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## Dr. Landau and Convents

Dr. J. L. Landau, the chief Jewish Rabbi, speaking at the South African Zionist Conference in Johannesburg last Sunday on the evils of Jewish children being sent by their parents to convent and other non-Jewish boarding schools, is reported to have said: "So long as religious influence is not brought to bear by force, as is the case in Galicia and Russia... I do not blame the convents."

Either Dr. Landau is ignorant of the facts so far as Russia is concerned or he is wilfully creating a wrong impression by such remarks. He should know that the Russian Soviet Government supports no religious organisation but holds that Jews, Christians, Mohammedans, as well as people holding no religious dogmas, should be free to exercise their own judgment in these matters.

It is monstrously untrue to say that any pressure is brought to bear on either Jews or others in Russia to induce them to adopt any religious faith.

# "Honour."

The hero of Black Friday and the betrayer of the railway workers in January this year, Minister J. H. Thomas, seems to be constantly oozing humble gratitude that he is allowed to hob-nob with a decadent royalty.

In a speech at Newport, his birthplace, which he visited in company with the Duke of York, this Uriah Heep of the Labour movement "dwelt proudly on the beauty of a constitution that enabled a humble boy to return home with a member of the Royal Family."

Poor labour! Poor workers!!

# The Hanekom Murders.

Two years ago, or to be exact on March 16th, 1922, one of the foulest deeds that the Government of this country has been guilty of was perpetrated. In cold blood the three brothers Hanekom and Dowse were taken out of their homes and marched on to the veld to the south of Johannesburg by the Transvaal Scottish and, without trial, shot to death.

These young men had no arms in their hands, and were never proved to have taken any part in the fightifing. A rough monolith marks the place of their assassination, and it is hoped that the workers of Johannesburg will assemble on the spot as they did last year and demonstrate their sympathy with the fallen workers and pledge themselves anew to root out the evil system which makes such monstrous crimes possible and even inevitable.

## What Is Wanted Immediately

The British Labour Government to recognise its duties to the seamen. It is more than a mere duty to see to it that all ships in ports in Great Britain should have their load-lines lowered a foot or two. There should be no ceremony about this. When Lloyd George became President of the Board of Trade he lifted the load-line, and without ever consulting Parliament either. He did it as a mere administrative act. He actually caused the deaths of thousands of seamen through his illconsidered action, but as profits were of vastly more consequence to the shipowners of Great Britain than the lives of the seamen, the load-line had to be lifted. Now it is right up to the Labour Government to lower this line at least two feet and make no bones about it.

—'' Australasian Seamen's Journal.''

## Pacifism.

An increase of two millions in the air estimates, five new cruisers laid down, and great naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean.

Not a bad beginning for McDonald the pacifist. Meanwhile the unemployed are "promised" work and "refused" further maintenance allowance.

### Labour Party Organiser Attacks Marxism.

LABOUR PARTY ORGANISER ATTACKS MARXISM.

Mr. Epstein, Transvaal Organiser for the Labour Party, delivered a lecture on "Labour Ideals" to a meeting in Doornfontein last Monday. The lecturer described himself as a supporter of the "go slow," "step by step," constitutional form of socialism as advocated by the British Labour Party. He made a virulent attack upon Marxism, denying, inter alia, the existence of the class struggle. The war of the classes existed only in the brains of the young Communists present; in the material world there was no such thing. (We suggest that the Labour Party change its name to the "Practical Idealist Party' or something of that sort —the very name LABOUR Party presupposes a class struggle.)

The lecturer also attempted to justify his part in the Archangel Expedition against Soviet Russia. He was proud of having been a member of the Flying Corps and would join it again if need be. He found that in an aeroplane he could look down upon the world and find a truer perspective!

#### Release the Prisoners.

In front of Benoni Municipal buildings a good meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th, in memory of the men who fell in March, 1922, and those who have suffered imprisonment and hardship since. The chair was taken by Comrade T. Chapman and the speakers included Comrades S. P. Bunting, Donald Snowdon and W. H. Andrews.

After a pause in honour of the workingclass martyrs, the "Red Flag" was sung and a resolution was carried by the meeting in favour of sending a cable to the British Prime Minister urging him to use his influence towards obtaining the release of the nine strike prisoners. A collection was taken to defray cost of cable.

# THE GERMAN REVOLUTION.

Questions are often asked regarding the situation in Germany and surprise exsituation seemed favourable for a general rising of the workers and the overthrow of the feeble and reactionary Social Democratic Government that the German workers—excepting in isolated districts did not move. The thesis on the subject published by the majority of the Communist Party of Germany contains the following:--

The political situation in Germany before and during the October events was objectively revolutionary in the highest degree. The November republic was completely exhausted by the international complications of Germany resulting from the liquidation of the Ruhr adventure, by the rapid economic decay and by the increasing class antagonisms. Civil war seemed unavoidable. The Coalition parties hastened to do away with the democratic form of state through fear of the imminent proletarian revolution. They surrendered power to the Fascist generals ing for their interests. in order to save the bourgeois society and the capitalist form of ownership from the proletarian dictatorship. The Social Democratic Party of Germany, including all tendencies, was a helper and an accomplice of the White Dictatorship, which alone could still save the domination of the great bourgeoisie.

The retreat of the party in the October struggles is to be explained not only by organisatory, military or technical defects, nor by the unfavourable general proportion of forces, which was far more front organs. unfavourable when the party adopted its ! measures for struggle, than in the decisive month, but before all by the mistakes in regard to the tactical and strategical attitude of the party in the struggle for winning over the majority of the proletariat, which was the first premise for success. These mistakes were the result of a false valuation of the party's role in these struggles. Among the mistakes mentioned | Unions, which has become easier as a are the following:—

The party tried to delay elementary reformist leadership. mass movements before the October events up to the "final stroke" and thereby commended includes:hindered mass movements, instead of furfront organs were utilised too little for engaging in it. As a result, the struggle out by them under the control of the party. was taken up almost entirely as a struggle of the party and not as a united struggle of the proletariat; the party failed to connect its final aim: Dictatorship of the pro- | the shop nuclei. letariat closely with the transition de-

attitude was, however, the party's prepar- important undertakings and of the most coloured race to rise out of its position as ing itself exclusively for a "final limportant branches of industry." struggle" for obtaining political power | Maintaining, deepening and employing feeling the pinch of competition, are fruit methods of struggle.

In the decisive days for the pasty, the importance of the number of arms was pressed that in October last year when the | generally over-estimated, while the enormous subjective force and the readiness of the proletarian vanguard to offer sacrifices (lessons of the Hamburg struggles) were generally under-valued.

The thesis then discusses the future task

of the party and declares that:—

The fight against the prolongation of the working time, against the abolition of the eight-hour day and against the reduction of wages must be organised by the party everywhere by rousing propaganda land by extending and leading the defensive struggles. Even in cases where such struggles lead to a defeat, the masses must l perceive clearly and distinctly that the Communist Party has tried with all its forces to take up and to lead this struggle.

The party must stand everywhere at the head of the unemployed, lead their struggles, and unite them; all the unemplayed must recognise that the Communist Party is caring for their needs and is fight-

The connection of the party with the working masses by the co-ordination of the movement of the unemployed with the Factory Councils, as well as with all other united front organs of the proletariat, intensification of the Factory Councils' movement, so as to make them the strongest organs of the united front in all the him. struggles of the proletariat.

The leadership of the economic struggles of the proletariat expressed in elementary outbreaks in connection with the Factory Councils' movement and with the united

The political demonstrations of the employed in the shops with the unemiployed, with clear and distinct slogans, with economic and political demands.

Especially intensive work among the strata of the officials, the employees and technicians, as well as among the proletarian agrarian population.

The winning and the saving of the Trade result of the present debacle due to the

Respecting organisation, the policy re-

The transformation of the party upon thering them. The press and the united the shop nucleus system, so that all functions of the local organisations are transpreparing the struggle politically and for | ferred to the shop nuclei and are carried

> The transformation of the local and district committees, so as to secure the deciding influence to the representatives of

In the Zentralausschub (enlarged C, C) L; mands and with the partial struggles. the greatest influence must be secured to The cardinal mistake of the strategic the representatives of the most vitally The white masters will never permit the

and its rejecting and preventing partial in a corresponding manner the united ful soil for the growth of anti-negre struggles, struggles with partial demands fronttactics, as they have been fixed at feeling. and with less aggressive means and the congresses of the Communist Inter-

#### MAPPY MINERS.

about the origin of the Rand gold fields. On the geological history of the Witwatersrand he may have approximated to the truth, and also in his description of usual, he floundered and lied. This little | Sli Fi is too fly for that, however.

Club Sir Lionel Phillips gave a "talk" | "the mine workers were happier as a body | sibly take place. than they ever were before. That was because they were fairly treated, earning good wages for good services."

It would be interesting to hear the comments of an audience of mine workers emthe Crown Mines, but he could not resist | ployed and unemployed if Phillips made ( an excursion into sociology and there, as the same statement at a public meeting. per month.

# Beasts of Burden.

Lord Leverhulme invites Australians to admit coloured labour to do the "donker work," as he calls it, and to keep the coloured labourers as "beasts of burden.

In America, he says, the prosperity of the nation to-day was built upon negro labour, and the negroes are still, with few exceptions, in the position of beasts of burden.

The United States of America is terrible example to give to Australia. The negroes make the social problem of the

United States almost insoluble.

There are more than ten millions of them—a solid and rapidly increasing mass -between whom and the white people. their countrymen, no social tie exists. A terrible hatred has grown .up between them, which expresses itself in massacri and lynchings of black by white. The existence of a huge, mixed race, the shame of black and white, dreaded and hated by both, adds to the terror of the situation. The negro worker and the white worker now compete together in the same labour market, but the negro is kept by artificial means from improving his status. Nominally, he enjoys the same rights as the white man, but actually, he dare not exercise them, and he is so beaten down econmically that the white worker cannot possibly compete with him, and whole branches of industry are abandoned to

The negro population increases faster than the white, and, in the Southern \* States, where the negroes are the most hated and the most numerous and where. owing to this hatred they are repressed with an iron hand, yet the white man is t sinking rapidly to their cultural level.

The people of the Southern States of America talk like the negro, sing the songs of negroes, and dance their dances. Jazz dancing and jazz music are distinctly negroid and all America is permeated with them, and half Europe as well. Lord Leverhulme has also become contact.

But that is a small matter beside the fact that these coloured millions, scarcely emerged from slavery, set the standard of living for the whole of the working class. It is a "beast of burden," standard, and enormous fortunes are being made out of their labour, which go to strengthen the power of the Capitalist Class, and enables them to buy up legislatures, courts and governors in their fight with the white workers.

Every day the rapid increase in their numbers and their hopeless poverty is driving more and more white workers cut of industry. Bitter feelings grow more bitter; they are bound to do so, for these seems no possible solution of the difficulty. cheap workers and the white workers.

Many people see no way out of the problem but wholesale massacre of blacks by whites, and Southern newspapers are personal petually conducting propaganda against the coloured people. If they can arous At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary | big man had the audacity to state that sufficient hysteria, the massacre will personal the sufficient hysteria, the massacre will personal the sufficient hysteria.

"Australasian Seamen's Journal.

# THE CONQUERING EUROPEAN

A Chinese A.B. seaman receives £3

A German A.B. £1 10s.—if he is luck.

# A Letter to a South African in Russia.

write and give you my impressions of South Africa on my return from Europe, which promise I will try to fulfil.

It is naturally not without a thrill that one sights the familiar outlines of Table Mountain and its supporting peaks (the fairest cape in the whole circumference of the globe, see advertisement), and breathes again the familiar odour of Table Bay in the snoek season. A huge unfamiliar concrete structure on the dock-side, readily recognised as one of the great-grain elevators which are now being erected at the ports and various grain centres throughout South Africa, is an indication of the growing importance of the Union as a grain exporting country.

A newspaper thrown aboard announced the end of the dock strike in England with a victory for the men, and soon after one was shaking hands with a group of enthusiastic Capetown comrades. Rapid questions and answers soon put one in possession of the chief events of the past nine months, and disclosed the fact that in this fair, sparsely populated and sunny land the social problem in its manifold aspects demands solution as in the older European countries. After a few interviews and enquiries in Capetown it became clear that the condition of the workers had not materially—if at all—improved since last May. Unemployment for thousands, low wages, and a constant dread of further reductions or the sack the purely academic to the practical plane is an indication that haunting those who happened to be working. This is the condition of the workers here as in other capitalist countries.

Visits to trade union offices and chats with officials, and the members disclosed a corresponding weakness in the industrial organisations. Membership declining in all but one or two unions, funds depleted, and every effort made by the few stalwarts whom nothing can daunt apparently unsuccessful.

Such a condition of affairs tends to be prolonged owing to the activities of certain renegade Labour leaders who, under the guise of industrial organisation, are unceasing in their efforts to still further disrupt the Labour forces and prevent the workers from on class lines. As examples of the work of the party in this direcshowing a united front to the common enemy. Notwithstanding tion, I might mention the German Famine Relief Committee, these disquieting features the position is not hopeless. Re- united agitation for release of strike prisoners, united action in peated attempts are being made to improve the organisation and support of Labour candidates in local, provincial and national elec-Increase the class consciousness of the workers which, although not | tions. The size and enthusiasm of the meetings arranged by the killfully directed this desire would rapidly crystalise in definite accepted. ction. The body known as the Associated Trade Unions has held everal meetings in Johannesburg with the object of improving the edividual unions and co-ordinating their efforts, but the weakness f this body lies in the fact that it is composed of officials who with he best will in the world are not always able correctly to guage the indencies and feelings of the membership, to say nothing of those the are for the moment outside the ranks of the trade unions.

There is a growing feeling that some medium of expression for e RANK AND FILE should be provided, which should be freed a great extent from the influence or, at any rate, the domination the official element. Obviously the shop steward and works mmittee movement is the best and most direct machinery for this Trpose.

In consequence of the state of veiled or open terrorism which lists on the mines, railways, and many other shops, this branch working-class activity has weakened, and in some cases ceased to action altogether, many of the best elements of the workers being l etimised or, if still allowed to work, they are fearful of functioning l the hostile or cowardly atmosphere surrounding them.

Failing this solution a growing body of opinion in favour of re-establishment of Trade and Labour Councils is in evidence. In or more years ago such bodies were active and energetic in the lef industrial centres of the Union, but with the advent of the deration of Trades on the one hand and the Labour Party on other they fell away and in most centres ceased to function.

To-day the S.A.I. Federation, insofar as it exists at all, is a mkly reactionary and disruptive force openly supported by the hing and other capitalists, and the S.A. Labour Party has no Iger any direct contact with the workers' organisations.

The time is, in the opinion of many experienced and thoughtful The various towns. These bodies would be composed of delegates Vities and would not necessarily nor easily be dominated by the the tortuous argument of the secretary of the LATE S.A.I.F.

Dear Comrade,—You asked me when I was leaving Moscow to I executives. Their function would not be either strictly industrial nor political, but being only advisory and consultative they could interest themselves in all aspects of the worker's life and act as a guide to the national industrial and political bodies as to the tendencies uppermost at any given moment. They might, when well established, call together congresses on a provincial or national. scale as is done in Britain and elsewhere; and thus become a valuable connecting link between the industrial and political wings of the movement.

> In regard to the political situation here the "pact," as it is called, between the National and Labour Parties, still exists and will probably function until after the next general election in spite of the most glaring differences of opinion between some of the leaders concerned. A desire to defeat Smuts and a hankering after the sweets of office will keep the agreement alive for a time.

> Meanwhile the great question of the relationship between the white and non-white worker is becoming rapidly a burning one. It crops up in almost every assembly of workers either political or industrial, and has been discussed and voted upon in important meetings of some of the unions, particularly the miners.

> The vote in the Transvaal has so far been against including the natives in the union, but the fact that the question has moved from opinion and circumstances are changing.

The Communist Party still holds the proud position of being the only real working-class propaganda organisation here, and loses no opportunity not only of carrying on the advocacy of its principles but also takes the lead in exposures of capitalist tactics and associates itself with all other organisations which may even only temporarily be fighting in the interests of the workers, thus carrying out the tactics of the United Front The orthodox political Labour leaders are particularly afraid of these tactics and sabotage, and even openly oppose all attempts to close up the workers' ranks bet very successful, the very general feeling felt and expressed that | party to hear my report on conditions in Russia appear to be an ome rallying of the forces is imperative indicates that honestly and indication that our point of view is becoming more generally

> The growing numbers, activity and enthusiasm of the young Communist League branches in South Africa is perhaps the most encouraging feature. Branches are being established in various centres in the Transvaal, Cape Colony and Natal, and it has long passed the stage of a mere debating society.

> A movement which can attract to itself a considerable body of the youth of the country has vitality, and that this is recognised in other quarters is shown by the frantic efforts of the capitalist and reformist Labour parties to organise youth branches of their organisations; so far with but little success.

> I shall try to keep you posted from week to week, and hope to hear from you in return.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. ANDREWS.

# Parasites.

The editor of the Chamber of Mines Weekly spreads himself over three-quarters of a column on the subject of Russian Trades Unions and cost of administration. His figures, taken from League of Nations' sources, can hardly be expected to be friendly to the Russian workers' organisations, and further they only refer to the period 1921-2.

But even these figures, tainted and biased as they are, show that the Russian Trade Union movement has made great strides in efficiency and economy.

Mr. Crawford is no doubt a great authority on the capacity k and file union men, ripe for the revival of the Labour Councils, of the workers to carry "loads of parasites," but the average worker will probably attach as little credence to figures supplied Ctly elected from and responsible to the branches in the various | by General Smuts' protege, the League of Nations, as he does to

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### The Golden Rand.

The gold output of the Witwatersrand at £39.758;683, and represents 54 per cent of the world's output.

amounted to £8,41,970 as compared with for a time—sometimes for a long time—

£7,163,941 in 1921.

working. At the end of 1921 just prior to the strike the average cost of working in respect of one ton of 2.000lb, of Rand win once. This ther have at last done ore was 2411; by the end of 1922 this had been reduced to 20%, and at the end question of time—and perhaps a short of 1923 the cost of production stood at time—when other important sections of 198 per ton.

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"Star" and the article by Owen Letcher to prove by figures that this is so and that the traders and workers on the Rand are living in an earthly paradise, but are obstinately determined to go out of business to suffer and starve in order to dis-Rand but elsewhere.

If one had listened to the Czar of Russia and his apologists in the old days it would have been easy to believe that the Russian workers and peasants were living in lotus land and that the Czar and his officials scarcely slept o' nights for thinking out new forms of amusement for his satiated subjects.

In the same way tyranny and slavery in 1923 is given as 9,133,060 ozs. valued in all lands has been advocated as the most truly kind thing for the slaves and the oppressed.

The dividends paid in the same period. This kind of dope serves its purpose but the end must come one day.

form the basis of a panygeric on the in- volts have been put down by treachery every kind. in Russia at anv rate, and it is only a the werkers will see through their The writer proceeds to state that there oppressors' game and win that one and

pounds and to natives of three-quarters of capitalism will, of course, continue to and others anxious to train up supera million, and an increase in the amount light furiously against the march of events. Printers for their masters who will in time spent on stores, and supplies of over a but it is a losing fight, a hopeless battle. Oust the old-faskioned employee. But million and three-quarter pounds, and The facts are against them. History is with the increased efficiency of these ingives on to say that "these results must against them. Numbers are against tensively trained vouths we may assume be considered as satisfactory, not only them, and it only requires the necessary that the output per man will rise, and so from the point of view of the shareholders education, discipline and determination fewer hands will be required than is the to whom the mines belong but also from of the workers for the whole capitalist case at present, and so the latter state

We have heard that figures cannot he, sections of the governing class. This is dox unionist is arguing in a circle, just the hope that inspires the revolutionary as the old limitation of apprentice adveworkers in all lands.

Soviet Revolution and with matchless art collectively. heard-of difficulties, laving the foundation course, finally in the establishing of our of the Soviet order, has left a deeper trace munism and abolition of production in fin the destinies of humanity than anyone profit, but in the meantime the one with the final ratification of the Union work. Get rid of the apprentice fetish is destituide. which represented a vast in-Morder Rate based on the traternal arion of propies which Levin sand for. —The President of the All-Russian

Coeffes a grand

The Rand winders in particular are a securi par idea and it is at once seen by course the employees are willing to the Mir ce ingrates. Lineal Philips says they their various opposition that we have got about limiting appressions, training the best of this ever incidence there down to brase taking. The opposition of shilled crafteness, technical education is ever it at any face, eaght to be. And the best class to an idea is a presty good they know there is no meaning in the

# Apprentices.

The apprentice question has exercised the trade union world throughout its existence, and is still one of the most fertile credit their would-be benefactors, Phillips | sources of debate at union meetings. The and the Chamber of Mines. This kind of old remedy—limitation of apprentices thing has, of course, been done before by never got near solving the problem exthe thieves in possession not only on the cepting in favourable periods and in certain special trades in strategically strong positions.

The Printing Trades Journal, the organ of the Printing Industry Employees' Union of Australia, publishes in its February issue a highly appreciative article on technical classes, trade schools and other means provided by the capitalist ruling class for the rapid turning out of what the article calls "competent craftsmen.

The writer seems to think that so long as a vouth acquires a certain high standard of skill that his future is assured, ignoring the undoubted fact that the world In an article by Owen Letcher in the Spartacus rose against Imperial Rome labour market is already glutted with "Star" annual supplement these facts and was crushed, innumerable slave re-skilled and competent young workers of

estimable value the gold mining industry and blood in all lands and ages. The In another page of the same journal we has been and still is to South Africa and workers of Paris saw their commune find a protest against the action of the the Empire generally. "These satisfac drowned in a blood-bath in March, 1871. master printers in sending for compositors tory achievements," we are told, "have The Russians had a similar experience in from Europe, and a cable was sent to been brought about entirely by reason of 1905. In recent times Italy, Bulgaria, Britain protesting on behalf of the printa substantial reduction in the cost of Finland and Germany have seen the pro- ers in Australia. "There is no shortage cess repeated, but as a workers' agitator of labour in the industry here," proceeds used to say, "The workers only need to the article, as "most branches have had to par unemplorment benefit throughout the year.

Then why advocate the intensive training of printers' apprentices if the trade is already flooded! It would seem that the was in the same period an increase in the final victory which shall destroy capital- present methods of training are adequate land more than adequate to keep up the 2.(60) and of wages to whites of a million. The "Star" and other agencies of supply, or are the trade unionist printers the viewpoint of the employees, the farm house of cards to fall about their ears. will be worse than the first-for the This is the nightmare which haunts all workers. It is easily seen that the orthocate did when he voted in his branch it. limitation of apprentices to a fixed ratio The Soviet Government has received to journeymen and then wormed the biss innumerable letters of condolence on the day in and day out to take HIS boy in death of Lenin. Of this the following two as an apprentice, all his mates similarly statements are typical. situated doing the same, thus stultiving The great leader who prepared the individually what they had decided ::

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# March.

ITS PLACE IN WORKING-CLASS HISTORY.

one of the most glorious episodes in the proletarian struggle in South Africa if not, indeed, of the world. It is as indelibly stamped on the pages of universal working-class history as is, for instance, the Paris Commune of the year 1871. As with the Paris workers in that year, so in 1922 did the workers of this country receive their first real baptism of fire and blood.

In those stirring days the historical and class significance of the battle which raged on the Witwatersrand was lost sight of by of capital over labour—the condition of their own parisitical existmost. The true perspective was blurred and hidden by gun smoke and the clamour and heat of the fighting. But now, after two years of comparative quiet, two years in which the worker's side of the class struggle has only found expression in covert bitterness against

correct historical setting.

features as it is in any other part of the world. And to be able to to be condemned for going "too far," which was what the more place the true value on the various episodes and phases of the S.A. labour struggle we must first realise that fact. We must know that the same conditions which produce class warfare in every other capitalist country are in existence and produce the same effects here. The workers and their masters have nothing in common, hence there can be no peace under capitalism but only civil war-now topen, now veiled, which will cease only with the complete victory of the workers over capitalism and the consequent abolition of hostile feconomic classes. We in South Africa are but a section—a battalion—in the world-wide army of labour, which is held together in ta bond of international solidarity by virtue of a common oppression and a common purpose—the winning of freedom from the fetters of twage-slavery and all the other disadvantages which capitalism imposes on the workers. Hence our struggles, having their basis in an economic and social system which is world-wide, differ in their main features not one whit from labour struggles in France, England, Germany, America, or any other country. And, contrarily, the methods and tactics employed by the ruling class in suppression of the workers are essentially the same in every country though they nay possibly differ in degree according to time and circumstances.

It was Karl Marx who said that "the civilisation and justice of courgeois order comes out in its lurid light whenever the slaves and rudges of that order rise against their masters. Then this civilation and justice stand forth as undisguised savagery and lawless evenge." For does not history teem with examples of capitalist vagery—in almost every country one might mention? Brute force not the sole weapon which capitalism employs for the suppression its slaves, it is true. Between times the more insidious methods f propaganda are used—doping the workers' minds in schools, hurches, bioscopes, newspapers and what not. But when these il, when the workers break, even temporarily, these mental chains, hd come out openly in revolt against the conditions that are forced

them, then the appeal to force is unhesitatingly made.

What is it that makes the Rand Revolt of 1922 so significant in Le annals of South African Labour? What lessons can we gain om a study of its general character? Let us attempt comparisons Ith similar happenings in other countries. We will take two: the kris Commune of 1871 and the Russian Revolution of 1905. Ithough in objective the Rand Revolt differs from those two events, three were grounded in the struggle between capital and labour between exploiters and exploited. On the 18th March, 1871, Fris arose to the thunderburst of "Vive la Commune!" In its Inifesto of that date, the Central Committee of the Commune Id: "The proletarians of Paris, amidst the failures and treasons the ruling classes, have understood that the hour has struck for em to save the situation by taking into their own hands the direc-In of public affairs. . . They have understood that it is their ! sperative duty and their absolute right to render themselves sters of their own destinies by seizing upon the Governmentall wer." The Commune was established and lasted for three Inths. The many reasons for its failure cannot be dealt with Te. Despite a defence of unexampled heroism by the Paris People will enrich the revolutionary field!'" There the Commune fell—heroism was not in itself sufficient to Fure permanent victory. With the fall of the Commune com-Inced a wholesale "smelling-out," followed by the indiscriminate beacre of thirty thousand members of the Paris working-class—A n, women and children—by the bloodhounds of the Versailles mailed to that eternal pillory from which all the prayers of their ternment at whose head were the monsters MacMahon and Thiers. Fis was left a veritable city of the dead for months to come. What

did this unholy holacaust accomplish for the French ruling class? It suppressed in blood the first workers' government—true! but it The Rand Revolt of March, 1922, will ever be remembered as | did not succeed in killing the Labour movement in that country. It grew again and still grows. The Commune has given to the French workers a great and glorious tradition—a heritage. They will one day avenge the blood-bath of 1871. They will carry the work of the heroic Communards further. They will justify their sacrifices by victory over their executioners. As said Marx, the class struggle cannot be stamped out by any amount of carnage. "To stamp it out, the Government would have to stamp out the despotism ence." Marx defended and glorified the Communards, whilst in most Labour circles the "correct" attitude was condemnation. He realised its historical significance.

The next great event in Labour history was the 1905 revoluand hatred of the ruling class, we are able to give March, 1922, its | tion in Russia. Nearly everyone is acquainted with this event in which hundreds of workers lost their lives and which was drowned The class struggle in South Africa is the same in its essential in blood. Were these sacrifices in vain? Were the Russian workers moderate elements in the Russian Labour Movement did? As Marx defended the Commune so Lenin defended the 1905 revoultion—and for the same reasons. Lenin's reply to the moderates was: "You have failed to grasp the meaning of this movement. It was a great revolution and by no means a chaos. It was a great revolution, not because there was the manifesto of October 30th (by which the Tzar proclaimed a constitution), not because the bourgeoisie began to move, but because there was, ALBEIT UNSUCCESSFUL, AN ARMED INSURRECTION OF THE WORKERS OF MOSCOW, because for the space of one month a Petrograd Soviet flitted before the eyes of the world proletariat. And the revolution will yet arise once more; the Soviets will be reborn and will win." Lenin understood the historical significance of 1905 to the Russian Labour movement. The lessons of 1871 in France and 1905 in Russia were by no means dost on the Russian workers and peasants when in 1917 they accomplished their successful revolution. They knew that the price of failure would be a fresh blood-bath on an unprecedented scale, and this, amid manifold hardships and seemingly insurmountable difficulties, doubtless stimulated their determination to win. Lenin was right. Defeat was necessary for victory.

What, then, of the Rand Revolt? What is its significance? Although it was a campaign on a much smaller scale than those of Paris and Moscow, though the slogans were different, its general characteristics were the same. The Capitalist class here proved themselves, in the person of Smuts, to be no less ruthless and bloodthirsty than the thugs of Thiers in Paris or the "Little Father" in Moscow. The Rand Revolt was crushed, many workers lost their lives after an heroic resistance. And following the defeat, the S.A. propotypes of the Russian Mensheviks and the French reactionaries began their hymn of condemnation. Our "moderate" Labourites and Trade Union leaders hastened to dissociate themselves from the fight. All in concert shrieked: "You shouldn't have gone so far!" Alone of all Labour organisations, the Communist Party justified and defended the heroic workers of the Rand. As Lenin told the Russian Mensheviks in 1905 so we told, and tell, the Mensheviks in S.A.: "You have failed to grasp the meaning of this movement. It was a great revolution and by no means a chaos, because there was, ALBEIT UNSUCCESSFUL, AN ARMED REVOLT OF THE RAND WORKERS, because for a space WORKERS' COMMAN-DOES, WORKERS' MILITARY UNITS, THE PROTOTYPES OF THE FUTURE RED ARMY IN S.A., FLITTED BEFORE THE EYES OF THE WORLD PROLETARIAT. The revolution will arise yet once more in South Africa. The commandoes will be reborn and will win. This is the historical significance of March,

Bloodshed, carnage! Yes! But we will echo the words of Lissagarey who, writing of the Commune of Paris, hurled forth these defiant words: "As to that class, the purveyors of Empires, that fancis it can govern by periodical butcheries, go tell them in accents loud enough to drown their clamours, 'The Blood of the

Of those who fell in the battle, and of the battle itself, we say "the Rand Revolt will for ever be cold-rated as the glorious harbinger of a new society. Its martyre are enshrined in the great heart of the working class, whose exterminators history has already priests will not avail to redeem them."

C. F. GLASS.

# The Labour Spy.

A good many readers of Upton Sindepicted.

The December issue of the 'Labour in America as elsewhere.

The International Moulders' Union has just concluded an investigation into the doings of one of its prominent officials, Jim Cronin, known to the detective agency which paid him 200 dollars weekly as Operative 03.

of 24 president of the Philadelphia Cenof that State was chosen a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Commission.

president. He was delegated to represent sions of great delicacy and importance.

not only of the State and his own union. spy known as Operative 03.

of Industrial Relations, and its purpose wages in large industrial plants, and increase working hours. Two of the secun- N.E.P. = market-plan. drels who ran this bureau fell out over money matters, and the facts came out in an investigation by the Chicago District Attorner's office.

#### "WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS.

Out of the trial came a number of interesting side-lights on how these detective agencies operate. The "Bureau's" declared to-day by the Army authorities to be perfectly normal.—News item.)

Association, "the name of the employers association. For 50,000 dollars the "Bureau" agreed to break the power of unionism in the broad silks, ribbon, flax and jute grades of the Jersey town. The contract contained clauses providing for "increasing working hours, decreasing wages, specifing up production, creation of the open shop and later the non-union later age of the Jersey town. The "increasing up production, creation of the open shop and later the non-union later age of the Jersey town. The "it was disclosed that these labour spies to be perfectly normal.—News item.)

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Oh yes, quite normal.

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within three months to make this increase ceive from the employers." said one wit- " common people"! of hours run up to 50 per week.

sults called for in its agreement, the em- | Justice. plovers refused to par any more but It will be well it trade unionists in

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# The Single Economic Plan. The "Church Times"

The question of the "economic plan" clair's book, "The Spy," are inclined to occupied a prominent place in the discusdoubt the existence of the wholesale and sions at the conference of the Russian systematic capitalist spy system as therein | Communist Party. The view originally | not surprising to find the "Church Times" put forward by the opposition that the disparaging the life-work of the noblest economic crisis of last autumn was caused Age" gives some startling facts showing by the absence of an economic plan was that the policy of buying labour union decisively refuted. It was agreed by all matter what the future may have in store. officials is still popular with the boss class that a strict economic plan was essential Russia must date her re-birth to Lenin. in a Socialist economy, but it was pointed Above the crowd of mediocrities and out that the conditions which would have | nonentities engaged in the work of Euromade this possible have only begun to be pean conflict he towers like Gulliver over realised. The fundamental importance of the Lilliputians. His name will be green the economic plan has never been overlooked by the Soviet Government. This is testified to by the growth of the State blind, clerical hack to see this. Thus we for betraying the class which trusted him, Planning Commission, which, from a have this miserable rag of decadent clerismall committee, working on a small calism saying that the lesson of Lenin's This man is 35 years old, and since scale and concerned chiefly with plans for life is: "There can be no real progress boyhood almost has been active in the electrification, has become a large, im without religion. There can be no endur-Moulders' Union. He became at the age portant body. "the general staff on the ling happiness for the common people if economic front," controlling and govern- they are robbed of their faith." (A fat tral Labour Union, and gaining the confi- ing the activity of all the economic organdence of the ruling Republican politicians isations. The struggle for a planned economic system is a slow process, but even if this could be done or was done!) already great advance has been made. He enjoyed the confidence of the inter- From the first, the plans drawn up have national officers of his own union and of been based on real economic possibilities. his own local or branch of which he was They have, therefore, been possible of "common" people need faith: superior accurate fulfilment, and have acted as a the international office on many commis- guiding factor. Thus, for instance, the I fuel plan was completed to the extent of To the astonishment of all his colleagues | 97 per cent. in 1921-22, and 99 per cent. indisputable evidence brought out at his in 1922-23, and the general output of intrial by the Moulders' Union showed that dustry in 1922-23 was in accordance with for some time he had been in the employ. the plans, which it fulfilled by 105 per cent. Plans are now made in advance of but also of the employers themselves as a the period to which they refer, and represent an active factor in economy. Moreover, in many cases the State Planning The spy agency was called the "Bureau Commission has now been able to draw up programmes extending över five vears. was to crush organised labour, reduce On the analogy of a famous equation of Lenin's, the formula is put forward that

# "Normal."

The situation regarding the reported teresting side-lights on how these detective mutinv in the Irish Free State Army is

ness.

The "Welfare Association" paid them The United States Department was 21,000 dollars of the 50,000 dollars con-shown up as a "feeder" of spies and tracted for, including 1,000 dollars for a strike-breakers to the private employers, "surver" by Shively. Finding that the and some of the heads of these spy agencies "Bureau" was not accomplishing the re- are ex-members of the Department of

decided not to sue for the amount already South Africa take note of these happenpaid, for fear the men would learn of what lings, for capitalism is the same everythey were doing. Thus were these where, and the spy and labour traitor is employer-criminals caught in their own a phenomenon not peculiar to the United States as the South African workers are BUT HAVE WE RECEIVED YOUR beginning to find out.

# Lenin.

After our experience of Dean Inge it is pioneer of our age and generation. No when all the rest have long since perished. But one can hardly expect a poor, purlot of enduring happiness they enjoyed before Lenin robbed them of their faith.

Of course the pharisaical hypocrite and vulgar snob who pens this trash is not made of "common" clay himself. Only ones like him can do quite well without it—"religion is the opium of the people." A drink-sodden or religion-intoxicated people is never dangerous to vested interests. Thus we have the clergy and bishops supporting the opium war, for the enforced drugging of a people, as well as the interests of the brewers in England or dop growers in South Africa.

What really troubles these miserable exponents of professional Christianity is not the faith of the people at all. It is something much more material, and can be expressed in terms of £ s. d. Russia has secularised Church property which belonged to the State, and devoted it to purposes of real benefit to the masses: hence these thars, for the example set by Russian Communists may prove infectious. Here you have the genesis of all those lying reports in clerical organs that religion is persecuted in Russia.

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What says Swinburne:—

What says Swinburne:—
"We have done with the kisses that sting.

With the thief's mouth red iron the feast.

With the blood on the hands it the King.

And the lie on the lips of the priesi.

OUR INTERRUPTION. SUBSCRIPTION LATELY!

# LENIN THE IMMORTAL.

"ISKRA-THE SPARK THAT GREW INTO A GREAT FLAME." (By D. Ivon Jones.)

Before you receive this you will no doubt I who are incorrigible humbugs in actual have reproduced many articles on the fact. death of Lenin, as the Russian Press is flooded with /" farewells" from his old | thirty years ago with clear-cut ideas. He disciples, his \'generals' in the class war, that race of Bolsheviks, unbending, hard' as steel, forming the central core of the Russian Communist Party, known by all lution at that time, Plekhanov included, as "the old guard." How these old Bol- Lenin alone grasped the needs of the situasheviks loved their captain! And not only | tion. He alone had the clear idea of what "the old guard," but the whole Russian kind of an organisation the proletariat people loved this man to tears. When the needed in the country of absolutism. He news of Lenin's death was announced at sketched out that organisation in detail, a meeting here in Yalta, a Red Army his dream he called it. Even the liberal heró, four times wounded in the civil war, bourgeoisie at that time wanted the revofell in a swoon. Thus it was for millions— | lution. The proletariat also wanted the | "How can it be possible—life without revolution, that is, the overthrow of the Lenin?" Men felt for this man a love | Czarism, and after? A yery big query. greater than that of a brother. And After? Depends on what kind of organsearch his writings, you will not find a lisation made the revolution. I have just single sentimental phrase; not many finished reading the brochure written by rhetorical calls to fight for freedom even, Lenih in 1902, "What Should We Do?" ne talk about love of the working people. It was an epoch-making work, and repre-"More deeds and fewer words", was a sented the policy of the "Iskra" newsgreat Leninian axiom, and his greatest paper which Lenin, with Martov and mittee, who happened to be all Menspeeches and pamphlets are all concerned | Plekhanov, were publishing abroad. The about how to organise the revolution. first congress of the Russian Social None of your sentimental hash: Let's Democratic Party had been held in 1898. have "All Power to the Soviets"! Every- but it had remained a congress only withthing concrete, matter of fact. What a out organising the Central Committee of hater of phrases! Such ignominy has he the party. For the police broke it up. poured on phrasemongering that the word | Thus the party was only an idea, describmeaning. If he could only catch any of in various parts of Russia. It was Lenin's little slip at the congress, which Lenin his Bolsheviks perpetrating a meaningless | "Iskra" organisation, and Lenin's organphrase, with what a schoolmaster rage he isation of "professional revolutionaries" long plunge into opportunism, showing would pounce upon him! Ah, these old which first established the beginnings of that there was nothing accidental in the Bolsheviks, they went out to the village a compact centralised party. There were where Lenin breathed his last to fetch him | men like Martov in the Iskra group who into town, and they carried the coffin hated Lening notions of a disciplined centhemselves, turn about, THE LID OPEN, tralised party, but did not come out openly five versts to the station, and placed it in | until the congress of 1903, the second conthe train in the same carriage with them- gress so-called. In the "Iskra" commitselves. Unspeakable the affection towards | tee these silent objectors had no troops, Lenin; even in death they do not wish no backers. In the congress they found to part from him. | these troops. There is a class instinct, a

great, but only his death has begun to strikingly in the proceedings of this conreveal how really great he was. One of gress, which has gone down in history as the elements of greatness is the abiding the origin of the Menheviks and Bolcharacter of a man's work. And how un- sheviks. All agreed on the programme, shakeable are the foundations of Soviet for did they not all want the revolution? Power Lenin's death will show. For Lenin | But whose revolution? This came out in was the organiser of the proletariat. And the clauses of the constitution. "Who the proletariat, the non-party workers in shall be members of the party?" Here all the large factories and workshops, at was the one point of principle, as Lenin on it. And from it we gain the picture of the news of Lenin's death, and as a reply said afterwards, on which the "Iskra" one man standing firm with a few folto any possible bourgeois rejoicing, poured | group split in the conference. Martov | lowers, mainly workers' delegates from into the Russian Communist Party by the said "Those who accept the programme hundreds and the thousands. This is why and pay dues"; Lenin said" Those who of brilliant intellectuals, but afflicted with the bourgeois world will never understand accept the programme, pay dues, AND the disease that the intelligenzia is prone Soviet Russia. Crises which throw other ENTER A PARTY ORGANISATION" classes into panic, only make the workers (underground, of course, and therefore stand firmer and more solid in their ranks. | dangerous). Martov and his crowd of And Lenin himself, in his hatred of opportunist delegates from other organphrasemongering, in his marvellous organ-lisations pleaded that every striker should ising powers, in his scientific knowledge be a member if he chose to call himself of the factors in history, in his IMPER-| such. But Axelrod let the cat out of the TURBABILITY in a crisis, in his sim- bag, and talked about a "professor friend plicity in these and many inestable quali- of mine" who was a Social Democrat, but ties, focussed in his person the excelling good gracious, couldn't be expected to qualities of the class of which he was the enter a party organisation! Lenin was leader, the revolutionary proletariat. I in a minority on this question, with Plek-Zinoviev very aptly remarked in a recent | hanov. One has only to read the literaarticle that "Marx discovered the prole- ture on this question to see how Plektariat, and the proletariat discovered hanov was under the influence of Lenin in Lenin." For if the proletariat had not this period when the question of organdiscovered him, he would have been of isation was the supreme question. Lenin absolutely no use to any other class. Such I was the master in this sphere, without a an advanced type of humanity, indeed the I doubt. Lenin told the congress that the high water mark of humanity, would have question was not one which need endanger been useless to the bourgeoisie, no matter the unity of the party. He recognised what section of it. For an exploiting class | there must be a Gironde and a Jacobin needs many "honest Johns" by repute section as in the German party. Later on

Lenin entered the political struggle just ! was only twenty-three. But of all those who spoke and wrote of the Russian Revophrase" in Russian has now no other ing the isolated Social Democratic groups We all knew before that Lenin was class psychology, which comes out very

five Bund delegates quitted the congress because its conditions for merging were unacceptable to the bund organisation. This gave the Lenin group a majority of one in the election of the central and editorial committees. In the "Iskra!" caucus Martov had demanded a majority of seats for his section. The Lenin group conceded him one out of three. It was carried to open congress and the Lenin group obtained a majority of one for their list. Hence the word Bolshevik. But no one suspected from this that a split would ensue. Lenin least of all, for the split seldom rests with the majority, it depends on whether the minority submit or not. But Martov and his section did neither the one nor the other. They boycotted the party organisation, and the paper. The central organs were faced with an impending breakaway on the part of the Mensheviks. Martov openly described his conduct as a "REVOLT AGAINST LENINISM." Thus we have the word first coined twenty years ago by the Mensheviks! Lenin, in order to avoid a split, resigned from the central organs; and Plekhanov, with the powers of co-optation given to the elected members by the congress, co-opted the whole of the old comsheviks. Lenin thought that he had saved unity, which he still persisted in regarding as endangered, not by very deep questions of principle, but by the personal anarchist conduct of his old colleagues. But now that Lenin was out of the committee the central organ started upon a policy of unbridled opportunism. The thought accidental, now became a headdivision on the question: "Who shall be members of the party?" Plekhanov now, with Lenin away, joins the Mensheviks, and Lenin is forced to form a Bolshevik fraction within the party with a separate central committee. This was still the position in 1907 when Lenin talks of "the party," meaning the whole Social Demócratic Party, and of the Mensheviks and Bolsheviks as "fractions.". The Bolsheviks, after the Stockholm congress in 1906, still sent three representatives to the joint central committee besides having their own central committee. And this was the position till the war brought a complete separation.

The perusal of the literature on this question throws a completely new light the committees in Russia, against a crowd to, which Lenin called "blue-blooded Anarchism." "What?" they cried, "you want to build a party like a huge factory with the central committee as manager." Lenin pursued his idea, "his dream" of a proletarian party of the revolution, convinced that the form of organisation desired by the Mensheviks meant a petty bourgeois revolution, a revolution doomed to failure. And so it proved. The critical days of the Russian Revolution were the days of 1903, when Lenin started building his party. He realised his idea. In 1917 this firm-as-steel organisation was ready. Without the struggle in 1903 it would have been too late to start on the job in 1917. Nothing in history more brilliantly vindicates the necessity of clear-cut theory than this history of the Menshevik split. And out of it the figure of Lenin emerges in the proportions of a giant.

I have written about this part of Lenin's

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### Lenin the Immortal.

(Continued from Page 7.) life because it is the one that interests me most, and is one, be it only in roughsoutline, which English readers need to be acquainted with. For the notion we have had of the Menshevik split is that of a somewhat arbitrary breakaway by Lenin, whereas the contrary was the case. The recent party controversy in Russia, of which no doubt the capitalist Press has not failed to give you alarmist accounts, has a great deal to do with the issues in the Menshevik split: The application of democratic methods in the party apparatus. The party is based on the principle of "Democratic centralism." What is "democratic centralism"? Roughly we apply it in the function of an editor, or a general of a volunteer army, better still. We elect the editor to speak for us? If he speaks wrongly we elect another, but do not interfere in his function, ner demand every article to be put to the vote. Better still, we elect our general and his staff, and say go ahead, think out the plan of campaign and we'll obey your orders without question. In a revolutionary for there must be quick action and the cow; Russian art. minimum of discussion. When times be- In answer to a question, Comrade There was a good attendance at the lecciple, especially in the election of local party officials is more and more restored in full. Lenin in 1903 was accused of bringing "martial law" into the party. He laughs at those who want democracy in a revolution. "Why even in the question of a local party organiser if he must do his work well and safely in the illegal organisation, he must be unknown to ninetenths of the members. And you demand that these nine-tenths should elect a man they don't know"! "The vulgar democratic tendency within the party reflects bourgeois dempcratic party tendencies, said Lenin. Two or three years ago Lenin raised the question of extending the democratic principle in the election of officials | Losofsky, and Budenny. (BUT NOT IN THE EXECCTIVE FUNCTIONS) in view of the end of civil war conditions, but strengthening the prosion. It has driven thousands and tens of interested please roll up! thousands of party members to search the Leninian scriptures. And undoubtedly "JANUARY 15th." the party hab been enormously strengthened by it, even if it was a drastic process. But now Lenin's death like a clap of thunder has put au end to all discussion, and we have again a front of steel turned to the outside world. The discussion was really a sign of the firmness of the Soviet, nobody fearing to compromise the safety of the proletarian dictatorship by bringing out questions into open discussion. The end of it will show the magnitude of Lenin's work, the immortality of his great idea.

Zinoviev at the recent party conference in his report on the international situation declared that the party would make no further concessions in exchange for recognition or for foreign credits. comrades desired a retreat on the question of recognising Czarist debts in order to get | WEEKS ONLY (a) to subscribers whose | tangible credits. But Zinoviev reminded subscriptions have expired them of Lenin's words before Genoa: "The I from date of expiry; (b) to longer they delay, the less they will get." persons recommended as Zinoviev said that we must carry out this likely subscribers. policy, for since then the Soviet Power has made great strides forward. The "old | guard' of Bolshevism is so permeated with the master's spirit that we can look forward to the future with the greatest confidence.

Moscow, 2nd February, 1924.

### In Memoriam.

THE HANEKOMS, DOWSE AND

All workers are invited to attend the the spot where the Hanekom brothers and Dowse were done to death by the Transvaal Scottish in March, 1922.

Prominent Labour speakers will attend. memory of the working-class martyrs.

# Young Communist Notes.

JOHANNESBURG BRANCH.

Comrade Andrews met the Johannesburg Y.C.L. at their meeting last Tuesday. The meeting took the form of an informal discussion, Comrade Andrews replying to a large number of questions.

Some of the subjects dealt with were: Library; Russian Communist Party; schools; position of women in the Soviet day, May 1st. party, especially in revolutionary times, Republic: influence of the Church; the 2/6 each, including refreshments. the principle of centralism is uppermost, | "native question" as viewed from Mos-

come more normal the democratic prin- Andrews said that the demand for profes- ture at the Workers' Hall on Wednesday sional men (doctors, engineers, etc.) could

> leaders as fine, gentlemanly, courteous people. Bucharin was a type. Zinoviev was described as stout, but he "looked | Don't forget to roll up and have a good weary," his combined duties as President | time at the Selborne Hall on Saturday. of the Communist International and 15th. Double tickets 5/-, single 3-. Chairman of the Petrograd Soviet (Municipality) keeping him always running backwards and forwards between Moscow and Petrograd. Clara Zetkin, veteran force en occasion. Other leaders mentioned were Kalenin, Trotzky, Radek,

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M. KRUGER.

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### COMMUNIST PARTY

JOHANNESBURG.

A long agenda was successfully negutiated by the aggregate meeting of members and supporters held in the Council meeting which has been arranged to be Chamber, Trades Hall, on Sunday last. held on Sunday, 16th inst., at 3 p.m., on Convade C. P. Beer was in the chair, and a good deal of useful work was done in the direction of clarifying members viewon matters which have cropped up during the last few months. The sitting lasted Come in your thousands and honour the all day and concluded with the "International" and the Y.C.L. song, "The Builders."

#### PRETORIA.

Comrade W. H. Andrews will lecture on "What I saw in Russia" in the Pretoria Town Hall on Friday, 21st, at 8 p.m. Tickets of admission, 1/-. All invited.

#### MAY DAY.

Tickets are now available at No. 4, Moscow Exhibition; Marx and Engels' Trades Hall, for the May Day Social in the Johannesburg Town Hall on Thurs-

#### ANDREWS IN BENONI.

last, and the audience were well satisfied be met by the Soviet training institutions. ] with the account of the workers' condi-Comrade Andrews described the Russian | tion in Russia under Soviet rule.

#### CINDERELLA DANCE.

#### NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Notice is hereby given that VASSOS revolutionary, was still able to speak with CARRAS and HIPPOCRATIS ZAVER-DINOS, trading in co-partnership under the style and firm of GROVE TEA ROOMS at 248, Louis Botha Avenue. Orange Grove, have made an Assignment of the said business property in favour of The Boxing Section of the Y.W.S.A. PETRUS JOHANNES UYS, of P. J. hibition against forming groups or frac- | continues to meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. | UYS & CO., Secretaries of Companies. tions within the party. Hence the discus- at 18a, Lovers' Walk, Fordsburg. All 97, Permanent Buildings, Johannesburg. in trust for the Creditors of the said VASSOS CARRAS and HIPPOCRATIS ZAVERDINOS, trading as aforesaid if The "best book on Liebknecht." they accept the same, and the schedule of Articles and poems by Karl Liebknecht, the said VASSAS CARRAS and HIP-POCRATIC ZAVERDINOS will lie for inspection and the Deed of Assignment O. Carlson, Charles Ashleigh and Ralph for inspection and signature by all Creditors entitled to sign, at the Office of the Master of the Supreme Court (Transvaal Provincial Division), at Pretoria, and at the Office of the Resident Magistrate at The General Dealer's and Tea-room Johannesburg for a period of Fourteen days reckoned from the 17th day of March. 1924.

> It is further notified that if the said Assignment shall be declined, application will be made to the Supreme Court of South Africa (Witwatersrand Local living sion) on the 10th day of April, 1924. 33 10 o'clock in the forenocu, or as soon the after as Council can be heard, in the Surrender of the partnership Estate of the said VASSOS CARRAS and HIPPO-CRATIS ZAVERDINOS as insolve:

At Johannesburg this 11th de March 1924.

VASSOS CARRAS, HIPPOCRATIS ZAVERDING. Grove Tea Roding.

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