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# At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

TT is very hard to keep track of the rapid progress made by the Communist International in its desperate swing to the right. In general it would appear that the French CP has become a sort of guinea pig for the ECCI in its opportunist experimentations. But this swing is to be found in every section of the Comintern. In the U. S. this turn from ultra-leftism has been performed order in the trade." in a most mechanical, burocratic manner, and has given birth to vulgarities unequalled in the realm of Communist theory to date. A painful illustration of this is the estimate of the Roosevelt Administration made by the ECCI thru its economic expert, E. Varga. In the latter's report on economic policy for the fourth quarter of 1934 we find the following estimate of the Roosevelt Administration:

"Roosevelt saved the banking and credit system of the U. S. from collapse, ers. cleared away the antiquated limitations imposed on the process of trustification, every stoppage, which is always hailed reduced the oppressive burden of debt as a great "victory" for the Union, the to tolerable proportions by depreciating majority of the workers are surprised the dollar, increased the utilization of to find out that something is missing capital, pacified the farmers, and from their meagre pay envelope. strengthened the bourgeois ideology of the majority of workers in the U.S. and dent Sidney Hillman has been a member their belief in neutral character of the of the now abolished National Labor Restate as towards the various classes, thanks to the liberal policy followed in the courts, and thanks to the deliberate demagogy of many of his supporters.

demagogy of many of his supporters.

We suggest that Jim Farley get this copy of the Imprecor Volume 15 number 11, March 12, 1935. He could not catalogue more "achievements" for Roosevelt than Varga and the ECCI have done. Incidentally we might also ask what happened to the revolutionary unsurge and the "general deep-going up-surge and the "general deep-going wave of radicalization" that had begun to sweep the U.S. at the zenith of Hoover's glory in 1928. Apparently the ECCI and the leadership it has annointed in the U.S. are of the opinion that six years of the crisis have made the American working class less radical and more politically backward. We hope that nobody will call the American Party leadership, the ECCI, or Comrade Varga, Rooseveltites.

iroin a propaganda pamphlet recently issued by the Japanese Ministry of War: the four English and Dutch competitors in addition to the other burden with a should persist in their methods. should persist in their methods of unlawful competition, the Empire will eventu-ally be obliged to use armed force so concerns. The chemical and textile industhat a spirit of fairness may triumph."

Well, for at least one thing we must give credit to these late-coming imperialist brigands. They are brutally frank and do not hide their fully inglorious plans behind glorious but empty phrases and vapid generalities. Could one ask for a more refreshingly frank statement of the relations between the ethics of capitalist economy and the political morals of imperialist war

TITLER'S henchmen have been serves of war goods become antiquated. mouthing lots of phrases about The German economic press has repeat-Germany's duty to save "western civilization" from that "Asiatic barbarism called Bolshevism." What exactly is called Bolshevism." What exactly is this "western civilization" of which the German Fascists are so proud? Here it is straight from the foul and furious mouth of one of the highest Nazi officials addressing a "Kameradschaftsaat Dusseldorf on May 1st: "The Jewish question will be settled now. . . . For some time you will be able to strike a Jew across the face (einen Juden in die Fresse schlagen) and no one will punish you, for an action is about to begin now that will not come to an end." At Weseling, near Cologne, according to the Manchester Guardian, a Jewish butcher shop was destroyed by a Nazi mob and "Even classes of school children were taken to the scene and were allowed to complete the work of destruction." At Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play, a big sign stares one in the face: "Juden sind hier unerwuenscht" (Jews not wanted here)! Signs bearing the legend "Juden betreten diesen Ort auf eigene Gefahr" (Jews enter this place at their own risk) are commonplace thruout Germany which once boasted of being the land of poets, philosophers and

This is how capitalism is being saved these days. This is capitalist civilization in despair and destitution battling to hold on thru bestiality and savagery

# Tailor's Leaders Pin Faith In Policy of Compromise

Iron Hand of Bureaucracy Lays Blight on Amalgamated; Workers Loyalty to Union Shaken By **Undemocratic Control** 

By B. BRILL

tice of the Amalgamated Clothing

The present stoppage, too, which was called on July 10th, is supposed to "once and for all do away with the chaos and establish a healthy control of the trade." ter at least a little bit the miserable conditions of the men's clothing work-

But, strange as it may seem, after

Altho, or shall we say, because, Presilations Board, the labor conditions of the tailors are worse than in any other needle trade. While most other needle trades workers enjoy the 35-hour week and comparatively high minimum wage

an hour. Only two crafts, cutters, and Stoppages have in recent years be- pressers, have a minimum of a dollar come almost a "tradition' in the men's clothing industry. It has become a praclied on the NRA to better conditions for the tailors; they refused to fight, although the union membership was ready and well organized to do so.

#### HILLMAN STAGES A SHAM BATTLE

Many months ago, in January 1935, In addition, each stoppage is provided by the leadership with suitable slogans and "demands." At first, there was "classification" of garments; then "specification"; and now "registration." All of these remedies are supposed to better at least a little bit the misearable. they said, they were going to put up a vigorous fight and all the members, including those of the Amalgamated Progressive Circle, wholeheartedly supported this just demand.

But what happened? Instead of putting up a "vigorous fight," Hillman and this city, is supposed to be the first of the New York lieutenants went to the public hearings, held in Washington at the end of January, in order to "fight" there for amendments to the Men's Clothing Code. The results of this sham fight are well known to everybody. Absolutely nothing came out of it.

Finally, the quarterly meeting of the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated, held in Washington, May 1-17, worked out a brand new demand: (1, 2, 3) as the main lines. Grade 1 is scales, the tailors are working 36 hours "To standardize work prices in the a \$1.80 garment; grade 2 a \$2.28; and and their minimum is \$14.40 or 40 cents cheaper lines of garments in all the (Continued on Page 4)

POGROM PROMOTER



ADOLPH HITLER

union markets of the country." To carry out this task, an Inter-Market Commission, consisting of 7 vice-presidents, has been set up. The present stoppage, affecting about 40% of the industry of

Let us, therefore, look now at the recently concluded collective agreement between the A. C. W. and the clothing manufacturers and see what this standardizing means in reality, and what benefits the tailors might get from it.

# EUROPE TODAY

By August Thalheimer

NAZI ECONOMICS IN WORLD TRADE

Schacht has finally put thru his plan for export dumping. The execution of the workers by way of a reduction in this plan will have deepgoing economic wages. On this field the Nazi governand political consequences. The amount to be raised by taxing the individual industrial enterprises is given as 720 mil-In these days of Abyssinian war malon nouvers and German war threats, it would be best not to forget the infernoteing prepared in the Far East. We are reminded of this by the following will be 20,00 Marks. This, of course, and prepared properly many small consequently many small consequently. the fascist state is imposing upon small tries pay the highest trade imposts; the machine and heavy industries pay the lowest. It is, therefore, in the main the heavy industries which are enjoying privileges at the expenses of the other industries and smaller enterprises.

Temporarily there is no talk of infla-The experiences of Danzig along

edly called attention to the fact that war orders may be reduced in the near future and that many of these orders are made but once. The armament industry, however, must be kept busy constantly if it is to be ready for use at the outbreak of war. The government is therefore coming to the aid of the heavy industries by getting increased export orders for it at the expense of the other industries and the small producers.

The export premium amounts to about 25%. This is not sufficient for creating a general industrial and commercial The conditions necessary for this are to- 1789 is on the order of the day. boom and does not take into account the counter measures that other countries will adopt. Export dumping will not solve the problems of German economic life. It will ease matters at most only for a few months.

The levying of imposts will have deepgoing social consequences. The capitalists will try to shift the burden. In their attempt to shift it to the consumers they will meet with great difficulties. The government itself will not pay higher prices for armaments. As for the rest of the consumers, things in Germany have come to such a pass that a rise in prices of goods of general consumption will simply have the effect

war, "wishers were ever fools." What is needed and needed badly is a revoluafter its historical usefulness is long tionary struggle against Hitlerism by 

that the demand will decrease according-day more favorable than they were a ly. The result is that the employers will year ago. try to shift the imposts first of all to ment stands on only one principlewages must not be increased. A new sweeping attack on wages which are already frightfully low will be the result

ductions have been growing among the working class. This will probably increase and coincide with growing resistance on the part of the petty bourgeoisie. The new export policy has already met with strong resistance from certain capitalist quarters which realize its potential harmful consequences. Shacht was unable to persuade business circles to accept the imposts voluntarily. He had to issue a decree. The carrying out of this decree will meet further resistance among those industrial

of this new export policy.

Recently, resistance to the wage re-

ists to whom the new policy is particularly disadvantageous. tion. The experiences of Danzig along this line have frightened them.

There are good reasons for the new rapidly leading to a new open conflict. How strong it actually is, can be seen to the armament factories. Large reserves of war goods become antiquated.

The tension in the camp of the runing liags) and the Radical Socialist Officials. The most disgraceful aspect of the whole matter is that this thoroly opportunist policy is being attacked by the Socialist Lebas and is being ardently district Posterion Postic Hospital Socialist Control of the National Socialist Officials of Socialist Officials Officials of Socialist Officials of So tional Socialist Party in Berlin. He sharp-ly attacked "Leagues" which were of

the opinion that the National Socialist Party has already become superfluous. Evidently he was referring to employers leagues, also.

open conflicts in the ruling class, conflicts which are threatening to break out tion in France has already passed by the working class independently and ond and decisive step of the proletar-

THE PEOPLES FRONT IN FRANCE.

The "Peoples Front" in France, i.e. the name given the coalition between the Radical Socialists, the S.P. and the C.P., is becoming more and more opportunist. Recently, Leon Blum, the leader of the S.P. and Thorez, the General Secretary of the C.P. spoke with ex-premier Deladier on the same platform at a mass meeting in District No. 5 of Paris. The 'minimum program" of the Peoples Front is: government ownership of the banks, state control of trusts and other capitalist monopolies, a certain "equalization" of taxes. This miserable and meaningless program failed even to satisfy the Socialists.

On July 14th in accordance with the program of the Peoples Front Communist and Socialist workers have sworn allegiance to the bourgeois republic behind the tricolors (and also the red The tension in the camp of the ruling flags) and the Radical Socialist offi-

defended by the General Secretary of the C.P. of France, Thorez. Even Frederick Engels is cited since in 1849 he conducted a constitutional campaign together with the bourgeois democrats. The General Secretary of the C.P.F. is evidently It would be wrong to conclude that forgetting that the bourgeois revoluthe Nazi regime will be overthrown by tions in France lasted from 1789 open conflicts in the ruling class, conto 1849, that the proletarian revolusoon. This will only be the case when its first stage in the Commune of 1871 the new conflict on top is accompanied and that in the France of 1935 the secsimultaneously attacking from below. ian revolution and not the repetition of

# THE WORKERS WEEK

WOOD HEEL MAKERS DEFEAT PAYCUT BOSTON, Mass.—Wood Heel Makers

of Haverhill defeated their employers' attempt to enforce a 20% downward revision of wages by emptying the wood heel shops of all workers and maintaining their picket lines until the employers abandoned their attempt. Over 400 of these workers, members of the United Shoe & Leather Workers Union, went on strike under the guidance of the United's general executive board, and in the face of great wage reductions in other crafts stubbornly refused to become panicky, fought back in organized fashion, and won.

This victory is a smashing blow at those elements in the United that contended that wage reductions were the only means of retaining factories which threatened to move to lower wage areas unless their demands were granted. While other crafts have given 15% reductions against the advice and protest of their general officials, the wood heel makers won their battle against wage concessions by adhering to the "no conession" policy laid down by the GER.

#### PROGRESSIVES WIN 3 POSTS ON PATERSON BOARD

Progressive candidates won three places on the Executive Board of the Plain Goods Department, American Federation of Silk Workers, Paterson district in elections held on July 20.

The three Progressives elected are Harry Flum, Elmer Hamm and Jacob

#### PROMINENT SKY-PILOT MAKES A BUM GUESS

The Reverend John Haynes Holmes, noted liberal, came back from Germany on July 8. "In place of the obsolete reign of terror has come an overwhelming enthusiasm for the Hitler regime," he reported.

On Tuesday, July 16, a renewed pogram broke out against the Jews in Berlin. Crowds directed by Storm Proopers, marched up and down the Kurfuerstendam dragging Jews from cars, cafes and theatres, beating them the artful technique developed in the New Germany.

That this was not an isolated, acci-

dental instance may be seen from the items quoted in this week's Age in "At First Glance" calling for a national drive against the Jews.

The genial General Goering has ordered a campaign against the Catholics, intent on destroying completely their political influence. Thus Germany's answer to the Pope's protest was a virtual declaration of war against the Catholic Church. Catholic youth organization and the Catholic teachers (save those who are Nazi rubber-stamps) are to be extirpated in the Third Reich.

NEW DEAL: 1 JUDGES: 2

The New Deal ended the week with a batting average of .333 which is rather worse in the Nation's capital than it would be in the National League.

The only victory our smiling President can celebrate this week is the upholding of the Tennesee Valley Authority by the Circuit Court in New Orleans. This reversed a lower-court decision made on the complaint of a group of private utility stockholders against the government's gigantic excursion into the nower field.

Meanwhile in Boston the processing taxes collected under the AAA were declared invalid thus wiping out the entire agricultural program of the New Dealers and in Cincinnati a two-to-one decision denied the PWA the right of con demning land for slum clearance. All the decisions will be appealed immedi-

#### PREVAILING WAGE FIGHT AGAIN TO THE FORE

The New York Building Trades Council declared that none of its members should go to work on the Federal Work relief projects except at prevailing wages. Relief Administrator Hopkins answered "No

### HAVERSTRAW SCAB-CENTER MILL REOPENS DESPITE COURT

The fight between the Hirsam Knitting Mills, operating in the open-shop "Terminal" in Haverstraw, and the Joint Council of Knit Goods Workers, entered into a new phase when, after a week lock-out, the Mills re-opened, em-528.30 ploying non-union labor.

# Age Fund Drive Nears Two-Thirds Mark; Brunt of Task Still Carried by New York

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that the American S.P. will not brook in

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# ONCE AGAIN WE ASK "WHY BE TOO LATE?"

For some weeks now, the columns of the Daily Worker and the Freiheit have been flooded with denunciations of the

the "main obstacle to unity" everywhere! are now "resisting the unity" of the dressmakers, the knitgoods workers, the knitgoods workers, the knitgoods workers, the same time, strangely enough, these the same time, strangely enough, these discredited renegades . . . isolated from the unity of the workers are a "mere handful of discredited renegades . . . isolated from the unity of the workers are a "mere handful of discredited renegades . . . isolated from the union for their political tiative in organizing a committee to take the initiative in organizing a committee representative of all forces in the fur workers ranks and that the said representative committee shall immediately on a democratic basis."

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If it were simply a matter of refuting the curious "facts" manufactured in the editorial offices of the Freiheit and the Daily Worker, it would hardly be worth while wasting an inch of space in these columns. There is an aspect of the question, however, which really deserves the consideration of all progressive trade unionists, on the one hand, and of all members and sympa thizers of the official Communist Par

ty, on the other. For this reason, I think it would not be altogether out of place to glance back at the record.

REMEMBER WHEN THE AFL.

WAS A "COMPANY UNION"?

At the beginning of 1930, alto the Communist Opposition was then only just beginning to grope its was towards an independent policy, we were already calling for the formation of progressive groups in the A. F. of L. needle trades unions. This proposal formed the kernel of the program issued by the minority of the G.E.B. of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union (Zimmerman) in May 1930. How did the C.P. and the Industrial Union (Zimmerman) in May 1930. How did the C.P. and the Industrial Union (Zimmerman) in May 1930. How did the C.P. and the Industrial Union leaders greet this perfectly obvious suggestion? By denouncing it as the "main obstacle to unity"—

The General Executive Board of the United Shoe & Leather Workers Union through the destructive policies introduced by the Graph and File Group" at the Conwant of Place Toward and "File Group" at the Conwention in Dec. 1933 is in a large measter the offic of the present chaos in the union. Their distortion of local autonomy has kept the organization in containing it as the "main obstacle to unity"—

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"The needle trades workers," it was the Industrial Union issued on June 5, the industrial Union issued on June 3, since workers. But at no time nave the 1930, "must also beware of the Lovestoneites who advocate the organization of left wing oppositions in the company unions (that was how the A. F. of L. unions (that was how the A. F. of L. unions). Some proissued on June 3, since workers. But at no time nave the bosses so openly defied and violated their party member, signed up the Unity signed up the Unity member, signed up the Unity signed up the Unity signed up the Unity member, signed up the Unity signed u

organized places but to places where milinery union! But too late! Its dual unionist orientation had already been made perfectly clear thru its own actions and all progressive elements were alienated from it for good and all!

Approximately a year later, in April 1931, the Needle Trades Unity League, in the historical declaration sixed by Charles S. Zimmerman, Louis Nelson and I. Stenzor, urged that the Industrial Union be liquidated and its remaining members be sent back into the A. E. of the more sent and the correct sent sent successions and other cities, some district sent proposal? By pouring the most filthy above the more populated by the content of the collective wisdom of a single individual several proposal? By pouring the most filthy above the most proposal? By pouring the most filthy above the religion of the proposal of the collective wisdom of a single individual several price, who are invised as the workers and the collective wisdom of a single individual whether he be the latest recruit who have been explicit because the union is well established, has increased considerably. Obviously this is cased considerably. Obviously this is cased to considerably. Obviously this is defined to the union is well established, has in cased considerably. Obviously this is cased to considerably. Obviously this is defined to the union is well established, has in cross acceptance of confusions of the purpose. The organization The presents ad state of affairs in the union is a result of this looseness. The constitution of a composition with the purpose of confusing and turns are producing. All they are interested in is earning a decent tive time the union is well established, has increased on sistance in the union is a result of this l

mains hopelessly isolated and impotent in spite of everything!

ditions in the trade were at their worst, the job. side both unions and the prevailing dis-unity constituted the most serious hindSource Of Present Crisis In The Union

2. Socialism should take its place.
3. This requires the winning of state side both unions and the prevailing uistinity constituted the most serious hindrance to effective struggle, the progressive administration of Dressmakers Union Local 22 of the I. L. G. W. U. offered the Industrial Union conditions of unity absolutely unmatched in their liberality. The dress department of the liberality. The dress department of the liberality lipion was asked to "merge conditions from being improved. Recent of the union and keep conditions from being improved. Recent of the union and keep conditions from being improved. Recent of the union and keep conditions from being improved. Recent of the union and keep conditions from being improved. Recent of the union and keep conditions from being improved. liberality. The dress department of the normal growth of the informal growth of the informa tional with full membership rights" and that, upon the completion of the unifiwhat was the answer? Flat refusal!—

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Cation, general elections would be held." officials, conducting their own meeting and handling their own finances. But in

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ally given up officially and its few hun- "Christian Science" methods when sur- the next step, nearer to its achievement, dred members sent back to the International. But again too late! The C.P. forces were in fact, reduced to such iso-

Yes, the Red Unions Have ous Stetsky conferences, Comrade Baraz In 1931 the CPO Proposed riers Liquidated—But Never Soon Enough

lation that even the desperate measure elections in Local 22 amply proved!

presented ,in the name of the Furriers Progressive League, a resolution along the following lines (Revolutionary Age, September 19, 1931):

The Policy For Furriers Adopted Now

"2. For the immediate, unconditional that unity could not be achieved in 1931 "1. The preliminary conference shall reinstatement of all fur workers ex- because Gold absolutely refused to agree elect a special committee to take the ini- pelled from the union for their political that the amalgamated union should be

with the aim of accomplishing the fusion of the two. Why did these conferences wreck? Far be it from us to parade "Unity is the crying need of the ranks and build up one union in the fur the skeleton at the feast but, in the interests of truth, we must recall the fact

# Shoe Union Faces Foes On All Sides

of United Shoe

By M. YABLON

Drive To Destroy The Union

mains hopelessly isolated and impotent in spite of everything!

On July 25, 1933, at a time when conditions in the trade were at their worst,

from below" and the "rank and file And every one knows that price fixing is committee of fifty"!

That is the fundamental program of Communism, and its acceptance, plus a not a local problem, but a national one. A year and a half later, after the great general strike had built up the I. L.G.W.U. into a most powerful organization, really the one union in the industry, and had at the same time practically wiped out the Industrial Union, the latter was find the course the disease by later the disease by later the washing that a healthy for fear of antagonizing certain district.

Communism, and its acceptance, plus a willingness to work in an organized manner to bring it about, is all that a healthy Communist Party should require of its standing that this is the sore spot, failed to take the necessary measures, you should join us. As to tactical mather than the latter was find to give the disease by later the weaking close of the realize that program, and its acceptance, plus a willingness to work in an organized manner to bring it about, is all that a healthy Communist Party should require of its standing that this is the sore spot, you should join us. As to tactical mather than the latter was find to give the disease by later the weaking along the program. dress department of the latter was fin- They tried to cure the disease by how to bring the working class a step,

Runaway Shops, 'Left' Groups it has already worked out and presented a program which when put into effect will more than meet the situation.

| Runaway Shops, 'Left' Groups in the military of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and in the general of the union have time and again disregarded and violated decisions of the convention and the general of the union have time and the general of the union have the union have time and the general of the union have time and the general of the union have the union have the general of the union have The coming Convention must rectify resolutions adopted at many district con- The General Strike organization is doomed.

prices and moving of factories.

at much lower prices. One might think of cheating the shoe workers thru cutthis an isolated incident but it is not.

Attempts of manufacturers to slash

The Business Agent of the Lasters Local edge that most of the shoe manufacturers

The heads of the various shoe unions, wages are no novelty to New England shoe workers. But at no time have the "rank and filer" and is known to be a level that most of the shoe but sev- with the exception of the Boot & Shoe, shoe workers at no time have the "rank and filer" and is known to be a level that most of the shoe but sev- with the exception of the Boot & Shoe, have had numerous meetings. Some pro-(that was how the A. F. of L. unions, were then referred to.—W. H.) The company unions cannot be reformed but must be destroyed, and all those elements who want to draw the workers into the so-called struggle to reform, improve and make use of the company unions in the workers are must be destroyed and make use of the company unions in the workers are most of the workers are not one mies of the workers and must be fought."

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The Detroit Congress Of Errors

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Second American Youth Meet
Shows How Far YCL is
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Counter-Revolution

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declaration. But the whole amendment ready to give up everything "for the not hesitate to bring to bear the heaviest of warm comradely greeting to you. Take pressure for clarity in principle, for your rightful place in our ranks, in the sound Marxist ideology.

By JAY LOVESTONE

| Stabilizing Disintegration And Chaos

Nothing could be further from the truth than the conclusion that the latest NEC decisions will bring harmony,

authority. Instead, there was fabricated wherefore of the "Versailles Treaty" forced upon the NEC by the reactionary New York State Executive Committee. Sarah Limbach, Secretary of the right wing Pennsylvania organization, unwittingly gave the clue as to what was coming when, at the opening of the sessions, she declared: "We may not get unity on principle but we do expect to accomplish organic unity and this is extremely essential." Temporarily and superficially this "essential." Sepace treaty." The activation of last year. Finally—but not for a long time—the NEC beginning with the very morning after the Detroit convention closed in June of last year. Finally—but not for a long time—the NEC and the New York SEC have succeeded in laying low, in overcoming this." Group in spirit," thanks largely to the skillful Right general the second of the Members of the American Revolution and of Fascism. The security of the last NEC session confesses calcists Call), that it "gives the Party and arth the Front" (in the Scalists Call), that it "gives the Party as Calcists Call), that it "gives the Party as Calcists Call), that it "gives the Party as Calcists Call), that it "gives the Party as Calcist Call, ther in overcoming this "foreign spirit," even as a means we worm end, the decision was framed, Thomas pledged thanks largely to the skillful Right general eralship of Milwaukee's Mayor Dan ican Bar Association could concert this. Saturday, this titular leader of the S.P., political basis. Thomas and his friends

and indisputable leadership of the American Socialist Party.

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An Anti-Red Drive

The central problem was not what was to be done with the New York YPSL; nor was the disposal of the "Socialist Party.

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Krzycki in the same issue we are form. Here is advance notice to the socialism in the ranks of the S.P. A the "Old Guard" today. We are convinced function of the YPSL or any sub-division that this is a sort of horoscope reading of the party or auxiliary organization that can lead only to political suicide. It politically to attack or repudiate any reis one of the lamest and most impotent conclusions Thomas has ever reached. the request of Thomas, Kreuger with-

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### The Right Danger in the Communist International

OR one reason or another I am unable to forget that we were once denounce thruout the length and breadth of the Comintern as "right opportunists"! A "terrible" count against us in this indictment was that we ridiculed as meaningless or ultra-left sectarian the slogan of "class against class" and opposition to election blocs with Socialists as ordered by the ECCI in February 1928, we said then that such anti-united front tactics were harmful and that the whole strategical course was based entirely on a non-existent situation—on an imaginary radicalization of the French proletariat.

In the five years that have gone, much has happened. Today—in comparison with 1928—the French proletariat is well on the road to radicalization. But what do we find the ECCI and the French C.P. doing in the face of infinitely morse sharpened class relations? Steering to the left? Northing of the sort! With incalculable clumsiness, with unlimited unpricipledness the owners and controllers of the CI and its French section stealthily break with the old suicidal ultra-left course and begin a flight to the right—a disastrous rout.

The French CP no longer shrieks from the house-tops "class against class," "down with the social fascists," "down with defense of imperialist France" and "all power to the French Soviets." Today, the slogans are: for organic unity with the reformist socialist party, for a "left" coalition government (S.P. and Herriot's Radicals supported by the CP in Parliament and even on the streets, for defense of the republic and similar tripe of a kind that might make Roosevelt look like a red!

For the skeptics and doubters, for those who might think we are guilty of "a slight exaggeration," we herewith produce some excerpts from the Bastille Day United Front Manifesto issued by the Peoples Front consisting of the French C.P., S.P. and Herriot's Radical Socialist Party:

"On July 14, 1789 the people of France destroyed the Bastille and revealed liberty to the world. One hundred and fifty years of continuous effort and four revolutions have enabled them to keep and strengthen their gains. We appeal to you to take up again the great revolutionary tradition

which makes of July 14 a day of memory and hope.

"Today an armed Fascist organization is trying to storm the Republic and destroy liberty. A great conspiracy is on foot to strike down democracy and replace the rule of the majority by the dictatorship of two hundred feudal families .

Since 1789 every defeat of the people was caused by a lack of unity Neighbouring democracies have been crushed because they were unable to unite against the common enemy.

"We swear to remain united, to defend democracy, and to disarm and dissolve the Fascist leagues. We swear on the day which marks the first victory of the Republic to defend the democratic liberties that the people of France have won, to give bread to the workers, work to the young generation, and a great human peace to the world." (emphasis mine-J.L.).

What a revelation! Communists speaking like socialists of the extreme right in the days prior to the proletarian revolution in Russia, before German and Austrian democracy gave birth to Fascism! 'Communists who are supposed to be committed to the revolutionary class struggle speaking of "the unity of the people!" Communists who have for years very correctly fought the social democratic principles and illusions now talk of French capitalist democracy as "the rule of the majority" and the sanctity of "the democratic liberties!" Small wonder that Herriot, member of the cabinet which has just ordered wage cuts and reductions of social services, has been able to say: "The parties of the extreme (Socialist and Communist) have realized that Republican Freedom is the

condition for all other forms of freedom . . . ."

And how does the ECCI explain this hari-kari? Thorez, General Secretary of the French C.P. says; (LHumanite, June 26:)

"Before the World War as well as during 1924 and 1925 in the period of relative stabilization of capitalism the policy of parliamentary blocs or cartels subjected the working class to the influence and leadership of the big bourgeoisie. This policy was harmful to the interests of socialism,

'A Marxist should not look upon a democratic and progressive movement as a form of class collaboration. Did not Engels repeatedly boast of his participation in street fights in 1848 on the side of the Democrats during the revolution in Germany? How can a Socialist reject such "cooperation..."
"The working class is heading towards the Peoples Front. It is heading

towards socialism, towards a Soviet France." What piffe! With Herriot's party to Socialism, to Soviet France! And when Thorez cites Marx and Engels it's a case of desperation swathed in ignorance. In 1848-9 Marx and Engels even went further; they were even members of the Left wing of the German constitutional movement. But Thorez has forgotten to understand one "little" difference. In Germany in 1848-9 we were facing and fighting for the bourgeois revolution. Are we facing such a siutation, are we fighting for such a revolution in France in 1935? Our very dear comrade Thorez should learn that this question of the bourgeois revolution was settled in France in the years 1789-1848-9. should not forget that the Paris Commune was the first actual phase of the proletariat revolution in France. This beginning of the French proletarian revolution is today 64 years behind us. Somehow or other Thorez dropped this whole historical period—perhaps under ECCI instructions.

We have no objections to and are entirely in favor of the French C.P., the French proletariat, cooperating with sections of the French petty bourgeoisie against the biggest capitalists, the Comite des Forges, the Bank of France, the Havas Agency. What we condemn, and reject as rancid opportunism is the joining hands with instead of fighting against the Radical Party whose dominant leader-

ship is but a pawn of big capital. But France is no exception. The French C.P. is today the model for the whole C.I. In Czecho-Slovakia, England, Spain, the drive rightward is on in full force. Hence, the American C.P. leadership, scarred veterans in the struggled against "exceptionalism," is doing its bit to practice the same policies. Witness the campaign "to purge the American navy of fascist elements" thru the dismissal of Admiral Stirling! Note how the Civil Liberties Union has finally won over the C.P. to the pure petty bourgeois point of view of fighting for democratic rights in the abstract—as in the case in Chicago where the CP recently joined in support of court action to assure Father Coughlin the right to use Soldier Field for a mass meeting. Note the orders given by Hathway to the American Youth Congress to reject the mild Oxford pledge to give support to the home government in case of war—all because of Browder's speculation that the U. S. might conceivably, some day in some distant future, have a military alliance with the USSR. Page the united front from on high with Father Divine! Attempt to enumerate the countless blocs with reactionary and even underworld "elements" in the trade union in order to smash the progressive forces!

Yes, comrades and brothers! At last the right danger in the Communist International in general and in the American C.P. in particular—in an exceptionally virulent outbreak—is a reality, a serious danger, an ominous signal of unavoidable catastrophe if persisted in much longer. We of the ICO and the CPO can only pledge ourselves to untiring efforts to prevent the ruination of the present official Communist movement thru the current drive to opportunism and to fight at least as energetically against the right danger as we have fought against the ultra-left menace.

To our official Communist comrades we can only add: This time don't waste any time fighting us with abuse. By now we are hardened veterans to the mud and filth showered upon us by the Party leadership appointed for you. How about talking it over a comrade to comrade? How about forcing your officials to treat us at least in the spirit they have been treating General Smedley Butler, Father. Divine, former Premier Daladier, and ex-minister of aviation Pierre Cot?

# Books of the Age

#### by Bertram D. Wolfe

phrey Cobb. Viking Press. 265 pp. \$2.50 the participants who permit themselves

The greatest war novel since "All is without a shadow of justification. Quiet on the Western Front." If it lacks some of the poetry and tenderness of the latter, it makes up for it by a greater bitterness, a sharper irony, and above all by a terrific compression and nakedness of action. Not the whole war, but a single episode taking up only a few days, serves as a powerful preachment against the brutality, bureaucracy and criminal senselessness of the imperialist military system. A communique erroneously reports the taking of a wellnigh impregnable fortified hill. The general staff, one to avoid correcting the communique, another to win a decoration, drive an already exhausted regiment back to the front as they are being relieved, and into the senseless attack. They are easily repulsed and the enraged general, cheated of his reputation and medal, orders the execution of certain men, chosen at random, as "an on the charge of cowardice. example' With the inexorability and stupidity of the military machine, the executions are novel.

# "Why Be Too Late?"

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only one way—by dissolving the Indus-trial Union and sending its members into the A. F. of L. organization. The answer we received was in characteristic Gold style: the A. F. of L. union was a "scab nest"; its officials and active members were "joint gangsters"; we were "Azevs," "provocators" and "renegades," and some more in the same delicate vein. Again were we denounced as the "main obstacle to unity"—unity on the basis of Gold's rampant dual unionsm! This lasted until almost yesterday.

Meanwhile, under our pressure and ipon our initiative, the recent Toronto convention of the International Fur Workers Union adopted a unity resolu-tion along the lines we had been urging for years-dissolution of the Industrial Union, free admission of all its members into the Joint Council, reinstatement of all the expelled, new elections. This is the program of unity now being carried out, amidst a good deal of confusion and irresponsibility, it is true, but being carried out anyway. And, in spite of all the exultation and triumphant self-congratulation of the ex-industrial Union leaders today, I think the future will show that again the C.P. yielded to the logic of circumstances just a little bit too late!

And so it goes! Refusing to surrender its fundamentally dualist and anti--A. F. of L. orientation and yet unable to resist the overwhelming pressure of events, the whole policy of the official Communist Party in recent years has been made up of a series of demoralizing twists and turns, of disorderly retreats that availed nothing, of forced concessions that came too late! All of the hysterical shouting about the wicked Lovestoneites cannot change this simple fact!

#### WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO LATE?

A little more than four years ago Comrade Zimmerman closed his open etter to Louis Hyman, president of the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, with these significant words (Revolution ary Age, May 1, 1931):

"Eventually you will adopt our proposals but why should you always be too late? Is it really impossible for you to see things in time and to have the courage to act upon your convictions?"

This question is still completely to the point today. The leaders of the so-called Knitgoods Workers Industrial Union, for example, know perfectly well that the way to unity is open to them, that all they have to do is to dissolve their dualist outfit and send their handful of members to the Joint Council, the A. F. of L. union, where they will be received freely and without discrimination. But no, they have learned nothing and have forgotten nothing! They still think they can get somewhere merely by abus-ing Nelson and spinning out fantastic schemes about "conferences" and "com-mittees." Well, let them! They may not know it perhaps but they are already mere echoes of the dead past. The workers have already brushed them aside and achieved unity over their heads in this field as well as in so many others!

As far as we are concerned, we are proud of our record of exposing and defeating every trickery scheme of fake "unity", every unprincipled manouver to further confusion and disruption under the name of "unity." And we are equally proud of our determined and successful fight for genuine trade union unity already realized among the dressmakers, cloakmakers, textile workers and furriers today and certain to be realized among the knitgoods workers and shoe workers and others to-morrow!

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# THE PATHS OF GLORY, by Hum-| carried out despite the conviction of all to use their judgment, that the action

The story is told in nervous, swift athletic prose. It sweeps on to its brutal conclusion with the tragic inevitability of a tank attacking unarmed men In its compression lies its power. A postscript evidences that it is based on real incidents of "exemplary" shooting during the world war. But one thing it lacks, which was no less factually as well as it would have been "fictionally" true-some glimpse of the growing discontent inspired by such and other incidents of war in the ranks of the soldiery, a discontent which led to repeated mutinies in the French army. The book is too much an officers' story, and the only one who refuses to carry out his part in the dirty business is a pull-protected officer. Some glimpse into the minds of the rank and file soldiers ordered to carry out the executions, some glimmers of resistance on their part, would have changed this from powerful pacifist preachment into a revolutionary

# **Amalgamated**

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grade 3 a \$2.55. The agreement provides increases on the grades 1 and 2 garments. The \$1:80 garment will now be \$1,92, and the \$2.28 will be \$2.45. And what happened to the grade 3 garment? Nothing! It is being done away with, that is, the production of the same grade of garments will be continued, but its price will no more be \$2.55 but \$2.45. Although the price of the \$2.55 garment is reduced 10 cents, it is taken for granted that the quality of the garment will remain the same A MILLION DOLLARS

### INSTEAD OF MILITANCY

Hillman is now collecting a Million Dollar Emergency Defense Fund and, according to the July issue of the Advance, "There is no doubt that the Fund will be raised fast enough and in full And we may as well say, with equal certainty, that the Fund will be spent fast enough."

But what of it? Even if the Amalgamated leaders will spend the 1,000, 000 dollars "fast enough," it still won" prove in the least that they are at present willing to take up a struggle for the betterment of the tailors' conditions! As a matter of fact, they seem to have forgotten what a workers struggle looks like. They even forgot that there is a union membership to consult with on important questions and that there is such a thing as union democracy. Agreements are negotiated without even once letting the membership know what it is all about. Stoppages are called without first consulting the locals or the local executives. Workers are sent back to work without letting them know what conditions they will meet in the shops. Everything is done in an arbitrary fa shion. The iron hand of the burocrat is felt everywhere!

No wonder, then, that despite the organized strength of the union, the vast membership feels disgusted and pessimistic, and is looking with much distrust upon the present stoppage. Having in mind what has been said above, the membership has good reason to feel the vay they do.

What about the Progressives? It is nigh time that they measure up to the situation and put a stop to all this in the A. C. W., which was once the pride of all the needle trades unions.

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# TRADE UNION **NOTES**

By GEORGE F MILES

Opposition Flops At

Now that the convention of the Inernational Longshoremen's Association is over and Joseph P. Ryan has been re-elected President without any opposition one can state quite definitely that approximately 99% of the stories in the Daily Worker about what Bridges and the Rank and File were going to do to Ryan were the good old unadulterated bunk.

For many weeks the columns of the C.P. press were full of stories about the west coast. One was led to believe that the whole coast was aflame with revolt against Ryan and this revolt was to express itself at the convention thru a pow-erful "Rank and File" opposition headed by Bridges.

To lend plausibility to this story Bridges breezed into town for the convention, looking very wise and talking very big indeed to the press. He was out, said this modest leader, to oust Ryan. This, he said, was the instruction of his local union and this would be done at this convention.

Now just imagine everyone's surprise when Bridges did not even ask a question during most of the convention. Towards the end he arose and made a speech against Ryan for his strike-breaking work during the Frisco strike, and was supported in this opinion by less than a half dozen delegates. The last day of the convention, when everyone expected a real test of strength between Bridges and Ryan fighting it out for the presidency, was the meekest of all. Bridges did not even run leaving the field free for Ryan.

#### How Come?

How does it come that the Rank and File groups (C.P. members and sympathizers) made such a poor showing after promising so much. The answer lies in the strategy and the tactics pursued by the C.P. in painting the Frisco strike red during the strike. Certain it is that the militant strike leadership of Bridges had the strikers behind it but it is equally certain that toward the conclusion of the strike, the support of the masses had been lost and has not been won even for such a worth-while task as ousting Ryan.

It seems to us that even the halfdozen opposition delegates could have made a better fight. Outside of the formal introduction of numerous resolutions which were not even defended, the opposition strategy seems to have been one of head on collision with the burocracy. This was a mistake. strategy worked out for a powerful opposition which hopes to win cannot remain unchanged when it is proven that the opposition is woefully weak. Yet this insignificant group of 5 or 6 went thru the motions of an opposition threaten-ing Ryan's rule. A ridiculous position to be in.

President Green, who did so much to strangle the strikes of the longshoremen, appeared and addressed the convention without even the sign of a protest. This recalls the fact that under the militant leadership of Keller and Herman, the last convention of the United Textile Workers almost carried a resolution to censure Green for his strikebreaking in Frisco.

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