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# **Shifts Its Policy**

Germany Rejects "White Paper"; Nazi Coup In Austria Now Expected

While an open break has not yet occurred in Britain's Cabinet, it is clear that a sharp fight is brewing on the question of foreign align-The struggle between the pro-Nazı and pro-French sections of the British bourgeoisie, however, seems to be on the way to settlement in favor of the latter. Only so long and no longer could Britain hold out for a "conciliatory" move by Hitler as the basis for delaying action in the Rhineland crisis existed. When ambassador Ribbentrop rejected the "White Paper", a document practically recognizing the breaking of Locarno, the British were forced to shift slightly in orientation.

The result of this move is a new lineup in which conversations between the General Staffs of Britain, France and Belgium undoubtedly mark the revival of the Franco-British alliance. It will not be consummated for some time. The pro-Nazı Britishers (Lloyd George hopes to regain popularity thru this group) will make a sharp fight leading to more than one political crisis in London

Flandin of France is working overtime to cement an anti-German lineup. For this it is necessary that Britain and Italy reach an agreement on the Ethiopian question, making France the chief of the anti-sanctions bloc in the League. The Council of Thirteen meets this week, and its only achievement will probably be to lay the basis for a mutual (imperial-1st) understanding to settle the war at the expense of Ethiopia's independence. Italy is always quite willing to bargain for terms, but it must be remembered that the Fascists hailed Hitler's coup, recognizing this crisis as excellent for bargaining purposes—with either side.

Rumors of an impending coup in Austria by the Nazis have their basis partly in reality (it is undoubtedly part of the German program), and partly in diplomatic necessity By harping on this possibility French imperialism is able to wave bogeymen in front of the eyes of Italy, especially, and also be reached in Ethiopia, the possibility of a Nazi Austria will undoubtedly swing Italy into line with the French bloc. Thus emerges out of dark swamps of imperialist intrigue solid lines that bring the workers of the world closer to massacre.

#### HOW MUCH HAVE YOU?

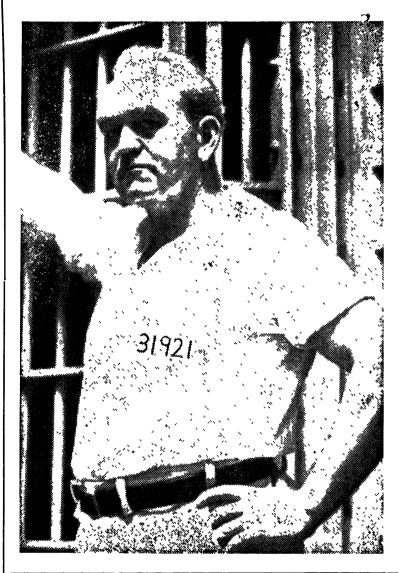
The following is the estimated wealth of the candidates mentioned for the presidency: \$2,500.000 Herbert Hoover Col Frank Knox 1,500,000

Senator Arthur

800,000 Vandenburg Gov. Alf Landon 500,000 Senator William

E. Borah 200,000 And President Roosevelt himself is not down to his last nickel either!

## Joint Military Staff MOONEY APPROVES CANDIDACY To Meet As Britain FOR PRESIDENT ON LABOR TICKET



### **1,000 DELEGATES JOIN IN** MAY FIRST UNITED FRONT

A. F. of L. Trade Unions, Socialists, Communists, Set Up United Labor May Day Body To Prepare Parade and Meetings on Labor's Holiday

working class political and frater- with our fellow workers. To this nal organizations met in Delano England. If some arrangement can | Hotel last Friday night and organized themselves for a mighty demonstration of working class solidarity on May First The conference represented the first united front effort of this kind in almost two decades

The resolutions passed by the conference are indicative of the keen desire for the unification of the ranks of labor. One resolution set up a committee headed by Norman Thomas, socialist leader, to appear before a committee of trade unionists set up by the I L.G W U. and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, with the proposal for coordinating all activities on this coming May Day.

This action by the conference was already indicated in the report for the sponsoring committee delivered by Charles S Zimmerman, manager of Local 22, IL.G.W.U. "We do not want to make any arrangements," said Zimmerman, "to conflict with any other functions on May First. Labor has had

end I suggest that this conference select a committee to appear before the committee in charge of the Polo Grounds meeting.'

The conference seemed to appreciate the importance of this united front step when it gave a hearty reception to the speakers for the various political organizations Jack Altman, speaking for the Socialist Party, which had just defeated the Old Guard in the New York state primaries, for control of the organization, received a rousing welcome Altman pledged the Socialist Party to a struggle against any war waged by American imperialism, and hailed the achievements of the Soviet Union stating that the Socialist Party stands ready to defend it from any capitalist attacks. Objecting to any fly-by-night Farmer-Labor parties, Altman declared his party to be ready to help build and participate in a Labor Party built upon the trade unions.

District Organizer Israel Amter, (Continued on Page 8)

### Nation's Capitalist Press, Fearing Move, Completely Suppresses Interview in Jail

One of the most complete and amazing examples of suppression of vital news in the entire history of America's corrupt "free" capitalist press, has just come to light thanks to the alertness of a London correspondent of the Workers Age who was amazed to find no mention of the Mooney for President campaign in the papers arriving from America, altho it is big news in the course of a presidential election campaign

The English press so estimated it The London Daily Mirror of February 14, 1936, carries the story under the caption "Convict May Be President." It is from this source that we finally secured the important sections of the interview of the Associated Press with Tom Mooney in his San Francisco jail cell on February 1, 1936. Here is Tom Mooney's reply to the proposal that he become the candidate for president on a united labor ticket

"If it is the desire of all working class political parties to so honor me, I would be very happy to accept such an honor and would do everything within my power to fulfill the requirements that such an obligation imposed.

"I think it would be very fitting and proper for American workers to use this as a political weapon of expressing their symbolic interest in the liberation of myself and Warren K. Billings."

Patient examination of all the big metropolitan dailies of every important city in the U S, from the kept street walker Hearst sheets and tabloids to the self-righteous, stodgy, all-the-news-that's-fit-toprint N Y Times, reveals not a line, not a syllable, of Mooney's significant interview

The amazing completeness of this conspiracy of silence is in itself an overwhelming demonstration of the fear in capitalist political circles aroused by the very thought of the political unity of labor with Tom Mooney as standard bearer

We are conducting a study into the inside story of this conspiracy of suppression and promise further information in the near

### WE AWAIT AN ANSWER

The Communist Party Opposition does not view this problem of a united labor ticket in 1936 in any other light than that of se-Over 1,000 delegates representenced in the large of the l is not tied up with any of the existing political groupings in the ranks of labor, yet one who symbolizes and champions the working class essentials binding all proletarian organizations. Such a standard bearer today is Tom Mooney.

> The CPO sincerely hopes that the leadership and membership of the Socialist and Communist Parties will approach the problem of unity of action in the 1936 elections in a similar manner. All faction interests and group maneuvering must be cast aside. The CPO seeks no special privileges, rights, or credit in this matter

> It sincerely wishes and energetically works for a united labor ticket in 1936 It believes that the realization of such a significant step toward working class unity depends today primarily on the attitude and policy of the CP. and SP

> Indeed even the most politically purblind will see that only such a ticket headed by so heroic and world-renowned a figure as Tom Mooney-a man who has spent two decades of his life in California dungeons in the interest of militant trade unionism, in the interest of all that is sacred to the working class as a class—can today rally an appreciable number of labor unions for independent working class political action Certainly this is the case in view of the Roose velt myth gripping such large sections of the working class

> The CPO anxiously awaits a favorable response from the Socialist and Communist Parties It can think of nothing more surcidal than a repetition of the 1932 fight between the SP and CP in the coming presidential elections.

WILL ORGANIZED LABOR HELP? By Tom Mooney

Japanese, it is becoming clear that tremendous mobility. the decisive sections of Japanese finance-capital and higher-ups on has been constructed, back of the the military staff, are alleged to be Transsiberian line. In the face of against war—immediately. Sto- their powerful defense, Japan's maniakoff, Vice-Foreign Commissar, protested the Japanese pro-vocations against the People's Re-end she has a working agreement public of Outer Mongolia, and is with Naziland, which may soon supposed to have been assured that such acts are being carried on against the will of Tokyo, by irresponsible militarists

The army, while grumbling against the delaying tactics of the government, recognizes that strategically it would be "unwise" to attack Russia now. The time for attack was about 1932, when Russia was weak on the Far Eastern Front, when she was engaged in has been made practically autonomous from an economic and military point of view. The Far East-

## LABOR PLANS

Labor Party held a special confer- fact, the whole nature of this cialists and Communists in Chi- ter state has been unable to mainence Sunday, March 29th, to lay American affiliate of the Second cago will participate in one united tain its relatively high standard as plans for the state conference in International is characterized by May Day demonstration. The oc- of the NRA years Permits issued Peoria, April 4th and 5th. The con- the fact, that the struggle over casion is given additional color by for work in the "service trades," ference voted to send its Execu- strategy and tactics was settled by the deliberation of the fiftieth an- including laundries and restaurtive Board to the Peoria confer- the election apparatus of bourgeois niversary of the eight hour day ants, increased more than 100%. ence with instructions to seek or- democracy, and not by the inner strike in 1886 out of which the Inganization of a state Labor Party if there should be evidence of spite this, the defeat of the Old On Monday, March 30th, 515 the height of fashion. Small sufficient trade union support to centrals and local unions from down state have already indicated that they will be represented at

The Executive Board reported large increase in the number of local unions affiliated and in the number of individual members. which are limited to trade union-1sts The conference adopted a constitution which gives the Party authority to discipline its candidates and to set up Labor Party clubs in trade unions and industrial groups of trade unions.

The Resolutions Committee pre- principles, revolutionary versus re- and Arthur McDowell, of the So- sighted enough not to say that ers Union. sented a resolution on policy which formist, this struggle presented it- cialist Party, was elected Secre- child labor was wiped out comevoked extended debate. The reso- self to most socialists as a struggle tary. lution proposed (1) concentration for an "active" party, for more on getting union affiliations thru militant tactics as regards the Labor Party clubs in unions, (2) trade unions and the united front of the Socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in including the duration of the matter of the Socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in including the duration of the matter of the same rights, privileges and status, including the duration of the matter of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in including the duration of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in the duration of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the socialist Party, spoke on ployed some 100,000 children in the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights, privileges and status, and the united front of the same rights are the united front of the same rights. postponement of ward club organ- As such, the victory is to be wel- the history of May Day in Chi- 1930, and this number is believed school day in hours and minutes ization until a larger trade union base has been built and repudia- as fundamental—the conflict be- workers of Chicago of a united de- the depression. Similarly, in the any kind of high school maintained tion of ward clubs which have al- tween the revolutionary and re- monstration in 1936 Harry Yaris, anthracite fields, in the telegraph- by the Board of Education." ready been set up without Party formist points of view will now of the Communist Party, spoke on ic monopoles and in some branchauthorization, and (3) a decision not to participate in any move for a national Labor Party in 1936 unless it is called by a bonafide trade union group with broad trade union support. Unfortunately, the question of 1936 national action was confused with a criticism of the Executive Board for lack of activity in obtaining trade union support for the Party. Consequently, the resolution was passed by only one vote margin. Immediately following its passage a resolution was introduced from the floor instructing the Executive Board to prepare to run candidates for Congress in November in the most favorable districts. This resolution was passed unanimous-

Alliance With Germany crn Army numbers about 250,000 possessing modern equipment, a Is Japan's Policy For large motorized force, a powerful Drive Against Soviet | air fleet. Most important of all, this army need not be a dependent on European Russia, 5,000 While the past week has seen miles away, but has its own base the continuance of provocative bor- including factories and farms right der "incidents" on the part of the in the territory—thus allowing

To back this up a new railroad blossom into an open alliance.

## LEFT SOCIALISTS

The Militant faction defeated the Old Guard of the Socialist the drive for collectivization. To- Party at the primaries in New day an entirely different situation | York last week, thus "legalizing" prevails. The Far Eastern Front their claims to organizational su- of the Soviet Union. His army

The leading figures of the Old Guard suffered personal defeats, as Waldman, Oneal, Gerber, Claes sens, Algernon Lee, and others failed of election. Upstate votes returned 13 Militants and five Waldmanites, while New York City elected 19 militants and 5 Old Guardists, a total of 32 to 10.

The Old Guard used all the time

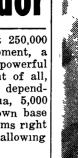
honored bourgeois means, court The Chicago and Cook County proceedings, etc As a matter of have received and finishes them zations met at the Capitol Build- rickety buildings, which sway and recognize that the primary defeat ence.

> ticipated in the primaries. Where- ry Johnson, of the International serve as normal stairways and School Teachers in New York City as the 1919 split which resulted in Workers Order, and Samuel Lader- exists the birth of the American Commu- man, of the Pocketbook Workers The National Child Labor Comnist movement was a struggle over Union, were elected vice-chairmen, comed, but it cannot be considered cago and the significance to the to have increased sharply during as the teachers and principals of begin to have enough space to be the plans for the demonstration.

#### Vive la Republique

PARIS - One representative of "Humanite" (official organ of the French Communist Party) is serving a jail sentence and another is to stand trial for permitting the publication of letters exposing conditions in the army. The charge is inciting to mutiny and thereby undermining the safety of the republic.

Did you do your share for \$5,000 fund?





Marshal Bluecher, commander of the powerful Far Eastern Army has done much to cool the enthusiasm of Japan's imperialists.

A resolution was passed endorsing the slogans for the demonstra- in good old capitalist style, NRA tion, (1) for the thirty-hour week, (2) for unemployment insurance at the expense of the employers and the government, (3) against war and Fascism, and (4) for independent working class political action. A resolution was adopted calling for the release of Tom Mooney and all class war prison

Brother Topp was instructed to ask the April 5th delegate meet ing of the Chicago Federation of Labor to endorse and participate in the demonstration.

A further mobilization conference will be held Sunday, April

## CHILD LABOR

New York City Bosses Account for 400% Rise Other Cities As Bad

ber of children now that the NRA further extension is possible. is defunct, it was revealed this week in a report to President Roosevelt.

ed by the Children's Bureau of the 1. Back to 1918 scales. This United States Department of La- means a loss of 27% in wages for

New York City employers have been even worse offenders. They leg mining. took on 400% more youngsters during the last four months of in violation of agreement. 1935 than were employed during the similar period of the preceding year The statistics of the National Child Labor Committee re- contract rates.) veal that employment certificates 266 to 570 and those issued to 15-year-olds from 1,139 to 4,659.

What is significant is that in the same period certificates issued to 16-year-olds declined from 8,730 to 8,424, a certain indication, according to members of the

lina the same story is told. The portation to fascist Italy Protests lina the same story is told. The former state, which could boast of the issuance to children of 14 and 15 of only 11 certificates in the last half of 1934, now must hide its head in shame with a re-For the first time since 1919 So- cord of 190 certificates. The lat-

Sweatshops, never eliminated vote of the party's workers. De- ternational Labor Day developed. in New Jersey, have come back to Guard is the most stunning they delegates of 128 different organi- silk mill operators have set up within the SP. It must be remem- ing to commence preparations for vibrate to the motion of the machbered that the Old Guard of S.P. the demonstration. The delegates inery. Although the New Jersey is primarily an election machine, were estimated to represent over Department of Labor and the Patand having lost that, they have 46,000 workers Seventeen AFL erson Chamber of Commerce vehe- William Green urging a referendum ost everything. Several stalwarts unions, with a total of 5000 mem- mently deny that children are lost everything. Several stalwarts unions, with a total of 5000 memof the right-wing are known to bers, sent delegates to the conferforced to work under such condiforced to work under such con tions, the National Child Labor Abraham Feinglass, of the Fur Committee swears that it has seen The sharpness of the struggle, Workers Union, opened the meet- many such shops. They do not nowever, was not brought home to ing as temporary chairman. Henry even have, in many cases, doors all the party membership Only Topp, of the Bakers Union, was by which to enter and exit. Fire- to reduce the working hours of 40% of the enrolled Socialists par- elected permanent chairman; Hen- escapes, when they are obtainable, over 1000 Vocational and Trade

> mittee is modest enough and clear- Hendley, President of the Teaches of the publishing industry, children under 16 were exploited or no NRA.

### PROFITS SOAR

But unemployment figures remain at very high levels, according to A.F.L statistics Here are some comparative fig-

| anuary | 1930 — 3,216,000  |
|--------|-------------------|
| ,,     | 1931 — 7,160,000  |
| "      | 1932 - 11,926,000 |
| "      | 1933 — 15,166,000 |
| "      | 1934 — 13,382,000 |
| "      | 1935 — 13,058,000 |
| ,,     | 1936 - 12,626,000 |

### On the **LABOR FRONT**

Miners Contract Extended

After four weeks of negotiations at the Anthracite Joint Wage Conference, being held in New York the contract which expired on March 31 was extended to May 1 Mills and factories are being with provisions that if negotiations operated by an increasing num- are not concluded by that time a

According to a statement released to the membership by the miners' committee the conference During the seven month period is getting nowhere. Instead of following the invalidation of the making progress on the demands NRA, a 58% increase in the num- put forward by the United Mine ber of employment certificates is- Workers, the bosses came forward sued to children 14 and 15 years with a list of their own demands. of age in 129 cities has been not- The most important of them are:

the miners 2 UMW. must help curb boot-

3 Penalty clause for stoppages

4 Rate differentials where mechanical loading devices are in use. (This means a rate below regular

5. A five year contract with right issued to children of 14 rose from to arbitrate wage scales during life of contract.

The union turned down all these counter-demands of the employers.

Turned Down Again!

Federal District Court Francis G Caffey has denied the writ of habeas corpus for Vincent Ferrercommittee, that older children are being displaced by younger ones.

In Maryland and North Caro
In Maryland and North Caro-

your aid. Address all communications or funds to Box 181 Station D, New York, N. Y.

Who Is Next?

The latest news from the C.I.O. front, according to Union News, s that the central labor unions of Boston, Mass., Roanoke, Va., and Rochester, N Y have gone on record endorsing the Committee for Industrial Organization. The central labor union of Council Bluffs. Ia. not only endorsed the CIO, but sent a communication to

Teachers Support Feld Bill

Active support of the Feld Bill is being urged today in a letter to these teachers from Charles J

The measure provides for the pletely even during the life of the "teachers and principals of the Vo-Maynard Krueger, a member of Blue Eagle. The nation's farms, cational and Trade Schools, the

> B. S. & A. U. Picket Slugged Rose Pfeffer, one of the seven

office workers, members of the Bookkeepers', Stenographers' and Accountant's Union, who are striking against the Margon Corp., 233 Spring Street, was hit on the mouth by a sergeant's club on the mass picket line in front of the building on Tuesday evening. She was arrested and held for trial on April 7th. 250 manual workers, members of

the International Association of Machinists, Lodge No. 1547, AFL, are also on strike against the firm in sympathy with the office workers and for their own demands. This is the first joint strike of office and manual workers in New York City.

The following article from the pen of Tom Mooney was first printed in "The Blast" of April First 1916. It is of special interest to us now for two reasons: It is now being used as evidence against Tom Mooney in the hearings now proceeding before the referee appointed by the California state supreme court to hear his application Francisco Board of Education, in children to learn their lessons, and pective numerical vice-presidents for a writ of habeas corpus, and because it was written about one year before the U.S. entered the war and gives Tom's opinions on war and militarism - FDITOR of the male students, with a A new institution has sprung

into activity. Its purpose is proper appropriation of funds primarily the making of profits out of the war game, out of the wholesale slaughter of the workers by the workers, with the instruments of their own creation. But in order to have this war game carried out to the success of those who benefit from it, the opposing sides in the game must be some what equally matched, for duration, because the longer the game goes on the more profits the Steel Trust, the Standard Oil Company the Du Pont Powder Company and the rest of their ilk, make out of the spilling of the worker's blood

The Pacific Coast Defense League has a mission in this game It plays the part of doctor, and it also has the aid of many special ists for the purpose of curing the sick and fast dying militia. Among them, and chief in importance, are two labor specialists: Andrew J Gallagher, past president San Francisco Labor Council, and Tom Finn. Union Labor sheriff and member of the Stablemen's Union. The former is cabinet chairman of the League's labor committee; the into the American Student Union. us when, in the history of America, decent program be written without latter. cabinet chairman of the Its very existence raises the quespublicity committee. These posts tion what type of an organization have been allotted to labor, as is the American Student Union? labor is the determining factor in It is certainly not a students' trade this war business; it either makes union. Nor is it a political body. it or breaks it. The next most It cannot be merely a discussion important post in the cabinet is group, for the A. S. U. must en filled by E. W. Wilson, president gage in a struggle for immediate of the International Banking Cor- demands on the campus. In short, poration. He is chairman of fin- the A.S.U. is a new type of orance and the treasurer of the ganization, having features pecul-League. The International Bank- lar to itself. And since there is ing Corporation, comparatively of no model to follow, it must fashion recent origin, is one of the most a program of activity for itself gigantic financial combines ever and submit such a plan to the formed in the world. It represents criticism of time and man. the Standard Oil, the Steel Trust, Morgan & Co., and all the other big international capitalist interests. This is fine companionship for two supposedly labor men in the business of giving the militia a clean

I have in my possession a copy of the constitution of the League. To give an insight into the work of this organization, it is well to League for Industrial Democracy)

great masses of our citizens in is too much that is bad. those Western States, and to People's Front Hits Campus that end to do all in its nower! so amended that the practice (alien to the working class): and duty on the part of the constituted authorities of calling want peace ... " the National Guard into service disputes and strikes be abolish- and equality...."

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educational institutions, and solution adopted by unanimous. It is the duty of every worker which shall provide for their vote."

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should be so moulded and of the usual courses in physical to have anything more to do with munity when he said that if they amended as to bring about the training; and further resolved, it. The following unions have are not getting paid by labor's results herein outlined. Also That the secretary be instructed taken a stand against it: Waiters, enemies they are scabbing on the that laws be made to permit to send a copy of these resolutions barbers, butchers, riggers and job. This move of the League to such male students to form, or to the committee on cadets and stevedores, machinists and mold- trap the workers must be pushed join, cadet companies, compos- schools of the Pacific Defense ers. Many other labor bodies are back in the teeth of the labor ed of the students at the same League. Report approved and re- considering similar action.

One of the Board of Education's against the League, its aims and

the form of a resolution asking not to learn how to kill people." of the League. The cabinet has the board officially to approve by Now the question is, will the San four capitalists, two lawyers, two resolution the establishment of Francisco Labor Council give this labor men, one priest, one adjutant military training in all standard outfit a recommendation, or will general, one legislative represenit put a crimp in their rotten tative. These men constitute the The Board of Education turned scheme? A. J. Gallagher is a it down in no uncertain terms. Part representative labor leader; he has of their resolution follows: "Re- asked organized labor to consider solved, That such establishment this matter, and is urging favor- in their given field as they want of cadet companies be entirely able action upon it. He is a cabivoluntary upon the part of the net member of the League. He about the motives of these men in become skilled and trained in military science, and that the their usual school exercises and prominence to act on the labor men of this organization, but space will prominence to act on the labor not permit it. It will suffice if I laws of said States governing outside of the usual school hours; committee of the League, but after say that I agree with the sentithe education of the young that it in no respect take the place attending one meeting they refused ments of a worker in this com-

"fifth object" of this members in speaking on this mat- objects The ten governors of the respective chairmen of as many executive committees of the League; they can select as many to. A great deal might be said

## THE PEOPLE'S FRONT GOES COLLEGIATE

Movement Is Not **Possible Today** 

By AL EPSTEIN At last the radical student move-We have before us the program

adopted at the First American Student Union Conference held at Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 28-29, 1935. This program is by far the sanest and soberest attempt at a student platform. In fact, it is so cautious and so respectable that it turns opportunist. Four years of struggle within the S.L.ID. (Student) and NS.L. (National Student (Fourth). "It is also the ob- League) against sectarianism, and

"Because they, like their fore-

arisen between labor and our amination of the economic, poli- tion. National Guards may be eradi- tical and social conditions in the cated, and to the further end country. Why has the S.L.I D. respectable becomes positively re- based on the conditions and desires that labor may unhesitatingly dropped the substance of the open- volting in its treatment of the of the students in their inner school and with unhampered and uning sentence of its own Declara- Negro question It declares, in a relationships and campuses." prejudiced patriotism join the tion of Principles: "Thruout the manner befitting the Supreme The A.S.U. accepted this ap- defense witness in important mortranks of these National Guards world today economic and class in Court of the U. S., "The Student proach, and the program generally gage swindles, was O.K.'ed by the in times of peace, as well as in terests are becoming more and Union stands opposed to the follows within this groove. No U. S. Senate for the post of U.S. times of war, should war be more clearly defined." The N.S.L. Southern system thru which the one will deny that a student or- Attorney for the Southern District times of war, should war be forced upon us."

(Fifth) "It is also the object of said League to encourage and bring about in the schools and educational institutions of are at the same time destroying and educational institutions of the American students."

Mogro is kept in servitude by denical of educational rights." How first words of its program: "The sentence of the Mogro is kept in servitude by denical of educational rights." How first words of its program: "The Southern District of New York, by a vote of 57 to 9.

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Why must the discredited ghosts of the past evict the living real-

ities of the present? When the program does touch upon the present crisis, the treatment is completely false. It says "We are not a lost generation. Un employment is not inevitable." One need not be a Marxist to recognize that unemployment is inevitable under capitalism. Everybody today, accepts this as an undisputed fact As for the slogan of "Peace," can express my feeling best by ism. The A.S.U. might learn existing institutions, more than repeating the honest words spoken by a character in the play, International Student Service vast endowments administered by "Libel": "Many poems have been written about the horrors of war. ers: "American students must extent of the network realized. Why doesn't someone write a poem about the horrors of peace?'

"Our Democracy"

The AS.U. actually speaks of capitalist America as "our American democracy." This capitulaject of the League to assist in four years of bitter strife between tion lacks the burning indignation tion on the menace of fascism. bringing the National Guard of the two bodies have helped to which students in revolt should California. Oregon, Washington, shape this document But it re- feel toward capitalism. No mention Union is another serious omission. Idaho. Montana. Nevada, Utah, mained for the 7th World Congress is made of the brutal terror so The least that the A.S.U. could Colorado. Arizona and New of the Communist International to widely used against the workers of have said is that the Soviet Union others are huge financial corpora-Mexico. to a higher degree of give the characteristic touches to "our American democracy." Not offers a promising experiment, tions in their own right We must efficiency, as well as to a higher the program. There is much that a word of protest is raised against You cannot ignore the Soviet face this fact squarely. We must degree of popularity, with the is good in the program, but there the inhuman oppression of peoples Union. Certainly the program not spread illusions about "our in the American colonies. Nor is could have come out against in- educational system". Dean Paul there even a word of encourage-ment to the students of these of the Soviet Union Klapper of C.C.N.Y. speaks the truth when he says "...education The very opening of the declara- | ment to the students of these to have the laws of those States | tion proclaims its alien origin | countries in the struggle against imperialism. Are we to remain "Because American students unmoved by the heroic sacrifices of the colonial students? Shall we standing as to the role of a student perpetuating the society that supbe open to the charge of being de- organization. There seems to be ports it. However progressive the and action during industrial fathers, are devoted to freedom fenders of American imperialism? the opinion that the A S.U. is a teacher and however unfettered If not, the program must demand students trade union. This was the school, they nevertheless seek ed; and to the end that the The empty shibboleths of the liberation of all colonial peo the position of the N.S.L. which to justify what is." We suggest

The effort of the A.S.U. to be relies primarily on "a program

A Multi-Class Students less true today? Why, pray, does of the Negro in the South: "The the A S.U. revert to superstitious Social code and the whole economy Figure 1 Februaries Held ancestry worship? Has the ASU. of the South are based upon the suddenly become proud of the subservience of the Negro race, as pirates, smuggler, slave-owners, and robber-barons who constitute slavery . . ." But why this disat least a part, the "noblest" part, passionate tone? Where is the of our "revolutionary forefathers"? cry of anguish at the terrible sufment of America has been united We should like the A. S. U. to tell ferings of the Negro? Can any EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM; they there ever was "freedom and the bitterest condemnation of that equality" for the whole people? peculiar and horrible American ism." (My emphasis—A. E) pastime-lynching? Is it possible that the A.S.U. is afraid of alienating the student-democrats?

International Relations

The A.S.U. platform has nothing to say about the students in other countries. Not so long ago the sion on our educational institu-S L.I.D. was affiliated with the tions." Whose educational institu-International Socialist Student tions are they? James Wechsler, Federation. Must one abandon the I.S.S F. only to accept national-1sm? It is the duty of the A.S.U. to foster the spirit of internationalsomething in this respect from the 700 are private corporations with which declared in one of its fold- boards of trustees. Seldom is the participate in the task of salvag- Students have been made repeating the lives of their colleagues of edly aware that they are indebted the world university community, for their education to the benefellow students exiled from their volence of Wall Street; but the native land because of race or 'supervisory' role which Wall political belief." It is the solemn Street has seized is not so widely obligation of the A.S.U. to help explained." In the face of this the tion to bourgeois prejudice vitiates the victims of fascism. Moreover, the whole program. The declara- the program must include a sec-

The failure to discuss the Soviet are owned body and soul by the

Role of the Student Movement There is a distinct misunder- the function of rationalizing and hostility that has heretofore bourgeoisie replace a concrete ex- ples now under American domina- maintained that a student move- the inclusion of this passage in a ment can be most effective if it revised program.

Full Education Hold By Capitalists

find this bold declaration: "These encroachments on academic freeare forerunners of those tendencies most fully expressed under Fasc-The "educational system" as

such is good, but those villainsthe "Tories", the "vested interests," the "financial pressure groups" and the "Hearst press"-"are imposing systematic represwho undoubtedly had a hand in the program, reveals the following significant facts in "Revolt on the Campus": "Of more than 900 A.S.U. dares to speak merely of "inroads of repression." American educational institutions capitalists of America. More than that, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, and has ever been a product of the existing social order, charged with

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• LAMAR HARDY, involved as a

cracy, and this democracy is, therefore, the means of combating and

defeating fascism. This false idea serves a double purpose. By means

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### IT'S FOR YOU

San Francisco, Cal.

MAN HAS just chalked up another marvel to his handswork. Soon MAN HAS just chalked up another marver to his hammer people will be able to cross San Francisco Bay by foot. With the completion of the bridge from the Queen City of the Pacific, San has resulted in a popular discredi-Francisco, to Oakland and with the winding up of the construction ting of other proposed legislation, of the Golden Gate Bridge miles of water will soon be crossed by such as the Frazier-Lundeen Bill, foot and motor.

Watching the workers finishing up the building of these bridges is awe-inspiring and thrilling. But it is more than even that. It the Townsend movement, financial tudes uttered so frequently by both policy of the monopolies to make leads one to ask many questions. It helps one learn the most valuable racketeering, provided the opening the two old parties, Clements did the toilers pay for the crisis. . . lesson of all. What energy, what sacrifice, what effort, what work wedge for checking and discredit- not wait for opportunity to knock The movement is predominantly went into the construction of this miracle of engineering! How many ing of the movement. It is ironical twice to "Get Rich Quick," when of middle class persons, who have workers lost their lives until that stage was reached when the final but typical of American politics Dr. Townsend expounded pros- been careful not to wave the red pins were driven into place uniting the 1400-foot cantilever span of that, in this case as well as others, perity for all to him. As real estate flag before the monopolies, and the bay bridge. It was no easy life for the workers in the days pre- the petty pilferers are being pro- values dropped disastrously, Cle- who know little and care less about ceding the steelmen's ramming home the last pin that completed the secuted by the big-shot bandits. ments saw gold in them that hills the workers bearing the brunt of link of the gigantic project.

How did it all come into being? There was united effort; there and Clements that they dare not and finesse. He received some \$12,- champions of the workers in any was oneness of purpose. Workers are constantly facing a plunge to retaliate with exposures of the 585 in 1935 exclusive of rent, respect Perhaps, here lies the death as they balance themselves on narrow strips of steel Soon financial graft within the two old grocery bills, wages of servants reason for the membership's comthey develop more and more sure-footedness. Walking the cords, parties (whether through agree- and his travelling expenses, which placency in accepting the proposed balancing a few hundred feet above the bay, often shivering, braving ment not to embarass their ac- were also paid by the organiza- 2% transactions tax, which they the winds and other elements, spinning the lines of bridge cable wire, cusers or through cowardice and walking the catwalks, dangling like human spiders at the end of stupidity). ropes more than 200-feet long, picking their way across beams no more than six inches wide—all of this has become nothing more than daily routine to the matter-of-fact daring of the bridge workers and painters. Here are the real heroes, the genuine builders of a better day—the men with indomitable courage—calmly walking across the laced bars, as if they were strolling on the ground instead of certain death high above the hav!

How much encouragement for labor's struggle one gets from this stirring sight!

If labor can do all this, if labor can rear such wonders, if the workers can perform such miracles, how much could they do for themselves, for their freedom, if they only applied the same principles of conduct to the battles they are waging against their employers and the sundry strikebreaking agencies of the various government divisions! In more ways than one can we all learn from such unity of effort, from such constant and consistent adding of support by one to the other and the other to the next one and so on down the line. This is the way to overcome the insuperable. This is the way to attain the impossible. It is the weaving of the thinnest strands of wire into the mightiest cables of support that holds within it the germ of the lesson we must draw. As one Negro worker put it to me: "Ah, if we could only learn to pull and pile ourselves together like that in our shop fights, in our wage strikes, how strong we also would Heme). The method of dialectical be, how much more we could carry and hold up!"

It was here that I began to draw some conclusions for our determined and sustained drive to raise \$5000 for overcoming serious er. 415 pages. Berlin, 1929. difficulties in our struggles at home and in our life-and-death combats abroad in the lands of open fascist terror. We can learn our lessons from these workers building the marvelous bridges. Note their persistency, their bravery, their devotion, their courage, their literally losing themselves in their work only to find as a result an achievement that will stand up for ages and symbolize man's conquest of nature, man's triumph over all

We know that our comrades and sympathizers can do likewise We know that even the smallest contributions piled together will weave cables of solid support for our comrades in Germany, Austria, Spain of Prussia— the result of a careand in the industrial baronies of the U.S.—class fighters performed ful detailed study containing Menand in the industrial baronies of the U. S .- class fighters performing feats as daring and huidling difficulties and obstacles as insuperable as the spanners of the San Francisco Bay, as the wizards who are joining San Francisco with Oakland.

In making this move, in launching this drive to reach a sum almost double that sought by us in the past, we felt that some would call us reckless, that many would say we are reaching out for the moonconsidering the poverty of our supporters, the paucity of our resources. But we remain unshaken in our faith and unbent in our determination. We are more than sure that if our friends, sympathizers, and members pull together, each one giving soonest and as best he or she can, we shall in no time be over there-beyond the five thousand dollar line

How about storming the last line? With united effort and added Introduction by August Thalheim- attempts (such as Alexander Bitton social security, and they know the Townsond it but if a Farmer-Labor Party strength we can do anything and attain everything. Let's get going. We are long overdue.

### FRANZ MEHRING'S WORKS

The New Workers School still America. has a small number of sets of the Mehring was and remains the political and philosophical works of Franz Mehring. These books are ing from the standpoint of Marxa limited edition in the strictest ian philosophy. He is, perhaps, sense of the word-"limited" by the best known for his work on the Storm Troopers who burned all Lessing Legende. He served as

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## TOWNSEND'S DEATH RATTLE

By SAUL HELD

The siamese twins of American politics, the Republican and Democratic Parties have triumphedmovement for a ride, perhaps a Boring from within and without they have torpedoed a menacing obstacle to the political sham battle of 1936. It is questionable, nowever, whether the propaganda launched against the economics of the Townsend Plan by these gentry

30-hour a week legislation, etc.

The most vulnerable aspect of And so powerless are Townsend and began prospecting with fury the crisis. They were never the

Elephant and Jackass Unite

The wily Senator Borah of changing his registration from Democratic to Republican. While Borah expressed only the vaguest sentiment for the Townsend Plan hope lies in the choice of a friendly, fair Republican candidate." This about-face on Townsend's part riled the poetically and politically inclined Representative John S McGroarty, Democrat from Cali-

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leaders: the membership is bewilmovement in great numbers.

#### A Racket?

Robert E. Clements, co-founder of the organization, took a runout \$1,475. Not bad at all.

These facts will hardly heighten love for the organization amongst the membership. However, Dr Idaho lured Dr. Townsend into Townsend has demonstrated in his If a movement, figures he, is comorganization was a sieve through which the lucre flowed to individuas bait, Townsend gobbled hook- lift. He has selected a new board, als bent on personal financial upline-and-sinker: "I think our only and called for the popular election (innovation!) in each state of a council.

Note this: those elected by the membership are merely advisors; those appointed are the real rulers. To whitewash the tarnished repute request "the new board of directors to select an auditing firm of undeniable integrity and of national reputation to regularly audit our finances." Townsend will not accept, he says, any remuneration from the organization hereafter but will console himself with the income from his ownership of the Townsend Weekly (Herbert Harris. attention!)

Obviously, something was rotter within the Townsend movement in its finances apait from its financial

#### Mass Movements-Principles Be Damned!

A strange and unsavory promiscuity permeates the Communist start?) the Townsend movement. novement today. The soda water declares Bittleman, it will be the that bubbles from the People's fault "of Roosevelt who betrayed Front tactics has acquired the the people on the question of social potency of champagne for the com- security." It will be bad because ades-by decree. Almost drown- "there is really a great danger that ed in the fizz on the North Amer- the Liberty Leaguers may succeed ican continent is the Communist in enmeshing into their reactionary Party of Canada, "on the make" in net, AND AGAINST ROOSEVELT, relation to the Social Crediters. large numbers of Townsend tleman's) to woo the Townsend it, but if a Farmer-Labor Party KARL MARX: GESCHICHTE SEINES movement. The attitude of the doesn't get them, the Liberty LEBENS. (Karl Marx: His Life's American CP to the Townsend League will and against Roose-History). The standard biography movement reveals the opportunistic velt. Is it Bittleman's hope that of Marx. Introduction by Eduard line in one of its suicidal phases. a Labor Party, would save them

Secure from New Workers called "The Townsend Plan" in trayal"? School, 51 West 14th Street. Ad- which he whacks accurately and Roosevelt, the inference is plain, lustily at the economic fallacies of despite his "betrayal" is no rethe Plan, in fact, the most ef- actionary, therefore, the only way fective lacing administered by any to protect Roosevelt from the reanalyst of the Plan. Then he car- actionaries is to build a Laborries out orders by discovering Party to defend the Democratic virtues in the movement. He holds | Party. out the hand of friendship although he must pay with loss of given gratis to the Townsendites

principles for it. Let us illustrate: What virtues does Bittleman find in the Town- Townsend is matched by the poli-

send movement? "We see in the Townsend move- A People's Front for the United ment, first of all, a movement of States, and to hell with principles. masses of toilers seeking relief thunder the oracles of opportunfrom the unbearable burdens of ism.

Townsend Plan. He declared that ism, of poverty and insecurity Townsend had deserted the "origi- brought about by the exploiters nal" plan. Townsend's talk for a and their damnable system. We they have taken the Townsend third party, then his reliance upon see in it, secondly, a movement for the Republicans, and now his re- old age pensions, which are vitally fatal ride for this crisis hybrid. newed third party talk, have had necessary for millions of toilers in an effect that warms the hearts of this country. We see in it, thirdly, the Republican and Democratic a movement of powerful protest, not yet clear and still full of ildered, disgusted and leaving the lusions, but of protest nonetheless against the policy of the monopolies to make the toilers pay for the crisis for which these same monopolies are responsible. First, the movement is not one

powder by resigning from the of "masses of toilers." Secondly, gold-mine that threatened to trap it is not a "movement of powerhim Acting on two major plati- ful protest . . . . against the tion His wife netted a meager must have known would fall with terrific weight on the already taxburdened workers!

What is the real purpose behind these falsifications of Bittleman? haste to repair his fences, that the posed of workers, genuinely desiring old age pensions, and protesting against the monopolies, then, despite all its grave errors, it is permissible to have a united front with it Indeed, Bittleman offers to kill a fundamental working-class Townsendite to a national advisory principle in order to achieve such unity! The McGroaity BilL excludes non-citizens from benefits So Bittleman offers a compromise!

"It should therefore be possible to agree on some such compromise of the organization Townsend will as is embodied in the Frazier Bill which reads:

'The benefits of this Act shall apply to every citizen of the United States or its territories for at least five years prior to his claim for compensation and has, prior to his claim, formally filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen.

"This compromise is not the best solution of the question, but is more fair and will be of greater service to all toilers than is the co esponding provision in the McCroarty Bill.

'ne depths of opportunism is reacned here.

If the reactionaries capture (haven't they done so from the Bittleman writes a pamphlet for Roosevelt despite the "be-

and Communists by Bittleman. The scatter-brained economics of

tical contortions of Bittleman.

### AT FIRST GLANCE

By Jay Lovestone

COMRADE Jack Gaster, a recent convert from the Independent Labor Party of Maxton and Brockway to the Communist Party of Great Britain, deserves a vote of thanks for his honest confessions about the essence of the new line of the Comintern for utilizing capitalist democracy as an institution, for relying on the constitutional democratic form of capitalist dictatorship, as the means with which the Fascist form of bourgeois dictatorship is to be avoided or prevented

Said Comrade Gaster: "The, its principles—it cannot put aside its understanding of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead; but it equally realizes that when the ruling class find the present machinery of the state outworn and seek to change it, it becomes an important and revolutionary tactic to rally the forces prepared to op-(London Daily Worker, Feb. 15,

We don't want to address ourselves to Comrade Gaster in a high

Gaster and his friends will and mighty manner. But we do say that we are no authority, that humbly suggest that he examine we are no "keepers of the sacred this conclusion of his in the light seal" and hence our words are of chinery of the state outworn", before the Seventh Congress of parliamentary form of capitalist the fact that Comrade Gaster realward with the idea of replacing the outworn bourgeois parliamentarism with capitalist counter-revolutionary anti-parliamentarism or Fascism.

Does this mean that the prole tariat and its vanguard, the Communists, must under these conditions give themselves over to preserving the old, the prevailing, form of capitalist dictatorship in order to prevent the ruling class from replacing it with a new one? Would Comrade Gaster earnestly maintain that the working class has no other choice but capitalist parliamentary democracy or capi talist counter-revolutionary antiparliamentarism? What would Comrade Gaster say to pitting proletarian revolutionary anti-parliamentarism against capitalist counter-revolutionary anti-parliamen tarism? Why such hopelessness on

the part of a new recruit? Furthermore, we might also suggest to Comrade Gaster that, tho the colonial and semi-colonial countries had tremendous revolumean that efforts by the proletariat in highly developed imperialas the means of class rule for the capitalists), to preserve this so- it holds a menace for organized called democracy as an institution labor. The Commissioner of Comis a sample of high-grade revolu- merce and Labor, aided by his tionary strategy. It's one thing staff of investigators, will prey to fight for bourgeois democracy in a colonial country, in a land which lishing the results of his "imparhas never experienced it; it's quite tial" findings. Strike actions will another thing to fight to preserve thus tend to be short-circuited. capitalist democracy as such, as a form of capitalist rule, in countries in which it stopped being an his- not an exception to the rule is torically progressive force many, shown in the consideration of a very many, decades ago.

proofs that capitalist democracy is not longer a progressive force in This bill, like the one upon

Communist Party has not altered gles in India have shown that, more and more, the petty bourgeoisie as a mass are becoming less and less capable of playing a revolutionary role even in these colonial countries and semi-colon-1al lands. Even in the latter, it 1s becoming increasingly evident, that it will be necessary to build Soviets of workers and peasants pose the desire of the ruling class." in order to achieve the bourgeois democratic revolution.

of counterposing 'democracy against dictatorship', it tries to hide the fact that the capitalist capitalist dictatorship; it tries to Union, and thus cause the worker to reject the road of revolution At the same time, this slogan is the mother of fascism; that it is for instance—doesn't he receive not the destroyer, but the creator the per capita payments?—that at of fascism. It uses the truth that the Atlantic City convention that fascism destroys democracy to little number 8 represented at least propagate the falsehood that de- one third of the good standing mocracy will also destroy fascism. members in the American Federa-Thus does the Socialist Party and tion of Labor-not so bad for a trade union officialdom, to the ex- starter. Then, don't forget that the tent that the workers follow them. actual strength at the convention tie the working class to the chariot was even more than a third Why wheels of a capitalist democracy then the sneering remarks about which is being transformed into the eight? Is it possible that Bill fascism, paralyze their resistance, is whistling in the dark to keep up deliver them over to Fascism bound and helpless." ("Communism in the U. S.." Page 28). Of course, we are ready to forof a careful re-reading of some of no special worth to him. Be that get the former Comintern talk by the Central Labor Union of

the basic and elementary Marxian so. We will then introduce him about social-fascism. At best, this Council Bluffs, Iowa, that a reclassics. We fear that Comrade to some very pertinent remarks was a monstrosity; today it is for- ferendum on industrial unionism Gaster. with the fervance of a from Comrade Browder, the Pol- tunately "outworn." But we know be taken among the membership of new convert. does not realize in litt of the American Communist of no capitalist "democratic" re- the A. F. of L. It would be inthe least the implications of his Party, anent this subject. It is public—whether it be in King Ed- teresting to see if the result will newly found salvation "When the true these conclusions of Comrade ward VIII's England, or in Rooseruling class find the present ma- Browder were arrived at by him velt's U. S., or in the France of How about it Brother Green? Sarraut-Flandin-Tannery - Gamelin means nothing else but that the the Comintern. Yet, in view of —where the "democratic" form of capitalist dictatorship has so alterdictatorship is becoming inad- izes that "The Communist Party ed its substance as to warrant our equate. inefficient, ineffective, for has not altered its principles—it rejection of the above very sound movement, we note a most touchthe bourgeoisie, as a means of cannot put aside its understanding conclusions of Comrade Browder. the bourgeoisie, as a means of suppressing the workers. At such suppressing the workers. At such times, many in the decisive sections, many in the decisive sections of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead", we venture to expect the above of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the above of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the above of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the nature of the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we venture to expect the nature of the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we remain the nature of the nature of the nature of the decisive struggles ahead, we remain the nature of the nat struggles ahead", we venture to say he will comprehend the continued essential validity of the following remarks by Comrade Browder:

"What are the ideas, the misconceptions, with which the social-fascists confuse and disarm the marks by Compared their continued essential corrections with which the social-fascists confuse and disarm the marks by Compared their continued essential corrections with the "labor movement."

In the past Green simply did not need the Old Guard and beside he even to the slightest extent—the reformist evaluation of bourgeois carried a label, be it even of ca-forming the property of the above statements of Comrade Browder against Green. God forbid, that would have endangered their relations with the "labor movement."

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In the past Green simply did not need the Old Guard and beside he was suspicious of anyone who is not a carried a label, be it even of ca-forming the company of the above the property of the AF of L and sets up his own deal union smashing in the Teachers Union of New York, breaks away from the Community of the AF of L and sets up his own deal union smashing in the Teachers Union of New York, breaks away from the Community of the AF of L and sets up his own deal union s tions of the bourgeoisie come for- say he will comprehend the con- cratic republics since the above Old Guard ever said a harsh word "First, is the idea that Fascism democracy, of the parliamentary is the opposite of capitalist demo- form of capitalist dictatorship.

### WITH THE LAWMAKERS

By LEE MASON

Mayor LaGuardia, not satisfied, apparently, with the work he did in the Building Service strike, introduced in the Board of Estimate branch of the Municipal Assembly a bill which would create a Department of Commerce and Labor, with powers "over commercial and labor problems affecting the city of New York and the citizens thereof."

have given the contemplated department the right to investigate all strikes and lockouts. Like the Morris resolution, now before the Committee on Local Laws of the Board hold the balance of power on this the struggles for bourgeois democ- of Aldermen, Mayor LaGuardia's racy ten and fifteen years ago in bill empowered the Commissioner of Commerce and Labor to serve subpoenas on the parties to industionary implications, it does not trial disputes. But LaGuardia thought better of this clause and cut it out of the second bill which Literature Department ist countries, (where bourgeois was finally read into the minutes of the Board of Estimate.

Even as the measure now reads

That the action of LaGuardia i little "Wagner Disputes Act" by Incidentally, one of the basic the Council of the City of Cincin-

such countries is that it has arrived which it is modelled, sets up maat the stage of its development in chinery for the compulsory arbitrawhich the germs of fascism deeply tion of all labor disputes. Under imbedded in it, flower out into full | the guise of making the bosses toe and ugly bloom—into a fascist the mark, the ordinance compels form of capitalist dictatorship, the "workers and the employers More than that. The lessons and alike" to submit their differences experiences of the Chinese revolu- to a "fact-finding" board. Clergytion and the revolutionary strug- men of all denominations, if this

As originally framed and released to the press, the bill would be any consolation to labor, will

> The Wheeler-Crosser bill, which would throw some crumbs to the 150,000 railway employees whose

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### TRADE UNION NOTES By George F. Miles 'democracy' is only a form of the "THERE ARE only eight international unions out of 109 who

support Mr. Lewis. The proportion of voting strength is larger, identify in the worker's mind the but not enough. The A. F. of L. will come through this storm as it fascist dictatorship with the pro- has come through others. Lewis cannot win." Thus wrote William letarian dictatorship in the Soviet Green in "The Magazine of Wall Street," March 14

When you look at the figure 8, it sure looks small compared with 109 of which Green says he has 101 in his vest pocket But is it used to hide the fact that capitalist democracy is not the enemy but believe that even Green takes his own figures seriously He knows.

his own courage?

If, however, Green is convince that he has everything sewed up tight then he certainly should have no objection to the proposal made run in the proportion of 8 to 109.

WHATEVER else may have developed as a result of the or Frey strike out with a slashing or Frey strike out with a slashing present schism in the trade union attack against the industrial unionmovement, we note a most touching rapprochement between the Leader rubs its hands in glee. carried a label, be it even of ca- he is not a communist. He broke

jobs are threatened by the Eastman consolidation plans, came in was too radical and anybody who for vigorous support from George considers anything as too radical M. Harrison, president of the Rail- is a friend of the New Leader. way Labor Executives Associations, who spoke before a subcom- terest for the delegate from the mittee of the House Interstate Commerce Commission.

Explaining that railway jobs in 1935 were down to 970,000, com- the New York State Federation of pared with 2,000,000 in 1920. Mr Labor, was doing at the testimonial Harrison called for protection of luncheon for this dual unionist. the men behind him. He pointed Isn't this a slap in the face to the out that in 1920 employee compen- union of the A. F. of L. which sation amounted to \$3,682,000,000 Linville tried his best to bust up? while in the year just past labor received only \$1,400,000,000. "The picture becomes even more gruesome." Mr. Harrison said, "when you consider that in all this period ers at Akron, Ohio. The strike now railway traffic remained practically settled as a result of a compromise stationary."

According to the provisions of the Wheeler-Crosser bill, minimum tancy and loyalty which these compensation rates would be set workers showed and the ingenuity up for the workers who are fired. used in blocking every move of the COMMUNIST PARTY Thus, as a consolation prize for his employers. It is this his would receive two-thirds of his rubber workers the support of the previous earnings until he obtains trade union movement. another job, or, if he chooses, a It must also be stated that the full year's pay as a dismissal rubber workers would indeed have wage.

vides pensions for all members of ization and its member Internathe retirement system with the tionals. exception of teachers, policemen, duction to Dialectical Ma- and firemen, managed to get through the State Assembly by the skin of its teeth. By its terms the privileged few receive benefits Workers Union, having pledged iton the basis of "the average annual compensation earnable by a member during the five years immediately preceding the date of his mediately preceding the date of his retirement."

Now it's different Every friend counts. So we find William Green sending a telegram that he will positively address the "New Leader Dinner." Nor is it very queer that the telegram was addressed to Alexander Kahn, 175 Broadway. Everybody knows that the Rand School extends clear thru to the

Forward Building. We congratulate the Old Guard on their new recruit—or is he an 'innocent"? As for Green we doubt that even the yeoman service that such skilled maligners as James Oneal and John Powers can render will help him materially in his fight to keep out of the A. F of L. the steel, rubber, auto and other

WHEN is dual unionism respectable? What, never? Says you! The New Leader doesn't think so. When the Communist Party went in for that a few years away from the A F. of L. because he thought the A. F. of L. union

Incidentally, it would be of in-Teachers Union to the Central Labor Union, to find out what Mrs. Betty Hawley, vice-president of

On a previous occasion Workers Age discussed the significance of the strike of 14,000 rubber workagreement, it remains but to express our admiration for the milithe unfortunate employee gressiveness which won for the

been in a tough spot were it not for the loval assistance of the The Brownell bill, which pro- Committee for Industrial Organ-

They have done it again! The International Ladies Garment extending congratulations to President Dubinsky, the officers of the All employees of the Board of Joint Boards and locals, and to the Education, including the teachers membership as a whole, for this this time, have their pay cuts res- fine display of solidarity with the tored by the Crews measure which embattled fighters against the was passed unanimously by the enemies of labor in black and brown shirts.

In the International Labor Movement

## Spain and the Liberal Regime

By WILL HERBERG

An Associated Press dispatch of March 26, 1936, carries the following report of recent events in

swarmed over the farms of this

situation was tense.

movement.

workers' republic.'

what had taken place and told of the new land owners."

A later report of the same day

ernor of Badajoz to use force, laborers. . . . The governor rethe government's request and that there were no disorders"

tates, they (the peasants) divided forms that they, in their good of faith, for the very People's the revival of the "housewives line" part of this money in Syria, obthe land in accordance with lists time, may think it proper to enact.

Under modern conditions no The peasants expect land and not achieves its basic objectives or even among the upholders of the old mayors of what had taken place regime. The peasantry and petty and told them to enter the divibourgeoisie, fervently revolutionary sions in the public books with the built and invigorated. The seizure power. Under these slogans the remember that the next time we're accounts with the royal-aristocratic What more in the way of legal other so-called "excesses" must be ward to victory.

order, are unable to take independ- | formality could be desired? The ent and leading action because of land was divided according to ward with a proposal, in the name their uncertain economic and social carefully prepared lists and the of the Central Committee, for a with the shipowners coming to position and can therefore be his- transaction registered, properly united front of all the workers' terms. The main gains are a 5% torically effective only if they ally and in due form, in the village political parties for the coming increase in wages for most catethemselves with the modern pro- records. It comes as an incred- Riksdag elections. This is in sharp goiles and an increase in overtime "BADAJOZ, Spain, March letariat under its leadership. The ible shock to the peasant when he 26.—Detachments of storm po- Spanish peasants can get the land is told that such a simple and na- the last general election in 1932 begin at the end of 9 hours of lice and civil guards rushed to for which they have been yearning tural affair is somehow irregular Then, all who voted for the Social work instead of 22 as before. We this city and province today in an effort to oust 60,000 farm revolution in which the working and illegal—and this shock may have the most far-reaching control in the social work instead of 22 as before, we are the social work instead of 22 as before, we have the most far-reaching control in the social work instead of 22 as before, we have the most far-reaching control in the social work instead of 22 as before, we have the most far-reaching control in the social work instead of 22 as before, we have the most far-reaching control in the social work instead of 22 as before. laborers who had suddenly class is the leading and driving sequences. force And the peasants realize this—that is the meaning of their

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"The police were instructed cheer "Long live the workers' reto avoid using firearms unless public!", significantly laised in the they were fired upon, but the division of the land. To the pea- this city and province today. . . . "Premier Manuel Azana sent stantial meaning of the "workers had been abandoned .. in accord- ers' parties cooperated a clear orders from Madrid that the republic" is land—and they are ance with the government's re- majority could have been secured peasants would have to wait for the workers republic just beuntil the lands can be distribut- cause and insofar as it does mean land! This is the real and ma-

"The workers, most of them terral foundation of the revolu-Socialists and Communists, tionary alliance between proletariat members of the National Asso- and peasantry! ciation of Land Workers, Once initiated under the hegemmarched on their local villages ony of the proletariat, the Spanish in an apparently long-prepared revolution will not, however, stop at its bourgeois-democratic tasks "Arriving at the large es- Inevitably it will pass over into a

made, each group then taking the revolution, its long-range Dismayed and puzzled at what ap- in for "Mondism" or class collaboover the land assigned to it slogans bear, from the very outwith shouts of: 'Long live the set, a fundamentally socialist duct of those whom they have been the L.O. had a meeting in Stock- completely exposed as here—under

their villages, where they in- toiship! them to enter the divisions in the public books with the names

"Orders were sent to the govif necessary, to oust the farm ported late tonight all the seiz-to power by the rising tide of mass tent, as far as any effective action ed farms had been abandoned by workers in accordance with

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Agrarian Revolution already made. . . ."

damentally an agrarian revolution cree or in any other way but by the big estates in favor of a few jump to 1,100 000,000 marks from said to be plentiful in Syria, is purdirected towards expropriating the taking it? big landowners and dividing the For the liberal bourgeoisie, the Azana who is carrying out the even slate in 1933 (the year of rocracy arrested the leader of a land among the peasants and agui- revolution is over before it has People's Front program and how Hitler's seizure of power) and from mass movement to boycott a power cultural workers. It begins es- really begun; its fruits are already can the socialists or communists a profit of 600,000,000 marks in company, which refused to lower sentially as a bourgeois-democratic theirs in terms of political power say one word against him—as 1934, according to Berlin Boersen exorbitant rates. His arrest was revolution with the underlying and social and economic advantage long as they persist in maintain. Zeitung historical objective of clearing But for the workers and peasants, ing the People's Front? And inaway the putrid remnants of a the very essence of the revolution deed the workers parties have all program" of Hitler, the steel in mascus long decaying feudalism in the -and the only way in which they lowed themselves to be manouvereconomic, social and political can possibly hope to share in its ed into an impossible position, co- capacity, and the fat war-mongers under the rules of the "peace-mainspheres. For the peasants and the fruits—is their own independent operating with the regime in the are reading with pleasure the re- taining" League of Nations. This spheres. For the peasants and the semi-peasant farm laborers, the whole meaning of revolution can be summed up in the word "land". They judge everything, all events, all parties, all programs by that touchstone.

fuits—is their own independent operating with the regime in the "pacification" of the masses, condoning the suppression of the socialed "excesses", and so on. For the peasants and the semi-peasant farm laborers, the inevolutionary mass action, which is export of the ticker-tape. The steel trust declared a dividend of 3½%, the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not the peasants if the government, which they have hoisted to sacrifice the interest and support to the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not "impolitic". The steel trust declared a dividend of 3½%, the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not sacrifice the interest and support to the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not sacrifice the interest and support to the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not sacrifice the interest and support to the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not sacrifice the interest and support to the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not first declared a dividend of 3½%, the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not form the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not form the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not form the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have been even higher—were it not form the first since 1930; competent observers declare that it could have be "... each group then taking power, is going to continue to deover the land assigned to it with fend the property of the big landshouts of 'Long live the workers' owners, the aristocrats, monarch-

bourgeois-democratic revolution promises from the revolution. going manner except under the very curious one it must seem to bourgeoisie has already become far the typical peasant is a stickler too much a part of the system, for law and order—as he interfar too closely bound to it by ties prets it! No peasant ever seems of common interest, far too able to get it into his thick skull thoroly afraid of a great mass up- that the land he is working upon is sealed. heaval of any sort, to allow it to is not really his and so, when he heaval of any sort, to allow it to is not leadly his and so, much take the lead even in "its own" takes hold of it for himself, it must be put to the People's Front combat Side by side with the exvacillate for a time, but, as a class, tion. "The groups (of peasants) the revolution. The class indeit is sure to turn reactionary be- then returned to their villages, pendence of the workers parties must be built up thru the Workers Ltd. (England's chief fore long and take its place where they informed the local must be reestablished in a firm Alliances, to function first as in- munitions maker) "The real cause among the upholders of the old mayors of what had taken place revolutionary block (united front); Alliances, to function first as in- munitions maker) "The real cause struments of struggle and finally of wars in the past, as in the fu-

The Liberal Regime Suppresses the Peasants

"Detachments of storm posants, the concrete, practical, sub- Late tonight all the seized farms

The bourgeois liberal government is now definitely anti-revo- with the Social Democrats is slight lutionary. Its chief aim is to curb but the Socialist (Kilbom) Party the revolution, to stifle its further may give this a sympathetic heardevelopment, to freeze it in its ing. mitial stages. How can it accomplish these reactionary purposes? By its prestige of the day before yesterday-and by the menace of its armed force, ingrumbling, muttering, with bitter opposition developed. 3 "Premier Manuel Azana disillusion in their hearts.

sent orders from Madrid that the peasants would have to wait until tion is not disclosed by the news- policy of class collaboration and pressure of French tanneries, the the lands can be distributed le- paper report For, trailing behind can, if it conducts its work well, gally. . . Orders were sent to the Azana in his repression of the gain much among the trade unions governor of Bajadoz to use force, peasant movement and in his def necessary, to oust the farm la- fense of property and order, are and sees in this step the beginning established a huge cement plant, the workers parties, the socialists To the bourgeois liberals, raised and communists, rendered impoto power by the rising tide of mass upheaval, the revolution is obvisconcerned, by the straightjacket

PROFITS RISE ously complete with their acces- of the People's Front. After all, sion to office From that moment. Azana is their ally; with him they they become the champions of law share a common program: for him and order, telling the masses to they have taken responsibility in neturn home in peace and quiet the eyes of the masses. Nor can "Arriving at the large es- and there patiently await the re- they reproach him with a breach But when have the peasants ever The Spanish revolution is fun- gotten land by parliamentary de- ately rejects the confiscation of profits of 2,000 industrial concerns tives. Even army fodder, which is

ment, which they have hoisted to sacrifice the interest and support fore Hitler came to power was be-

The Road of the Spanish Revolution

ists and enemies of the people? able result of all this? Have we new balances are the result. already forgotten the inglorious The peasants, too, have their tale of the first Azana regime

which strangles the unfolding of isting regime, organs of revolu- not the cause of war, said Herbert

A LETTER FROM SWEDEN

Gothenburg, Sweden, of an era of "peace in the labor March 19, 1936. market."

The official organ of the Communist Party has just come for-

contrast to its election policy in for the lowest paid. Overtime rates 1929) were voting for fascism and lates that in case of war we shall workers then answered the C.P. risk compensation" The question lice and civil guards rushed to by giving the Social Democrats of war here is rather real, as you 1,100,000 votes—more than they will note ever had before. Had all the work-

> then in the Riksdag. The prospects of a united front

> > Mondism Comes To Life

The trade union movement, as represented by the secretariat of tates, they divided the land in accordance with lists already ance with this double character of left virtually intact by the new. the LO. (the Swedish equivalent of tion. pears to be the inexplicable con- ration. The Executive Council of ples, has perhaps nowhere been so character—workers control of pro- accustomed to regard with venera- holm recently and, presented with the heel of "democratic" France. "The groups then returned to duction, soviets, proletarian dictaresentatives, overawed by the tariat, endorsed it after consider- tive industry whatsoever The esformed the local Mayors of The Agrarian Revolution and the Civil Guard, the peasants disperse, able discussion in which a strong tablishment of local tannelies on a

The Communist Party has al-The full tragedy of this situa- ready opened fire against this was completely ended when, under The bourgeois press is jubilant

The same year which witnessed Front program on which the al- waiting for rations of butter and taining everything including autoliance was consummated deliber- milk in Germany also saw the net mobiles from duty-free cooperapetty agrarian reforms. It is losses of 5,000,000,000 in 1931, an chased from Morocco. This bu-

Simultaneous with the "peacedustry has begun work at triple ing reorganized and was constantly on the point of total collapse But after 1933, rearmament began

masses must be armed and pre- standard of living fallen. It is not yet too late. An end pared for decisive revolutionary

Seamen Make Gains

The seamen's situation ended the Communist International in inficant that the agreement stipuwere themselves fascists. The get "krigsiiskeisaetning," or "war

## SYRIA RESTIVE

Syma, a victim of French Impenalism, has been experiencing a series of general strikes, and the resurgence of a radical nationalist movement against French domina-

"civilization" to the backward peosuccessful basis, possible because of the 40% duty on French goods, import was lowered to 11% and local manufacturers were unable to compete Altho native Syrians capable of producing high grade cement, the local French authorities refused to utilize the native products, specifying French cement in all contracts for government building. While the French officialdom

draws its fat salaries from the taxes and custom dues paid by the natives, they spend practically no the spark setting off the many strikes that have convulsed Da-

Syria is under French mandate.

crease in wages and salaries will amount to 25% as compared with 1932. This is still 11 billion marks below 1928 and does not at all re-Is it so hard to see the mevit- at such a terrific speed that the flect an increase in wages. The government has been able to "save" Government figures (wholly un- a billion and a half marks on undevelops in a consistent and thoro- own conception of legality and a (1931-1933)? Disappointed, dis- encouraged, stimulated and direct- camp policy, and by the partial reillusioned, losing all faith in the ed by the workers parties—the sup- employment in war industries. leadership of the proletariat. The the bourgeois parliamentarian. For workers parties, the peasant mas-port of the peasantry decides the Competent observers state that ses become fit prey for the reac- fate of the revolution. The dis- even according to these figures, it tionary demagogues and fascists trust of the masses must be turned becomes clear that many Germans The revolution is undermined in against the bourgeois liberals, now were better off at the height of its class foundations and its fate that they are in the saddle. The unemployment, so low has their

in their determination to settle names of the new landowners." of the land by the peasants and Spanish revolution can march for told to die for democracy else the heart of the world will break.

### BOOKS of the LOSING THEIR CHAINS AGE

AMERICAN LABOR STRUG-GLES. By Samuel Yellen. Harcourt, Brace and Company 398 pp. \$3.50.

Reviewed by George F. Miles

approach to the labor movement the and victories. One feels the despair Debs when he goes to Woodstock Gompers: jail to pay for his contempt of court, and the great all-pervading joy at the sweeping victory of the textile workers in Lawrence.

So much for what there is in the book. Now a few words about what there is not in the book We note that the great general strike in Seattle, Wash is not even given a single page. Why? In a fundamental sense, the Seattle strike far transcends in importance the gen eral strike in San Francisco. Let us not forget that San Francisco never was more than a partial strike, with a section of the labor movement—the official section at that-hostile from the very beginning and knifing it ultimately The Seattle strike was general in every respect. What is more important the very operation of the strike led to the trade unionists setting up their own, dual government and actually running the city. An experiment in American "soviets' which has no equivalent in labor history ,except in Canada

Yet, Mr. Yellen saw fit to pass this over in silence. Then again we note a gap be-

amazement has no bounds. Surely Mr. Yellen must know that during that period occurred some of the most dramatic battles fought in Mr. Yellen know that during 1922 this burocratic outfit. alone, more than 1,000,000 struck in what was one of America's biggest strike waves? 100,000 textile workers on strike thruout New Pawtucket, R. I. and other centers: 600,000 miners in one of the biggest strikes the UMWA. ever went thru-remember bloody Herrin!; 400,000 railway shop men inoccuring during one year of the post war adjustment period, and not a word by Mr Yellen \* Surely there is nothing holy about the figure ten. Why could it not have been twelve or eleven or thirteen great struggles?

These, as I have said, are shortcomings of omission. What there is in the book will well repay your time and effort. Every militant worker should read this book in order to brush up on the militant, fighting traditions of our class.

THE CASE FOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION, published by the Committee for Industrial Organization, Washington, D. C.

breaker" by Jay Lovestone.

Eugene Victor Debs

(Concluded from previous issue)

He came out to find the socialist ranks split in twain, the I.W.W days in the court 100m But they were so much that he is easily for- proletarianism. given for growing old and wanting rest. While he was in prison the is sufficient to make the pulse beat affiliation with it swayed him, as did his continued respect for the not understand it, at his best he was actively practising it. faster: The railroad uprisings hifalutin' ways of the right-wing intellegentsia. In 1922 he endoised stead Lockout (1892); Pullman awe. In the meanwhile, he eulogized Lenin and the Russian Revolu-(1902); Lawrence Strike (1912); war" He knew real proletarianism when he saw it. But he disliked Steel Strike (1919); Southern Tex- thought of cold steel being plunged into human flesh sickened him killed. He could not tolerate the thought of even a "final struggle." Written with a sympathetic How else the revolution could be achieved he never stipulated

During the last five years of his life he was tacked by illness book becomes more than a mere He had an exceptionally strong constitution and was able to get around chronicle of labor's deeds, defeats until the end. On October 20th 1936, he died at the age of seventy-one.

As the problem in personality analysis, Debs is a constant contraof defeat together with the rail- diction He would hate with fury, and then forgive. He loved everyroad workers; burning indignation thing human so much that he became incapable of making class disagainst the outrage of Ludlow; tinctions He projected into men all his own kindness, and he contiboundless love and sympathy for nually paid for that projection In the Canton speech he said of

"Sam Gompers . . through all his career has been on the speak of him except in praise and adulation. He has become a great patriot. Gompers, who was never on the unpopular side labor problem be settled at the banquet board with Elihu Root, Andy Carnegie, and the rest of the plutocrats."

And yet a few years later in "Walls and Bars" he let him get off as easily as this. "I met Mr. (!) Gompers when he came to the prison, at the

teously received by the inmates, and their response to his re-

marks was appreciative and generous. After his prison address we enjoyed a brief visit in the office of the warden.

by James Sand

massacred, and the Third International in full swing He never again And that is all that Debs has to say about this perfunctory visit of the regained the revolutionary fire he had that day in Canton and those man whose labor philosophy poisoned the country against his genuine

Only at the height of his emotions could he be a Marxist. In the A most stirring record of some split in the SP. had occurred. 'Gene Debs was distressed by it and quieter moments he really hated the thought of the class-struggle. He of labor's most heroic and bloody would have liked to patch it up. In prison he took no sides. Out of was never anywhere near historical materialism. In fact, he would battles. Merely to enumerate them prison he finally was won ever to the S.P. His quarter of a century not have understood it even if he had wanted to But though he could

He was a prolific writer and his correspondence was enormous. (1877), Haymarket (1887), Home- the S.P. It was an old man's last tribute to those whom he held in Whenever he could be answered letters personally in longhand. People who were not socialists would meet him once, love him instantly, and Strike .(1894); Anthracite Strike tion. He called Lenin "the greatest thing that has come out of the carry on a life-long correspondence Even the bankers and businessmen of Terre Haute loved him And, paradoxical as it sounds, he Bloody Ludlow (1913); General force and violence He had said that he abhorred war, and that the loved them too. He was a pamphleteer of great ability, an agitator of tremendous appeal. What he wrote and said, however, becomes tile Strike (1929); and the Gen- He should have known that nobody wants armed insurrection, and that quantitatively infinitesimal compared to what was written and said eral Strike in San Francisco it takes place because capitalism refuses to die without being biutally about him. The press made much of his career after the Pullman strike Upon his release from Atlanta, there was a regular procession of clowds thronging his train on his way back to Terre Haute Arrived there, he was besieged with requests to write articles, to deliver addresses, to appear in vaudeville (as if he were a fat man in the circus, he said), and generally make a spectacle of himself. He turned them all down, except that of the Bell Syndicate tor a series of articles on his prison life and experiences, and his views on penality. These later were published as "Walls and Bars" Mail came to him by the bagful

Every famous name in radical and liberal circles came to his defense for the Canton speech, but Woodrow Wilson was too busy living the precepts of Calvin to appreciate the religion of mankind George side of the master class You never hear the capitalist press Bennard Shaw cabled to the "New York Call". "Clearly the White House is the only safe place for an honest man like Debs."

At the hands of his biographers he has fared badly Karsner on any proposition, always conservative, satisfied to leave the wrote of him in a slushy, sentimental vein, Kopelin's little book is inadequate and scrappy; McAlister Coleman's is a light-wing misinterpretation of a great proletarian which sloughs over Debs' revolutionary tendencies. Debs was important for where he was heading That he did not get there was partly due to the America in which he lived, partly to his non-philosophic intellect, and partly to his inability invitation of the warden, to deliver an address to the convicts to live down his early respect for the "vicious intellectualists" and the in the auditorium of the penitentiary. Mr. Gompers was cour- topsy-turvy reformers. But with all its halts and doubts and set-backs, the tradition of Debs is revolution.

## SEAMEN FIGHT

In a protest against the agreeis being conducted by Joseph Curan, a rank and file labor leader, the union for ratification or were cast—so they say. amendment. It is this latter point the last three decades Does not that rankles most the members of • THE CRUSADERS, a southern ers will be assured if the Senate

completely overriden any demands Lobby Committee this week Af- Bill. Fear of stifling "war-time of the insurgents, and proceeded to ter the sensational expose of the production" is the reason given. aid the shipping interests in hiring Townsend movement, the Black England with pitched battles in scabs At first the WPA machincalled for them! A citizen's committee, investigat- life in the union".

so, which there isn't.

NEWS IN BRIEF

as a reply to widespread raids of

organization of semi-fascists, is

ery was swung into line, but later, ing charges of burocracy in the sharecroppers, attention! The sale,

Reviewed by G. F. M.

the conclusion that it would be im- ments.

Radios," "Stalling in Steel," "Tin- D C.

• WARSAW, POLAND was para- Committee's probe of the Crusadyzed by a one hour general strike ers will be followed with interest.

ment by the International Sea- unions and workers organizations • THE SHARECROPPERS' front men's Union and the shipping in- resulting from various strikes in is being covered by W. J. Sneed, ally for this Thursday, have been terests, a socalled "outlaw" strike progress at the time. Police ar- investigating the Southern Tenant put off indefinitely by the leaders rested nearly 1,000 labor leaders. Farmers Union for John L Lewis of the government-controlled Labor

who claims to have enlisted 2,000 • BLANK BALLOTS were count men on the waterfront. The terms ed for Hitler. This is now ad- workers and the poor farmers of the agreement are much less mitted by Nazi authorities who John L. Lewis is to be congratulattween 1919 and 1929, and our favorable than the West Coast stated that this was one of the ed for this step, a rare development contract, and, besides, was never election rules previously decided in the American labor movement submitted to the membership of upon. Only 73,000 blank ballots

under pressure, Ring, Assistant union, gave findings indicating the rental or mortgage of land in the Administrator, announced that no validity of these charges. Curran Soviet Union is absolutely forbidstrikebreakers would be furnished. stated that, while he had nothing den since it is for public use A He said that men had originally against Furuseth, president of the number of high-pressure burocrats volved in an outlaw strike—the first really national strike; these cause it had been the I.S.U. which you a Red if you try to put new lectives, which should have been

in General."

tries thru the craft unions, even if unionist who can afford not to Nazi Germany. there were a burning desire to do read this pamphlet. Every progressive trade union should order a

THE ANTI-LOBBY BILL has In the chapter "How the A. F. bundle and where that is impos-48pp. Price including postage: of L. Has Treated Mass Produc- sible, groups of individuals could been amended to make possible the single copies, 10c; 5 for 25c; 12 tion Workers" the C.I O.'s opinion can be shown best by merely for distribution in their local of L. and the veterans organiza-\* For an adequate treatment of this repeating the subheads: "Auto- union. Write to the C.I.O. at 1001 tions. The hole thus created is big period see "The Government-Strike- cracy in Autos," "Run-around in Fifteenth St., Northwest, Wash., enough for almost any corporation

of the U.M.W. preparatory to clos- Front. It is said that they fear the er relations between the organized

MORE WAR PROFITS for the Du Ponts and other munitions mak-Finance Committee has its way in The International officials have coming under the eye of the Senate amending the Nye War Profits

> • TENANT FARMERS and worked without any fee whatever.

for 50c; 100 for \$3 50; 500 for kering in Rubber," "Standing Pat | ● GERMAN COLONIES are under discussion again. From Lon-By far the most important don comes a report of a speech A very well put up and cleverly chapter—at least, it's a new con- made before a conservative organiillustrated pamphlet explaining tribution—is the chapter dealing in zation by Lord Stanhope. Underthe issues dividing the American detail with most of the objections Secretary for Foreign affairs. in Federation of Labor today. The raised by the craft unionists. This which he declared that the "time bulk of the pamphlet discusses the ought to be a great benefit in will doubtless come when we shall changes in structure of American clearing away a lot of the rubbish have to give back Tanganyika to industry, especially the mass pro- which the craft unionists have Germany." Lord Stanhope is here duction industries and arrives at piled up for want of better argu- voicing the opinion of an important section of the British Cabinet possible to organize these indus- There is not a thinking trade which has been very friendly to

lobbyist to crawl thru.

## NAZIS DELAY **FACTORY VOTE**

BERLIN-Elections to the Nazi consequences of the present widespread unrest

In the last elections, it will be recalled, many workers refused to accept the candidates offered by the Nazis and attempted to substitute their own people.

The official excuse for the delay s contained in the communique which declares that the recent plebiscite has made it impossible o hold the contemplated shop

### What, No Butter?

Beilin-So great is the butter shortage in Nazi Germany that people are beginning to grumble aloud despite the snooping of the secret police. The resentment is illustrated by the following incident:

A white-haired granny came into a grocery store one day and asked for some butter. When told there was none, she complained bitterly about the shortage, unmindful of the Storm Trooper who was stand-

ing about. "But, little mother," he expostulated, preparing to give her a dose of anti-Communist propoganda, "why do you grumble? If you were in Soviet Russia, you'd never get any butter."

"What?" exclaimed the housfrau, quick as a whip, "Have the Nazis come to power there,

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## Roosevelt Seeks Labor **Backing in 1936 Race**

Berry's 'Labor Non-Partisan League' Seeking To Mobilize Labor Support by Short Circuiting Movement for a Labor Party; Must be Fought

ordinator of the Rossevelt Administration, has announced the formation of a "Labor Non-Partisan League" to support the candidacy of Roosevelt in 1936 Letters inviting labor leaders to participate in this League have been sent, according to Berry, to "Republicans, Democrats, and Socialists", quite impartially. He added that no differentiation was made between craft and industrial unionists. This is indeed non-partisan!

The leading figures of the League, as at present organized, are Lewis and Hillman. The former swung into line at the last convention, while Hillman hopes to do the same at the Cleveland convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union.

Undoubtedly this represents the crassest and most open form of class-collaboration yet devised to smash the growing movement for independent political action on the part of labor In a situation where the old A. F. of L "non-partisanship" has completely broken down, where large sections of the labor movement are looking for a labor candidate with a labor program at the very least, if not a labor party, Berry, Lewis and Hillman put forward a seeming break with this policy by open support of a capitalist candidate and a political party of the bosses. But this break serves not the cause of labor's political development, but to tie the labor movement to the political applecart of one of its werst enemies Labor has but to recall, Section 7a and the growth of company unionism which accompanied it Roosevelt and the Auto Agreement of 1934, the role of McGrady, chief trouble-shooter (strikebreaker) of

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spoke for the Communist Party "I welcome Comrade Altman's declaration of solidarity with the Soviet Union," said Amter amid great applause, "In a world of fascist nations bristling with armament preparations the Soviet Union is the only militant force for peace Still, let the Nazis and the Japanese militarists not fall prey to the delusion that just because the Soviet Union earnestly desires peace it will not defend its borders The workers and farmers of the world are prepared to spring to its defense" Amter closed with an attack against the growing reaction and the restriction of working class rights

"The Communist Party (Opposition) welcomes this conference warmly Our tendency was born in the struggle for the united front" said Bertram D Wolfe. "I am happy too to find that this conference is distinguished not only by who is here but also by who is not here. It is a distinct step forward that the liberal demagogues, politicians and "god" have been excluded from this conference'

Wolfe's stirring appeal for the liberation of Tom Mooney and Billings received an ovation from delegates. "Let us, in the further solidification of our ranks," Wolfe declared, "remember that Tom Mooney has given twenty years of his life to the working class and let us determine to make this con-

Major Berry, Industrial Co- the Roosevelt crowd, to realize whose friend is the charm-dispensing President. Only in the industries where the labor unions have been strong and independent have there been gains for labor. Under the Reosevelt administration. whereas production has almost reached 1925 levels, wages are only 75% of that base, employment This is the record of the administration which the new "Non-Partisan League", wishes to maintain in office.

#### For a Labor Party

A sharp break must be made with such a policy, a vigorous struggle begun in the progressive unions True it is not possible to launch a bona-fide Labor Party for this year's national campaign, but a progressive step of independent action leading in the direction of a labor party will be the United Labor Ticket with Tom Mooney for President It must be remembered that when the "progressive" capitalist politician, Teddy Roosevelt went out to "bust the trusts" on a Third Party ticket, in 1912 a separate labor ticket, with prisoner Debs running for President, polled one million votes, doubling the vote of the previous election A united labor ticket uniting many trade unions and the working class political parties, could rally the workers. It should be clear that in the face of this move for Roosevelt, progressive elements of the labor movement can find only one answer, and that immediately-Tom Mooney for President!

ference the beginning of a vast movement to set him free'

The conference was conducted by Murray Barron of the Suitcase and Bag Makers who was elected Chairman and Alexander Hoffman of the Journeymen Tailors who was secretary

Speakers from all the important trade unions participating made addresses pledging their support

The conference closed after electing permanent officers and an executive committee Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party be-Norman came Chairman, Charles Zimmerman of Local 22, I L G W U, vicechairman, and Louis Weinstock of Painters District Council No 9, Secretary. On the executive committee there were elected representatives of the most important trade unions Among these are Charles S. Zimmerman, Heiman Gund, Louis Nelson, Ben Gold, Sam Freeman, A Phillip Randolph, Louis Weinstock and others I Amter and James Ford were elected for the Communist Party, Thomas and Altman for the Socialist Party. and Jay Lovestone for the Communist Party (Opposition).

The gathering will reconvene on April 25 at the Delano Hotel for a final mobilization conference.

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## USSR ECONOMY **GOES FORWARD**

Railroads, Food, Show Marked Improvements In First Two Months

MOSCOW-The Soviet Union has made so much progress that it can now remove the stigma formerly attached to class enemies.

This is revealed by the action of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in the case of a 17 year-old daughter of a kulak, Lydıa Ol oznaya

In its formal resolution rebuking the political chieftain, the Cential Committee pointed out the girl's industriousness since her father's exile She had gone to work on a state farm immediately after his banishment and had risen steadily from job to job until she had become a combine operator Consequently the resolution held, the political head had violated the new constitution for collectivized agriculture, which makes no distinction on grounds of social origin among members of collectives.

Railroads Improve

The railroad system, weak point in the Soviet's aimor, showed remarkable improvement in a ten day test period Altho transportation set a program of 76,000 freight-car loadings daily, the railroad workers were able to load as many as 98,000 in some 24-hour stretches Passenger traffic also showed an upward curve in effi-

Foodstuff Plentiful

So great has been the production of food stuffs and light industiv manufactures that the masses of Russian workers and peasants. accustome l to sharing in the social wealth of the nation, expect to find prices acduced considerably

The retail turnover in January and February was 32% higher than the corresponding months of 1935 The increase was greatest in country districts which had been supplied poorly previously For these districts the gains amounted to 52% as compared with 24% improvement for the municipalities

#### THYSSEN SAYS: HEIL HITLER!

Duesseldorf, Germany - The German Steel Trust has been supplying so much steel for the Nazı rearmament program that it was able to pay a dividend of 3½% to its stockholders, for the first time in years

Fritz Thyssen, head of the trust, let the cat out of the bag at a general shareholders' meeting He could explain the unexpected dividend only by the 25% rise in the production of raw steel.

With a knowing smirk, Herr Thyssen declared

"Sınce 'der Fuehrer' had adopted rearmament as an outcome of Germany's equality claims, the trust has applied itself to this task with the utmost diligence and, I am happy to say, to the satisfaction of 'its man-dator'" (Hitler)

### RIDDER SHOWS HIS POSITION

In a speech delivered before a highly appreciative audience of Rotarians, Victor F. Ridder, WPA administrator, turned the vials of his wrath upon those who object to being fired from WPA projects characterizing them as "rats who are trying to communicate their vermin to our people"

"If there is anything that I am proud of and want to continue to earn," Mr. Ridder declared, "it is the undying hatred of those cheap Communists who are trying to hurt our WPA people."

Apparently oblivious to the repercussions his speech will undoubtedly have, he added, "When the disturbances of agitators protesting against the proposed layoff of 40,000 workers began, I called or guards together and told them that if anybody got rough with them they should use their clubs I told them that if anybody kicked see to it that the culprit never kicked anyone again."

### JUDGE BYERS AIDS DUPONTS

Rules President Cannot Stop Arms Shipments on Basis of "Opinion

The manufacturers of munitions were assured by Judge Byers of the U S. District Court that they could not be hampered in their raking in of the shekels. A 1934 resolution of Congress had empowered the President to prevent shipment of arms to belligerents On the basis of this power, Roosevelt had issued a proclamation forbidding arms shipments in the Chaco dispute between Paraguay and Bolivia. The decision claimed that this was not a valid grant of power to the President, since he could use his power if in his "opinion" it would promote the cause of peace Laws, said the judge must be based on facts and Congressional inquiry, not on Executive opinion.

The possibilities of passing neutrality legislation are said to be considerably dimmed by this decision While such legislation was an expression of the peculiar position of American imperialism rather than any pacific tendencies on its part, the importance of the decision lies elsewhere It pre-cludes an attempt to aid an oppressed nation against an imperialist rival For example, if a strong campaign had been successful in placing an embargo on arms and oil to Italy while allowing these to be sent to Ethiopia, such action would be "unconstitutional" under this ruling

The Rotarians gave him an ovation at this point. It was plain that they liked the rough stuff. Thus encouraged, the WPA administrator continued

"I am an old-fashioned American If it comes to protecting our 240 000 people on relief against 1,000 cheap Communists, I will take care of our own people.'

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