5. That Calverton's analysis does really neglect the profound objective difference in historical role between classical and apologetic science appears evident from the conclusion reached in the essay that the points of view of Morgan and Westermarck are both equally outmoded and equally of no current significance. Now, of course, much (perhaps the bulk) of Morgan's data and specific conclusions are no longer valid. In his fundamental outlook and method, too, there are three basic errors:

a. the absolutistic character of his

yards, the huge locomotive works, the

Stetson hat factories extending for

blocks, leather manufactories in long,

narrow sunless streets . . . and other

numerous industries of somewhat les-

Philadelphia, the third largest city in

Jewish ghettos and sorrow, general proletarian poverty and hunger—

this is the city of Philadelphia, the city of the "Liberty Bell."

A great center for Communist ac-

As yet, however, the Philadelphia section of the C.P. (Majority Group)

cannot register any dizzy "success."

The work is hard, slow, almost new

uphill. It is now the sowing season

as they may be. No organization in Philadelphia took such an active part

in raising funds for the Paterson tex-

ile strikers as the C. P. (Majority

Group). Our comrades went to A. F

of Linions to the Workmens Circle

and Ind. Workmen's Circle branches,

to locals of the Amalgamated Cloth

ing Workers of America and to other

workers organizations. Thru us many

workers first became acquainted with

A number of open-air meeting were held especially in the Negro neigh

borhood. Contacts were made and

In the branches of both the Ind.

Workmen's Circle and the Workmen's

Circle, where our comrades are mem

bers, resolutions on Roy were adopt

ed. Our comrades also succeeded in

having their respective branches

greet the fourteenth anniversary of

the Russian Revolution together with

the second anniversary of the Re

The Mooney Campaign

When the I.L.D. called a Tom Moo-

ney conference, we, altho not official

v invited to attend, decided to send

two of our comrades as delegates to

the conference. Strange as it may

seem, our comrades were seated as

delegates. When the chairman of the

credentials committee gave his report

he concluded by stating that there

were two political organizations

which were represented, namely: the C. P. and the C. P. (Majority Group).

But we did not attend the conference

simply for the sake of attending a

conference. In line with the call is-sued by Tom Mooney, our comrades criticized those who had called the

conference in so far that they had

failed to carry out the very principle

volutionary Age.

the real situation in Paterson.

many copies of the Age sold.

But gains have been made, small

A gigantic industrial center.

Negro 'segregation and misery

he Union.

evolutionary conceptions, whereby, to all intents and purposes, social evolution was to cease in the middle of the 19th century, having already culminated in the ultimate and the natural

b. the undialectical character of his evolutionism—his failure to see that social evolution does not proceed evenly forward in a straight line but rather thru inner contradictions, in the form of a spiral, one might say, ever returning (apparently) to the old but on a higher level. Thus, Morgan: Communism (primitive) individualism, Marx: Communism (primitive) . . . individualism . . . communism (on

a higher level). c. his unilateral evolutionism, acsame stages in the same order everywhere in the history of every social group.* Today it is generally accepted that social evolution is multilateral.

But these errors do not exhaust Morgan's doctrine; its primary feature has always been recognized as its upon social emphasis Characteristically enough, the "antieven ridiculed the idea of social evolution.* * It is Morgan's emphasis upon social evolution and upon the social role of property that gives him his

It is significant that those anthropologists who have been able to free themselves (if only partially) from the stultifying influence of the bourgeois environment, express their em-ancipation in a "return to Morgan," so to speak, not in the sense of an uncritical reversion but rather in the sense of attempting to take up again the threads of classical anthropology which had been broken by the apol-(Compare the case of Prof.

(Concluded in next issue)

*The unilateral theory of social evolution was generally accepted as a matter of course in the 19th century. Even Marx once fell victim to it. See Plekhanoff, "Fundamentals of Marxism," p. 50.

**See Prof. Leslie A. White's remarks at the recent Cleveland meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dec. 30, 1930, as published in the May 1931 issue of the New Masses.

We were even elected to the executive

committee of the conference, compos-

two conferences work together to-

and unconditional release of Tom

Mooney. To make the story still more

strange our comrades were elected to

the arrangements and resolutions committees in which we have a major

In the meantime the Philadelphia

section of the C. P. (Majority Group)

has delegated two comrades to th

conference called by the Tom Mooney

Moulders Defense Committee, to take

Trade Union Work

In regard to trade union work there

s very little to report. This is due

comrades, while agreeing with our

trade union line, hesitate to carry it

out (this reminds one of some of the New York comrades). The sooner we

overcome this shortcoming the sooner

will we gain in prestige and influence.

We have access to a number of unions in which, whether right or "Red" it

is more than opportune to put to life the decisions of the C. P. (Majority

The "Revolutionary Age"

Age" no spectacular gain can be reported. Even the a number of sub-

scriptions have been obtained, as far

Likewise with the Revolutionary

to the fact that a number of our

place on November 7, 1931.

ity of votes!

Group.)

thru a motion to the eff

Problems Of Our Group

PHILADELPHIA ON THE MARCH!

by Edward Wright

"To appear: Tsarina Alexandra of Russia, born Princess of Hesse Darm stadt, German princess in the World War. Intimate picture of the age of Rasputin. Translated from the original text and issued by Arkadi Maslow.

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llowing notice:

And the description of the book that ollows shows that it is written in the spirit of the most odious aristocratic oadyism.

Now who is this "Arkadi Maslow?" None other than the notorious Maslow, who, with Ruth Fischer, formed the amous "left leadership" of the German Communist Party after the ousting of the Brandler-Thalheimer C. C. in 1924 as "right wing." None other than the not-orious Maslow, the favorite of the E. C. C. I. for a year and a half, the man whom cording to which social and cultural Remmele hailed as the "Lenin of West development went thru exactly the Europe." None other than the notorious Europe." None other than the notorious Maslow, under whose fatal hand the Communist Party of Germany reached the very brink of ruin!

When he was confronted with Maslow in Moscow in 1924 (and behind Maslow stood Zinoviev and the E. C. C. .), Brandler declared:

"I will stand in the camp of the revolution when my accusers of today will long ago have landed in the camp of counter-revolution.'

Today Brandler leads the Communist Opposition movement of Germany. And Maslow writes monarchist books for the oublishing house that Trotsky recently refused to have anything to do with because of its patronage of Russian counter revolutionary writers!

as the possibilities for increasing the circulation of the Age are concerned not even the surface has been scratch Plans have already been made which assure substantial increase in the circulation of the Age: each com rade is responsible for a definite number of copies of the Age; newsstands must be covered and effectively so: union meetings and forums must be covered; whenever possible, factory-gate distributions of the Age are to take place.

In the Liberal League Forum we have made good inroads. Not only are our comrades attentively listened to whenever they take the floor, and we do that as often as possible, to propagate the views of the C. P. (Majority Group), but the secretary of the league is eager to have any of us as lecturers. Needless to say, we shall take full advantage of this offer.

The Paterson Meeting

We now come to the most outstanding "plus" we have to register. On Sunday November 1st, Ben Gitlow spoke on The Paterson Textile Strike at the Labor Institute. It is necessary to mention that our Philadelphia Section had not called an indoor meeting A whole section of this city of tex- | were attacked as "Lovestonites" and tile mills, another of vast chemical disrupters goes without saying—but plants, then the well known navy- seated we remained. Not only that. for some time and that its general activity had been at a rather low ebb. Yet, with the least exertion on our part in arranging Gitlow's meeting ed of eleven. At a meeting of this two hundred workers attended. enthusiastic atmosphere prevailed committee our comrades introduced, thruout the meeting. There were a number of "loyalites" and a handfull of Trotskyites. The Party's represenfought for and were successful in that a delegation representing the tative was poor while the Trotskyites Tom Mooney conference called by the poorer yet. Why must their speakers I. L. D. be sent to the conference callalways begin by apologizing that they ed by the Tom Mooney Moulders Deare not speakers or that they are poor fense Committee in order that the speakers? The inevitable name-calling was not forgotten. But that alwards the same goal: the immediate ways seems to add color to our meetings. There was much discussion from the floor. It was obvious that the workers had come to the meeting because they were prompted by a desire to learn what Ben Gitlow as the representative of the Communist Party (Majority Group) had to say on the economic and political situation in general and on the Paterson situation in particular.

Successful as the meeting was, it would have been still more successful if our comrades had applied themselves with more energy in arranging the meeting. This, the comrades in Philadelphia realize. Another thing. Much more enthusiasm and determination is necessary to do work. Our comrades must sacrifice much more than they have till now. Yes, to-day, the work is hard, the returns may be negligible but work must be done. Let's not for a moment forget the large navy-yards, the streets-long chemical plants, the huge locomotive works. Philadelphia is full of opportunities. There is no limit for activity. We must become more groupconscious, more Communist-conscious more sacrificing to be able to meet

morrow. And it can be done. On with the forging.

And This Was the "New Lenin"! Prof. Kautsky "Fails" 5-Yr. Plan

by Bertram D. Wolfe

When Karl Kautsky first began his the Plan, for that is impossible" (p. atest "masterpiece" Bolshevism at a 9). A fine method of proving things Deadlock the Five-Year Plan was little more than a plan and the great "Socialist theoretician" did not feel it necessary to say much about it. He contented himself with a haughty wave of the hand:

"The position is not that the experiment will probably fail; it can be said with full confidence that it will fail—that it must fail".

But History does not stop just be cause the learned Herr Doktor Karl Kautsky writes a book. On the contrary, by the time Bolshevism at a Deadlock got translated into English and published by the Rand School Press in the middle of 1931, the Five-Year Plan was obviously succeeding and even exceeding expectations. The capitalist press which had been prelicting failure was compelled to recognize its success and was beginning to set up a cry that the Plan was succeeding too well. But Kautsky has a has not in itself. So he has enriched the American edition with a special preface in which he delivers a curtain ecture to Dame History and explains to her that after all the trouble he took with her, she simply cannot turn out so.

"The idea that it was possible to lead a nation from dire misery to abundance by making it undergo a drastic starvation cure seemed too naive, and I did not consider it worth while to say much

about it. 'Lately, however, I have noticed that men for whose knowledge of economics I have the greatest respect have been taken in by Soviet statistics, and actually consider the Five Year Plan to be feasible. Hence, the necessity for a few supplementary remarks." (page 9).

A One-Way Faith

And the "supplementary remarks"? First, that you can't trust Soviet statistics "which are always unreliable when they are optimistic" p. 9). But Kautsky considers them always reliable when they are pessimistic or

not been as large as that promised in has realized" (p. 14).

It can't be so because it's impossible What more is there to say? It's use less to tell Kautsky that the surplus is actually larger than in the original Plan, for Soviet statistics are always "unreliable when then are optimistic."

How Marx "Refuted" The Five-Year

Plan
Third, Marx refuted the Five-Year Plan in Volume II of Das Kapital where Marx says that in order to prevent the disorganization of the economic structure the different branches of production must always be in true proportion to one another in ac cordance with the existing technical and social conditions.'

One looks in vain thru Volume II of Capital for Marx's polemic against the Five-Year Plan. Marx speaks not of a metaphysical Kautsk van "true proportion" between the different branches of production but analyzes the theoretical proportions faith in capitalism that capitalism the inevitable disproportions inheren in capitalist production and shows the reasons for their disappearance with the abolition of capitalism! But you true pedant can be pedantic even in his hatreds and Kautsky is the most pedantic of pedants.
Fourth, the Five-Year Plan must

fail because it has as its "main object to insure independence from foreigi industry in time of war."

"The Russian Autocrats" Fifth, they are trying "to equal or even surpass rich and powerful West sky's jealous German soul!) by adopt

police club and the Bastille! Can Kautsky be talking of capitalist "freedom?" He is! Of West Euro-pean capitalist "freedom" for "pioneers and organizers" (he means capitalists), for intellectuals and "highly skilled workers." Soviet Russia can never get on without introducing "West European freedom!" concludes Kautsky, "not one of the autocrats who desired to give Russia critical, and makes copious, altho one-sided use of them in his book.

Second, the "surplus has certainly Peter the Great to Lenin and Stalin,

ern Europe (how that hurts Kauting its technical methods without that freedom which alone made the success of the pioneers and organizers possible"... (p. 14).
Shades of Fascism, lynch law, the

On The Road To Revolution

COMMUNISM AND CENTRISM

by August Thalheimer

October 20, 1931. Since differences have arisen, in the leadership as well as in the various parts of the organization of the Communist Party of Germany (Opposition), on the question of our relations peared necessary to call a conference to decide upon this question. This conference took place last Saturday to the Socialist Workers party, it apand Sunday in Berlin. At this conference were present the members of the National Council and representa tives of the most important districts The districts, in which various opinions had arisen, were given the op-portunity of being represented by several delegates. The decision of the conference followed the report and the co-report and a discussion in which all districts represented were able to take the floor for an extended period. The decision of the conference is therefore as authoritative as possible under the given conditions. It is the decision of our or-

ganization. The central point of the discussion was the fundamental relation of the C.P.G.-O. to the S.W.P.G., that is, of Communism to centrism. This had to be made clear and assured. The secquestion, dependent upon the irst, was the tactical relation to the S.W.P. and to the various tendencies groups and conceptions within it. The conference showed that it was necessary to place the fundamental problem clearly and sharply in order to arrive at a clear and definitive decision.

The Fundamental Viewpoint

ism, that represents a variety of re-

The fundamental viewpoint of our organization is:
1. The S.W.P.G. is a centrist party, i.e., a party that has not yet broken fundamentally with reformformism, in program, leadership and policies of the party as a whole. This

gecis democracy, of parliamentarism, of capitalism. 2. Between Communism and cen-

trism, as represented in the S.W.P.G., there is a fundamental contradiction, which can only be overcome when the S.W.P. itself as a party is overcome. A centrist party cannot be transformed or developed into a Communist Party; it must be destroyed in order to open the way for its members who are striving towards Communism and the proletarian revolution. Between the C.P.G.-O. and the S.W.P. as a party there is therefore possible neither an organizational fusion nor a long-continued alliance. The C.P.G. O. must lead a clear and decisive struggle against the S. W. P. as a

Tactical Conclusions

From these basic considerations of the nature of the S.W.P. as a centrist party a number of quite definite tacand practical consequences emerge:
1. The C.P.G.-O. will conduct a

continuous, clear and uncompromising basic criticism of the political and organizational principles of the S.W.P. 2. The C.P.G.-O. is ready, in spite

of its basic opposition to the S.W.P. as a party, to cooperate with it in definite actions in various cases, in which, of course, it naturally main-3. The C.P.G.-O. is ready to extend unconditional and comradely as-

sistance to that section of the S.W.P. which is honestly striving, not only partially and superficially but com-pletely and really, to break with reformism and to take the position, basically and practically, of the proletarian revolution (the Soviet dictatorship) and of determined mass struggle for it. It is ready to help them realize this aim and to remove all obstacles in the way. For this purpose, these forces in the S.W.P. must carry on a determined struggle in the S.W.P. without regard to those the S.W.P. without regard to those shorten their way. Our help will be forces within it that are trying to thru criticism and thru positive direckeep the party in the swamp of reformism and vacillation. From centrism, Communism (today the only revolutionary Marxism) can be reached only thru decisive and irreconciliable struggle against reformism and opportunism in no matter what

of the S.W.P. who today sincerely ing the new sitt believe that they can transform their fective manner.

History Must Choose Between Kautsky and the Revolution

Fifth, the Five-Year Plan must fail because the Russian Revolution must fail; and the Russian Revolution must because Kautsky said it would fail and advised against it. And Kautsky said it would fail and advised against it because he was against a proletarian revolution in Germany in 1917 and if Germany was not ripe

for social revolution, how much more was backward Russia unripe.

"The Marxists," meaning Kautsky and the Mensheviks, "opposed this view as being Utopian. They were convinced that the revolution which they were expecting in Russia could do nothing but open the way for a complete development of capitalism. Thus the countries of industrialized Western Europe would have to precede the countries of Eastern Europe on the road towards Socialism" (p.

But the unmannerly Russian workers got out of line. The procession was moving too slowly with Kautsky in the van. Two steps forward, three steps backward. Make haste slowly. Not ripe yet. The Russian workers rushed ahead and left Kausky far in the rear, dragging at their shirt tails and then losing his grip and falling back, where sitting on the ground he rails at them thru his resentful tears and, trying to spit after the marching column, he spits impotently like a small child on his own chin.

"I said to myself," he confesses, "If Lenin is right, then my whole life's work devoted to the propagation, application and further development of my great masters, Marx and Engels, has been in vain" (p. 16). Hence, Lenin must be wrong and the collectivization of agriculture must be wrong, and the Five-Year Plan must fail and the Soviet Government be overthrown and capitalism must be reestablished in Russia lest Kautsky be convinced that his life work has been in vain! Against this Kautsky in his impotent, venomous, spiteful dotage, there is no longer any use to quote the Kautsky of a better day. In his old age he is a petty bourgeois philistine, "ruined" by the revolution and gone mad, and he uses his enfeebled breath to fight against it till he can no longer fight. Bolshevism at a Deadlock reveals not the bankruptcy of Bolshevism but the bankruptcy of the vain pedantry and counter-revolu-tionary theorizing of that one-time Socialist and Marxist, Karl Kautsky.

THE BORO PARK YOUTH **CLUB IN ACTION**

By BERNIE BRODER

During the Summer months the variety of reformism is hidden re-formism, which rejects the definite consequences of open reformism (tol-eration relief) but which retains the eration policy) but which retains the ried on, such as open air meetings, a prerequisites of reformism. In appearance it is an intermediary form between reformism and Communism, a club, in the Revolutionary Age pictures. munist Party fraction when it attempted to break up our club because it refused to become a department of the Party. In this fight we were successful; the disruptive forces suf-

fered a miserable defeat. During the last two months our lub started out on its winter activities with a bang. All of our recent successes were overwhelming successes. We have organized a selfstudy circle which is attracting ever arger numbers of workers. We have initiated sports activities, with Comrade Hill as instructor. And now we are going to have lectures every two weeks on current events. In a word, our club has become a real workers center in Boro Park.

On November 14 our club is celebrating the 14th anniversary of the Russian Revolution on a big scale, with a concert and dance. Prominent speakers will address the meeting at the Boro Park Labor Lyceum, 377 42nd Street, Brooklyn. As usual the "loyalite" club has organized a counter-affair!

We call upon all workers, particularly residents of Brooklyn, to help us make this celebration a success.

tains the full right of criticism within the limits of the discipline of action.

The CPG-O is ready to explain your might! We will give you fraternal support even tho we do not share your belief in the possibility of your aim. We know from experience that such a struggle, if carried on consistently, will finally break thru the bounds of the S.W.P. and become the bridge to a really revolutionary (Communist) policy, that is, to the C.P.G.-O.

> The C.P.G.-O. is ready to help all those who want to complete their organizational break with reformism by a real political break with reformism (centrism), and to help them to tion and thru common struggle.

The conference has laid a good and sure basis for our work. Our organization has stood the test very well in the difficult conditions we have to face in the past. The decisions of our The C.P.G.-O. says to the members conference give us the basis for meeting the new situation in the most ef-

Economic Week

the need of to-day and that of to-

already strong voices of warning are heard in preparation for the drastic reaction which will bring new lows all around. All the prosperity noise centers around the spurt in wheat prices, caused chiefrather than supply and demand. But most competent authorities now admit that this is temporary and that a sharp setback is due very soon in the wheat market, especially since Argentina and the Soviet Union have resumed heavy exports. The recent rise in the stock market is primarily in response to the increased price of

wheat and not in the least indicative of any fundamental changes in the economic situation. The October steel output was 27.76% of capacity, with daily production even lower than September.. The gold trend has momentarily turned, due mainly to the heavy Japanese shipments of gold to the U.S. to bolster its credit and pay for huge munitions purchases. Railway wage-cuts are rapidly approaching. Bank failures continue at an alarming pace. Roads have become more irregular. Dun's reveals a drop in the number of price advances for the first time in five weeks. Automobile production remains extremely poor, now at

15.5% capacity. Adjusted to seasonal variations, the volume of money circulation shows a continuation of the trend to hoarding. The seasonal decline in carloadings was greater than normal during the week. The weekly business index has reached a new low in the present crisis. The weekly business index for October was 66.9 or about 15 points below the bottom of the 1921 crisis and even 5 points less than the 1893 crisis, hitherto considered the worst. For the first time since the opening of the century, this country has seen two successive years of decline in the volume of manufacturers

THE optimism drive has assumed such proportions that by speculation and inflation,

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THE WHEAT SITUATION

TERY much hullabaloo is now being made by the prosperity-drummers not to solve the basic contradictions over the recent rise in the price of wheat in the world market. Like inherent in the present economic sysdrowning men, the economists and apologists of the decayed capitalist system are grabbing at any straw to prove that the crisis has a least begun socially used. Let me here merely to end, even if it has not yet ended. Hence, the last days have seen a flood of propaganda to "show" that the rise in the price of wheat is the much-longed-for "turn of the corner" in the world-wide crisis paralyzing ing, "thrift," as a great virtue, as a economic life in the capitalist order.

Why the rise in wheat prices? What is its significance for the eco-

A combination of factors is responsible for the increased price in wheat. In France and Germany heavy rains have ruined crops. In the spending and not the saving of mo-Soviet Union a severe drought has greatly damaged the crop in certain ish economist, Maynard Keynes, even regions. Thus the demand for wheat on the part of France and Germany went so far as to tell his audience is enhanced. And the supply of wheat available for the world market is (with years of experience in saving) momentarily diminished by the reduced Soviet grain supply. Of course, at the New School of Social Research the enemies of the Soviet Union have hailed this blow of nature, which can occur anywhere, as a sign of the collapse of the collectivization of agriculture. This is sheer nonsense. It is precisely because agriculture has been socialized to so great an extent that the Soviet agricultural economy, has been able to withstand the effects of the drought so well and has already been able to take steps to be back in the world wheat market stronger than ever in a few months.

But there are even more fundamental causes for the spurt in wheat prices. The developing war crisis in the Far East, the clash between will go on and lead to the collapse of Japanese imperialism and China, the studied and desperate attempts to the capitalist system of production... develop out of this imperialist onslaught on the helpless Chinese masses a world-wide attack on the Soviet Union with Japan as the savior of "Western Civilization", have undoubtedly stimulated the storing of grain Thus, capitalism has reached its highand have thus reduced supply, raised demand and consequently lifted the est point of development in the United States. Therefore, it is just here price of wheat. Add to this the fact that in many countries there is a well-justified and growing fear that their currencies are headed for serious contradictions has been manifested depreciation in the coming months. To avoid paying much higher prices most clearly and to the highest dewith their depreciated currencies later, these countries are rushing to buy gree. The hub of the whole question wheat now at lower prices. Wheat is the prime commodity of comsumption, for bread is still the "staff of life" for the great mass of people. his: That is why wheat and not copper or steel is the commodity to be most means the extension of its basic insensitive to this currency crisis.

It is just these factors which show that the increased price of wheat is only momentary and does not signify the beginning of the ending of the ned" bourgeois economy, to organize present economic crisis. The basic commodities, the decisive factors of its economy, has been made by Bukindustrial production—steel, coal, oil, auto, copper, electric power output, building construction—not only show no improvement, but even continue to worsen. Besides, in the wheat market itself, the course of prices is not adhering to the teachings of Marxconstant but turbulent. The weak foundation of the increase is reflected ism, some decades ago, he thus put by the fact that prices rise one day and tumble the next in the generally this whole question with clarity: upward course, that prices remain more than ever at the mercy of the profit-takers and speculators in the Chicago wheat pit and the Liverpool

And the farmers themselves are not really gaining from even this temporary price rise. They are still selling their wheat at a price entailing them a loss of twenty cents on each bushel-twenty cents below what it costs them to produce a bushel of wheat. It is the grain speculators who are cashing in. The huge wheat surplus is only slightly reduced. The actual demand, the possibility of the market being really enlarged thru enabling the millions of hungry to be fed, remains far from realization, for the army of jobless continues to grow.

The momentary rise in wheat prices surely can and does serve to stimulate the artificial optimism so feverishly propagated now by the entire capitalist press. However, capitalist propaganda does not mean an end national Social-democratic category to the crisis.

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Capitalist "Planning" and Socialist Planned Economy

Critique of Capitalist Planning

by Jay Lovestone

(cont. from issue before last)

Capitalist Development — The Extension and Organization of Chaos. In some of my previous writings I have shown how the structural changes, especially in American capitalism, have served to sharpen and means of production and exchange cornerstone of the present socio-economic system, as the foundation of can savings banks are spending great ate of the problem of "planned econsums of money propagandizing the ney. And the world-renowned Britin New York, on June 16, 1931 that

"It is possible that the time is not dis tant when we will have to pay the bor rower for keeping our money safely invested due to the lack of new investment

Long ago Bukharin pointed ou that "capitalist development is noth ing but the extension of the capitalist contradictions; these contradictions (Report on the Program Question at Fifth World Congress of the Communist International, June 27, 1924) where the development of capitalist of the impossibility of genuine social planning under capitalism is simply this: the extension of capitalism herent contradictions.

The most accurate characterization of all these efforts to have a "planharin in his estimate of the effects of these moves only as "organized chaos." And when Kautsky was still

"There are people who believe that the antagonisms which exist between the in-dividual laborer and capitalist would disappear if they confronted each other in ORGANIZED form. Wage contracts are to be the beginning of social peace. In reality organization simply concentrates the antagonisms. The struggle becomes less frequent but more violent, and disturbs society far more than former little individual conflicts. The antagonism of conflicting interests becomes much harsher. Because of the existence of organization the conflict tends to drop the characteristics. ter of a momentary conflict of individual persons and takes on the form of a necessary conflict between whole classes."

But Kautsky and the entire intersaviors of the capitalist system have long ago dropped every vestige of Marxism in their conceptions and estimates. A crass expression of this utter incapacity to estimate capital-ism scientifically, in a Marxist fashion, is to be found in the following gem from Kautsky's Materialist Conception of History:

"Capitalism has gone thru so many crises, has been able to adapt itself to so many new and frequently surprising and enormous demands, that from a purely economic viewpoint, it seems to have more vitality than half a century ago."

The condition of capitalism today exposes "the vitality" of capitalism. The same pseudo-Marxists confuse state capitalism, bourgeois government ownership, with Socialism by substituting their bourgeois wishes of today for their Marxian thoughts of yesterday, thus Hilferding, at the Kiel Congress of the German Social-democratic Party, stated:

"Organized capitalism means the replace ment of the capitalist principle of free competition by the Socialist principle of planfulness by means of social regula-

The workers can well say: "Thank you, Mr. Hilferding! The social regulation you speak of, the 'Socialist principles' you stand for, we now see applied to the nth degree in Germany thru the 'Notverordnung' (emergency) legislation for wage-cuts to the bone and unspeakable working conditions under the iron heel of Ger man capitalism, of Prussian Fascism The Swopes, the Chases, and Beards

are only poor pupils of yours."
Today, in the United States, the "scientifically planned" industries are models of pandemonium, "organized

Lenin on Capitalist Planning Those Communists who have, in mannikin fashion, been mouthing factional froth and making a clique rag out of this serious problem, have certainly not rendered any service to the working class. Merely to say that there is no such thing as capitalist planning, that all planning is impossible under capitalism, is just that

much non-sense or its equivalent.

The only planning possible under capitalism is not genuine social planning, but merely planning to secure more efficient, intensive exploitation

of the workers. Such "planning" is finance capital, especially thru mergpossible, as shown by the development ing of its apparatus with the governof the trusts and rationalization ment machine (last Hoover Plan). (monopoly, speed-up etc.) Genuine social planning is the very opposite ism in specific, peculiar American of profits and there can be no genuine forms, with many strike-breaking socialization by an economic system ramifications. which is based on private profits. Shrouding oneself in high-sounding tion process at the expense of the social phrases, propagating the idea workers. of improving capitalism by "substituting management for salesmenship' and securing an "engineered society (Chase, Beard, Soule, Muste, Salutsky) are in effect eleventh-hour attempts to bolster up a dying systemat the expense of the workers.

Lenin, in his characteristic masterly fashion, made the following estimomy" under capitalism:

"Present economic conditions have caused the disappearance of planless capitalism. Up to the war there were monopolies, trusts, syndicates; since the war we have had state monopoly. Universal labor, service is something new, something that constitutes part of a Socialist whole. This is often overlooked by those who fear to face present economic conditions "It is noteworthy that twenty-seven

years ago Engels pointed out that to characterize capitalism as something distinguished by its planlessness, means to overlook the role played by the trusts, and is unsatisfactory. Engels's criticism was that 'when we come to the trust, then planlessness disappears', tho there is capitalism. This remark of Engels is particularly appropriate now, when we have a military state, when we have state-mono poly capitalism. The introduction of plann ing into industry keeps the workers en slaved none the less, tho it enables the capitalists to gather in their profits in a more planful way. We now witness the norphosis of capitalism into a higher, a regulated form of capitalism."

This "higher" and "regulated form f capitalism" has been at its highest in the United States. In 1929 its 1938. None other than Sir Arthur "equilibrium" and "stability" went up Salter has recently admitted that: with the smoke of the ticker tape in the conflagrations on the New Stock Exchange. Since then, all these Hooverian boasts have turned to ashes. The new crop of capitalist plans, all proposals for planned eco-nomy under capitalism, only mean new ways of exploiting the workers more intensively, enslaving the workers move effectively.

Only in a country like the U.S. S R., where capitalist exploitation has been abolished, where the workers have taken all political power into their hands and have set up a government of their own, a Soviet govern ment, can steps be taken towards genuine, planned, that is, social, eco nomy. Only such an economy, Social ist economy, develops more and move in the interests of the great mass of the population and is free from panics and crises. The Soviet Union is the best proof of this.

Prospects for Capitalist Planning Just what will come out of all this alk of capitalist planning to end the crisis in the United States? likely the following will tend to develop, unless the workers wake up and act as a class:

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3. Great growth of state capital-

5. Further lowering of the standard of living thru certain direct and

indirect inflation schemes. Expansion of Wall Street's imperialist influence in the world cap- Sinclair a household word all over the ital and commodity markets and con- | world | wherever the revolutionary sequently in international affairs. This is a sharpening of the danger of progress. imperialist war. The net effect of But what profound inspiration car these measures will be to deepen the there be in prohibition, in "liquor contradictions of capitalism and thus drinking and the liquor traffic in the prepare the ground for an even more United States during the past thirty devastating economic crisis than the years" (jacket description of the no-

7. The ground for Fascism is thus being prepared.

In short, the whole campaign for capitalist planned economy is only a mirror reflecting the hopelessness of the world capitalist system now in its decay. Recently, the New York Tribune, commenting editorially on the 'planning" epidemic, seized the kernel of the question when it declared:

"We all of us want a plan that will elim inate depressions; but none of us has yet shown any desire to support a plan which will interfere with his own (the capitalist's—J. L.) rights and liberties and pet prejudices—as, of course, any working plan would have to do. We are still careening in full cry after the scapegoat and have not yet thought to look for him in the

some economists are already whispering rather loudly that a new and worse crisis will occur in or about

"We shall be involved again in this tragic and heroic alternation of boom and depression. And it may well be that this will be on an even larger scale." (Concluded in the next issue)

"Poor little Gandhi, he is becoming discouraged with the London Con-He says they only talk. I wonder if he thought a nation got inconferred instead of confiscating? Didn't a Missouri Senator set the Philippines free this Summer? And Pat Hurley went over and annexed 'em again. Ammunition beats persuasion when you are looking for freedom. Yours, WILL ROGERS."

Old Bread, Old Fogies, Old Stuff "Not everything that is old is out grown. The rocks and stars are old, but you cannot damage the reputation of a rock by saying it is a million There are certain principles of con-Silk Workers Union. 1. Fundamental modification of anti-trust laws to have the government instigate instead of investigate the trusts.

The Golden Rule, will be good when the stars are dust. We are building a new world."—Rev. Dr. Chas E. Jefstreets. The group is busily engaged preparing an interesting program.

MBOOKS

THE WET PARADE, by Upton Sinclair. Published by the Author, Pasadena, Cal., 1931.

This book proves definitively that the inspiration that has turned Up; ton Sinclair into a figure of world fame has now been exhausted, has, in fact, been deliberately extinguished by Sinclair himself.
The living soul of Upton Sinclair's

best work is its thoro permeation with the spirit of the class struggle, with the profound realization of the historical role of the proletariat. That is what has raised such books as The Jungle, King Coal, and Boston to the level of classics inspite of glaring literary-technical shortcomings. That is what has made the name of Upton movement has made any appreciable

vel): In place of the proletarian class struggle that bears within itself the promise of the future, the narrow, petty bourgeois, pietistic-moralistic gush of the W.C.T.U. maidenladies!

Upton Sinclair never was conscious of the source of his strength which he interpreted in the most fantastic manner. How far Sinclair's ignorance of the hideen springs of his own power has betrayed him, is sadly proven by The Wet Parade.

With his inspiration gone, the very obvious deficiencies of Sinclair's work from the technical viewpoint become especially striking. The characters are even more wooden than usual, the sentiments even more naive, the ac-There is more truth than poetry in this description. That's why, in the midst of all this "planning" gossip,

THE PATERSON GROUP FORGES AHEAD

PATERSON, N. J.—Thru the active and militant participation of members of the Communist Party (Majority Group) in the Paterson silk worker's strike, a number of silk workers have been recruited into the group and a unit in Paterson established.

The group in Paterson is making splendid steps forward. A branch dependence over a conference table of the New Workers School has been and not over a gun barrel. Where organized, offering two courses: one would we have been if Washington in "English for Workers" instructor, Vivian Miller (7:00 P.M. to 8:30) the second in "Fundamentals of the Class Struggle," instructor, D. Benjamin (8:30 to 10:00 P.M.). Both Classes meet on Tuesday night at the group headquarters: 44 Carrol Street. Several sessions of the classes have already been held and have proven to e extremely interesting and instruc-

Every worker who has thus far joined the group is a member of an important mass organization and detailed plans are being made for work years old. (But you do damage the within these organizations. Members reputation of the Bible which says no of the group are amongst the most stone is over 5693 years old—B.D.W.) active workers in the Amalgamated

duct which will never change. The A banquet and celebration of the Ten Commandments, the beatitudes, Paterson group will be held on No-Comrades Gitlow, Lovestone and Zimnerman are scheduled to speak. The Boro Park Youth Club of New York is sending its Band to Paterson for the evening to contribute the musical numbers for the affair.

All workers organizations are urged to lend their whole hearted co operation and aid in making this celebration a success.

Paterson workers are urged to enoll in the New Workers School! Join the Communist Party (Majority Group)! Help build up an active revolutionary movement in Paterson!

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Our Big Prize Contest

The Russell-Mars Debate Bertrand Russell, mathematician, hilosopher, nobleman and pacifist, held court with Rosika Schwimmer, Jesse Wallace Hughan, Morris L. Ernst, Norman Thomas and lots of other nice people, at the home of W. W. Norton, and decided the fate of

Miss Hughan said war could be stopped by passive resistance—she had learned this from one of Earl Russell's books. "I have more doubts about the value of passive resistance now than I had then," Russell responded. (It's tough to learn something from a man's book and then find he doesn't believe it himself.)

Miss Rosika Schwimmer, in a modified Eugenie hat, said Lindbergh could stop children from believing in war if he'd only come out against it! Morris L. Ernst wondered whether

Mr. Russell still advocated "sailing a boat" as a substitute for war, and friend Bertrand said: "Yes, or anything else that has a little danger in

Russell said the next war would be the last (we heard that before) and would end with a world capitalist government in Washington.

Old Mars, the God of War, looked into the meeting a moment and was overcome by gas. He pronounced the meeting a knockout. "I'll never survive another conference like that." he told the reporters.

Our Boyish Exuberance

"America," former Secretary of Redfield explained to two-hundred South American delegates to the Pan-American Commercial Conference, "is a beneficent power not be feared.' "The United States is not imperial-

ist. It has unconsciously, by the mere force of bigness, imposed itself on the thought of you to whom we would rather extend a helping hand and a bright smile.

"Gentlemen of Latin America, the heart of America (meaning the U.S. A.!) is as warm as it is great! (Hot stuff!) Whatever speakers may forget (like thirty armed interventions in twenty-five years) and say and whatever may appear in the press, remember it is out of the boyishness of our partly developed life."

"Boyishness of our partly developed life"—that's one definition of imperialism that Lenin never knew! We are having a phonograph record made of Redfield's speech to ship to Sandino to entertain his troops during dull moments round the camp fire!

Achievements of the Seabury Committee

Public indignation at the revelations of the Seabury Commisson have buried the tin-box regime under an overwhelming landslide of votes. Now the chastised officials will have to get bigger and better tin boxes in response to the public mandate. The tin-box regime will continue until we tie a tin-can on all the tin-horn politicians and establish the workers rule.

Notes on the Seabury Seances 33 McQuades Are the sheriffs aids. Just a tir Sherwood's trip Was made 'cause Walker Hates a squawker. Jimmy has a box of tin To keep his mother's picture in.

Picketing the Heavenly White House Cardinal Hayes is calling upon all true believers to remind God that He is forgeting the unemployed. For this purpose his eminence has ordered a "Crusade of Prayer . . . that, by our compassion for the needy, expressed in prayer and alms, we may move our Divine Savior (does he need "moving"?) to pour out the compassion of His Sacred Heart (He appears to be holding out on us) on the multitude of unemployed wage-earners and lead us all out of the gloom and despondency of depression into the light and happiness of better and more peaceful days."

Apparently, the Old Gentleman who is the President of the Universe is rather absent-minded. He needs petitions and mass demonstrations—an organized Crusade of Prayer—to move Him to pour out a little of that Compassion of His Sacred Heart with which He is so stingy. And if we expect Him to do the right thing by the unemployed we must set Him a good example. Otherwise He might close up the works altogether.

Something to Sell "The entire army, navy and police forces of this country cannot be as effective in quelling the present unrest as the churches." Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Eustace, St. Patrick's. Opium is better than a club to deaden discontent.

Find Your Way to God From the Rev. Gregory Mabry, rec-tor of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, comes consolation for the jobless: "Our adversities are always our opportunities. It is indeed our opportunity to find our way back to God." Try that on your butcher and grocer. If it doesn't impress them you'll be finding your way to God all right—or at any rate, to a little green room where you can wait for Spring so that you can start pushing up the