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Strike Spreads to Biggest New York Hotels

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ency.

In view of the increasing tension in the Far East, we are herewith reprinting an important extract from the corrected version of comrade Leon Trotsky's recent article on Japan and the Soviet Union.-Ed.

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1. The Myth of Invincibility. readers for the briefness of the extract from comrade Trotsky's Manifestly, the ruling classes of Japan are suffering from swelled article. Our desire to put into this issue as much of the latest news heads. Through policies of external aggression threats and violence, about the hotel and restaurant workthey are seeking a way out from ers' strike caused technical difficulunprecedented internal difficulties. ties which made it impossible to carry through the original plan. A And everywhere they meet with success. International pacts have been lengthier section will appear in the violated. Under the pretext of next issue. creating an independent government, an immense country has been annexed. The League of Nations piles up reports which get nowhere. America maintains cautious silence

The Soviet Union steers towards concessions and the logical conclusion seems to be that Japan is invincible and that its rulers are chosen to rule not only over the Asiatic continent but the whole world. But what are the facts?

man geographer, wrote that Japan

greater miracle : Japan routed Czar- puzzled as to just what to do. But Oscar told the reporters: "There's ist Russia. Among the very few the ranks were tight and orderly, a place for such men. They ought who had foreseen such a result were not even the heavy early evening to be in jail." Oscar grown rich first of all the Russian revolution- traffic breaking them. They walked pandering to the rich. And the across the city, towards Park Aveists: but who at that time was interested in what the revolutionists nue, towards the luxury they helped Diversion of Diners." said? The prestige of the Island make possible all these years,

Empire rose all the higher the Passersby looked and wondered. more unexpected to civilized hu-"Must be a parade," somebody said. manity was the victory of Japan "No. Something about child labor." over its two neighbors whose com- What do they know? What do they bined population exceeded its own care? At Park Avenue a woman all bundled in furs turned and spoke more than ten times.

In the World War Japan's parti-cipation amounted to police opera-vourier not on the breadline." She tions on a major scale, carried on was the kind these strikers cooked in the Far East and partly in the for and waited on and half-starved Mediterranean. However the very fact that it adhered to the camp of the yietors and collected ample the victors and

Struck Hotels Here are some of the mort important of the 50 hotels and restaurants on strike:

Waldorf-Astoria, New Weston, Astor, Lincoln, Barbizon Plaza, sian army won tactical successe Shery-Netherlands, Savoy Plaza, only so long as it was subjected to 5th Ave., Essex House, Colonade the play of the centrifugal forces Club, Casino de Paree, Lombardie, N. Y. Athletic Club, St. Moritz, Pierre, Breslin, Ambassador Roosof Austria-Hungary. But in the main theatre of the war it once again revealed its utter insufficievelt, Brevoort, Montclair, Lafayette, Biltmore, Ritz Tower, Madison, Great Northern, Lexington, We beg the indulgence of our Park Central, Barclay, La Rue

(settled). Central Park Casino (settled), Paradise, Basque (settled), Warwick, Dorsey, Delmonico, Westbury, Pennsylvania, Pic-radilly, Mayfair House, Park Lane, Taft, Biltmore, New Yorker, Longchamps, Weylin, Old Plaza, Colony Club, Drake, Bristol, The Forty E. 60th St., and the St. Regis.

Cook Dinners

RECOGNITION OF THE UNION 40 HOUR WEEK figures gathered by 'The Militant's reporters show that at least 20,000 MINIMUM \$20 A WEEK FOR THE

'Ballyhoo' Won't

workers are now on strike. In-complete returns indicate that LOWEST PAID WORKERS. These are the demands of the 10,000 more in houses not yet pull-Amalgamated Food Workers Union ed are organized, have indicated and this is why thousands of mer their approval of the strike and and women have slammed the sweat are only awaiting the completion of strike preparations. Up-to-the shop kitchen doors behind them in the biggest strike New York hotels minute figures on the growth of the A. F. W. cannot be have ever known. The demands are plain enough, fair enough, to given. According to Secretary get the unanimous endorsement and B. J. Field, applications are be-ing received and approved faster response of every worker in the industry. than the clerical staff can handle Behind these demands there is

them the story of five years during which wages have shrunk steadily, and Greetings have been received by hours have just as steadily increasthe strikers in telegrams from laed. Hotels have been operating unbor organizations in various parts derstaffed, so that on top of having of the country. wage-cuts and overtime to swallow the hotel-workers have each had to

do a three and four-man job. Then and the hotels were packed with drinkers and diners. Out of all this profit, not one cent went to the workers, not one hour was cut off their day, and furthermore the Hotel Men's Association wrote it

day feeding somebody else! itself and takes refuge in a silly that they "have no idea why the derwent a marked change. strike was called." They even make some attempt at smearing the which boasts that it has "all the the marchers were not strikers but served as the kitchens were paral-

were rubbing their hands, the hotel and a living wage. managers were plumply complacent. some scabs handy to cook up his and overtiming their workers-Their old excuse for cutting wages

More and more men. Twenty-"business is rotten", hasn't a leg rags is to lie about the number of to stand on. They haven't got an workers on strike. On Friday night,

20,000 Out Service Crippled As FLASH! LATE BULLETIN! Strike Ranks Swell

Fifty of City's Most Important Hotels Successfully Struck by Amalgamated Food Workers

"The general strike is sweeping the hotels from one end of New York to the other. This report of success can already be made when the strike is not yet three days old and the wave has hardly reached its œak.

This is the statement made today by B. J. Field, secretary of the Amalgamated Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union.

And it can be truly said that the hotel strike is moving with irresistible piwer, emptying kitchens and dining rooms of one important hotel in the city after another. The waiters and the cooks of more than 50 hotels have laid down their knives, pots and trays and taken their

place in the battle lines of one of the most momentous labor struggles in the history of the New York working class.

PRICE 1 CENT

The battle cry was first raised by the workers in the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday evening. The workers and the industry at large were electrified by this action and close on plates, waiting in vain for the dinyzed and the dining rooms crippled.

have all the curtains in the grill and slave-driving oppression on the drawn lest customers lose their ap other, pass in review, robbed of their motive force, the workers: the Waldorf-the most famous in Not content with making believe the world, Pennsylvania-the big-

Thousands Surround Waldorf In First Mass Picketing Line All day they waited in the strike separated from the other for years,

hall, all prepared for a long strug-gle. During the afternoon the hall and strength together. Solidarity Less than four decades ago the packed up tight, new men coming forever! And the line began to small island nation defeated the in every few minutes. By five, the shout "Down with the scabs!" "Join gigantic Chinese empire on land fateful hour, it was jammed. The the strike!" "Recognize our Unand sea. The entire world was startled. Fourteen days after the signature of the Treaty of Simon-oseki, Richthofen, the famous Ger-tor it and notify it was jammed. The the strike: Recognize out Off-general strike was on! Upstairs, shop committees were meeting. Downstairs, they lined up for the big march to the Waldorf. At five-have upset the diners' stomachs to ten it set out. hear the cries outside, to remem-

had won "equality" and had raised itself to the rank of the Great Pow-ers. Ten years later came an even fore. At first they seemed a little Times headline: "800 March for the Oh, those diners. Harry Gergu-

dorf, being fed by scab-slaves. Judge Samuel Seabury, the tower of justice, the special pal of Mayor La Guardia, eating behind drawn curtains so he should not have to think of the empty stomachs. And delighted because Mr. Boomer had

came the prohibition-repeal boom, Boss Papers Launch Flood of Lies Against Hotel Strike

The bosses' press is busily sland-|"almost all the way around the its heels came the walk-out at the self a "code" which cut wages still ering the general strike of the hotel hotel.... with its head only ninety Lincoln and the New Weston on more and lengthened hours. They workers. When the Waldorf men feet back of its tail", the complete Thursday. Then came the deluge. boldly attempted to cut wages al- went out last week and the bosses circle", it also said that there were The Hotel Men's Association was together, substituting the gamble of still hoped, the general strike call less than 2,000 marchers. For a given until Friday to recognize the tips—and the next step, presum-of the Amalgamated Union was a double picket-line with only about union and settle on the conditions ably, would be to make the workers bluff like the New Year's Eve call a foot or 18 inches between ranks demanded by the unanimous vote of pay the hotel for the privilege of of the A. F. of L., they were not to stretch around the Waldorf re- the membership. The ultimatum spending twelve to sixteen hours a very disturbed. The newspapers quired many more than 2,000 march- expired at 5 P. M. When no answer treated the Waldorf strike as some ers. The American also admitted was received at the deadline the The demands of the food-workers thing amusing and interesting, they the line stretched "most of the way union moved from threat to action, are so plain, the union's stand is so unanswerable, that the Hotel Men's Association is unable to cover itself and takes refuge in a silly. This the third the strike the third the strike strike the strike strike the stri on Friday that this was no bluff, on this point: it said there were other joined the strike. The well-the attitude of the bosses' press un- only "about 1,000" on the line. statement, made by Lucius Boomer, the attitude of the bosses' press un- only "about 1,000" on the line. On top of these lies, all the boss-The respectable New York Times es' papers tried to make out that ned that would never be cooked or

clear issue by claiming that the news that's fit to print, the sensa-whole movement is a cooked-up af-tional Hearst papers (American and ers or "idlers". They tried to make son, the well-known criminal.... he doesn't belong in jail, according to Oscar. He belongs in the Wal-only three weeks ago the hotels are devil's brew stirred up to Oscar. He belongs in the Wal-to Oscar. He belongs in the Wal-toscar. He belongs in the Wal-to O Only three weeks ago the hotels are all trying to discourage the (Times) and that the "patrons ing hotel bosses, has crashed down were bragging of the tremendous strikers, to misrepresent them, to seemed oblivious to the uproar out-upon the heads of the astounded wave of prosperity they were en-joying. The government was col-lecting millions in taxes, the banks win the workers decent conditions win the workers decent conditions win the workers decent conditions bare cill the curtains in the crill and slave driving oppression on the

Boss Press Tricks petites and scabs join the line. One of the standard tricks of these

At the moment of going to press,

the victors and collected ample booty could not but increase still higher the national self-glorification of Japan's ruling classes. Japanese imperialism completely revealed its hours, decent pay, decent condijaws by the "twenty-one demands" to China, issued at the beginning of the war-only fifteen years after Japan had freed itself from humiliating treaties!

General Tanaka's Memorial of 1927 set forth a complete program in which national ambitions conpast two years supply irrefutable round and round the Waldorf. proofs of the authenticity of this some four or five divisions in China. operations resembled military man-ity forever, for the union makes us have already acted and need now the more "prestige" to the general

staff at Tokyo!

Nevertheless the military invincibility of Japan is a devout myth which has paid dividends so far but which sooner or later must be wrecked by reality. So far, Japan has had no occasion to match its lativity is omnipotent. Once upon

from an isolated Moscow principal-ence of the coming clash. ity it transformed itself into a mighty Empire stretching over two day than it has been in a long continents from the Atlantic to the time. In the Far East as well as Pacific. The Czar's armies were in Austria the witches' broth of also proclaimed invincible in all the international conflict is brewing." school books. But in point of fact old Russia, depending on the semi- Post on January 22. Press dis- buked the Fascist spokesman, ad- at the Soviet frontier-we can note serf peasantry, gained single-hand- patches from day to day emphasize vising him to use "calmer langu- that it reduces the problem of war

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hours, decent pay, decent condi-tions. Only together, through the during all those years when they Union Union. other columns join in. After a silver dishes al tables! Strong! "For the Union

shop is pulled out. Secretary Field rushes down the line with a bul-The document is an astounding one! Astor, Lexington...one after an-Official denials do not weaken one Levington build the from the Down to Devent Hell and after letin-Park Central out, Breslin out, iota its persuasive force. There is them the training their tools with the bown to Bryant Hall filling up with iota its persuasive force. There is no forging such a text. In any Groups of sympathizers joined on. has been struck. The general strike case, Japan's policies during the At last 3,000 strong, marching, is well under way. document. The conquest of Man-churia was achieved with compara-became solid, marching solid, and No hackneyed agitational phrases. At first quietly, feeling strange. strokes the Japanese concentrated men who had never heard the words hardly more than 50,000 men. The whole line was singing. "Solidar-have to be exhorted to action; they

> strong!" "Down With the Scabs!"

Men who had worked alone, each

scabs

The line reaches the Waldorf, silver dishes at white covered

"For the Union makes us strong!" And at last back across town, picking up more men on the way, back to the strike hall and after

The meeting in Bryant Hall is

"The world is closer to war to-

her feudal nobility or Turkey un- ens to engulf the entire continent. abroad."

der the Sultans. In general from But the main focal center of imthe beginning of the French rev-perialist conflict, the point at which

tion, nor an answer-except the time to list the strikers, the Saturdirty weapons of lies, threats, and day Times already had a headline saying the response was light. On

Sunday the Times said only 800 The Labor Board is silent too. Odd, isn't it? It has a good deal of were out. The Saturday World Beware: FakeTelegrams explaining to do, such as why the Telegram said 1,400. The Evening hotel workers' code was signed Post gave only 5,000 on Saturday.

without first being submitted to the When they took up the hotels one workers, and why the code prolongs by one, they all gave false figures and authorizes the abuses and rac- as to the number of men out. In kets that the hotel-men were able order to give an impression of fairto bludgeon through during five ness, each paper admitted that one vears of "bad business".... hotel was "hard hit". But the years of "bad business".... If anything more was needed to funny thing is that each picked a discredit the bright ballyhoo of the different hotel, and only by putting "New Deal", and to teach the work- them all together could you see that rs that they have no friends but the Astor, Waldorf, Sherry-Netherthemselves, this is the lesson. You lands, Lincoln, Plaza and a lot of

can't beat action with ballyhoo, and others were feeling the strike where Mr. Boomer can pop telling the re- it hurts. Despite all this the pa porters that everything is rosy in pers carried headlines saying that the Waldorf, and forty other Boom- the strike was ineffective, that sertively insignificant forces by means of aviation and bombs; in a few strokes the Japanese concentrated men who had never heard the words. The audience by words. The experi-tively insignificant forces by means somewhere an old-timer began to in the speakers do not have to excite workers know the truth. They know what they want, they know they honest in reporting the Waldor The papers were particularly disbefore, and in a few minutes the whole line was singing. "Solidar-"Solidarthey will have to fight for it, and papers, including the tabloids and they also know that in spite of "liberals" did not carry anything only to consider how best to go on ballyhoo, threats, cops, and scabs, about the great demonstration. For they will win. You can't cook din- example, when the **Tribune** admit-

excuse-they haven't an explana- before the Union officials had had the strike is feeble and ineffective, gest, the New Yorker-modern exthe bosses' press is also trying to emplar of the exploiting chain sys-(Continued on Page 2)

The "Red Plot"

Forged telegrams, pretending to come from strike headquarters, were received by workers yesterday from the Dorset and other hotels. One read: "GO BACK TO WORK STOP YOUR SHOP SIGN-ED UP (signed) AMALGAMAT-ED HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS UNION." The workers turned these telegrams over to union headquarters, which denounced them as forgeries. Any orders to go back to work will be given personally at union headquarters. In addition to the forged telegrams, hundreds of telegrams were received by workers from bosses, ordering them back to work in language so phrased as to deceive the workers into believing that the strike was over. The Amalgamated Food Workers has demanded that the Western Union take steps to stop such out-

tem, the luxurious, pompous Ambassador. Astor. Biltmore and others that would take pages to enumerate. At the time of writing the headquarters of the Amalgamated is overwhelmed with new strikers. The organizers and the office force are working with what seems to super-human energy, unparalleled endurance, snatching a few moments of sleep in a day that always seems too short, kept on their toes every waking minute, registering, lining-up, agitating, organizing and getting the machinery humming like a well-oiled dynamo.

The spacious headquarters at 915 Eighth Ave. has become too small to hold the mass of strikers crowding into its premises in the thousands. The Amalgamated, spreading out, has already engaged the alm Garden as a second strike headquarters and is planning to rent other halls to handle the never-endng stream of strikers.

Militant Tactics

The Amalgamated has employed nilitant tactics from the outset, sending committees to the hotels where the workers were being intireaking employment agencies.

domestic politics, but if a clash unionist, Andre Fournigalt been discomes he will be a harder man than charged for his organization work than the employees at the Waldorf

General Hayashi is known to the public only by his decisions at the start of the Manchurian fighting in the fall of 1931, when without awaiting ordens from without awaiting orders from higher up, he ed the Amalgamated gave a warnseek to revive its prestige along the road of war. The real motive behind the change of war ministers is, howeer, given war ministry headed by a man cap quickly followed by the calling of in the same message, when it is able of rapid decisions, especially the general strike and the mass

have to bear in mind, however, that eral Araki personally, but his ex- Thus the resignation of Araki the picket line circled, marking pear to indicate not a peace move York's labor struggles. Since then The Tokyo newspaper, Kokumin, but a war move. An Associated there have been mass picket lines patrons of the aristocratic Pennsylvania were shocked by an imposing "Although General Araki, espegathering of the very waiters they

cially abroad, was regarded as a had tipped so condescendingly, leader and spokesman of the agcarrying the banners of the general (Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 2)

Japan Moves Toward War Against the Soviet Union leading long parades of shouting, fighting workers around hotels employing scabs, picketing the strike-breaking employment agencies.

strength with the advanced nations. Japan's successes, however brilliant in themselves, have been the fruit of the superiority of a backward nation over nations still more back-ward. In war the principle of reclear for all to see. It is no longer on Hirota's speech, the Fascist pol- not only her recently belligerent York Times on January 23, on the talk less and will not interfere in a matter of years, but of weeks- itician, Seigo Nanako, bluntly in- tone but her possibly belligerent in- subject of Araki's resignation, dea time the empire of the Czars also at the outside, months. The bour quired whether the foreign minister tentions." Officials of the War De- clared that "public opinion is slowgeois press recognizes the immin- has courage enough to answer re- partment, discounting the fears of ly swinging away from the extreme Araki." cent criticisms of Japan by foreign Moscow conveyed by Ambassador Right and the Army's prestige is

statesmen. The reference was ob- Bullitt, "do not believe that Japan waning." viously to the recent speech by now wishes war with Russia." Assuming this to be the case,

Without taking this facile belief the conclusion should be drawn at its face value-for the American that the Army would deliberately imperialists would like to see their seek to revive its prestige along Thus wrote the New York Evening ese foreign minister promptly re- Japanese rivals break their teeth the road of war.

ed victories only over the barbaric that at any moment the match may age" when discussing foreign affairs in the Far East to the simple dimentribes of Central Asia and the Cauber and the cauber and the term "Oriental as in the fair hast to the simple under the match may age when discussing foreign analis in the fair hast to the simple under the match may age when discussing foreign analis in the fair hast to the simple under the match may age when it is able to the powder, barrel, and to avoid the term "Oriental sions of subjectivity, the "wishes" pointed out that "high political in time of war, needs no demon-lapsed internally, like Poland under explosive material. Fascism threat- "was liable to be misunderstood "was liable to be misunderstood and "was linderestored and

the wishes of the Japanese imper uberant eloquence, which was taken and the character of the man ap-The outstanding news item last lalists are conditioned by the en-abroad far more seriously than pointed to succeed him would ap-strations in the history of New olution, the Czar's armies represent- the touch-off is most likely to be of the threatening war situation in and foremost by Japan's internal ed a lympathic and ponderous im-given, continues to be the Far East. the Far East was the resignation situation. It is precisely this sit-illumined the question further in Press dispatch from Tokyo on Jan-everywhere. Only yesterday the a character sketch of General Sen- uary 22 declared in this connec-1914 the army and navy were en-plated onslaught on the Soviet Un-position of Japanese war minister. lentlessly along the road to war. juro Hayashi, who has succeeded tion:

ergetically reformed and streng- ion the Japanese imperialists are This move has been construed by However, there is nothing about General Araki at the war ministry: thened with the active aid of the endeavoring to cultivate more amic- some as an indication that Japanese the resignation of General Araki "Hayashi is a soldier in the full patriotic Dumas. However, the test able relations with the United Sta-imperialism has switched its course which gives ground for believing sense of the word. He belongs of the World War brought along tes. On January 24, Foreign Min-onto the paths of peace, abandon-that Japan's imperialist designs on neither to the Araki (reactionary) with it bitter disillusions; the Rus- ister Hirota announced in the Diet ing for the time being its plans for Soviet territory have been even tem- nor the Ugaki (liberalist) factions,

Stanley K. Hornbeck, chief of the

Far Eastern Division of the U.S.

Department of State. The Japan

(Continued on Page 2) ners with-ballyhoo. -B. ted that the picket line extended right forgeries.

THE MILITANT

A. F. W. and is now under bond on Hotel Strike Spreads

(Continued from page 1) cognition Strike Spirit Excellent

Restaurants is the worst in four hours for workers in this day and age! This code has

cynically thrust in the The spirit of the strikers rises been to a new pitch every day. Their face of the hotel workers, without tion in court for an injunction rethoughts are only of victory and amendment. In the real sense the straining the Amalgamated from thoughts are only of victory and amendment. In the real sense the their confidence in the triumph of the cause of the hotel workers is indomitable. This mounting enthu-siasm can be no better described the cause of the hotel workers is indomitable. This mounting enthu-the the the trivial described the the trivial the trivial the the trivial trivial the trivial the trivial trivial trivial the trivial tritery tr than by a picture of the General is meant to drive their living con-Strike meeting at Bryant Hall where ditions down to a level on which wave upon wave of applause greeted they will be as badly off as slaves One of the greatest strike-break the stirring calls for action by the ing, scab agencies in the general strike organizers.

strike is an organization purport Bryant Hall with its thousands of seats and its annex was too small ing to represent the workers-Local to house the huge throngs that pack-16 of A. F. of L. The crew that heads this outfit is the most maloed it to capacity. Hugo Ochler, dorous gang. They don't operate as strike organizer, was in the chair. Stormy applause followed his stir- a union but as a crew of thugs, ring appeals for militant action as groomed as business agents who he introduced the speakers. Organ- make contracts with night-club and izer Caldas described the history of cafe bosses without consulting the the union from the time it was a workers concerned.

mere handful to its present surging | The bosses get a union label from growth A flurry of delight and these agreements and the workers appreciation ran through the hall get the right-to pay dues and asfor hours on end, made valiant but Coulcher who was kicked out of the scab. unsuccessful attempts to address the

audience. It remained for Ben Gitlow, veteran labor leader, to bring down the house in cheers as he denounced the slave code proposed by the NRA for the hotel workers and his sensational exposure of the "great Oscar". Comrade James P. Cannon, special strike organizer, brought thunderous applause from the strikers in his thrilling descriping heart and hope to the long-suffering hotel workers".

Effective Unionism

coffers of Wall Street.

ble minority of the hotel workers, midation by the Amalgamated-but aurant Workers Union has gained workers. the confidence of the great masses of the employees on strike and preparing for strike.

independent organization An formed on the industrial union basis the Amalgamated has been long strike. They call the thugs "detec-tives" and "guards", and vaguely hint that they were brought in after the workers and their Union an acknowledgment. But if Manu-tactics. The present strike gives tactics. The present strike gives hint that they were brought in after the workers and their Union, the ilsky remained silent as a tomb, the bosses' press treats it with great re-known fact. Internal democracy— But they give no evidence of such attacks—because there were none spect. the free, open election of officials, the right of every union man to speak his mind— the observed of who wanted to write political discrimination, has brought them in the restaurant illegally false statements in the bosses' press together progressive tendencies remilitants in labor's ranks, and merg. attacks by strikers.

By this great strike the Amalgam- strikers were going "into all those story. It happens in every strike, journalism was calculated to turn with the exploiters. by this great strike the Amaigam-ated is bound to inspire the entire labor movement in the United Sta-there is that the strike and pull is that the strike and pull is that the strike and pull is worst yet. It is because of this is that the atriker are miner to arrive at an unites. More than a month ago the is that the strikers are going to among other things, that the Mili-Militant stated in an editorial, "violate private property", intimid-tant says the liberation of the work-

Many of the foremost fighters of the the Amalgamated are experienced union

country. Twenty-eight cents: an men who went through the gangster strike and shouting for union re- hour for the hotel slaves. Fifty- mill in Local 16 and joined the Amalgamated in open revolt against it. ted front with the Communist Party Most recent in their shocking falling to pieces but it still wobtreacheries has been their applica-

Revolt has already seized A. F. of L. locals against this monstrous red to in the Militant, and to de once of the struggle in different

329. cooks and countermen, have in unemployment benefits. come out against this action. In the Casino de Paree, Broadway

workers from the Paradise, Hollywood and Palais Royale to break met with dismal failure. The hoarse from speaking to strikers ing this band of racketeers, is Paul waiters in these hotels refused to ship of the I. L. P. and the C. P. world situation in 1920, the pro



give it a black eye. For example, as follows: "Each man and woman who had every paper has been printing dark hints that the strike is a "red plot." come to join the union was asked usual remedy for all problems, sacrificed as being secondary to The American attacked the workers to pay an initiation fee of \$2, plus tion of the "great, wonderful union for being against the NRA. The dues of 75 cents, 25 cents as an -the Amalgamated-which is giv- American also hinted that the strike assessment and 10 cents for a union

is a "Communist plot" because some book, making a total of \$3.10." The idea is given that workers of the workers on the Waldorf picket line sang "Solidarity"! They are suckers for joining the Amalprinted a statement by Saypol, gamated because they have to pay

lawyer of the A. F. of L. Local 16, the "large" sum of \$3.10. But none The unquestionable success of the implying that the Amalgamated is of the papers has printed the fact Amalgamated in the general strike not trying to win the strike for its that the A. F. of L., which is scabis a most fitting demonstration of members but to make a revolution! bing on the general strike, charges the effectiveness of modern indus. They have also tried to discredit double the fees of the Amalgamated trial unionism. No other form of the strikers by charging violence and then sells the worker into slavunion organization would be able to and intimidation. The only case of ery nor the fact that not a single fling the challenge of revolt into violence was when bosses' thugs striker is obliged to pay a button the teeth of the Hotel bosses back- beat up union delegates at the until after the strike settlement. The ed at every step by the overflowing Pennsylvania. But the papers put papers do not dare charge the Amthe word violence in headlines in algamated Union officials

Combatting the company union, such a way as to make people think grafting. If they did they would "the Guild", on the one side and the strikers had used violence. They have a libel suit on their hands. national as a sympathizing party the strike-breaking, disruptive tac- printed cock-and-bull stories about But they try to hint at graft, hoptics of the Food Workers Industrial workers at the Plaza, Astor, and ing to destroy the workers' confid Union, which represents a negligi- Park Central complaining of inti- ence in the union and its leaders Many important facts, figures and the Amalgamated Hotel and Rest- they never gave any names of such statements given out by union officials to reporters have never appeared in the papers. Others have They also opened the columns of

Workers who were at first sur presenting a cross-section of the that he was "guarding" them against porters, are beginning to see that

The Tribune, reporting the Friday tematic effort to misrepresent, disupon struggle and not collaboration night meeting at Bryant Hall, quot- credit, weaken and slander the Un- ternational riff-raff", "corrupt re-

ed James P. Cannon as saying the ion and the strike. This is an old negades", etc. This brand

around the camp of the British In- the functions of a revolutionary dependent Labour Party. The uni- working class International:

has from time to time looked like italist country there shall be bles along with a patched-up unity following: -(a) the irreconcilable at the bottom and a never-ceasing class strugge; (b) the dictatorship wrangle at the top. The immediate of the proletariat expressed through

activities of the united front com working class democracy. (2) To mittees is the preparation of a naensure that the structure of each tional hunger march to London in party or group is based upon interorder to protest against the new nal party demcoracy combined with Unemployment Bill, already refer- strict discipline. (3) To pool experi-

action. Local 1, waiters and Local mand the restoration of recent cuts countries. (4) To organize joint international action, including action

The first contingent of marchers against war. (5) To give financial leave Scotland on January 22, and and organizational assistance, wher ed by the boss to join Local 16. The parts of the country will only in possible, to parties in need. (6) To workers refused and took out cards [outlon on February 04] arrive in prepare for the cooperation and drive stands at 115.

in the Amalgamated instead. They Conference of Action will be held and the establishment of a World were discharged by the proprietor who immediately obtained Local 16 aid to keep the hotel running by scabs. Their attempt to mobilize **Criticize Comintern**

Then follows a vigorous criticism The government, through the of the Communist International medium of Sir John Gilmour, has The I. L. P. claims that the cenwarned the organizers of the march tralized structure of the C. I., comthe strike in the Casino de Paree that they are assuming grave re-plete as any military machine, was sponsibilities but both the leader- based upon a false estimate of the

have expressed their determination phecy of civil war being unfulfilled. to meet this challenge with the It is claimed that the Communis hunger marchers solidly behind party of Russia dominates and con them. As the new bill contains a trols the C. I. and that in consequ direct threat to the trade unions, ence of errors made by the E. C.C.I. the marchers are assured of sub-leaders and whole parties have been mitted that hundseds of workers are stantial support despite the hostile wrongly expelled while in order to

> trade union officials who are against S. R., the revolutionary movemen such militant action, favoring their in different countries has been

> namely, parliamentary protests. trading agreements, etc. The I. L. P. then suggests three Problem of Third International

practical proposals for the reorgan But the hunger march occupies ization of the Comintern. "(1) The only a part of the attention of the extension of the right (existing in I. L. P., the other part being directthe statutes but not in fact) of ed towards the preparation for their annual conference which takes criticism, which today exists only for the leadership of the C. I. (2) place at Easter and which will de-The preparation of important decicide the future course of the party. sions of the C. I. through interna-Having broken from the Labour tional discussions .(3) The reparty and the Second International, placement of the actual monopoly the I. L. P. was faced with the problem of choosing a new road. Two of the C. P. S. U. in the leadership it's the general strike....the workapproaches were made to the Third of the Comintern by a real collecoverture resulted in a united front upon party representatives who International and while the first are in a position to pass judgment with the British Communist Party, upon the class relations in their with the second brought forth an invita-

country. tion to join the Communist Inter-A reply to this communication is requested by February 5, so that

with a consultative vote. the N. A. C. of the I. L. P. can In between times, however, the consider the question again before the annual conference. The **Daily** I. L. P. leaders had wandered further afield in their search for a Worker answered this latest exposinew home and arrived at the Contion of the I. L. P. with accusaference of the Left Parties in Paris. tions of "Trotskyism" but at the the bosses hiring thugs to beat up strikers and workers who want to strike. They call the thugs "detec-tives" and "gruende" and seconded by two Clydebank and seconded by two Clydebank ternational and although the motion was lost, in favor of an amendthe workers and their Union, the lisky remained silent as a tomb, the ment to delay a decision until the

annual conference; it is a good inas noisy as a raging lion. For days dication that the efforts of the on end, the columns of the Daily Stalinists to win over the I. L. P.

the right of every union man to every union to every u choice abuse. Fenner Brockway, informed opposition. The reply secretary of the I. L. P., was defrom the Comintern is awaited with nounced as a "hound of war and interest and fireworks are expected Fascism", while comrade Trotsky at the Easter Conference. and Lovestone are described as "in-—**T**. C.

January 17, 1934.

Finances are needed to publish the MILITANT three times a week during the strike. Send contritions to 126 E. 16th St., N. Y. C.

The I.L.P. and the Comintern Sub Drive In the imperialist navies they fire the guns to salute important people London.-A veritable storm blows viewpoint as to what constitutes and events. Our big guns have boomed a great salute to the new sub drive we announced a couple of issues ago. Just look at the beginning! The

"(1) To ensure that in every cap. New York Local votes to get four hundred subs; Philadelphia undertakes a to gather in a hundred subs; and Minneapolis-Minneapolis sets the pace party or group which accepts the by sending in fifteen dollars for sixty half-year, Club Plan subs at the new rate of twenty-five cents.

Two individual comrades have fired an excellent salute. Comrade S. in Philadelphia put the Club Plan to work with four half year subs at a quarter apiece. Right alongside him is comrade Papcun of Davenport with four half-year, Club Plan subs.

Other comrades have been busy, too. There are so many that it is impossible to list them all as we used to. We can put down only the eaders: O. Coover-5; R. Sharron-5; J. Ruby-5; A. Konikow-3; L. Goodman-3; B. E.-3. Three comrades got two subs apiece and sevenceen got one. The total number of new subs at the beginning of the

That is a good beginning. But it is nothing, literally nothing to what can done.At twenty-five cents for a six-months sub there is almost no limit to the number of subs we can get. Remember-in order to get the reduction from the fifty-cent rate for a half-year sub it is necessary to send them in to us here in blocks of four or more.

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least skilled, all workers together, (Continued from page 1) backing each other and going on to victory together! "This is your acting. When the plans are outlined for the next day's campaign, a Union! It's what you make it! grim mood sweeps the room. Build Stand by the Union, build it strong, committees, post pickets, pull shops, and victory must come." This is the keynote of the evening. stop scabs! This is no picnic

Somewhere the words of the song heard. "Solidarity forever, for the Down the rickety wooden stairs

to the street. Groups of strikers One young striker turns to another: "This will be good for the labor movement," he says. "All over the country," the other answers. "All hoarse. The croak that comes out over the world, I think," says the first. Yes, this strike is part of the labor movement. Fellow-worker Wright of the Dressmakers Local 22 brought that message too: "We are with you, fellow-workers, your fight is our fight."

In the street one man says "Let's applause and laughter. The hoarseness is a sign, a symbol of work go to Headquarters, there's another meeting there." His fellow-worker Secretary Gund of the A. F. W. says it's too late. "Let's go any-They go, and others with is speaking. He mentions the A. way." A wave of boos. Those them. They want again to stand strike-breakers! The Amalgamated together, to feel their new power, -that's, our union, the union of the the power of the union, of solidar-

Jeneral Strike. Cannon speaks about the Union. That is how the General Strike he Amalgamated. He speaks of was launched in the hotel and restits racial and religious and political aurant industry of New York City, democracy, of its solidarity, of the the first step to winning for the grand principle of industrial union- workers in the hotels and restauism which brings together in one rants of the whole country, decent solid fighting mass the workers in working conditions and the right

There is a tremendous burst of ers' fight against the bosses for a tive international leadership based right to stand up and like like men! applause. The meeting is over. Ben Gitlow leads off. He packs learned on the picket-line in plenty in a few words. Best of all are his stories of Oscar. Oscar union makes us strong!' the Great, the darling of the fat feeders of Park Avenue. Oscar the the bar at the Geneva and hand out in excited talk. The fight is on... jobs only to men who spent plenty no let-up now until victory comes. of money at his bar. How he used to be a partner in a brothel on Broadway. That lovely man!

of his throat is greeted with friendly applause. Gordon, too, is worn out with the effort of months and the strain of the last few days. He manages a few words but his voice vanishes amid the same comradely

done.

F. of L.

"Strike the Hotels" that "In invad- ate their fellow-workers and do ing class can be achieved only by ing this field (the hotels) and es- violence. This is a lie. Cannon its own efforts. The bosses; the Moscow the I. L. P. defines what tablishing the firm basis of a union said the strikers would go to every there, the Amalgamated has rend-place that didn't strike and get there, the Amalgamated has rend-ered a signal service to the whole them all out. This does not mean the place that didn't strike and get bosses government—these do not "(1) The defense of the U. S. S. R. by all means available. (2) The by all means available. (2) the movement of organized labor." And violence or intimidation. It means in his fight for a decent life. ready stamped itself in the minds other workers that they need case, this is already clear: in this in the struggle against capitalist hotel slaves as an organization that and that they should join the strugt the strikers. The hotel slaves as an organization that and that they should join the strik-means business, not bluff and bally- ers' ranks. One of the dirtiest tricks of all

h00." More ominous than the open shop was pulled by the respectable Times. what the bosses and strike breakor rather in cooperation with them In its Saturday edition, after try- ers are up to, and to defend themare the wings of the blue buzzard. ing hard to give an impression that The NRA code for the Hotels and almost nobody is striking, it ad-

War Against the Soviet Union

London Daily Herald declares that

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(Continued from page 1) ment, strongest force in Japanese politics in the last two years, his retirement is not expected to pletion of their naval and air base weaken the military's domination at Singapore, where at the present of imperial policy.

'General Hayashi is a militarist of the same stamp and, if any- are conferring on "problems of com- the largest circulation of any newsthing, a stronger Nationalist than General Araki."

War propaganda in Japan, which Singapore is beginning to rival The Daily News is taken to task for the past two years has gone on Gibraltar as a fortress. "The by the New York Evening Post for openly and uninterruptedly, with the whole colony today is an armed this and other equally blatant pieces Soviet Union plainly spoken of as camp and its defenses await only of jingoism, because, if you please, the enemy, meanwhile supplements the rapid completion of the naval "Jingoism strengthens the pacifists the enemy, meanwhile supplements the table of the spectrum of tion of the army in Manchuria. It Malacca near by are nests of hid-tion of the army in Manchuria. It Malacca near by are nests of hid-the scenes of hid-the scenes are preparedness all the clarity is needed, preparing fresh includes the building of a "case" den artillery, the Daily Herald says. more difficult to achieve at the same tragedies for the proletariat. on which Japan will go to war. The On one of them, Palaubrani, "three time that it increases the war dan-Japanese foreign office protests of the greatest pieces of ordnance against Soviet leaders' "violent and in the world, capable of outranging provocative words against Japan and the biggest naval guns afloat." are Soviet newspapers' accusations that said to lie hidden beneath the tuft-Japan is intending to invade Rus- ed palm trees. "It is significant," the Daily Herald adds pointedly, "that no Japanese are permitted to pass the sian territory" (N. Y. Times, January 22) Soviet exposures of Japanese interventionist plans and gates of the Singapore naval base, protests against Japanese provoca-tions are made to appear as "Soviet although other nationals are perprovocations." To "prove" that Japan's intentions are entirely pacmitted to make a limited inspection of the work going on within." ic, the Tokyo police, on January United States imperialism is in 21, arrested nine Japaese reac- no way behind its rivals in pretionaries who were demonstrating parations for war. The huge naval was adopted demanding that the being sedulously broadcasted among Soviet Union withdraw troops from the unemployed and starving mil-

the Manchukuo border.

but the whole world ablaze. The ary 15:

bosses' press, the bosses' police, the it considers to be the three primary bosses governemnt-these do not political duties of the socialist. As far as the press goes, in any creation of the broadest possible national and international unity of their own press to get the truth about what is going on, to reveal

revolutionary socialists". After ask ing a nine-point question upon the difference in obligations of a sympathizing party as distinct from afselves against lies and slanders. filiated membership of the C. I., the -HARRY STRANG.

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"The only medicine available to "by all appearances a decided and itics were dragged by the Bolshevil Japanese Imperialism Moves Toward "The only medicine available to "by all appearances a decided and itics were dragged by the Bolshevik courageous leader" (interview with revolution. The Geneva correspondence of to bring it on forter in the bring it on forter in to bring it on forter in the bring it on the bring it on forter in the bring it on forter in the bring it on the bring it on forter in the bring it on forter in the bring it on the bring i of to bring it on faster, is to build Walter Duranty). Litvinov echoes ence of the New York Times reveals plenty of fighting ships and load his master. L. M. Kaganovich, ad- that these negotiations have been them with trained fighting men, for dressing a recent conference of the going on "discreetly" for at least the emergency which is in the mak-ing.... Communist Party of the province a year and that they are being kept and city of Moscow, said "it was "a very close secret" (N. Y. **Times**,

"If we do not make ready for the policy of the Soviet Union, which January 21).

British imperialists are alive to all the issue which is being forced on wanted only peace, to cooperate with Thus important diplomatic moves the possibilities, including the Jap-us, consciously or unconsciously, by the nations opposed to war. On are being kept hidden from the So gressive military Nationalist move- anese threat to their Pacific pos- Japan, we can expect the Decline this account he particularly wel- viet workers and the workers sessions, and, among other prepar- of the West to become a sudden fall comed the re-establishment of rela-labroad. Why is the Soviet governations, they are speeding the comover a cliff-and to become com- tions with the United States" (N. ment able to reintroduce the old plete a long time before Dr. Speng, Y. Times, January 23). ler's year 2000 A. D."

But while Roosevelt is hailed time the admirals of the British, It should be borne in mind that in Moscow as a dove of peace, Australian and New Zealand navies this yellow tabloid, which boasts Browder and company in America never tire of denouncing him mon defense in the Ear East." The paper in the world, is read by thouas a war-maker in the columns sands of workers all over America. of the Daily Worker and elsewhere. Every move of the Roosevelt administration is characterized as a war move, its budget as a war budget.

disastrous methods of secret dip lomacy? Because, as the **Times** Geneva correspondent points out "Joseph Stalin has no Senate to There could be no more meet." perfect illustration of the fact that the Soviet bureaucracy, with Stalin at its head, has destroyed the party of Lenin, lifted itself away from its proletarian base and now regards itself accountable for its ac-

tions to no one. Joseph Stalin has Thus speak the contradictory and no senate to meet!

After paying the dubious tribute to Litvinov that he "appreciates the League's possibilities better The Stalinized Soviet government than any other Russian," the corger." (N. Y. Evening Post, Jan. 22). and Comintern have ceased to be respondent concludes his report with Thus, the aims of both papers are the authentic voices of the internathe statement: "It seems already seen to be identical. They are both tional revolutionary Communist fair to guess that Moscow is more for "preparedness" and only differ as movement. "Litvinov in Europe tolikely to change for the sake of the o methods for preparing the mass day makes Russian-not Commun-Covenant than the Covenant for

ist-politics", wrote the London cor- the sake of Moscow." This should It is only to be expected that the respondent of the New York Times prepare us for further capitulations uling class and its spokesmen or January 6 (N. Y. Times, Januto imperialism, capitulations as should do all in their power to pre- ary 21) in reporting the Soviet govshameful as the Litvinov-Roosevelt pare for the coming world slaugh-ernment's offer to join Poland in pact.

More and more imperative grows er. On the Communist movement guaranteeing the independence of the necessity for a new Communrests the duty to combat all the three Baltic States against posactivities of the imperialist war-sible German aggression. At least ist International and new Communist parties. Of the old there mongers. But what are we to say the bourgeoisie sees clearly. of Soviet representatives who are The Stalinists are negotiating to remain but empty husks, devoid of before the Soviet Embassy after a construction program alone speaks consciously lending themseles to include the Soviet Union in the al- ideological life, politically discreditmass meeting of the jungo Kenkok- eloquently on this score. At the the sowing of illusions in the most-moribund League of Nations. ed. New instruments of the revukai Society, at which a resolution same time, propaganda for war is minds of the workers? Since last Having destroyed the Comintern as olutionary working class struggle November the Stalinists in Moscow the revolutionary weapon of the must be forged without delay to have been disseminating the patent world proletariat they are obliged meet the immense tasks looming lions of this country. The follow- falsehood that the U. S. Govern- to rely more and more on combina- ahead, to combat imperialist war A war by Japan on the Soviet ig, as a fair sample, appeared in ment is opposed to war. Stalin tions with capitalist powers, and and Fascist counter-revolution and A war by Japan on the soviet is we war. Stand to war. Stand to war. Stand to be the prole-Union will set not only the Far East the New York Daily News of Janu-himself has said so and has gone have fallen into the mire of secret organize the triumph of the prole-

out of his way to laud Roosevelt as diplomacy from which Russian pol-tarian revolution. -LUCIFER.

every shop, every kind of worker to live like men a from the most skilled down to the of like slaves. -DIANA RICE.



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