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EXPOSED!

Cannon, on the Scene, Reports Drivers Local

Stronger than Ever and the Center of the

Minneapolis Labor Movement

By JAMES P. CANNON

ized labor.

A MESSAGE TO NEW MILITANT READERS

November 7th saw the first eight-page NEW MILITANT. Next week, the first anniversary of the Workers Party, the second will appear.

The proof will then be conclusive of the infinite value added to the only revolutionary paper by its enlarged size.

Our members are convinced; they are prepared for the final push to send the regular eight-page NEW MILITANT over the top The entire machinery of the party is being geared up to high-

speed for the attainment of this goal in the shortest possible time. 1,000 subs by Christmas will do the trick.

Every branch has its quota and every member his assignment. But our party is small; the members will do their part, but more is needed.

We need the help of every sympathizer and supporter of the party to fulfill the goal-and make the eight-pager ours.

We need your help.

You can get subs from your friends, shopmates and union members

Make your Christmas gift to the Workers Party-send in every sub you can lay hands on.

And we will reciprocate with THE EIGHT-PAGE NEW MILITANT!

Fascists Grow Bolder in before a labor body after numerous speeches before employers' meetings, luncheons and teas-showed that he has ceased to inspire any fear even among the old-line labor leaders France after Recent Clash and has become a nuisance and a joke.

By H. F. R.

At Limoges on November 17 some 30 French Socialist workers were wounded when members of the Croix de Feu opened fire.

"The shooting definitely establishes beyond any possible doubt," says the Daily Worker, "that the Croix de Feu is well-armed for a British Imperialism Casts Off Fascist coup."

It also proved that the workers were facing the well-armed Fascists with nothing but their bare hands.

Cachin, says the Daily Worker, wants to oust Laval because the government "has not yet made any arrests among the Fascist gunmen." What is Cachin going to do about

it? Edouard Herriot, Radical co-minister of Laval, is the present beauideal of the Stalinists for premier

-or at least foreign minister. But this week "Comrade" Herriot bluntly declared that he was "fully Ethiopia no doubt, six Egyptians in accord" with Laval, that he would countenance no attempt to overthrow Laval, and that he, Her-

riot, would not take part in any cabinet designed to succeed Laval's. Dutifully Leon Blum declared before the delegation of Radical-United States, with the exception Socialist-Stalinist deputies that that Egypt has already been twice any attempt to overthrow the Laval granted an independent constitu-

government would be a "dangerous experiment." to get Laval to dissolve the Fascist just starting their

Egypt Rises In Revolt than ever a bers daily.

Hypocritical Mask in Severe Repression

Britain's great show of defending tiations are now in progress. In the national rights of the Ethiopian conference with the C.L.U. compeople is not making such a hit mittee, and in a statement prepared since Britain's own national prob- today, the executive board of Local lem burst forth last week in the 574 reiterated its basic position Wafdist (nationalist) riots in that a fundamental settlement of

Egypt. At the very moment when the issue necessitates the restora-Sir Samuel Hoare, the British For | tion of its charter and the recogni- apolis affair, its importance is imeign Secretary, is oozing righteous tion of the jurisdictional rights mediately evident. Without the obtaining prior to its revocation. Local 574, in its statement, showed the reds," this time Bradley has navy, for the purposes of defending from the record that it had not in- been found guilty by Akron labor fringed on the jurisdiction of any of busting up unions in other ways are killed and more than a hundred other unions but, on the contrary, had cooperated with them in their ter of Stenographers, Typists, against a speech on the Egyptian struggles and helped to build them up. At the same time it asserted 19266, by completely wrecking a

After Students and 574 President Get Thru with Him

Lewis "Purge" Stopped Cold

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 20 .-- One doesn't have to be here very long to learn that William Green picked the poorest spot in the country to begin his ill-fated campaign against radicalism and militancy in the A. F. of L. union splitter, was scheduled to Meyer Lewis, the man selected by Green to do the job here, has appear before the University of made such a miserable showing that his early elimination from the Minnesota Student Forum and tell scene is freely predicted on all sides. The stormy reception accorded how he was going to make the him at the Central Labor Union the other night-his first appearance world safe for trade union bureau-

eracy. Undoubtedly, Meyer considered this occasion as just another step in his program of rallying nonunion support in his and Bill Green's campaign for the destruction of the living union movement. The subject of his talk, as it ap-

peared on placards distributed all over the campus, was "The A. F. of vealed asSwindler in Akron L. Red Purge in Minneapolis."

Meyer thought, unquestionably, that By RICHARD FERGUSON he was going to hold forth, this AKRON, O., Nov. 19 .- Following time also, before another boss club hard on his activities with Meyer - a junior edition of the Citizens Drivers Local 574, harass the union struggle, the Central Labor Union Lewis, representative of William Alliance or of the Chamber of financially and attempt to shake Green, in attempting to purge the Commerce, perhaps. He thought, the morale of the union members, supplementary to its executive Minneapolis labor movement of all too, that it would be easy going; the Farmer-Labor administration of militant workers, H. A. Bradley, wouldn't the students, like any Minneapolis is digging up forgotpresident of the national council of other boss organization, simply ten cases connected with the May, petroleum workers, is rapidly being drink in every word he had to say 1934 strike. exposed here as a corrupt swindler. and accept it as the gospel truth? Steps are being taken to oust him Wouldn't they just adore his unionforever from the ranks of organsplitting tricks?

Meyer Meets Bill Brown

Although the exposure of Bradley Meyer was sitting upon a settee has no connection with the Minnein the room where the Forum meets, waiting for the meeting to begin and in the meantime basking trumped-up excuse of "driving out in the glory of his anticipated victory. In a few minutes, as if by a dash of cold water, Meyer was rudely brought back to reality. ---by illegally suspending the char-Bill Brown, Ray Dunne and Grant Dunne walked in through the door Bookkeepers and Assistants Local of the Forum hall. A student at the university, sympathetic to 574. having learned of Lewis' scheduled appearance at the Forum, had invited the leaders of 574 to come

down so that they could get the dope direct from Lewis' own lips.

574 Heads Confident Meyer Lewis Of Smashing Victory Has to Catch Train-- Store Report Driver Lewis Green Stooge Forced to Backwater on Hosiery Strike Despite Solidarity with 574; C.P. Plays Cowardly Role.

> MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 18 .-- Meyer Lewis, despite the fact that he has the complete backing of William Green, Farmer-Labor Mayor Latimer, MINNEAPOLIS. - On Tuesday, and the bosses-with the Communist Party helping in its own way-lost Nov. 12, Meyer Lewis, the mighty every round in last week's battle to split the strong Minneapolis labor movement and smash fighting Local 574.

The regular Tuesday noon business agents' luncheon openly opposed him, and had to be hurriedly adjourned.

FRAME-UP!

ested on Fake Charges

At the Tuesday Student Forum at the University of Minnesota, where Lewis spoke, he was given the most brutal verbal wracking that a speaker there has ever received.

On Wednesday night the membership of the expelled Laundry Workers Local No. 18005 voted unanimously to support its executive board in repudiating Lewis and continuing friendly relations with Militant 574 Leader Arr-

Local 574. Lewis' appearance at the Central Labor Union meeting Wednesday

night, the first time he has ap-MINNEAPOLIS .--- To secure adpeared there in his six weeks' stay verse publicity against General in Minneapolis, was the signal for one of the stormiest sessions the C.L.U. has ever seen. Not one delegate took the floor to support Lewis.

Lewis has been forced to make an abrupt about-face and come out in open support of the Strutwear Harry De Boer, member of the strikers. Executive Board of 574, and Phillip

A Planned Frame-up

last minute the scheme leaked out,

This wasn't the only frame-up at-

tempted that night. One of the

574 leaders, Harry DeBoer, was

picked up the same night by the

cops and thrown into jail, charged

with disorderly conduct, an old

charge growing out of the May,

had been settled out of court over

a year ago. DeBoer was released

on \$25 bail early the following

morning, and the next day when

his case came up in court, the judge

was forced to postpone it for lack

MILITANT should not be surprised

if, in the near future, they hear

574 Goes to College

1934. drivers' strike, and one that

Scott, who was tried and acquitted Finally, in desperation, Lewis last winter on the charge of killing the employer-vigilante Lyman in and the Latimer city administrathe July, 1934 strike, have been tion began the use of gutter tacarrested, and warrants sworn out tics and attempted a frame-up. On against three other union members. Wednesday night, Local 574 had The five men technically defaulted planned a stag-show for its membail of \$25 each on picketing charg- bership. Just before the show was about to go on before 700 workers, es connected with the May strike. word came that the police were all The cases were long forgotten until, eighteen months later, the set to raid 574 and arrest the leadreactionaries launched their unioners. Three hundred police, with busting campaign with the cooper- patrol wagons and armored cars, ation of Farmer-Labor Mayor Latwere all set to make the raid, and imer. The move is an obvious at-provoke a fight. A dozen plain clothes men were in the audience. tempt to strike at the union in the The newspapers actually had the midst of the "red scare." whole story already set up and

Another projected move against the Minneapolis progressives, ac | ready to run in Thursday's papers. tion, once in 1923 and once in 1930, and twice had that constitution re-nolice or micleoders sowing dis. F of L Executive Council that The thing to do, said Blum, was of Earmer Labor rule discussion re-o get Laval to dissolve the Fascist just starting their career of so-



574 Demands Return of Charter In a direct move to conciliate the

has appointed a special committee, board and jointly with it, to negotiate with local 574. These nego-

sympathy for the poor Ethiopians, and calling for a vastly enlarged wounded in riots of resentment question by Sir Samuel Hoare. Egypt stands to Britain much as

the firm determination to maintain union with which he was connected our own Philippines stand to the the organization it has built at the in the past, and by alleged duescost of so much blood and sacrifice stealing in his own gas station atand to defend itself against at- tendants' union.

tacks from any quarter, regardless Already at least two internation-

leagues, dissolve Parliament and called independence. call new elections.

The riots are significant in a Will Sacrifice "People's Front"

larger sense as an indication of the Government One or two Paris reports indicolonial unrest stimulated by the cated that the Stalinists, who mor-Ethiopian war. Britain at first tally hate and fear Laval's tenden. tried to pass the riots off as the cies to toy with Hitler, are growing work of Italian agents, just as fearful. The latest l'Humanite to bosses always try to pass off strikes hand indicates that even the slogan as the work of outside agitators. of a "Front Populaire Government" This explanation is absurd on the has been foresaken. It is now a face of it, for the riots and the Egyptian people generally are more simple "government of the left" than friendly to the Ethiopians in which the Stalinists demand. And their struggle with Mussolini. what would this government of the Today there are reports of wider "left" be? A government, writes Jacques Duclos, "which would give unrest in Egypt, more demonstralife to the resolutions of Wagram." tions, a deepening movement, "High (l'Humanite, Nov. 12.) In other Egyptian officials," says the Times. words, the resolutions of the Radi-"express fear that more serious

cal Socialist Party congress which president of the Wafd movement, ended on the keynote appeal for "impassioned devotion to national said that a protest had been sent defense"!! to the League and that the Wafdi were "seeking the world's sympathy

troubles are ahead." Nahas Pasha

Roosevelt's "Pacifism"

American financial and industrial

interests greedily eyeing the rich

"pacifist" comment is matched only

The present construction program

ertends from 1933 to 1938. It in-

volves an outlay of over \$650,000.-

000. There are 87 vessels now in

private yards and 54 in eight navy

yards. Present employment in

naval construction is nearly 45,000

for the government.

-the largest in recent history.

by the extent of his naval program gang.

Such a government, which will apply, says Duclos, "a left policy," in our struggle."

i. e., dissolution of the Fascist Nahas Pasha may seek the aid of leagues-and passionate national the world at large through the from the Communists." tian nationalist movement can only

No, hardly. Vaillant Couturier, become a force when the Egyptian who marched on November 11 with workers and poor farmers are enlisted, and when the Egyptian uniformed, be-medalled war veterans, rhapsodically reported in the workers appeal not to the world at large, the capitalist world and its Jim-Crow Justice Keeps Angelo workers appeal not to the world at columns of l'Humanite that as they marched by, the unanimous elec-Robber League, but to the international working class for support. tric cry was: "Long live the republican army! Long live the Repub- It is just this possible awakening lic!" of the Egyptian workers that caus-

"The Unknown Soldier has once es "high officials to fear serious more found his comrades"-is the troubles ahead."

headline over the Armistice Day spread in l'Humanite. Tragically, it is true. The Cachins who handed over millions to unknown graves in 1914-18 are today preparing to hand the new generation over to the same fate symbolized by the plum that the huge Far Eastern Arc de Triomphe in Paris with the market means for them, have a slab of cold marble beneath it.

CUBAN BOLSHEVIK-LENIN-ISTS SIGN OPEN LETTER

The Bolshevik-Leninist Party of Cuba, now under severe police repression by the Mendieta Wall Street government, has just sent its signature to the Open Letter for the Fourth International to the World Proletariat. The Workers Party of the U.S. is one of the signatories. private employers, the. remainder

Local 574 is well-equipped for office and expelled forever from the president of 574." Bill Brown shook despite years of Farmer-Labor rule, graph the 574 leaders. But at the the fight. Its leaders count on A. F. of L. Other internationals, hands and said, "Meyer, do you is still on the statute books of

strikes of 1934 with such a shining the near future. record is not fighting with its back 'Complete information on these purge. It was a rude shock for Flour City Iron Works, when Far- Mayor Latimer who had suddenly ened in heroic battles, is on the the above exposures will not only tained front row seats, right under and killed two workers. heights. Job control is more se- be further related, but that they Lewis' nose. You see, they didn't cure than ever. The authority of may be extended to include those the leadership is undisputed. The persons high up in the "leadership" sympathy of the rank and file of of the A. F. of L. with whom Bradorganized labor is outspokenly on ley must have been acting in full

the side of local 574. Unless all accord.

signs fail progressive unionism will Once again the membership of Minneapolis with a smashing vic- to peer into the inner life of the tory which will herald the collapse labor bureaucracy. And what a of the anti-"Red" campaign on a stench comes forth! Here are the national scale. men who want weak, easily-domi-

Next week I will provide the nated unions, unions in which the readers of the NEW MILITANT backbone of progressive and radwith a first-hand account in some ical thought has been broken. Labor detail of the present situation of throughout the country must anlocal 574 and the facts in the situ- swer with a full-throated cry ation which justify every militant AGAINST their splitting policies.

Herndon in Jail; Protest Now!

With hundreds of thousands of | Court again before it is settled.

decision in a suit brought by the Negro section of the court was

Should Judge Dorsey grant the ess of law, and that the 1866 insur-

writ, the prosecution would go over rection law under which he was

rearrest. The fight will almost County, representing the Jim Crow

his head and appeal to the Georgia convicted is unconstitutional.

GET SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR

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While no organized effort was

Solicitor Lecraw of Fulton

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in the labor movement in looking to the outcome of the struggle here with enthusiasm and hope.

workers and sympathizers, white

tence of 18 to 20 years on a chain

certainly go to the U.S. Supreme

worthy servant in Franklin D. Attorneys Seymour and Sutherland, present.

workers, 19,000 of whom work for Supreme Court to order Herndon's

victory with a suberb self-confi- including the United Rubber Work- know Ray and Grant Dunne?" This Minnesota. The information is and the stag-show was called off dence. The magnificent organiza- ers of America, are expected to was the first time that Meyer had that these indictments will be based and the money refunded. Seven tion which went through the great take action in similar manner in come face to face with the leaders on the battles which took place hundred men left the hall with even of 574, whom he was trying to during the recent strike at the less love for Meyer Lewis and

to the wall any more. The morale latest moves is still lacking, but him, indeed. But the leaders of mer-Labor police attacked the taken such a fatherly interest in of its membership, tested and hard- reliable sources have indicated that 574 enjoyed it immensely; they ob- picket lines three successive nights the morals of 574's membership.

> The Non-Partisan Labor Defense want to miss a word! is taking charge of the cases of the When Lewis got up to talk, he arrested union members and will was not going to talk about the A. expose the political purpose behind the resurrection of these old cases. (Continued from Page 2)

come out of the present conflict in the A. F. of L. is getting a chance Scottsboro Boys in Danger as Southern Bourbons Hint Deal

Two days after new indictments tal will be possible if the defense of evidence. The two incidents were returned against the Scotts- is conducted by this or any other cited above show the growing bitboro boys by a grand jury, an au- group identified with what has terness of the current struggle in come to be known as 'outside in- Minneapolis, and the lengths to thoritative spokesman of the Alabama authorities openly intimated terference in Alabama's affairs.' which the reactionaries are willing they were prepared to let the This is in all probability the essen- to go in their fight against militant Scottsboro boys off, if the Interna- tially realist attitude toward the unionism. Readers of the NEW tional Labor Defense were prepared case.

o make a deal. **Emptiness of Supreme Court** If the Scottsboro case is turned Decision

that various militant trade unionists have been arrested on the most ver by the I.L.D. to non-labor ele-In the same article, the Alabamoutrageous charges that can be nents and thus ceases to be identian editor boasts that the U.S. Sufied with the cause of labor and preme Court decision requiring conceived by the enemies of the oppressed minorities, an acquittal placing of Negroes on jury rolls, working class. is impliedly promised by John does not interfere with chauvinist

Temple Graves, prominent Birm- exclusion of Negroes.

At the Tuesday business agents The dispatch with which the luncheon, one of the delegates rose respondence to the Sunday edition Southern rulers have rendered and demanded point-blank that the and black, anxiously awaiting news made to induce sympathizers with of the New York Times during the meaningless the legalistic require group reach a decision on the as to Angelo Herndon's fate, Judge the Herndon struggle to show their trials and appeals authoritatively ments of the Supreme Court proves Lewis-Green drive; as for himself, Hugh M. Dorsey of Atlanta Super- interest by attending the hearing, expressed the policy which the to the hilt that their "honor" does he was completely opposed to Lewior Court on November 13 reserved it is an interesting fact that the Southern bourbons subsequently not exist where "white supremacy" is' fight on 574. Support immedi-

carried out. The Bourbon Deal

Roosevelt, the extent of whose the I.L.D. hopes to upset the sen- Defense Arguments for Herndon The constitutional questions involved were argued in the Atlanta and exploit it to further the Com-

International Labor Defense for a crowded and that several dozen "In the opinion of many Alabamwrit of habeas corpus. Through whites, a number of whom were

ered today is whether the International Labor Defense shall be permitted to win a famous victory

U. S. Supreme Court was thrown former U. S. Assistant Solicitor thern Negroes," declares Graves in sectarian policy of adventuristic drubbing of his life. out on the technical ground that it General, who presented a masterful the New York Times of November stunts under the sole banner of the The affair was a field-day for had not been properly prepared for legal argument in a dignified, force- 16. "These Alabamans would be C. P. and the I.L.D. with trimmings 574. a pleasant interlude in the in the lower courts, is today in |ful manner. He contended that well satisfied if the defense could in the form of Attorney Liebowitz's bitter struggle that is taking place process of construction-33 in eight |Fulton Tower jail in Atlanta. |Herndon has been denied due proc. | be taken over by some well-known | catering to Southern prejudices. in Minneapolis today. Incidentally Southern lawyer or lawyers and an Only evidence of the determination the Minnesota Daily, student newsacquittal won under such command. of the organized political and trade paper, came out next day with a They do not believe acquittal union forces of labor to support story and editorial attacking Lewis, would be wise if the I.L.D. were in the Scottsboro fight will convince and that night broadcast over the a position to claim credit for it the Alabama bourbons that the university radio station the story and they do not believe an acquit- Scottsboro boys must be freed. (Continued from Page 2)

-which is actually the policy of ately rallied to this suggestion,

divide and rule-is involved. If with the result that Pat Corcoran, the I.L.D. opportunistically turns chairman, had to hurriedly adjourn this suit, brought for the I.L.D. by sympathetic to Herndon, were also ans the prime thing to be consid- the case over to "respectable people" the meeting.

and the necessary militant mass At about the same time, Mr. support of the labor movement is Lewis was making the fatal misnot built up, the Scottsboro boys take of addressing a student forum are in greater danger than they at the University (reported else-Herndon, whose appeal to the Court by Whitney North Seymour, munist movement among the Souwere when the I.L.D. combined a where in this issue), and got the

ingham editor, whose editorial cor-

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Our Revolutionary Heritage; **Shays' Rebellion**

By Leighton Rigby

"The Common Property of All"

(Yes, even then!) In this case it

Congress appointed a committee.

Note: Hearst quotes Jefferson. But quotations, like statistics, can | tinental storehouse should be disbe so manipulated as to seemingly prove a black lie is a pious truth. Jerked from their true settings and placed in new ones, quotations often shine with false brilliance and fool the eye.

Yes, Hearst quotes Jefferson. But what about Thomas Jefferson's opinion of Shays' Rebellion? If it were not so horribly tragic, it would be amusing to watch the Hearstians as they avoid that opinion on tiptoe. "God forbid that we should ever be for twenty years without such a rebellion," and "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of tyrants." That's the real Thomas Jefferson, the Jefferson who fought tyrants but was impeded by lack of a fundamental knowledge of class relations.

This article concerns Shays' Rebellion, the joy of the real Thomas Jefferson and a part of our revolutionary heritage.

When the "embattled farmers"

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stood by the rude bridge and "fired oustings were the order of the day. the shot heard 'round the world," As the pressure became daily they were inspired by dreams of more hard to bear, the farmers freedom from tyranny. Because made no secret of their resentment. they were not aware of the inevit- The spirit of revolt that had led ability of class dictatorships wherethem to boot out one gang of tyever classes exist, they had the rants still smoldered, and each new right to hope indeed that victory for stinging lash only served to fan them would bring freedom. In the higher the fire of indignation. Inend, they succeeded only in driving surrection was inevitable. Had it out one group of tyrants to make not been conducted in 1786 by room for another. Daniel Shays, veteran of Bunker

The new tyrants did not quickly Hill, another would have led. establish themselves. It was not until the Articles of Confederation were scrapped in favor of the Constitution that the new batch of oppressors were able to make their was one man, General Knox, who dictatorship secure. But lack of was sent to Massachusetts to see complete control did not prevent the money leaders, speculators, followers of Shays is greatly to the commercialists and industrialists point: "Their creed is that the from making themselves known at once. And while they were engaged been protected from the confiscain gaining their selfish ends, there was an increasing determination tions of all, and therefore ought to on the part of the agrarian population that freedom should not ring he that attempts opposition to this out only to be immediately resubmerged.

In all fairness, we must take care not to magnify the size of the Hearstians try to explain that quorevolutionary group of 1776. Twotation away! thirds of the population either opthrow oppression, both the old and the new. Their spirit is our heritage.

Hamilton Safeguards the System

In a society of classes, there must of the forum. be a ruling class. When the ruling class cannot rule, there is chaos. Such were the circumstances in Alliance held a meeting at the Rad-America following the Declaration took Alexander Hamilton to give "non-controversial basis." hand in framing the Constitution. the chance to deliver a blow at the to shivering capitalists.

tributed among the revolutionists. The supreme court of Massachusetts under the state constitution of 1780 would probably have disappeared indeed had Shays been able to gain possession of the too-well guarded arms, thus augmenting the lean supply of the insurrectionists.

"A Strong" Government

There was quaking among the led to talk of an outright military dictatorship. Colonel Humphreys held that "nothing but a good Providence can extricate us from the present convulsion." and he begged George Washington to again enter the arena. The latter was stunned by the events: "What, gracious God! is man, that there should be

such inconsistency and perfidiousness in his conduct." But he was also moved to vigorously propose greater constitutional power for the federal government to suppress local revolts: "What stronger evienergy in our government than

these disturbances?" And, make no commercialists were bent even more on making their position more secure.

what was what. His report on the In the end, the leaders of the Shays' revolutionists suffered disproperty of the United States has franchisement at the hands of the Massachusetts legislators. The intion of Britain by the joint exersurrection was put down, but not until the clash of arms had revealed be the common property of all, and the militancy of oppressed Americreed is an enemy to equity and cans.

justice, and ought to be swept from off the face of the earth." Let the The general court of Massachuspossible in spite of class antagonposed or showed no interest in the etts offered the olive branch in the isms, the reason lies in their lack conflict. But those who actually form of questionable "redress," and of experience. We have no will to fought to destroy tyranny meant the chief magistrate summoned the brush their memory aside, nor do to do exactly that, not to effect a state militia. But Shays, with we intend to allow them to be mere transfer of rulers. It is problimindreds of militant followers, was clothed in the garments provided ably true that no power could have determined that the supreme court by capitalist apologists. Their exaltered the result; capitalism had should not meet. He was equally ample is our tradition, our heritage.

drive on the progressives. It will



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Bosses Plan to Open Strutwear On Wednesday noon the Citizens isson Hotel and outlined a plan to of Independence. The new high- re-open Strutwear and break the ing to expel not only Communists, and mighty needed time to learn 4-month strike—the bosses claimed but all progressives from the un-student organ, Lewis brought down who more than the bosses claimed but all progressives from the un-student organ, Lewis brought down the art of subtle persuasion. It their proposed action was on a ions. He is attacking the very The teamsters who have led Minneapo dience, which asked questions with them their first lesson when he art- Citizens Alliance had taken Lewis lis labor's most heroic struggles," fully saw to it that the likes of at his word (he had previously and closing by appealing to labor tent." Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, come out against the hosiery work- to repudiate Lewis and drive him Sam Adams and Tom Paine had no ers' strike) and thought they saw from Minneapolis.

That document eventually brought organized labor movement. Previ- instant to smile at the C. P.'s ad- and why he had not yet appeared of the employer-class. Build "The order, in addition to much comfort ously, Lewis had tried to get Alex- mission that Local 574 has led before any unions? Lewis replied Organizer"! Push its sub-drive on ander McKeown, first vice-president heroic struggles in Minneapolis, that in the six weeks that he had to victory!

Shays' Rebellion was largely re- of the American Federation of Hos- and to recall a certain no-longer been here the C.L.U. had not met, sponsible for the urgency felt by iery Workers, who is in Minneapo- available pamphlet entitled "Perm- but that he intended to a the capitalists in the matter of lis, to come out with a statement ament Counter-Revolution in Minn- fore the C.L.U. the next day. Everydrawing up a constitution more denouncing 574. This McKeown eapolis." one in the audience knew he was suited to their needs. That armed refused to do, maintaining that it The truth is that the local Stal- lying, because the questioner pointinsurrection was the handwriting was 574 who had been the chief inists have played exactly the same ed out that the C.L.U. met every on the wall that told the new ty- force in making the strike a sucgame in the Lewis-Green drive that other Wednesday, and had actually rants that to make themselves mas- cess. This move of the bosses put they played in the truck strikes of met. To many of the other questers they were obliged to use the Lewis right up against the gun, 1934. The truth is that the actions tions, Lewis refused to reply diwhip of artifice-to retain democ- and he had to make a complete of the local Stalinists is at complete rectly, saying "You'd be surprised." racy, yes, but only in name. change of front, formally announcvariance with the position the C.P. He said this so many times that it

ling that the A. F. of L. was stand-

Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Even T. E. Cunningham, president

of the State Federation of Labor

and chairman of the meeting, op-

posed Lewis.

Lewis Catches Irain

(Continued from Page 1) spot for labor?"

F. of L. purge, as had been an-Lewis, forced to make a reply, nounced. His subject was to be said that he was against 574 be-"The Attitude of the A. F. of L. cause it was against the principles toward the Minneapolis Situation." of the A. F. of L., the first of which He further revealed how disturbed is that Green is the only prophet he was by the presence of the lead- of American labor, and there is no ers of 574 by giving a loose, ramb- other. Lewis was forced to abanling talk. He told how the depres- don all pretenses of defending desion had resulted in terrible condi- mocracy against communism, or tion for the workers all over the American principles against the nation; and how it was to be ex- Reds. In almost so many words, pected that there would be trouble he revealed that the present drive (for the bosses, he meant) arising against "five-seventy-four" has at

influentials throughout the land. from such conditions. But in Minn- its basis a struggle for continued Fears of a general agrarian revolt eapolis, labor troubles were not due power on the part of the bureauto bad working conditions and low cracy. Green, Lewis, Tobin and wages. They were due to "outside Co. demand the right to continue influences." There were two out- to slowly strangle the American side influences in Minneapolis-the labor movement to death. They "Communists," who are the same are determined, Lewis admitted, to as the leaders of 574; and the Citi- keep the A. F. of L. pure-that is, zens Alliance-the extremists on to expel any and all elements which the bosses' side of the picture. Now, threaten the control of the present Mever said with some emphasis, the masters of the A. F. of L. Any A. F. of L. is not opposed to the effort to agitate within the ranks members of either the Citizens Al- of the A. F. of L. for the reform liance or of 574. The members in of the A. F. of L. is a "violation of both organizations are all very fine. the principles of the A. F. of L."-It is only opposed to the leaders; principles laid down by the bureaubut particularly to the leaders of cracy in their own interests. Thus, dence can be given of the want of 574 who use intimidation and willy-nilly, all of Lewis, pretensions

threats to force unwilling workers were punctured, and he was forced to accept better working conditions to reveal his real purposes. mistake! the money lenders and and raises in pay. The latter is Lewis Has Enough and Scrams entirely opposite to the methods of When asked by a student why

the A. F. of L., which Lewis proud- the members of 574 did not join ly called "conservative." The meth- local 500 if they were dissatisfied ods of the A. F. of L. are "cautious, with their present leaders, Lewis slow, and gradual." The A. F. of replied, "How do you know they ising a social credit paradise of \$25 revolt sought refuge in Canada, and L. does not believe in strikes—and haven't joined?" This brought a per month to man, woman and Lewis admitted that one of his loud laugh from the students; and child within eighteen months after main jobs in the past few years has the questioner, taking up the chal- election. been "flying from city to city and lenge, replied that more than 3,000 stopping strikes when we didn't members of 574 and other trade hart has extended the time limit think they were justified." The A unions had attended a mass meet- from eighteen months to two years,

file of the bosses were fine fellows Friday. "How do you know that the election. The militant working class of at heart, and that if "outside influthe people present were members oday is the counterpart of the "em- ences" would stop stirring up of 574?" Lewis asked. This brought fortune, in the United States there battled farmers" of yesterday. If trouble the bosses would fall over they of 1776 believed democracy over each other trying to make life and one of them shouted that he ceive the same miserable pittance sweet for the workers.

Reserves Right to Refuse to Reply

the student chairman. This brought most crushing defeats that any juvenate the whole capitalist sysconsiderable applause from the au-speaker at the Forum has ever ex-

dience, and showed immediately perienced. So dramatic was the appearance be recalled that in the Daily Work- that the students were almost to a er of November 6, the Communist man hostile to Lewis and his mali- of Bill Brown at this meeting; so Party took a good position on the cious slanders and falsehoods. From witty his remarks to Lewis, that Minneapolis "red hunt," saying edi | that time on, Lewis did not have the next evening the University of torially that "Meyer Lewis is try- a comfortable moment. In the Minnesota "Daily" broadcasted the words of The Minnesota Daily, highlights of the Forum meeting as upon himself "the scorn of the aua decided 'put him on the spot' in-

One student asked Lewis why he had so far depended entirely upon is just another instance of how the We will only pause here for an publicity in the capitalist papers, daily papers serve as instruments

Brown Shoots a Question

Then Bill Brown got up. "I'm

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In the last Canadian elections the treasury, an unbalanced budget, and a huge debt. Not a very ori-

has so far refused to commit himself to the experiment.

Today we find that Premier Aber-F. of L. believed that the rank and ing called by 574 the preceding and hardly a few months gone since Twenty-five dollars a month is no

a number of students to their feet, are many relief workers who rehad been there and had seen most and that without any fancy social of the people present wearing 574 credit theories. Yet Mr. Aberhart

After having finished with this buttons. "Well, you'll be surprised has so far failed to provide even rubbish, Meyer announced that he six months from now," was all that. He has limited himself to "reserved the right to refuse to an- Lewis could reply. By now, the economies, the last resort of every swer any questions not put in the proper spirit." But the students to wear upon Lewis' hearty but ob-ished several of the provincial desomething to put forward then be-sides stinking, decaying flesh. Be that as it may, the truth is that a militant minority sought to overpoint of order that it was not for question were asked. And thus did loan to a lower rate of interest.

the speaker to decide whether a meet, instead of a warm Not a very auspicious start for a turing on for the last ten years. question was proper or not but for welcome and sympathy, one of the movement that is supposed to re- After all a lecture is one thing, a

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"The major has told London newspaper correspondents that he has not been asked to come to Alberta. Mr. Aberhart's provincial secretary, Ernest Manning, has denied from the platform that there

is any rift and that the major would not be needed until the foundations had been laid. "Mr. Aberhart himself has declared that he is awaiting word

from the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, dean of Canterbury, who was asked to interview Douglas on Alherta's behalf."

It would seem that the major is somewhat reluctant to associate himself with the concrete application of the system he has been lecreal government problem another



ministration left them an empty

Foreclosures, Taxes, Oppression

ing behind the hosiery workers' In the state of Massachusetts, a strike to the fullest extent. group of capitalists (hardly a The C.L.U. Meeting party)-among them merchants and money lenders-determined to On Wednesday night Meyer solve their problem by jamming Lewis went into the Central Labor through a state constitution of their Union meeting all primed to beat own 'making. Under this code, down opposition to his outrageous adopted in 1780, the makers and splitting program; for this purpose administrators of the laws were he was ready to wield the club of chosen on the basis of their sympa- wholesale expulsion from the A. F. thy for the capitalist cause. The of L. An awful surprise was due immediate result was the hiking of him. In a heated four-hour sestaxes, with the secondary result sion, not one delegate took the floor that wholesale foreclosures and supporting his game. Instead, dele-

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puts forth in the Daily Worker. became a joke, and Bill Brown The truth is that the actions of the dubbed him "You'd-be-surprised" local Stalinists are so vile and Lewis. anti-labor that they dare not tell

their own supporters in the nation just exactly what they are doing

Bill Brown, President of 574," he in Minneapolis. Let us observe them in action. announced. All eves turned upon Prior to the November 8 mass meet- him. Lewis became excited and ing in 574's auditorium, various shouted, "Before you ask your Stalinists came to 574 and asked question, I'll tell you I won't anthat the mass meeting be held un |swer it." Quick as a trigger, Bill der the auspices of the Conference flashed back, "I don't expect you to of 15 Unions, a group of locals who answer my question before I ask had banded together to fight for it." This witty retort brought

progressive labor principles. 574 down thunderous applause and ing class movement will soon be gate after delegate arose in absoreplied that the situation was too laughter. Never had there been so established. lute opposition to the Green-Lewis serious, that it was not ready to riotous a Student Forum. When drive, the fight on the floor being place its fate at that time in the the applause and laughter subsided ably led by Sanders Gennis of the

hands of people who had not yet Bill went on to say, "You say that been tested in the fire. A few. Minneapolis has become the worst weeks' time would show who were spot in the United States for labor the friends and who the enemies of troubles. Just what do you mean? Here the workers have taken conlabor in Minneapolis. The Stalin-

ists were invited to send speakers The significance of this event can to the mass meeting and assured only be understood if one recalls they would be given the floor. the impressive showing of the in-

C. P. Funks on 574 dustrial unionists at the Atlantic Events quickly showed how cor-City A. F. of L. convention, plus rect 574's stand was. The night the recent move of the John L. Lewis group to wage a nation-wide prior to the mass meeting the Auto

campaign on behalf of industrial Mechanics Local 382 (the very local unionism within the A. F. of L. for whom 574 has done most in asthrough a "committee for industrial sisting to fight the bosses) met and organization," in cooperation with decided to withdraw from the con-Charles Howard, Sidney Hillman, ference of progressive unions, the Dubinsky, McMahon, Fleming, Zar- Stalinists attacked the 574 leaders as far as a reconciliation was con- "has developed a splendid technique

other A. F. of L. leaders. There no speakers to the mass meeting. their sincerity in action. They had manufacturing the various types of can be little doubt that this com- In short, the C. P. completely mittee had already contacted vari- | funked the fight and rolled over to | port meant when the going got | would need in time of war." ous Minneapolis locals. The fact | Meyer Lewis in his "red drive." that various reactionary labor lead- The C. P. did precisely what they ers are already no longer willing did in the truck drivers' strikes, to go along with Green in his fight sided openly with the worst ene-

would seem to indicate that Green's mies of the working class against days are numbered, and that the Local 574. The Stalinists, in the last few policies he advocates are fast headed for oblivion-faster than days, have seen their mistake. Yeswas even suspected by the most terday they sent a delegation to Drivers Union.

574 to seek a reconciliation. It optimistic of his opponents. Stalinists Play Miserable Role explain the raw deal that the local help to pay dividends-so to speak was pointed out to them that they In closing, it is well to point out had been the very first to go over the role that the Communist Party to the enemy after the "brave" the progressive labor movement in and efficient product for the pur- Mass Chorus of the Workers Sing- Fascist movement. The program has played locally in the Green stand they had taken prior to the Minneapolis.

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-		this is due to the fact that this	
5	Meeting In Fresno, Cal.	branch has in comrade Ray Saun-	
-		ders an exceedingly active and ef-	(Branch 1 90
7	FRESNO, Cal., Nov. 14 Max	ficient literature agent. The co-	(Branch 2 40
7	Shachtman spoke to a group of	operation she receives from the	(Branch 3 75
-	twenty people at a meeting under	membership flows essentially from	(Branch 4 30
-	the auspices of the Fresno branch	her own careful attention and effec-	(Branch 5 20
	of the Workers Party tonight.	tive methods of organizing the	(Branch 6 15
t		drive. Branch 3 is also moving	(Branch 7 15
1	His talk on the subject of "War	forward apparently in an effort to	(Branch 8 10
'	and the Working Class" was well	contest Branch 1 for first place.	(District 100
	received. Many questions were	Less than five weeks are still	Northampton, Pa 5
	asked and answered to the satisfac-	available for the various branches	Paterson, N. J 10
.	tion of an enthusiastic audience.	to work and make good on their	Philadelphia, Pa 20
	This was the first public meeting	quota of new subscriptions. Is it	Pittsburgh, Pa 25
	held by the Fresno branch since it	necessary to mention again that	Plentywood, Mont 10
1	was organized less than one month	speed is essential?	St. Louis. Mo 10
	ago, and although the turnout was	-	
-	small it speaks well for a town	Since our last report on the cam-	San Francisco, Cal. 20
	which is considered by many to be	paign we have received 29 new sub-	,
L	reactionary and apathetic. The	scriptions and the standing of the	San Diego, Cal 10
2	Workers Party branch of Fresno,	branches is as listed below:	Springfield, Ill 5
	however, feels that this town is	City Quota. Turned in	Toledo, Ohio 25
	misjudged, and that a strong work-	Akron, Ohio 20 —	Utica, N. Y 5
۱	ing class movement will soon be	Albort Los Minn 10	Washington, D. C 10

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---G.H.

"The outbreak of a war involvtrol of their own economic and poing the United States would find litical organizations, and have sucthe cotton textile industry well ceeded in improving their condiprepared for rapid mobilization of tions. Does that make it a bad its resources, the United States Army Industrial College was asmass meeting. They were informed sured today by George A. Sloan." that the fight would continue to be (Daily News Record, Oct. 29, 1935.) waged against Lewis and that the Mr. Sloan, who was formerly progressives would worry along president of the Cotton Textile In-

ST. NICHOLAS PALACE, 66th St. and Columbus Ave. - Concert - Varieties - Ball without their support; that the stitute, the One Big Union of the Guest Speaker: NORMAN THOMAS conference of progressive unions cotton mill magnates, told the Tickets: Advance 25c; at box office 40c. would continue to meet, and that Army college that the Institute itsky, Brophy, Thomas Brown and as "dishonest" and moved to send cerned, they would have to prove for determining the facilities for The Workmen's Sick and Death | Group, the modern dances of the Benefit Fund, for more than half a Nature Friends and a 30-piece Phil-

already shown just what their sup- cotton products that the nation century a pioneer in the field of rough. Before the delegation left. He referred to the preparations Fraternal Insurance and advocate the 574 leaders also severely criti- for war in the textile field that of Social Insurance, will celebrate cized them for their treacherous the War Department has been maklts 51st anniversary on Sunday, methods and accused them point- ing in cooperation with mill own-Nov. 24, at St. Nicholas Palace, 66th blank of seeking to smash Local ers. "Needless to say," he added, Street and Columbus Avenue, New 574 for the sole reason that mem- "the cotton manufacturers are albers of the Workers Party of the ways only too glad to cooperate

The advance price for tickets is York. 25c, admission at box office 40c. As at past occasions a program The arrangements committee ex-U. S. are leaders of the General with the War Department. . . will be presented, that will mainly tends its invitation not only to Such cooperation between the Gov-Maybe the Daily Worker can now ernment and industry cannot but consist of the splendid achieve- members of this society, but also ments of our workers' cultural to the masses of progressive work-"Communists" have tried to give --in the form of the most practical clubs. The performances of the ers and to all friends of the Anti-

> ing Societies, the New Theater will start at 3:30 P.M. sharp. pose of which it is intended."

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MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

Scottsboro Case

Once more the Scottsboro boys are to face capitalist legal-lynch satisfy those old fogies of the Supreme Court the farce has been the grand jury rolls. Nobody has a change in attitude towards the Negro or his "rights." On the contrary, the press treats the matout that of course no Negro will trial juries. The cynical gesture has exactly the same meaning as that of Hitler in inviting two Jews to participate in the Olympics. Nobody is taken in by the farce, but it permits the reactionaries to gloss imperialism. over the realities and to state that the formal rules of the game have Shanghai been satisfied. The ruling class would like nothing better than to have the Negro boys quietly convicted without too much public fuss. This the class-conscious workers will never permit. Mass pressure must be aroused once again to snatch these boys out of the hands of the lynchers and to ward off this act of terrorism against the oppressed Negroes of the U.S.

Egypt...

One of the reasons for British flocked into the International Setopposition to the Italian invasion tlement by the tens and scores of of Ethiopia was the dread that the thousands. The hared and mistrust sympathies of every colonial people of the Japanese brigands is too would be actively aroused and great for the Chinese masses to might take channels of revolt believe the words of "reassurance" against the immediate oppressor. The fear of the English ruling class sentatives that no bombardment or has already been justified by the invasion was intended. The Nippon events in Egypt. All that was re- imperialists have been laying the quired to set off the spark was the basis for some time for large scale speech of Hoare, British Foreign operations designed to meet any Minister, giving clear evidence that resistance that might ensue when the rulers of Egypt did not intend the seizure of the northern provincto carry out a previous promise to es was consummated.

constitution of 1923 had been re- into the Communist International placed by a new one in 1930. The at any price, has at last had the latter had been abrogated in 1934 price named. The Stalinist bureaureactionary speech of Hoare started brokers between the Stalinists and enacted of placing one Negro on student demonstrations and riots the Socialists. that were put down ruthlessly by any illusions at all that this means troops. This is the beginning of a of the Lovestoneites in the Stalinin Egypt, one of the fruits of the the Lovestoneite, Charles S. Zim-Italian attack on Ethiopia. It merman, in the Daily Worker, apthe spread of this movement for the Stalinist conception of a Labor actually be allowed to serve on national liberation to the other col- Party; and, above all, the new line onies of Great Britain, particularly of the Lovestoneite "Workers Age," movement of revolt of the colonial information from a reliable source countries would be a blow not only that Lovestone and Brandler have at British imperialism but at all just negotiated with Comintern rep-

An open anti-Japanese movement sprang up in Shanghai this week The threat of the Japanese to take over the five northern provinces produced a feeling of desperation and the demand for a war against the invaders. The situation in Shanghai resulting from this agitation and some demonstrations against the Japanese, became so tense that the population of Chapei,

mindful of the previous brutality and slaughter in this district, stone's knowledge and that to enter the S. P. they are "splitting" with Lovestone. Actually, the negotiations are under Lovestone's direcissued by the Japanese army repretion. The sending of the main body of

ment

Old Guard Reorganizes N.Y. Socialist Party

After weeks of conferences to de-|Committee which had disapproved | al. cide upon a course of action, the of the expulsion of five Buffalo left-Socialist Old Guard has decided to wingers. stay in the Socialist Party and

paratus by hook or crook.

tral Committee when, by a vote of organization of the New York

branches The resolution bluntly states that is "to put an end to factional or- N.E.C. showed that the "peace pact" place.

luard had count

of the Old Guard. Only decisive

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At the protest mass meeting, were among the characterizations capture control of the national ap- which was called by a committee of the C. I. course. One section of of fifty members of the dissolved the Lovestone group proposed a The first important step in its City Central Committee, Thomas complete break with Stalinism. But campaign to get a majority at the declared that he would refuse to six years of a false theoretical annational convention in May, 1936 appear before the City Executive alysis of the Stalinist line had its was taken at the November 13 to answer charges of breach of dis-effect; so long fed the Philistine meeting of the New York City Cen-cipline for debating Browder. Res-doctrine that all that was wrong olutions were adopted branding the with the Comintern was its "ultra-69 to 47, the Old Guard vested dic- re-organization as "illegal" and an leftism," the followers of Love- on the new turn of the Young Com- L. on the struggle against war and tatorial power in the all-Old Guard attempt "to split the party locally stone were driven into line by being munist International was converted struggle against Fascism. Only City Executive for a sweeping re- and nationally," and declaring the fed the equally Philistine doctrine protestants were determined to "re- that the Seventh Congress was like sist the splitting move."

the purpose of the reorganization month's Chicago meeting of the ally swing back to the correct

Lovestone Gets His Price

The Lovestone-Brandler group, known as the Communist Party Opposition, notorious for six years for

grant a new constitution. The first its opportunist attempts to get back age to point an accusing finger at law of the South. This time just to when the Wafdist movement be cracy will welcome its repentant the Seventh Congress to say-"Does what is the C. P. doing? It obcame a threat to British rule. The servants if they successfully act as not the Seventh Congress bear the stinately persists in pushing forresponsibility of not having spoken elearly on the French and Czecho-

slovak errors, of having tried to The sudden cessation of criticism correct some of them by just droprevived movement for independence ist press; a lengthy interview with ping them without analysis, thus leaving loopholes for their repetition?" He cares not what happens ter with utter cynicism, pointing would not require much to cause provingly quoting him as favoring to him, he must say it-"The Comintern must hasten to clean house." What a performance, indeed, this charade of Bertram Wolfe! He India. A widespread concerted provide independent verification of speaks of "errors" of "vague and worse than vague formulations," of "mechanical t ansference of the tactics of Soviet governmental diplomacy to the tactics of the class resentatives an agreement to act as Stalinist agents in ballyhooing struggle," of the need to "clarify"-

he speaks of everything except the organic unity on an unprincipled bald fact that the Communist par-

basis. ties everywhere are social-patriotic It is understood that the agreement, so far as it concerns this to the marrow of their bones, and inist social-patriotic decisions to country, provides that Lovestone, that the whole foul betrayal of support capitalist governments in Bertram Wolfe and others are to every fundamental principle of the war-this, to repeat, is completely be received into the Stalinist ap class struggle was embodied in avoided by Herberg-we quote paratus, while Zimmerman, Will every step taken by the Seventh Herberg's notion of how to get a Herberg and the main body of Congress of the Comintern. "The common platform: Lovestoneites enter the Socialist Comintern must clean house" -

Party. We have definite informa- what a fantastic joke! Real revotion that Herberg and Zimmerman lutionists will no more ask the dehave been negotiating with leading generate Third International to Socialist Communist cooperation capitalist governments in war if Socialists for an understanding for clean house than they will ask the must be cemented on such a basis they are allied with the Soviet Untheir entrance into the S. P., under degenerate Second International to and on such a program as will most clean house. Both are equally inthe pretense that the negotiations capable. are being carried on without Love-

Take Any Program-Not Revolutionary

In the same November 9 issue, Lovestoneites into the S. P. as and seeking a basis for unity with the need of doing something about Stalinist agents is an elaborate the Socialists. "Never," declares the danger of war," etc. (Our empiece of trickery, of the type for Herberg, "was the situation more phasis.) which the Lovestoneites have long

An Interlude of "Criticism" Recent issues of the Lovestoneite

Workers Age provide the "theoretical" foundation for this elaborate maneuver. The first few issues of the paper after the Seventh Congress of the C. I. had unfolded its social-patriotic and reformist policy reflected spontaneous shock and reaction against the Stalinist betray-

"Shadows of 1914 Over the Comintern," "principled deviations from Bolshevism," "degeneration,"

a pendulum which had swung too In recent weeks, since last far to the right and would eventu-

Herberg and Zimmerman Dicker simple worker who is "beginning to or Entry into S.P., Lovestone in C.P

eel. Note: Herberg does not speak Now he utters the gentle cry that | sation against the C. P. on the war here of specific, united front actions the Stalintern must "clarify its question is against the organizaagainst war as being needed to instand." He gathers up all his cour- tional form through which it purvolve broad masses in order to help sues its social-patriotic line. "But them take their first step toward a revolutionary program. No! Hererg proposes that the program itward the American League Against self be written down to the level of War and Fascism as the chosen the simple worker. In other words, vehicle for rallying the masses in write the kind of program on which this field.'

social-patriots and Leninist fight-All the C. P. needs to do, accorders against war can both unite. ing to Herberg, is get rid of the But what kind of united front ac-American League. "Why not start tion can flow out of such "reasonanew in the face of the new situaable" programs, and where would tion and, in collaboration with the it lead to? Only to the camp of sentially that of the Stalinists, is Socialists and the C.P.O., help Stalinism, for the backward worklaunch a new anti-war movement ers, imbued with bourgeois ideology on sound foundations, with program, methods and appeal such as toward social-patriotism. The opwill open the way to a fruitful ap- posite camp, of real struggle proach to organized labor? On such a basis, effective cooperation is against the stream, must go against class interests of the Soviet state, possible immediately." Lest anyone harbor the notion that Herberg's talk of "sound foundations" calling for unity on such a "broad" refers to any revision of the Stalprogram, a unity inclusive of Stalinism, Herbert is serving the cause of social-patriotism New System of Stalinist Apologetics

The whitewashing of Stalinist social-patriotism, the erection of a smokescreen to cover the bare. bald.

A "Reasonable" Appeal

"In order to be really fruitful, adopted a policy of supporting effectively mobilize the organized labor movement for action. The question is not how 'correct' or how 'revolutionary' a program or a slo-

ning of the doctrinal facade being gan may be but how reasonable an erected by the Lovestoneites to fac-Herberg goes even beyond Wolfe in appeal it makes to the trade unionilitate their attempts to bring about covering up the Stalinist war line ist who is beginning to feel keenly organic unity. From this point they go on to give a completely false picture of the line adopted by the Seventh Congress. Whenever

favorable for the development of In other words: the Stalinists. the Stalinists anywhere commit an been notorious in the labor move- a powerful anti-war and anti-Fas with their social-patriotic concep- act so flagrantly opposed to revolucist mass movement deeply rooted tions, should unite with the antitionary policy that even the Lovein the trade unions. But what is sanctions Socialists, and the Mili- stoneites must condemn it, they do he C. P. doing?" And what do our tant Socialists with their near revway to carry out Dimitroff's direcreaders imagine that Herberg is olutionary analysis of the struggle about, to accuse the Stalinists of against war; how can such opposite tives at the Seventh Congress?" doing? Their general social-patrio- camps unite? Herberg, as attorney This preposterous fabrication, howtic war program? Their position on for Stalinism, finds the formula:

it justice. (A second article on the Lovestoneites will appear next week.)



By JOSEPH CARTER

all about the struggle against cap-Last Friday's New York meeting italism! Nor did he even attempt of the Young Communist League to explain the program of the Y.C. into a forum against Stalinist bare formulas were presented: social-patriotism. "unity of all non-Fascist and pro-The several thousand youth,

gressive youth," "organic unity of mostly students, who came to the the Y.C.L. and the Y.P.S.L.' meeting were given innumerable YPSL Denounces Social Patriotism pieces of anti-Stalinist literature by

The young Socialists who spokeganizations and disruptive activi- adopted three months previously, It is significant of the disastrous the Spartacus Youth League, the in "semi-official capacity" since the tives, enforce the orders of the N.E. had broken down, some of the Old results of the theoretical miseduca- Young People's Socialist League Y.P.S.L. had refused to send an finial

are bemoaning at present. "We of the Y.P.S.L. agree with the goal of a homogeneous revolutionary party, disciplined and centralized, which will be capable of overthrowing the capitalist state. But we consider that such an end can be achieved only by a process of discussion and selfdevelopment within the party, not through an artificial split engineered from without as the Comintern leaders believed. We

Box By A. WEAVER_ A. K., BRONX-Question: Why should it not be correct for a revolutionary party to proclaim the slogan "Fight in the next war under the leadership of your imperialist government while it is allied to the U.S.S.R. and turn against your government when it turns against the U.S.S.R"?

Question

Answer: What is completely false in this slogan, which is esthat it relegates the defense of the U.S.S.R., not to the international and otherwise unassisted, will move proletariat, but to the Soviet Union's imperialist "allies" on the assumption that the military supagainst war, is one which must go port of the latter can defend the the "reasonable," that is, the first whereas the class struggle of the thoughts, of backward workers. In proletariat will only weaken such defense.

The class antagonism between the Workers' State and ANY imperialist power is of a more fundamental character than the antagonism between any imperialists or groups of imperialists so that, in the final analysis, the "aid" which an imperialist "ally" will give the fact that the Seventh Congress Soviet Union can be, at best, of such treacherous and unreliable a character as to constitute, in reality acts of hostility against the latter. As in 1914-18, the outbreak ion, the invention of a "theoretical" justification for uniting with Stalof war may reveal secret treaties inist social-patriots in "anti-war by means of which pacts between work"-this is merely the beginthe Soviet Union and imperialist powers have been completely negated. A possible variant here is for the imperialist "ally," at the same time that it agrees to support the Soviet Union in case of attack, to give the imperialist enemy to understand that it can depend upon the "ally's" neutrality; the intention of such a trick being, of course, to involve the Soviet Union and the opposing imperialist power in an exhausting war from which so with the refrain: "Is that the the "neutral" imperialists expect to benefit. Even if it should enter a war as opposed to the same imperever, requires another article to do ialists as the Soviet Union, the "ally" will attempt to conserve its own resources at the expense of the U.S.S.R.; so as to exhaust the latter as well as the imperialist enemy. As the world war showed, the imperialists, when allies, practice treachery on each other and in every turn of events the true nature of the "ally" would manifest itself. Areas and property, valuable to both opposing imperial-

ists would be free from attack. If profits can be made out of the transaction, the enemy may find it possible to purchase arms and supplies from the "allies" of the Workers' state, who will even attempt to prolong the war if such profits are assured thereby. During the course of the war the class antagonism between the "allies" would immediately come to the fore. The question as to the form of government in captured territory, Soviet or capitalist, is sufficient to pro-

duce a rupture which could be by force of arms.

sanctions and the League of Na- unite not on a correct or revolutions, etc., etc.? Not a word about tionary program, but on one makthis from Herberg. His sole accu- ing a "reasonable" appeal to the

conhands of the City Executive.

official body through which the against the Thomas "Militant" Norman Thomas and "Militant" group, minorities can act. With the aid of these elements,

In a mass meeting of party members protesting the Old Guard ac- the well-organized Old Guard faces ists, the Lovestone leadership protion, held at Stuyvesant Casino a heterogeneous conglomeration of Sunday afternoon, Norman Thomas Thomasites and "Militants" who and the "Militant" leaders declared have little in common except hatred they would not submit.

A meeting the same day of the steps to organize a left-wing on a Old Guard-controlled State Committee took two further steps in the necessary rallying center to that was! No, indeed; instead, consolidating Old Guard forces for oppose the Old Guard's machina- Lovestone developed the theory the coming convention.

The Old Guard meeting and the convention, and only three nounced that early next month a months before delegates will be two-day conference will be held in elected to the convention, the "Mili-New York in which the state organ. tants" have not yet published their program. izations of New York. Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Maryland would be officially represented, as well as minority delegations from New Jersey, Ohio, Mich igan and other states. The Finnish and Jewish Federations will also be officially represented. The conference will determine the policy of Auspices: Branch 2, W.P., Chicago the Old Guard at the May convention, including the drafting of a party platform and a new declaration of principles, decide on nominees for President and Vice-Presi dent, and plan the strategy of the convention struggle.

The State Committee also announced that it had decided to overrule the National Executive

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elled withdrawal tion of the Lovestone group that und others. As a prelude to a dry cerning the ineligibility to party of Old Guard state organizations the irrelevant analogy from mech-humanitarian speech by Gil Green line of the leaflet issued by their membership of those advocating from the national party. The pol- anics of a swinging pendulum was the audience was treated to some violence, armed insurrection or die | icy that prevailed, however, is accepted by them. Lovestone, Wolfe soothing music. The young Socialtatorship as a means of achieving based on the conviction that the and the other leaders, of course, no ists were given the platform folsocialism" and "pending the accom- Old Guard can depend on Dan more believe this pap they feed lowing Green's speech. The chairplishment of these purposes" by re- Hoan, Hoopes and other erstwhile their followers than they believe man announced that two represenorganization, puts all power in the allies of Thomas, particularly the any of the scores of other fantastic tatives of the Spartacus Youth municipal Socialists of Reading, excuses for Stalinism that they League had asked for the floor but With the City Central Committee Bridgeport and Milwaukee, to aid have brought forward during six that there was not "sufficient time"

thus dissolved, there exists now no them in carrying the convention years of degeneration of the Com- for any more discussion. This intern. Having driven their follow- after only two Yipsels and no one ers in line, and arrived at an under- else had been permitted to speak! Following the meeting a group

standing with Herberg and Zimmerand powerful financial resources, man to negotiate with the Socialceeded to develop the necessary "theoretical" line in their press:

1. Whitewashing the Stalinist War Program

No more talk of "shadows of revolutionary program can provide 1914"-what a regrettable error

knows it Browder" and the slogan of "Fourth, Fourth, Fourth International." Green Sees the "Light"

street and lustily sang revolution-

ary songs and shouted slogans.

most popular of which was "I

Green dished out the new line of the Young Communist Internationtions. With only five months to that the "sole" deviation of the C.I. al. He sounded like a Y.M.C.A. diwas on the question of "mixed rector who had just seen the "light" wars," i.e., wars in which the So- and urged "the unity at all costs viet Union was involved on one of the young generation against side, and that even this deviation war and Fascism." Nothing new arose from the laudable desire to was added to his interview in the protect the Soviet Union. Since Daily Worker and Young Worker "mixed wars" are the only kind of on the "reorganization" of the Y.C. large-scale wars which are possible I. preparatory to organic unity with in a period in which all wars tend the Young Socialist International. to be international in scope, and The Young Communist League is since Social Democrats support today nothing but a "young Comcapitalist governments from the munist party," he stated. It must equally laudable desire to protect become a mass youth educational the working class organizations organization not directly affiliated with any political party. He deagainst the foreign enemy, Lovestone's arguments do not hold nied that this meant the "liquidawater for a moment. But no mattion" of the Y.C.L. but avoided any ter; they confused the issue suffiexplaination of the omission of the ciently to enable the Workers Age road to power in the proposed proto move to the next stage, in which gram of the "reorganized" league. all talk of fundamental differences Green declared that the "communists" in this broad league would with the Comintern disappears 'democratically" urge that the orcompletely.

Wolfe Sees the Fleshpots ganization have fraternal relations. Finally, in the issue of November engage in joint activities, etc. with in the international working class and self-development within the tional. All else is quicksand. 9. Bertram Wolfe and Herberg show the Communist Party. If organic us to what lengths these cynical unity were achieved between the tricksters are ready to go. Only a Y.C.L. and the Y.P.S.L. then the few weeks before, it had been per- young Socialists would have the fectly clear to Wolfe what the C. I. right to propose that the new youth line on war was-one of "principled organization have certain relations deviations," "shadows of 1914," etc. with the Socialist Party. This, he By November 9, however, the pros- stated, would be a step to organic

pect of return to the Stalinist ap- unity of the S. P. and C. P. paratus had so dazed him, the rich The response of the audience inaromas and heavy vapors arising dicated that the young Communists from the Stalinist fleshpots had present were uneasy about the liqspread such a mist before his eyes, uidation of the Y.C.I. but seemed that Wolfe was no longer able to to be reassured by the remarks of see what had been so crystal-clear Green. Green had apparently forgotten a few short weeks before.

organization. This is the first leaflet ever issued by the Yipsels to the Y.C.L. in New York and follows on the heels of a young Socialist leaflet which greeted Browder's meeting in Chicago several weeks ago.

tionism" of the Y.C.L. "as an tern was formed and a confusion it is possible to claim that the abandonment of the struggle for a on the conception of a revolution- struggle of the workers against Socialist revolution." (The infer- ary party.

ence might logically be drawn from of Spartacans assembled in the this that the Y.C.L. directly affiliated to the C. P. is a revolutionary labor movement was caused by the organization.)

> The social-patriotism of the Comintern is attacked.

"The Comintern justified the split 16 years ago mainly on the ground that the International thor of the leaflet! had to exclude all remnants of social-patriotism, all those who had supported the imperialist war because they considered their bourgeoisie to be aligned on the 'just side.' Today a similar situation is developing. Again we find sections of the working class (including the Communist International) beating the war drums in the name of the revolution. The C. P. frankly states that if, in the next world war, the U.S. finds itself aligned on the same side as the U.S.S.R. (against Japan or Germany) then it will support that war by the Government."

Here is a clear cut statement against social-patriotism.

The Twenty-One Points

But strangely enough, this statement appears in the same leaflet wherein the twenty-one conditions for admittance to the Communist International (adopted 1920) is

movement. "We are glad that they (the leaders of the Comintern-J.C.) now wish to take measures to overcome the split in our movement which has lasted since 1919 and for which the famous '21 points' were largely responsible. At that time, it was the theory of the Communist leaders that it was inadmissible for revolutionaries to be in the same party with the reformists and centrists. It was with this guiding idea that they drove toward the thoroughgoing split which your leaders

The Soviet Union is dealing with of the C. P. and the Y.C.L. toimperialist bandits, with class eneward organic unity as a complete mies, and yet these are the people repudiation of the organizational principle upon which the C. I. was founded and which gave it its reason for separate existence." Here we have a combination of

Let History Speak

to whose "alliance" the Stalinists ask workers to surrender their own material interests. It is only by hiding the true character of the "aid" which the imperialists can The leaflet scores the "liquida- an ignorance as to how the Comin- and will give the Soviet Union, that their own capitalists, "allied" to the Workers' State, can endanger

In the first place the split in the the latter. Only the class struggle of the social democratic betrayal during proletariat can save the Soviet and following the World War. Union from being eventually faced Strangely enough, this was stated with the military opposition of its by the young Socialist speaker at imperialist "allies" as well as its the Y.C.L. meeting-who is the au- enemies. If at first the workers' struggle appears to deprive the So-Second, the organizational split viet Union of a certain, even if with the social-patriots was not treacherous, military support, it "an artificial split engineered from nevertheless opens up to the Workwithout." One has but to read, for ers' state the possibility of obtainexample, the history of the origins ing as allies, reliable allies, the of the French and American Com- proletariat of the enemy capitalist munist parties. In the first case countries; and a demoralization in Lenin urged the Communists to stay the armies of the latter can more in the S.P. and it was more than a than offset the loss of such military year and a half after the Comin- "support." Finally, it is the worktern was formed (March 1919) ers alone who can permanently remove all danger of attack on the that the Communists won a major-

ity in the French S. P. (Dec., U.S.S.R. We have repeatedly stated that 1920)! The party affiliated to the the Stalinists have squandered the

In the United States the majority revolutionary resources of the Ocof the S.P. was expelled in the tober revolution; that they no most arbitrary fashion because of longer have any faith in the proleits support to the program of the tariat and cannot be depended upon Third International. They "agreed to defend the U.S.S.R. The C. I.'s with the goal of a homogeneous subordination of the proletariat to revolutionary party, disciplined the class enemy, which is palmed and centralized" (present state off as the defender of the Soviet ment of Y.P.S.L.) and attempted to Union, is so much more confirmaachieve this end-which means a tion of this. A real defense of the break with the social-patriots of all U.S.S.R., therefore means the attacked as the cause of the split stripe "by a process of discussion struggle for the Fourth Interna-

deny that the Y.C.L. would support The leaflet confuses Stalinism the United States if it were in alwith the early Comintern under liance with the Soviet Union in the Lenin. Stalinism has repudiated coming war. He stated very dramthe 21 points in regard to the polit- atically that "we would force the ical struggle against social-patriot- government to support the Soviet ism because it has adopted this Union in case of war"!

The young Stalinists present treacherous program as its own. And therefore it proposes organic were undoubtedly impressed by the unity to the social-patriots of the anti-Stalinist literature given to them. The statement of the Spar-Gil Green's reply to the young tacus Youth League clearly ex-Socialists' charge of social-patriot- plained the political basis and sigism was an admission of the ac- nificance of the new turn of the curacy of the charge. He did not Y.C.I.

party. Green Nods His Head

Second International!

Comintern.

Chiang Hands Over North China to Japanese for the Asking

A Finger

The third issue of the People's a brief statement of the paper's Press, that new national tabloid editorial policy. But no! It is an

sponsored by the Stalinists, is now expose of "Ex-Lax" by Editor Kal-Plans for the proclamation of formal "autonomy" in North China being peddled on the streets. Sick- let of "100 Million Guinea Pigs" ened as we were by the filth of the fame. Ex-Lax, we are told, contemporarily postponed on were first issue, we decided to skip the tains phenolphthalein, an irritant Nov. 20 following what looked second in order to see whether the and a poison. Kallet, however, very much like a deal between third showed signs of reform. Per doesn't consider one important cir-Chiang Kai-shek and the Japanese. haps, after all, we were unduly cumstance. So long as people con-

boys figure it out."

It should be clearly understood harsh in our criticism, and the op- tinue to stomach such stuff as apthat the question involved in the North China situation at the presening issue was simply an aberra- pears in his paper, they need strong tion on the part of the editors. ent time is almost entirely a formal We hasten to report, however, "policy of the lesser evil." one. De facto Japanese control has existed in North China since the conclusion of the Tangku Truce Although the third issue has a little in May, 1933. Ever since that time more red paint on its cheeks and no Chinese official in North China has dared breathe without permiseven a touch of Stalinist rouge on

its lips, it remains the same joursion. nalistic prostitute. The "autonomy" movement which

Indeed, the paper has been going lem's reputation as a hotbed of ensprang into being only a few weeks ago was a direct product not of from bad to Hearst. Almost the tertainment has acquired a new any sudden political change in entire contents of this issue, includ- luster (sic!). "The new luster" in North China itself but of Nanking's ing news stories, photos, a full-page temerity in trying to make mone- True Story, and the leading edi- H. Davis, husband of the owner of tary and other arrangements, with- torials, revolves around the Sultan the Amsterdam News who, although out consulting Japan.

Britain Steps In

By LO SEN

British imperialism stepped in British imperialism stepped in with a plan for reasserting itself Hearst," treats the palpitating angling the eternal triangle with a by having the Chinese dollar pegged public to another chapter in that to the pound sterling and for organizing of an international loan stirring sex-serial on "The Bad Life which would relegate Japan to the and Good Times of W. R. Hearst." position of being merely a partner over to a puny peevish personal in the plundering of China. attack upon Hearst. It seems that

Nanking, and Chiang Kai-shek, King Features, the Hearst syndijumped at the hope of finding a cate, refused to sell photos to the new imperialist wet nurse. The Chinese dollar was devaluated and People's Press. From the photos of cities, etc., the People's Press all silver called in.

The Japanese soon showed their hand. They flatly and bluntly told to us so damaging an offense. How-Britain that no loan would be counterbalanced by Japan. They flatly and bluntly told Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking to behave or elseroar! there would be "autonomy" in North China and perhaps a new invasion of Shanghai. In the north an "independence" movement miraculously came into being after Nanking's demand for the shipment of silver stocks southward. No Northern general had any intention everybody, William Randolph Nanking in return for paper! And Press. And we try SO hard. . . . Japan stood ready to back their refusal.

Japanese Marines March Again In Shanghai a Japanese marine was conveniently murdered and a whole flock of "incidents" occurred. Japanese marines tramped once more through the streets of Chapei. Threats were again made that Japan would enter Shanghai to take for itself what Nanking hesitated to give.

The developments at Shanghai were not only meant as a demonstration of force to frighten Nanking but were also directly linked

The biggest laugh of the week is contained in the first sentence of a hot story on the Amsterdam News strike, which reads: "Harcase you're interested is William of San Simeon and his personal af- he owns 41 percent of the stock, is fairs. The main headline on the presumably willing to play ball front page, announcing that "Mar- with the strikers in order to get

even with his wife. That's classengeance!

the only labor paper that has pro-ganda methods of the Fascists. The leading editorial is given tested against the putrescent policy Where will they end?

Jim-Crow Law for Herndon lone Stallinist Gallacher will hardly send any tremor through the Em-

has been printing, this doesn't seem (Continued from Page 1) fighting blood of the editors to a hearing. Judge Dorsey not only

age editorial. Listen to the lions "WILLIE'S MAD AT US!" "Willie's mad and we are glad, We know what will please him,

Sugar plums to make him sweet, in a few days.

"You see Hearst lies about the gument was that existing social, best people in America. Then he political and economic relations

Marion Davies will be blasted from ported by flattering references to approximately half their demands Solicitor Lecraw, in addition to making legalistic and technical re-

the day, and "to approach politics" through personalities. Fascist Propaganda Methods In our opinion, such a policy is

absolutely false. Marxists approach personalities through politics. This principle holds true in every field of political action and propaganda, even to the most popular printed agitational material. There exists, however, another

tendency in the world today, which laxatives. We do not uphold this believes and acts in a totally dif-We ferent fashion. This tendency that the character of the People's say: boycott the sheet and you stresses the personal side of politics Press has not altered in the least. won't need laxatives after reading to the exclusion of the real political issues involved, shouts "turn the

rascals out" and "put right men" or 'the strong man" in their place. It stoops to the vilest level of slander; resorts to all kinds of lies and tricks of deceit; and panders to every prejudice among the backreactionary through and through. It has nothing in common with Marxism or the revolutionary movement. It is, indeed, its deadliest enemy

This tendency is called Fascism. Hearst is at present its leading exponent in the United States.

The editors of the People's Press To date, the NEW MILITANT is have begun by imitating the propa-

British Tories Sweep Election as Best also applauded its appearance, and its attempt to apply the tabloid technique to the popular issues of

By MAURICE SPECTOR

that exceeded every Tory expectation. The distribution by parties in the new House of Commons is:

For the National Government: Conservatives, 385; Liberal National, 32; National Labor, 8; National, 3; total, 428.

Against the government: Labor, 154; Liberal, 17; Independent Liberal, 4; Independent Labor Party, 4; Communist, 1; Independent 3; total, 183: Four seats were still in doubt when these lists were compiled.

If one considers the entire na tional and international background of this election, the British working class, under the leadership of ward elements in the working and the class-collaborationist, pro-"sancmiddle classes. That tendency is tions," Labor Party, has sustained a severe defeat. The increased Labor representation from the lowwater mark of 52 in the elections of 1931, may be Thanksgiving fodder for the "New Leader" of this city, but it will be no occasion for mad revelry in the ranks even of the British Labor bureaucracy.

Conservative strategists The themselves, who learned their "cricket" on the playing fields of Eton, did not expect a government majority of 250. In the face of such a majority the return of the lone Stalinist Gallacher will hardly pire, particularly as the Stalinists stood for "sanctions" and the "League" as staunchly as Sir Samuel Hoare. Besides which British Communist Party representatives have a way either of deserting to the Tories like Colonel Malone, to the Labor Party like Walton Newbold and Ellen Wilkinson or feebly subsiding at the first supercilious the interests of economy? MacDon-Tory's push like the unfortunate Parsee Saklatvala.

Labor Party Prepares Own Defeat don defense, which is directed by the I.L.D., it can do a lot to help | . For the past four years the Labor Herndon's struggle for liberation Party has assiduously prepared its through this petition campaign, own defeat. When you estimate the which is its primary concern. We results, remember that the Labor Party has already formed two Laand all members of other organizabor governments. We are not dealtions who have received petition ing with an election victory of our eventual liberation. His chief ar- blanks from us to send them in at own cherished C. P. who proclaim once with every space filled out a one hundred percent increase when (probably with the aid of a

little colonization) they add an-International. other vote to the solitary vote in

PARTIAL VICTORY **Oshkosh!** The British Labor Party is the party of the majority of the

BIRMINGHAM, Ala .--- Union recorganized British working class. In these past four years, the ognition and an agreement granting army of nearly two million unemthe social system of Georgia today. were won by 17,000 miners in the ployed has not appreciably de-Birmingham district as a result of clined. Wages and the social servan eight-week strike,

The miners will receive a wage in the 'distressed areas' have be single-minded, strong-willed, forth- cates the road the party must travincrease of 20 cents a day, with come a bye-word of destitution. As right imperialist party like the el-the road of the Fourth Inter-

have dismally collapsed. Hitler re-1 Nations prefer to put their trust in The Baldwin government was armed with the complicity of the additions to the fleet and the air returned to power by a majority government and the Bank of Eng- force rather than in more profesland. But the elections neverthe- sors of international law.

less give the party of National Re-Role of Independent Labor Party action five more years of a free That there are prospects for a hand at home and abroad. revolutionary party in Great Brit-Supports and "Deplores" ain is indicated by the fact that And the principal reason? At the Independent Labor Party which this crucial juncture of the post- has vacillated so badly for so long war epoch the policy of the British was yet able to return four mem-Labor Party is in every practical bers. The I.L.P. must make up essential a capitulation to the in- its mind which route to travel or terests of British imperialism. The be dissipated by the C. P. For a outstanding fact is that there is considerable time, Maxton and virtually nothing but a feeble pro- Brockway have balanced themtestation to distinguish the proselves on a tight-rope. The stand "League Covenant," pro-collective of the I.L.P. in opposition to sancsecurity, pro-sanctions position of tions and its approximation to the the Laborites from the Tories. Both revolutionary anti-war policy the Labor Party and the Trades should clear the air if followed up Congress went on record urging not with a clear-cut orientation on the only economic but military sanc- problem of the International. Prections. They gave the Tories just ious time has been frittered away the right ammunition for the im- in the attempt to establish the perialist plans to increase the air united front with the Stalinists. and naval forces on a gigantic The result was demoralization of scale in preparation for war. the I.L.P. The British C. P. is The Labor Party manifesto desterile and the problem was to enclared that it "deplored this at gage in united front activities with tempt to exploit for partisan ends the Labor Party for fruitful cona situation of grave international tacts with the masses, but the leadanxiety." But they have deplored ers of the I.L.P. adamantly insisted before! The Labor Party "dethat they wanted a "revolutionary" plored" Lloyd George's Khaki elec- united front. For a while they tion but they had ardently helped even utilized the "third period" Lloyd George prosecute the war. concepts of the C.P. The social-They "deplored" the fake Zinoviev patriotic rightward swing of the letter sensation which won another Comintern seems to have had a sobering effect on some leading ele-

election for the Tories, but the Labor government had been prosements of the I.L.P. cuting Communists. They "de-But the I.L.P. is still bound up plored" the financial panic stratewith the London-Amsterdam Bugem by which the Tories turned reau of "Socialist Revolutionary out the second Labor government Unity." That means that they are in 1931; but with what right when still pursuing "organic unity" of they had themselves been preparing the Second and Third Internationald was merely following out the extreme logic of his position as the leader of the Labor Party, when he entered the coalition. MacDonald's policy was always based on "continuity" instead of class strugbelieve in "continuity" and socialmust accept the consequences. Mac-Donald is not the only "undone old man" in the ranks of the present and former heroes of the Second

Right Party for Right Job

ices have been reduced. Sonditions force military sanctions, then a the Marxist Group, clearly indi-

to cut wages and social services in als. If any country provides an illustration of the futility of mere unity on the basis of a program of social reformism, bourgeois democracy and social-chauvinism, surely it is Britain with its Labor Party, already overwhelmingly in fact the "continuity" instead of class strug-gle and "community" as against "class-consciousness." Those who baliave in "continuity" and social Social Democracy to the Stalinist ism by parliamentary procedure bureaucracy (Comintern) somehow engender the social revolution is mysticism, not Marxism. The unity of the working class movement can only be progressive if it embarks on a program of class struggle, if it breaks with bourgeois The point cannot be too strongly | democracy, if it is a revolutionary stressed. If what is wanted is a unity. The I.L.P. has recently party that will maintain the imper- been rid of the Gaster-Lovestoneite

ial establishment, support the pres- (R.P.C.) clique that was striving ent distribution of world markets, to liquidate the I.L.P. into the C.P. called "collective security," and en- The revolutionary left of the I.L.P.,

will

The Years Ahead

rulers of the South, objected to Solicitor Lecraw's political philosoever, this unjust act brings all the this materal being allowed in the phy and demands. reserved decision on the argument tain the outrageous class sentence as a whole, but refused even to passed on Angelo Herndon, the

decide whether he would eventually governor can free him. For this allow the certified record of trial argument before him. A decision should be forthcoming on all points

W. A. Sutherland of Atlanta, of shipping good hard silver to Hearst doesn't like the PEOPLE'S did not deal with legal questions,

Marion Davies acount,' to help the corpus as a step towards Herndon's could best be preserved by allow

band, the Savior of the American Home, and the Patron of Clean ridiculous, freedom of criticism and Movies. And he lets publishers agitation up to the point where know that anyone who dares tell they might threaten to succeed in the story of his long affair with their aims. This argument he sup-

existence.' "Well it was a good act while it lasted but there's a new deal in to the Anglo-Japanese struggle for tains for the Hearst myth. . . ." plies to Seymour's argument, gave American life and that means curcontrol of Shanghai's rich foreign settlement, now dominated by Brit-ish interests. Japanese demands all about. It is to expose the pri- gia, the instrument of ruling-class best people" against his slanderous Sutherland's theory of limited free attacks. Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Van- speech is the law of Georgia, he went on to say:

Jim Crow judge likely to overlook

"If the highest courts finally sus

reason, the petition campaign must proceedings to be counted in the be intensified. "While the Joint Committee does not control the policy of the Hern-

Georgia, the other defense counsel, but presented the judge with his

political arguments in favor of call on all members of the N.P.L.D.

Jim-Crow Political Philosophy

ing radicals, whom he regards as ALABAMA MINERS WIN

And Marion to please him." "Despite all our efforts to please "His boys . . . sent our money

back. . . . So we marked, 'Charge granting Herndon a writ of habeas

with a bona fide signature."

poses as the Great American Hus-

boil. They simmer over in a sav-

for a bigger hand in the administration and police of the settlement were again brought forward with one hand, while with the other derbilt, Mrs. Rockefeller, meet your stinging slaps were administered to the Nanking government. men.

Meanwhile "autonomy" was announced for North China, to be proclaimed on Nov. 20. Under cover of specious press reports anti-labor and anti-Soviet activities about the massing of troops to resist further Japanese incursions-a bit of window dressing Chiang needed to show his good will in the propaganda. It is Hearst's politimatter-Chiang moved toward a new settlement with the Japanese.

Chiang Backs Down

He looked over his shoulder for People's Press indulges in have help from Britain and America. But nothing to do with the case. They from London and Washington come can only make the untutored workonly expressions of "concern" over Japan's new conquests. This "con- he does because he is a degenerate cern" will one day grow into a person, not because he is an agmajor war in the Pacific but at the gressive spokesman for the masters moment that prospect was of no of capital. Accordingly, if Hearst petitions help to Chiang, who is nothing if led a pure moral life, he would not realistic. So Chiang started presumably be as well-disposed totalking terms.

The first indication that an agree- as "the best people" he slanders, Parisan Labor Defense, a constitument was approaching came when such as the Rockefellers, the Whit- ent of the Joint Committee, dethe Japanese modified "complete | neys and other leaders of bourgeois | clares: autonomy" to only "financial and society. economic" autonomy with face-savwith the concentration of Japanese troops and planes on the border ready to move in at a moment's notice if need be.

At zero hour, noon on the 20th. no proclamation was forthcoming in Peiping. Instead at Nanking, Akira Ariyoshi, the Japanese ambassador, emerged beaming from a 2-hour talk with Chiang and announced that he was "completely reassured" concerning China's "intentions" toward Japan.

The terms of the deal remain to be divulged. They will be concealed, as usual, under the diaphanous veil of a "compromise" formula. But the latest despatches at this writing (Nov. 20) indicated that negotiations were about to open at Nanking to cover a thorough "settlement" of outstanding Sino-Japanese questions

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valiant knights, the People's Press-"Should the Supreme Court of the United tates decide that this We have nothing good to say for doctrine is the law of the land, the arch-reactionary Hearst. His we are through. When things get so that there is a danger that they will succeed, we won't be must be exposed to the last detail. able to right them in the courts. But the campaign against him must Then we will fight them somebe waged upon the level of political where else. Now is the time to fight them in the courts.' cal and economic activities that Weighty legal technicalities, with menace the working class, not his personal pecadilloes. Such keyhole

such fancy names as "the rule of stare decisis," stand in the way of peeps into his private life as the Judge Dorsey granting the writ, Lecraw argued. Whatever Dorsey decides, a long sis into the causes er believe that Hearst acts the way struggle is ahead. The Joint Committee for the Herndon Defense is continuing its work in aid of Herndon by circulating pamphlets and of the present

Statement of N.P.L.D. In a statement issued subsequent all forms of paciward democracy and the workers

to the Atlanta hearing, the Nonfism and socialpatriotism.

"It is hardly likely that Judge are asked to make Another streamer head on the Dorsey will fly in the face of the special efforts toing political sovereignty left to front page reads: "Poison Candy ruling Bourbons of Georgia by Nanking. But that Japan meant Sold As Medicine for Children." At overlooking these 'good' excuses wards a large scale business was likewise made plain first glance, we thought this was for denying a writ. Nor is this distribution. This



vate life of Hearst and defend "the political oppression. Denying that was hand fought and it heart and to have a strike of the National Government in jectives by the Labor Party. The was hard fought, and at least one 1932. In the field of foreign af- twelve million who participated in years will be crucial, confronting fairs, the disarmament conferences the straw vote for the League of the revolutionists with gigantic miner was killed.



We have said that the next problems and decisions. Consider that in the half decade of the National government just gone, history inscribed on its rolls the Spanish revolution, the victory of Hitler, the Viennese insurrection, the seizure of Manchuria, the Italo-Eth.iopian war. Ahead of us lie the prospects of yet greater upheavals. Japanese imperialism is systematically carving up China. The United States is carefully preparing for the great struggle in the Pacific. German rearmament proceeds apace. The Egyptian demonstrations indicate the challenge to imperialism generally contained in the colonial ferment. The capitalist world is a powder keg. The British Labor Party has given every evidence of its impotence, in the tests of office and of opposition. The I.L.P., if it takes the road of revolutionary Marxism, can become the party of socialist power.

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