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### Workers Age **Builders**

What's Happened To The "Age" Sub Drive?

The Sub Drive is not making the headway it should and CAN make. The response to our appeals has been most unsatisfactory. In spite of every effort we have been making to utilize our forces for energetic activities, too many comrades and friends have failed to respond and have simply answered that you cannot get subscribers now because of the crisis.

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make as effective an appeal? A worker writes us showing that with a bit of class determination things can be done. Attempts can be made and results secured. For instance, note this letter from Comrade Fishman of Hartford, Connecticut. Other workers can be gotten to do

Enclosed you will find a check for \$1.50 on the account of my sub and as soon as I will be able, I will send my balance.

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Comradely yours,

full, at once, we are ready to extend credit to unemployed or partially employed workers. Our cash system is not in good condition today but our credit system has not yet been broken down. We are prepared to convince you—and give credit.

More subscribers—still more subscribers-and many more subscribers! That's what we need TO SAVE AND MAKE the paper. What are you going to say about

it? What are you going to do about

Results speak louder than words and show up much better than promises. Get on the job. Boost and build the WORKERS AGE. Subscribe yourself. Get a subscriber.

# FOUR-POWER MEET IS SHATTERED

Italy And Germany, With U. S. Backing, Reject Plans Of France

LONDON.—The four-power conference, called together by Prime Minister MacDonald to consider the critical economic condition of the Danubian countries, has now collapsed and has adjourned without results.

The conference immediately became the battle ground between antagonistic imperialistic forces, primarily France on the one side and Germany and Italy on the other. Germany and Italy flatly refused to accept the French plan for a "preferential tariff arrangement" among the Danubian states which would greatly favor the French satellites in Central Europe. The opposition of Germany and Italy to French interests is being backed up unofficially, of course, by the United States.

MacDonald, is in a very difficult po- not exceed the proportion of Irish sition, torn apart by its antagonism to British population. In time of war to both the U. S. A. and France. In or "strained relations", the Free State general, it tends to support the must give such harbor and other fa-French proposals but very hesitating- cilities as the British government may ly. Indeed, MacDonald's equivocal attitude is proving a great encouragement to the German-Italian opposi-

GENEVA. — A semi-official proposal is being rumored here to appoint Norman H. Davis, American member of the League financial committee, as a sort of general plenipotentiary of the League to the Danubian states, as a sort of Danubian financial "czar", in short. The propos British ruling circles.

Fifteen Years After U. S.'s Entry Into World War

ening shadow of that colossal butch-

from the World War? Thirty-five million lives lost, direct-

hundred billions in wealth spent. Wreckage, destruction and misery that decades will not be able to erase.

And for what? "To make the world calculable losses of the war came from safe for democracy!" we were told the toiling masses. The financial bur-

banks. "The war to end war!" we were as sured by the pious frauds in the pul-

IFTEEN years ago, April 6, 1917, pit and in the parliament. And to-the United States entered the World War. Fifteen years—half a generation! A year and a half later, the war was "over" yet the lengthnow in the Far East the elements of ery still hangs over the peoples of such a war are being rapidly develearth, now in the throes of the worst oped—a war among the various imcrisis in recent times.

Who paid for and who profited tition in China, a joint war of the imperialist powers against the Socialist Soviet Union. So far from "ending ly and indirectly, as a result of the war" the last World War only made four years of bloodshed—nearly ten inevitable the outbreak of another are worse off than ever before in this million in war dead alone! Twenty fiercer and more extensive world war country. Yet we must realize that million wounded and crippled. Three or even a series of world wars, unless or even a series of world wars, unless the whole horrible system that breeds war is destroyed!

now, when then? should be the question that every supporter of the AGE should ask. If you won't get subs dens of the war, both during the war today, when the workers need the paper most and when the opportunities for Communist propaganda, agitation and action are greater than agitation and action are greater than ever—when then will you be able to most threadbare cloak for the ruth- the plight of the farmer in post-war less dictatorship of the big trusts and days have to be recounted.

The big trusts and banks, in behalf of whose imperialist interests the (Continued on page 2)

## The Background of the Irish Crisis

# Imperialism in Ireland

by Fenian

The analysis of the economic, social 1920, establishing a separate Parliaand political developments in Ireland made by Fenian in the article below, firmed. Northern Ireland has a begins with the establishment of the Irish Free State and the adoption of and also sends 13 members to Westthe Treaty in 1921. It forms a valuable minster. Taxation, defence, and land If a subscription cannot be paid in help towards understanding the mo- purchase are controlled by the impermentous events taking place in Ireland today.

> In 1921 it had become vitally necessary for British imperialist interests to re-establish bourgeois government in Ireland on a firm footing. The recent evidence that, in spite of the Land Acts, the forces of agrarian but not satisfied, and in the general revolution were not dead; the revolutionary experience of the workingclass in 1913 and in the rising of 1916; the widespread spirit of revolt n the period of the Anglo-Irish war; all these were forces which, under proletarian leadership, might develon into a new and much more dangerous challenge to imperialism.

British Concessions Insignificant British capitalism had entered on period of extreme difficulty, when the contradiction of enormously increased productive capacity and shrinking markets was giving rise to acute conflicts both with the working class at home and with capitalist rivals in other countries. Thru the setting up of the Free State governat the cost of certain minor concessions, but without endangering the essential economic and strategic interests of British capitalism. reaty, which was passed in the Dail by 64 votes to 57, and signed in De-

cember, 1921, gave to the Free State the same position in relation to the imperial government as the Dominion of Canada. The chief concession, as compared with previous Home Rule bills, was that control of taxation, including customs and excise was handed over to the Free State government, which could, therefore, impose protective duties. But as Ireland, outside Ulster (which pays British taxes), has few manufacturing industries, this provision does not seriously

threaten British interests. Defence at sea, apart from coastal defence, remains under imperial control, and Irish defence forces in pro-British imperialism, represented by portion to British military forces may

discharged British police and other officials (except the Black-and-Tans), tralia and the Lang government was for payments on British loans, and legally elected. It only demonstrates for collection of land annuities. lion, were excluded from the provisions of the Treaty and the Act of volved!

Dwight Moody, discovered the treaschurch," preacher Mood
onable nature of Mr. Christ's opinChaplain's Association. sions of the Treaty and the Act of volved!

ial government.

Civil War And Its Results

Opposition to the Treaty developed into the civil war of the next fifteen months. rooted in the land-hunger of the small armers, which had been suppressed lowering of working class conditions. In December, 1921, over 25% of insured workers in the Free State area were totally unemployed, and among agricultural and other workers, not covered by national insurance, the depression was equally severe. Agrarian agitation went on, and in some districts groups of workers, without central leadership or organization, attempted to seize not only land, but other productive enterprises. In Limerick, members of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union who had gone on strike for an increase of wages, had taken possession (in May 1920), of a creamery owned by a pri (Continued on Page 3)

# ment, the agents and allies of imperialism were established in Ireland at the cost of certain minor concess. LANG GOV'T

Australia Orders All New South Wales Taxes Be Paid Direct To It

MELBOURNE, Australia. — As a war measure against the left Socialthe Commonwealth government of Australia issued a proclama-tion, on April 7, ordering all citizens of New South Wales to pay their taxes direct to the Commonwealth tain (for distribution to English landtreasury. Such payments, the pro- lords), but is utterly against the susclamation declares, would absolve tax- pension of annuity payments by the payers from any subsequent action by the New South Wales government, but failure to pay involves heavy penalties.

This action means very clearly that require. The Free State government withdraw official recognition of the is responsible for compensation to N. S. W. government, altho New South Wales forms a part of Aushow much the capitalists themselves

NEW YORK CITY—After a trial in which the fraudulent character of the evidence against them was fully exposed and the stool-pigeon, Hoyle, the chief standby of the prosecution, thoroly discredited, the three marine workers, John Soderberg, William Trajer and Thomas Bunker, who had been arrested some months before on a frame-up "bomb plot" were found guilty late April 12 before Judge Allen in General Sessions. Sentence will be pronounced on April 25. The maximum penalty is 25 years imprisonment.

The three marine workers were very active in organizing the tidewater boatmen in the New York harbor and were officers and members of the Independent Tidewater Boatmen's Union. The frame-up against them was a retaliatory measure taken against them by the bosses in order to stop their work and break the

As soon as these workers were arrested a Marine Workers Defense Committee was set up, consisting of the representatives of a number of labor organizations of various sorts.

The conviction of the three marine workers does not end the struggle on their behalf. Legal appeals will probably be made and it is more necessary than ever before to rouse the labor movement to the defense of the most recent victims of the frame-up.

# EMPIRE PRESSURE HITS DE VALERA

South Africa Threatens The Free State On Break With Britain

DUBLIN-The unpublished reply of the irish Free State government Its underlying force was to the British deciaration on the oath and annuity questions, recently dispatched to London, is understood to contain an "unequivocal demand" for the cessation of annuity payments to Britain and for the return of pasc payments. But, it is also declared, a way will be left open for negociations." On the oath, the note is almost certain to reiterate that the matter is a "domestic" question and not

subject to negotiations. Empire pressure upon the Figure Fail government is growing stronger. In addition to the "advice"-really. threat-of the Canadian and Australian governments, the reactionary government of South Africa, thru Premier Hertzog, has addressed several communications to DeValera, the burden of which is to show the "great benefits" of remaining within the 'British league of nations", i.e., the British Empire.

The South African nationalists have cabled to DeValera expressing solidarity with the Irish.

DUBLIN — A big movement is spreading among the farmers in the counties of Carlow and Tipperary, against paying their land annuities The movement has already invaded other counties.

The masses of the farmers, greatly impoverished by the agrarian crisis, voted for the Fianna Fail in the recent election in the belief that Dest Lang government of New South Valera, if successful, would stop all annuity payments. The DeValera program, however, includes only the cessation of annuity payments on the part of the Free State to Great Brito balance its budget.

This whole situation has produced a reaction on the part of many elethe reactionary Bruce government a reaction on the part of many elements among the farmers against the Development among are gaining support very widely.

Out With Him!

"Comrade Jesus" is up on charges The six counties of Northern Ire-land, with a population of 11/4 mil-ways recommending to the workers, Moody, son of the famous evangelist

# The World War - Who Paid FRAMED WORKERS Hitler Makes Great Gains But Hindenburg Wins And Who Profited? ARE CONVICTED Hitler Makes Great Gains But Hindenburg Wins 25 Years May Be Sentence Of Marine Workers In "Bomb" Frame-Up TAXES ON POOR TOTAL T

Millionaire Treasury Head Urges That 'Burdens' On Capital Be 'Eased'

Washington, D. C. A most brazen and undisguised de-mand that even the slight burdens the House tax bill does place upon (Continued on Page 2)

Total Slightly Less Than March 13 But Hindenburg Gains 700,000, Hitler Over 2,100,000; Thaelmann Loses 1,270,000; C. P. Defeat Is Disaster To Labor

March 13 first elections, the run-off

Berlin, Germany. | especially the latter, altho Thael-

In spite of the fact that the total mann, the Communist candidate, lost vote was some 3% less than in the heavily. With an estimated total of about March 13 first elections, the run-off presidential elections held here on April 10 resulted in large increases for both Hindenburg and Hitler, but ler, 13,417,460, an increase of 2,078,-175; and Thaelmann, 3,706,388, a decrease of 1,276,809. Duesterberg, the

Stahlheim candidate, had withdrawn before the run-off.

In terms of percentages, the figures are: Hindenburg: 53% (March 13: 49.5%), Hitler: 37% (March 13: 30%), and Thaelmann: 10% (March

The results show plainly enough that the big bulk of the former Due-sterberg votes went to Hitler, Hindenburg benefiting to some extent. The increased vote for Hindenburg

was not unexpected, but the astounding gains of Hitler and the losses of Thaelmann were the real surprises of the day. The 13.500,000 Nazi votes, includ-

ing millions of city petty bourgeoisie, farmers and workers, brings out in a formidable way the rapid growth of the Fascist menace in Germany, a menace not only to the German working masses but to the masses of the whole world. The defeat of the Communists, on the other side, is a disaster of equal gravity—a major cat-astrophe for the world labor move-

The loss of a million and a quarter Communist votes in less than a month can only be attributed to the strong feelings of confusion, panic and simism that overwhelmed broad circles of Communist Party members and followers after the defeat of March 13. It was precisely against such defeatist sentiments, the inevitable consequences of the sectarian Communist Party course, that the German Communist Opposition warned in its post-election statement (see Workers Age, last issue). As a result, a considerable number of former Communist voters unquestionably switched to either Hindenburg or Hitler, while a still greater number dropped into indifference and absten-

tion.
The official Communist press and leaders, who obstinately refuse to learn anything from experience, are now trying to "turn" defeat into victory (thru the magic of phrases) by pretending the loss of votes was due to the "high revolutionary feelings" of the masses who determined to boycott the bourgeois parliamentary elections! From such fantastic "explanations" only greater and greater defeat can result!

It is necessary for the membership and followers of the German Com-munist Party, and for the revolutionary workers of the whole World, to realize that the serious defeats of has made clear for some time-that isolation and to impotence!

Students Insist Expulsion Of Reed Harris, Editor, Be Withdrawn

NEW YORK CITY-At least 2,000 students of Columbia University re-Eight years after the inauguration of al of all "independence" measures pro-this "autonomous" government, the posed in the U. S. Congress, shows strike on April 5 in protest against itarism (the R.O.T.C.), the semi-professional football racket, and the grafting in the John Jay dining hall. church," preacher Moody told the ican domination no matter in what It was the last point that Dean Hawkes, supported by President Nicholas Murray Butler, emphasized in their later justification for Harris's

# HOUSE PASSES MOCK 'INDEPENDENCE **BILL FOR PHILIPPINE ISLES**

A CAPITALIST "PEACE" CONFERENCE

Bill Aims To Convert Island Into Semi-Colony Such As Cuba; Stimson Issues Sharp Protest; Only Real Struggle Of Masses Can Free Philippines!

Washington, D. C. reservations in the Philippine Is-By the suspension of all parliament-lands," and to "guarantee the safety ary rules and the exercise of gag-rule, the Democratic majority of the In other words, even if the Hare bil be accepted in its present form. Sec-

ry like Cuba. It provides that the a constitutional convention, frame a constitution, and set up an "autono-mous" government, with "certain reservations intended to safeguard both the sovereignty and the responsibilites of the United States." Pending "final relinquishment of American sover-eignty," the free importation of certain very important Philippine products into the United States shall not exceed specified limits based on the present conditions as represented by estimated importations from existing investments. In this period, too, the annual Philippine immigration to the . S. A. shall be cut down to fifty.

"There is no place for the peacepreaching chaplain in the army of the city poor of the Islands against Amer-

House of Representatives rushed thru, is passed by the Senate and approved on April 4, the Hare bill to grant a by the President, which is very unorm of nominal independence to the likely, the Philippine Islands will re-Philippine Islands. The vote was 306 main a Yankee colonial possession; to 47. The measure now goes to the form of exploitation and oppres-Senate where it will certainly not sion will change, but not the essence. The demand on the part of importretary Stimson, in the name of the ant American capitalist interests to the German Communists in the two Administration, has already issued a end the competition of the leading Presidential elections show that the sharp statement condemning it.

The Hare bill is essentially an attempt to transform the Philippine been growing very steadily), as well has made clear for some time—that Isles from an ordinary colony into a as the necessity of the Democratic the leftist, sectarian policies of the sham-independent, semi-colonial councoming elections, account for the sen-Filipino people shall immediately hold sational action of the House of Representatives. The necessity for putting an end to the present "uncertain status" of the islands also helped. Secretary of State Stimson, who was himself at one time Governor-General of the Philippines, bitterly attacked the bill as involving "the most dangerous possibilities," which conditions in the East are so chaot ic." "Out of the Orient," this politician-philosopher announces, "may again come one of those historic movements which will again disturb the whole earth."

The Hare bill, easily the most liber-Philippine Islands are to become "in-that such schemes are calculated only the expulsion of Reed Harris, editor dependent." But—the "United States to advance the interests of capitalist of the Columbia Spectator. Harris reserves the right and privilege, at its groups in America but not to light-discretion, to retain and maintain en the load of colonial oppression of without definite reasons but clearly without definite reasons but clearly military and naval bases and other the Filipino people. The real eman-cipation of the Philippines is to the school paper against college milbe attained only thru a broad mass struggle of the workers, peasants and

nancial "czar", in short. The proposal is obviously made in the interests of Wall Street and has evoked but little enthusiasm in the French and British ruling circles.

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Before The I.L.G.W.U. Convention

# FOR PROGRESSIVE SLATE IN LOCAL 22

The Progressive-Left Block Leaflet

Group" tried to split the ranks of the

Front Committee!" Neither one did

anything to help in the work. Both hindered the preparations for the

Now both of these elements are

y attempting to throw the respon-

ing to the present system in our

Union it is not the local that leads

the strike but the International and

the Joint Board—and that it is the re-

actionary policies of the leadership,

the International and the Joint Board

against which we fought, which are

Dressmakers! The reason why the

Club is fighting so bitterly against

the present administration of our lo-

The "Left Group" is also fighting

the progressive administration of our

local because they know that with the progressive policies for which we are

fighting, we will be able to build and

strengthen our Union. During the

strike the so-called "Left group", al-

tho members of our Union, worked under the instructions of the N.T.W.I.

U. to break our strike ranks and de-

moralize our activities. They are not

interested in building our Union.

What they want is to demoralize and

weaken the Union so that it should

be easier to destroy it or split it.

The answer of the dressmakers

Down with the reactionary Club

and the reactionary policies they re-

WHITE JURY

HONOLULU-The jury that will

try Mrs. Granville Fortescue, Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie and two

lessly speculating on racial prejudice

back for Darrow who had hoped to

use the charges against the Kahaha-

wai as a justification of his murder.

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responsible for the outcome.

We publish below a leaflet recently and File Organization Committee of issued by the progressive-left block in Local 22 (Dressmakers, New York) in connection with the International Before the strike the activities of convention elections. the reactionary Club as well as of the so-called "Left Group" served the same purposes. The Club continually shouted: "Give us \$3.75!" The "Left

In the present election campaign in our local the reactionaries of the Club as well as the so-called "Left dressmakers with their fake "United Group" have started a bitter attack against the progressive administra-

tion of our local. They are trying to cover up their scandalous role prior to the strike as well as during the strike by making the charge that it is the Local 22 administration that is responsible for the outcome of the strike.

they are now trying to cover up their sabotage activities before the strike They think that the dressmakers are a bunch of sheep that can be sibility for the outcome of the strike on our local. They think that the dressmakers don't know that accord-

easily fooled. The dressmakers, however, remember that it was the present administration that carried on strike preparation activities, carried on mobilization for the strike and carried on a fight that the Joint Board and the other locals should also begin to do work to

prepare for the strike. What was the answer of the Joint Board to all our demands? "Give us They wanted to punish the dressmakers for rejecting the \$3.75 tax by refusing to do any work for

What was the role of the Club in cal is that they want to shield the rethe preparations for the strike? Did actionary policies of the leadership they fight together with us to see that of the International and Joint Board the Joint Board should begin to do They want to perpetuate these poliwork for the strike? No! They not cies and bring them into our local, only protected and defended the in- also. activity of the Joint Board but they hindered the work that was being

carried on by our local. When we decided to draw in rank and file workers to help in the mobilization for the strike and elected a Committee of 25, they fought against

When we called open forums to discuss the strike issues, they, together with the so-called "Left Group," came there and tried to disrupt the meetings. When the local issued leaflets, neither the Club members nor the so-called "Left Group" helped to distribute these leaflets. Even to the meetings of the Rank

# MILLS FOR MORE TAXES ON POOR

(Continued from page 1) big capital should be removed and shifted to the shoulders of the work- fend the conditions of the workers! ers, farmers and lower middle classes, was made by the millionaire Secretary ther Max Bluestein and endorsed by of the Treasury, Ogden L. Mills, be- The Dressmakers Progressive League fore the Senate Finance committee The Dressmakers Trade Union Circle

as it opened its hearings on April 6 The House bill, Mr. Mills declared, "converged the full weight of its provisions upon active capital"—a PARROW AIMS FOR fantastic exaggeration, to be sure This, he charged, was "semi-Socialism," and would "undermine the capitalistic system" (!!). Specifically Mr. Mills proposed that the stocktranfser tax, the normal corporation tax, the estate tax, the gift tax, and the bond-transfer tax be reduced, while exemptions and other "easing" provisions be restored. To make up for these reductions, he proposes an increase in the present tobacco and white one half consisting of so-called automobile taxes, an application of the 10% amusement tax on all admisions over 10c, a 2c stamp tax on bank checks and drafts, the imposition of lawyer for the defense, out to win a 1c Federal gasoline tax, and the ad- the case and having very conveniently dition of a 7% consumers excise tax scrapped all his liberalism and chamon electricity and gas for domestic pionship of the colored peoples, made the most strenuous efforts to get as

Remove the taxes on the capitalists —place them on the working people, the poor people: this is the program of Ogden Mills, the spokesman of

American big business! Mr. Mills took the opportunity to make a vigorous defense of the capi- hahawai of the alleged assault that talist system, which, it is becoming is at the bottom of the case, should more and more clear avery day, is responsible for all the war, misery, present time. This constitutes a setpoverty and threats of war over whelming the world today!

2,000 STRIKE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

(Continued from Page 1) group of "Administration men," athletes and just hoodlums, tried to heckle the speakers, threw eggs and vegetables at them and, in general, behaved in the spirit of the traditional "college man" of the movies.

The movement for the reinstate

ment of Reed Harris is growing. Student organizations in the various colleges, liberal organizations, organizations of young workers, and other groups, have already adopted resolutions in support of Harris.

# DOLL WORKERS IN UNION MEET

Workers Of 21 Shops Call Meeting To Build Doll Workers Union

On Saturday evening, April 9, a mass meeting of doll workers took place at the Rand School, 7 East 15 Street, New York City. This meeting took up the question of the organization of the 7,000 doll workers engaged in the doll industry in New York City. At this meeting, it was brought out that the conditions in the doll industry are very bad for the workers. The hours of labor are long and the wages paid very low. In again working hand in hand. Seeing recent years a number of wage-cuts, the misery of the workers in the shops and fearing their resentment, from 15% to 25%, have been enforced upon the workers.

There was enthusiastic response to the appeal made to join with the Doll Workers Industrial Union and many workers joined the union. The meetng was called by the representatives of twenty-one of the most important

shops in the doll industry. The union is confident that within the next three months the doll workers will have obtained sufficient organizational strength to unionize the entire industry and to come to definite agreement with the manufacturers.

The headquarters of the union are located at 226 Lafayette Stree, New

# SOCIALISTS KILL **BUDAPEST STRIKE**

BUDAPEST. After two newspaper- a new world war is being prepared oration Day week-end. before our very eyes. We must unite Samp Solidarity, descriptions of the samp solidarity. from the strike of the printers in all our forces to stave off this dire protest against the suppression of the disaster to mankind. But we must did reputation by the genuine comsocialist newspaper Nepszava, the Solalso realize that we cannot fight war radely and friendly atmosphere that called off the strike, at a moment mumbling pious hopes; to fight war, when its effectiveness was promising victory. The militancy of the workers and their tendency to include general demands for improvement of their conditions, and thus widen the struggle, gave rise to fear of the Social-democratic burocrats that the strike would be taken out of their hands, and they therefore capitulated to the government. That the militancy of the workers was very high is indicated by the Social-democratic reports of the "success of Communist

Down with the so-called "Left Group" and the splitting, destructive policy they represent!

It is only by giving support to those who are fighting for a constructive progressive and class struggles. agitation" among the strikers. Thus are the Hungarian Socialtive, progressive and class-struggle policy for our Union, that we will be able to build up a militant dressmak-ers union that will fight for and dedemocrats rewarded after ten years of belly-crawling before the semi-feudal, bloody Horthy dictatorship. They were of great service to the dictatorship as long as they had a large following among the workers, but, with the wane in their influence, as Vote for the slate headed by Bro-

> own behalf. With the strike, the brutal government oppression of the workers became intensified. Troops filled the city and did not permit any assemblage of workers. More than four of the working masses! hundred workers were arested. Mach ine gun muzzles stared out from many building and roofs. In a nearby village a worker was killed in a clash with gendarmes. This is how capitalist democracy maintains itself!

in the future. Heavy punishment will be administered to all those "internew law to prevent similar strikes fering" with voluntary labor, that is, for calling strikes, picketing, or agitating. The government will also finance the establishment of a strikebreaking printers organization.

## large a white jury as possible, shame-Before the jury was finally com-pleted, the presiding judge, Charles S. Davis, had tentatively ruled that the guilt or innocence of Joseph Kanot be interjected into the case at the

The economic crisis in Latin America and the extreme misery of the masses of workers, peasants and lower middle classes are causing further upheaval in this unstable section, the latest two being in Chile and Ecuador Chile came into prominence some months ago as a result of a mutiny in the navy which resulted in the seizure of the entire fleet and many of the land forts by the insurgents The suppression of this mutiny did not end the disturbances in this countrv. The economic depression drove many banks to the wall, and small depositors, fearing the complete loss of their life savings thru the failure of the leading bank, the Central Bank of Chile started a run on this bank. This resulted, on April 7, in the resignation of the cabinet, and the proposal of President Montero to establish a state of siege. The martial law is directed not so much against the bank depositors as against the workers who are suffering intensely from the clos-ing of the metal mines and the crisis in the nitrate industry. The workers are in a very rebellious mood and several clashes with troops have already taken place. The same is true in the countryside, where the poor and middle peasants are being expropriated.

In Ecuador In Ecuador a mutiny of the navy took place, resulting in the seizure by the mutineers of all ships. The mutiny was caused by the attempt to land an Euadorian ex-President, Leonidas Plaza Gutierrez, who had been deposed in 1925 by a military upris-

Much disorder and great uneasiness 242 E. 14th STREET Near 2nd AVE. preceded this mutiny and the government is in a precarious position.

Before The I.L.G.W.U. Convention

# THE ELECTIONS IN LOCAL ONE

by A. Cloakmaker

New York City. didates and openly agitated for the Eight of the progressive-left block and one of the so-called "Left-Group" (the cover-organization of the Industrial Union) made up the nine deletate of this, the progressive-left block open. trial Union) made up the nine delegates elected by Local 1 (cloak operators) of the I.L.G.W.U. to the International convention to take place in a few weeks. The elections in the local were held on Thursday, April 7. In this local, as in others of the International, there are three chief forces: the block of the progressives (Trade Union Center) and the leftwing (United Progressive League), the extreme right-wing (the Club) and the ultra-left group (the Left Group). In these elections, the rightwing group embarked upon a new policy: they withdrew their own can-

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war was fought and millions of men
slaughtered, reaped a golden harvest merely from conducting the war. The percent return on investment of the United States Steel Corporation rose from 4.7% in 1912 to 24.9% in 1917!
Meat packers profits shot up 400%!
Fish, flour, coal, sulphur, textiles—
the story is the same: millions, billions coined out of the rivers of

blood of the people. We, the workers and farmers of mind now, fifteen years after, when we must fight capitalism now, today, for it is capitalism that breeds war that makes war inevitable.

Should war nevertheless break out. we should utilize the critical condition in which the present social structure will find itself to push on our class war against the capitalist sysand the misery of millions. We must unite our forces with those of the working class republic of the Soviet Union for a powerful counter-attack against imperialism so as to open the way to a socialist state of society in more. We should not listen to socalled "Socialists" and "friends of lawas indicated at the last elections, the passive and content ourselves with be- Fund. dictatorship has little further use for moaning the war. We should put no them. The impotence and inherent trust in labor leaders of the stripe of cowardice of the Hungarian Social- Matthew Woll and Bill Green who are democrats do not enable them to car- no more than the recruiting agents ry thru consistently an action on their for Wall Street and the General Staff. We must make up our minds now that, if war does come in spite of all our efforts, it will really be the LAST war-by ushering in the overthrow of the rule of capital and the triumph

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block triumphed!

The total vote in Local 1 was 1,913 The leading candidate of the winning block, Louis Levy, received 1,091. The other block candidates and their votes were as follows: B. Kaplan (1,000), R. Zukerman (972), Morris Feinberg (968), I. Deitsch (941), A. Gladstone (896), I. Levinson (892), and Ob. Gollub (889). The "Left Group" candidate elected, J. Levy, received 856 votes, the lowest on the list.

In Local 9 (cloak finishers) the 'Left Group" had more success in its workers to support them. block with the Schlesinger reactionaries. In this local, Sorkin, the right-wing leader, announced at his local meeting, that "he would unite with Capone to defeat the Kirtzman crowd" (the progressives). The Club even issued a leaflet and a slate endorsing the "Left Group" candidates. As a result the right-leftist block managed to get 5 of the delegates and the progressives, 2. But surely this "victory" will be short-lived, for such an alliance can only discredit both parties in the "holy alliance."

- A Cloakmaker.

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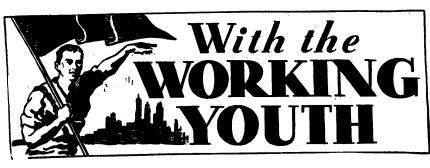
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## AN APPEAL TO THE Y.C.L.

The Young Communist League finds itself at this moment in a position that should arouse the concern of every sincere and thinking young Com-

The official League paper, the Young Worker, and the various League organizations are calling upon the young workers of this country to rally to the following slogans in connection with the crisis in the Far East: "Drive out the diplomatic representatives of murderous Japanese imperialism from this country!" "For an economic boycott against Japan!" They ask us, League members, to support these and similar slogans and to try to get the young

What do these slogans really mean?

To drive out the diplomatic representatives of Japan from the U.S. A. means to break diplomatic relations with Japan, and to break diplomatic relations with Japan means—war with Japan! The same thing is true about the economic boycott slogan. In other words, the Young Communist League is calling upon the masses to demand that the U. S. government take the preliminary steps for an imperialist war with Japan! If such a war takes place, will the Y.C.L. leaders support Wall Street in the war against Japan, a war brought about by the execution of their own slogans?

Is it not absolutely clear that the slogans of the League on the Far Eastern crisis are chauvinist, patriotic slogans, absolutely opposed to the interests of labor, of the workers, young and old?

If anything more is needed, consider this: William Randolph Hearst has come out for the proposal to expel the Japanese diplomats from America, William Randolph Hearst whose jingoism, whose hatred of labor are only too notorious.

A large part of the Assembly of the League of Nations has made public a demand for the breaking of diplomatic relations with Japan.

The boycott proposal was initiated by Newton D. Baker, Wilson's Secre-In a circular letter sent to all its connections Camp Solidarity made an advance announcement that it will be advanced by Newton B. Baker, whish is secretary of War. It is supported by some of the leading lights of Wall Street. Only recently, Nicholas Murray Butler, the reactionary president of Columbia University who expelled Reed Harris, heartly endorsed the boycott

Is it not a dangerous situation in which the Young Communist issues slogans which originated with and are endorsed by the worst jingoes and labor-haters, outspoken imperialists?

Karl Liebknecht, whom we all honor, taught us that the "real enemy is at home!" Lenin taught us that Communists, revolutionary workers, should concentrate their attacks upon "their own" imperialism. We, American Communists-upon American imperialism! Yet, the Communist Party and the Young Communist League concentrate their attacks upon JAPANESE imperialism, to the almost complete "neglect" of Wall Street. Indeed, the direct implication is that Yankee imperialism is defending the interests of the Chinese masses against Japan—or at least playing no direct part in the Far Eastern crisis, when everybody knows that c is playing a very aggressive role against the Chinese people, against the Soviet Union, and to halt the further expansion of Japan in China at the expense of Wall Street.

The League slogans are anti-Communist, chauvinistic, patriotic slogans! Chauvinism is the worst cancer that can afflict any working class organization. It was chauvinism that Lenin and the Bolsheviks fought during the World War; it was in this struggle that the Communist International and the Young Communist International were organized. It was in the struggle against chauvinism (jingoism, patriotism) in the labor movement that the Y. C. I. gained its glorious record. And now chauvinism is eating its way

into our own organization, thru the instrumentality of our own leaders! What has brought the League to such a pass? And the Communist Party, too, for it was really the leaders of the Communist Party who first raised these shameful slogans and passed them on to the League leadership! It is because neither in the Communist Party nor in the Young Communist League is there allowed the least bit of independent thinking, the least bit of criticism of the policies and conduct of the officials. The officials say so and it must be so! If you question it, then you are immediately charged with a "deviation" branded a "renegade" and "counter-revolutionist" and in many instances expelled. We the Communist Youth Opposition, were expelled. ed from the Young Communist League because we dared to criticize and to question policies and practises that have been dragging down the League into the swamps of jingoism and chauvinism!

League members! Young Communists! It is up to you to save the

League! And the League can be saved only by breaking down the oppressive burocratic system in it that stifles all thought and all criticism! Demand a free discussion of the issues before the League! Demand the recall of the anti-Communist and anti-labor slogans on the Far Eastern crisis! Demand the readmission of all young Communists, such as the members of the Y. C. L. Majority Group, who were expelled from the League for criticizing the false political course of the League leadership! Demand that Communist democracy be restored in the League! This is the only way to save the League! It is up to you!

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# British Imperialism in Ireland

by Fenian

(Continued from Page 1) vate company, and carried on the business themselves. Miners in Lei-trim attempted to take over one of the mines.

There was no proletarian party whose leadership could draw together the scattered forces of resistance. The actual fighting in the civil war was conducted by members of the I. R. A. who saw the Treaty a betrayal of the struggle for national independence. For many months they carried on a desperate struggle against

the new government.

In March, 1922, these I. R. A. forces (called "Irregulars" by the supled the 1916 rising in Galway. During undertakings which are not registering his imprisonment Mellowes issued ed as limited companies. a statement urging the necessity of setting up a Provisional Republican Government immediately, and showing that

"The employment question is acute. Starvation is facing thousands of people. The official Labor movement has deserted the people for the flesh-pots of Em-The Free State's govern ment's attitude towards striking postal workers makes clear what its attitude towards workers generally will be. The situation created by all these must be utilized for the Republic."—(Irish Independent, Sept., 1922).

#### Free State Tool of British **Imperialism**

Mellowes and other officials were shot as rebels, not by the British gov ernment, but by its servant, the government of the Free State. The British government in 1916 executed 15 of the leaders of the Easter rising; the number of political executions carried out by the Free State gov-ernment in 1922 was 77.

Thus the Free State government established itself as the tool of imperialist power. Technically its position had been confirmed by the elections of June, 1922, when, by arrangement between the official section of Sinn Fein and the opposition led by DeValera, candidates were put forward on an agreed panel. As a result 94 of the panel candidates were elected and 34 other members, half and the rest as representatives of

Michael Collins and other Sinn Fein leaders who identified themselves with the Free State administration attempted to defend their own action vast agglomeration an immense and to conceal from Irish and British workers the real function of the government in relation to imperialism. Collins wrote in 1922:

"There is no British government any longer in Ireland. It is gone. It is no longer the enemy. have now a native government . . Anyone who fails to obey it is an enemy of the people. means of the fight we put up. we got the British to evacuate it militarily and to evacuate it socially and economically as well."-

Is it true that Ireland is free, socially and economically, from Bri- that the Kights of Labor are not liable tish imperialism? The clearest anof the productive system of Ireland revolution; a heaving, fermenting today, and of the class interests mass of plastic material seeking the which are served by the Free State government.

The total value of production in the Free State, according to the Census of production of 1926, was 88 million pounds, of which 64 million pounds represented agricultural and 24 million pounds industrial production. This total is divided among: (1) landowning interests, (2) industrial, commercial and financial capitalists, the American working class move-(3) working farmers, (4) agricultural wage-earners, and (5) other wage-earners. The Census of Occupations for 1926 showed the following numbers of working farmers and wage-earners:

Farmers and farmers relatives (on farms of less than 50

Agricultural wage-earners ...139,000 Wage-earners in other indus-

tries (excluding transport, the value of which is not included in the Census of Production) ......270,000

A large part of the surplus value which was formerly absorbed in rent by big landlords is now taken in the form of interest on the loans raised under the Land Purchase Acts, and ditions of working class emancipation, the amounts still outstanding, are

shown in Table I. Annuities in payment of interest and repayment of principal are paid by farmers who are now described "owners" of the land. Of the land purchased about one-sixth is in Ulster. Annuities in 1926 amounted to of their European class-brothers, and £3,250,000 in the Free State alone, thus to hasten on the time of their gles of the proletarians of the differ- under one and the same flag. where farms transferred under the Land Acts make up about three-quarters of the total agricultural land. A further amount of approximately £1,500,000 is paid in rent on unpur-

In addition to the investors who take surplus value out of Irish agriculture in the form of interest and

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1903	58.3	56.0	2¾
1909	71.8	71.4	3
1925			
	6.7	6.4	41/2
1925	3.8	3.7	4 1/2
	154.2	145.3	
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porters of the Free State) seized Lim-erick Barracks, and within a few procks they was holding the Form weeks they were holding the Four on these farms that most of the agri-Courts and other buildings in Dublin. By the order of Michael Collins the Apart from agriculture, there are Courts and other buildings in Dublin. By the order of Michael Collins the Four Courts were shelled by Free State troops on June 28, 1922, with guns borrowed from the British, and the I. R. A. forces surrendered. Up to July, 1922, there were 61 killed and 274 wounded in the fighting between Free State troops and the I.R. A. in Dublin. Among the prisoners taken at the surrender of the Four Courts was Liam Mellowes, who had Courts was Liam Mellowes, who had addition a very large number of small from the whole population. At least

In estimating the share of the value of production which is absorbed by

rent, there is a large class of capital- | the capitalist class, the amount of ist farmers who make direct profits taxation has to be taken into account. out of agriculture by the exploita-State is:

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from the working population to the upkeep of the State machine. (To be continued)

Friedrich Engels On America

# THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN AMERICA

by Friedrich Engels

(Continued from the last issue) The second great section of the it is undoubtedly by far the strongest. An immense association spread over an immense extent of country in great power in the country; a truly American paradox clothing the most modern tendencies in the most mepowerless despotism—such is the picture the Knights of Labor offer to a European observer. But if we are not arrested by mere outside whimsicalities, we cannot help seeing in this amount of potential energy evolving slowly but surely into actual force. The Knights of Labor are the first national organization created by the American working class as a whole; whatever be their origin and history, whatever their shortcomings and lit-tle absurdities, whatever their platform and their constitution, here they are, the work of practically the whole class of American wage workers, the only national bond that holds them together, that makes their strength felt to themselves not less than to (Path to Freedom, pages 25 and their enemies, and that fills them with the proud hope of future victories. For it would not be exact to say to development. They are constantly in full process of development and shape and form appropriate to its inherent nature. That form will be attained as surely as historical evolu-

> ment, and along with it, the future of American society at large has to be The third section consists of the Socialist Labor Party. This section is a party in name, for nowhere in America has it, up to now, been able actually to take its stand as a political party. It is, moreover, to a certain extent foreign to America, having until lately been made up almost exclusively of German immigrants, using their own language and for the most part little conversant with the common language of the country. But if it came from a foreign stock, it came, at the same time, armed with the experience earned during long years of class-struggle in Europe, and with an insight into the general confar superior to that hitherto gained by American workingmen. This is a fortunate circumstance for the

tion has, like natural evolution, its

own immanent laws. Whether the

Knights of Labor will then retain

their present name or not, makes no

differene, but to an outsider it ap-

pears evident that here is the raw

material out of which the future of

American proletarians who thus are enabled to appropriate and to take advantage of the intellectual and moral fruits of the forty years struggle

own victory. For, as I said before, there cannot be any doubt that the The second great section of the American American movement is formed by the Knights of Labor. And that seems to be the section most typical of the present state of the movement, as the interpolate of the strong-like the section most typical of the present state of the movement, as of Europe, the same as that of the like and other than the strong-like typical section of the American working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class of Europe, the same as that of the like typical section of the American working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working class must and will be essentially the same as that now adopted by the whole militant working the same as German-American Socialist Labor Party. Insofar as this party is called ing all shades of individual and local opinion within the working class; the whole of them sheltered under a platform of corresponding indistinctness and held together much less by their impracticable constitution them had upon to play a very important part and held together much less by their impracticable constitution than by the instinctive feeling that the very fact of their clubbing together for their common aspiration makes them a great power in the country; a truly The process of fusing together these various elements of the vast modern tendencies in the most medieval mummeries, and hiding the most democratic and even rebellious spirit behind an apparent, but really powerless despotism—such is the piccome off without a deal of friction, such as is visible at different points even now. The Knights of Labor, for instance, are here and there, in the Eastern cities, locally at war with the organized trades unions. But then this same friction exists within the Knights of Labor themselves, where there is anything but peace and harmony. These are not symptoms of decay for capitalists to crow over. They are merely signs that the innumerable hosts of workers, for the first time set in motion in a common lirection, have as yet found out neither the adequate expression for their the Annalen der Naturphilosophie. common interests, nor the form of organization best adapted to the

> as yet without regular organization and common plan of campaign. The converging columns cross each other here and there; confusion, angry disputes even threats of conflict arise. But the community of ultimate purpose in the end overcomes all minor troubles. Ere long the straggling and squabbling batallions will be formed in a long line of battle array, presenting their glittering arms, supported by bold skirmishes in front and by unshakeable reserves in the rear. To bring about this result, the unification of the various independent oodies into one national Labor Army, with no matter how inadequate a prothe next great step to be accomplish- clearly understanding the line make that platform worthy of the mate general results of the proletar-cause, the Socialist Labor Party can ian movement. contribute a great deal, if they will

to insure victory. They are as yet the first levies en masse of the

great revolutionary war, raised and

equipped locally and independently,

all converging to form one army, but

"Communist Manifesto" of 1847 in the movement." the following words: "The Communists"—that was the name we took at the time and which ing—"do not form a separate party opposed to other working class part-

only act in the same way as the Eu-

ropean Socialists have acted at the

time when they were but a small min-

"They have no interests separate whole working class.

BERT WOLFE

## Communism and The Negro

The April 1932 issue of The Crisis publishes the statements of the editors of seven prominent Negro papers on the question of Communism. Altho, with one exception, they are all either suspicious of or antagonistic to Communism, these statements testify to the tremendous impression Com-

Carl Murphy, the well-known edi-tor of the Baltimore Afro-American

only party going our way. They are as radical as the N.A.A.C.P. were

wenty years ago.
Since the abolitionists passed off

should not care what political candilates think of prohibition, the League of Nations, the tariff, or any other general issue. What we should demand, Mr. Darrow said, is candidates who are right on all questions afecting the colored people. I agree

Communism would appeal to Mr. Darrow if he were in my place.
Communists in Maryland saved Orphan Jones from a legal lynching. They secured a change of venue from he mob-ridden Easton Shore.

They fought the exclusion of colored men from the jury, and on that ground financed an appeal of the case to Maryland's highest court. They compelled estimable Judge Duncan of Towson, Maryland, to testify that he had never considered colored peo-ple in picking jurors in his court for twenty-six years.

The Communists are going our way, for which Allah be praised.

#### DR. WILHELM OSTWALD DEAD AT 78

Leipzig, Germany. Wilhelm Ostwald, famous physicist and philosopher died on April 4, 1932 at his home near here. He was 78. Professor Ostwald was one of the most outstanding figures in the world of physics, chemistry and the philosophy of science for at least two generations. His researches into what he called "energetics", (the laws of energy transformation made him "father" of physical chemistry. The basic idea of energy dominated his whole thought and influenced the course of his scientific discoveries as fense. well as his outlook on nature and so-

ies in industrial chemistry. Together with van't Hoff, he founded and fuer physikalische Chemie and for

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some years also served as editor of His social ideas were somewhat progressive, altho extremely narrow and limited. He signed the notorious truggle, nor the discipline required "manifesto of scholars" supporting German imperialism during the World

> "A very great scientist—a very con fused philosopher," Lenin ance said of Ostwald.

ent countries they point out, and bring to the front, the common interests of the whole proletariat, interests independent of all nationality; 2. In the various stages of development which the struggle of the working class against the capitalist class has to pass through, they always and everywhere represent the interests

of the movement as a whole. "The Communists, therfore, are on the one hand, practically, the most advanced and resolute section of the working class parties of all countries, that section which ever pushes all others; on the other hand, theoreticalvisional platform, provided it be a ly, they have, over the great mass truly working class platform—that is of the proletarians, the advantage of ed in America. To effect this, and to march, the conditions, and the ulti-

"Thus they fight for the attainment of the immediate ends, for the enforcement of the momentary interests of the working class; but in the ority of the working class. That line movement of the present, they repreof action was first laid down in the sent and take care of the future of

That is the line of action which the reat founder of modern Socialism, Karl Marx, and with him, I and the even now we are far from repudiat- | Socialists of all nations who worked | way to classes. In the library, three along with us, have followed for more that at this moment the mass of Euand apart from the interests of the ropean Socialists, in Germany and in France, in Belgium, Holland and sion. "The Communists are distinguished Switzerland, in Denmark and Sweden, from the other working class parties as well as in Spain and Portugal, by this only: 1. In the national strug- are fighting as one common army

The Lessons of the Dress Strike

# Right-Wing in the Dress Strike

by Chas S. Zimmerman

(Concluded from last issue) When workers who were on strike more amply financed."
in New York found out that the Here is the first gur when workers who were on strike made upon Artain important elements of the Negro people, especially the intellectuals.

When workers who were on strike in New York found out that the work of their shops was being done in some shops in the outlying distinction of Local 22. And again it is the \$3.75 tax. Had Local 22 given them the \$3.75 tax, their credit would have the stricts, came to the leadership and determined that these shops be stopped to the stricts.

When workers who were on strike in New York found out that the banks and on the tion of Local 22. And again it is the \$3.75 tax. Had Local 22 given them the \$3.75 tax, their credit would have been good and everything would have been good and everything would have been good and everything would have

"no money". Why was there no money raised for the strike? The International leadership, knowing before the shop chairmen's meeting, the economic, political and social equality of black folks.

Mr. Clarence Darrow speaking in Washington recently declared that the March issue of Justice, they washington recently declared that the March issue of Justice, they say: "When the strike born the shop chairmen's meeting, the local that can afford two (2) managers, Chief Manager Breslau and Dress Manager Cohen, gave another \$500! Mr. Clarence Darrow speaking in Washington recently declared that we should not care what califold at the strike began the treasury of the strike committee was practically empty. It had hardly enough money to cover immediate expenses for the first week of the strike. The International has done all it possibly could to raise money for the strike. Surely, had Local for the strike. Surely, had Local the separate kingdoms and dukedoms. It is their whole conception of union such an arreal to the labor move-

35, jumped up and called me a liar. Let me make this correction: a day

The System of Dukedoms No, it is not the \$3.75 tax that is responsible for lack of finances. It strike. The International has done all it possibly could to raise money for the strike. Surely, had Local 22 not itself blocked the collection of the \$3.75 tax, which the International levied a few months ago to meet the pressing debts of the union and to put its credit on a firmer basis that is rotten and has to be changed. It is the system of the locals—the separate kingdoms and dukedoms. It is their whole conception of unionism that is responsible for this. Just as in the settlements they depended more on the good will of the Associations than on the power of the

the dress strike would have been workers, so in the question of finances they depended more on business

Carl Murphy, the well-known editor of the Baltimore Afro-American is the one editor who comes out decisively and unequivocally in favor of Communism and the Communist movement. His statements we gladly reprint below.

The Communists appear to be the only party going our way. They are as radical as the N.A.A.C.P. were as radical as the N.A.A.C.P. were to the leadership and demanded that these shops be stopped, the store leadership and demanded that these shops be stopped, the store leadership and demanded that these shops be stopped, the store and deverything would have been good and everything would dent Green of the American Federation of Labor, came down in person, endorsed the strike and pledged sup-port. Why could not there have been appeal to all these unions for support? I would understand that when a union comes out publicly, puts up a big front and boasts of a big treas-ury, that then it is difficult to make a public appeal for funds. But here, in this situation, the leadership adver-

> At many meetings it was emphasized time and again that the result of the dressmakers strike would greatly influence the outcome of the coming cloakmakers strike. We are members of the same union. Why could there not have been an appeal to the cloakmakers to give an hour or two hours work for the dress strike. They surely would have realized that it was in their interest and would have gladly given. Such an act would have strengthened the solidarity among the workers, and we will soon have the opportunity of coming to their aid when their strike takes place.

No, their excuse of no money cannot be taken seriously. It is their whole conception of unionism. It is based on class-collaboration policies and not on the power of the workers. It is based on business unionism, relations with the banks, and not on the solidarity of the workers. This is what is responsible. And these are the policies the workers in the unions will have to combat.

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composed of the most renowned dan- does as he pleases, disregarding the cers of the Russian ballet, with the interests of the workers as a whole. the philosophy of science from this viewpoint and succeeded in elaborating one of the best known systems of empirical idealism.

He was also noted for his discovery the strikers of the workers as a whole.

A Mass Art director, V. Semyonov, at the head. The the older members of the staff thave finished their active career, the strikers. I will cite only one case to show how this system helps to demoralize the strikers. I will take the catters. They are supposed to be sider the ballet as an individual art; the was also noted for his discovery. ership of the Cutters Local always claim and get special privileges. In this strike also they got a separate hall for the cutters. The claim was that they would be able to control the cutters best. But let us see how it actually worked out.

There is a system developing in the trade of bundle-contracting and cutting departments on the jobbers to the formation of the true dancer, premises. It is a system that the union will have to combat very strenuously, for it will work hardship on the workers of all crafts, including the cutters. In a cutting department of a jobber, the boss hires one or two full-fledged cutters, to whom he somecles. You possess a tool with which times does not even pay the minimum you can begin to build. The classic scale, and then hires about ten boys dance as such is by no means an end in itself—it is a technical means to an a week to do the spreading and chopping, thus increasing the unemployment among the cutters and also re-Union today, its possibilities are ducing the standards of the cutters generally. In many instances full-fledged cutters will take jobs as choppers and work for about \$25.00 a week. This evil is now developing more and more. The union will have to put up a serious fight against it. But what happened in this strike? Instead of fighting this system, these jobbers received a premium and in many instances the cutters of such jobbing departments were sent up to work even before the strike was over the young dancers now receiving their they were permitted to scab with training in the ballet school of the a union label. So we had a situation where the strikers attempted to stop cutters during the strike and the Cutters Local sent them back to work. Naturally such practices caused de-

moralization among the strikers. But this is not all. When the strike was already settled with the Associations the cutters were immediate ly given working-cards and sent back work. The workers were instructed not to begin to work until the prices would be resettled. In many shops the workers could not come to any agreement on prices and did not begin to work for days, but the cutters continued to work. All the pleas of the workers that they be stopped off, because the boss would send out this work, fell on deaf ears. All Local 10 was interested in, was that ing the rest of the workers in the shop. In some shops the cutters were given working-cards and sent back to work before the boss even applied for a settlement. Thus, not only did these practices demoralize the work-It is not so much a question of these practices demoralize the work-making over" the ballet as an art ers during the strike, but they ham-

> er prices in the shop after the strike. A Shocking Case

> also contributed its share to help break the spirit of the strike. There is a shop by the name of Le Claire (Continued on page 4)

# Lectures Sunday, April 17th 8 P. M. bress Co. The presser in that shop is Mr. Vasilewsky, the chairman of the joint board. This shop was on

## by Ida Treat Is there place for the ballet in Each child has daily, during the fivethe art of the revolution? Or is it day week, two to three hours of char-

The Ballet School In Moscow

AN OLD ART FORM MADE YOUNG

mal, so artificial an art serve as

eign visitor in the Soviet Union hears ters of workers; 39% of specialists; ardently discussed. And curiously and 10% of office workers. The customary tuition fee is 10% of the partic who is the most outspoken in his condemnation of the ballet; while the Russians themselves rally to its de-

He was also noted for his discover- to him, it is distinctly a mass art. And the dance, like music itself, has its roots deep in the nature of the became coeditor of the Zeitschrift Russian people. From the circle of workers or peasants gathered about an accordeon, to the ballet of the Bolshoi Theater, he sees no break in the transition. Both are collective forms of expression: the first popular; the second, more formalboth essentially group manifestations. Obviously not all dancers are equally gifted. The village, the factory, or the regiment has its best dancers, just as the ballet has its more talented members. These the spectator applauds and admires but he does not isolate them from their companions; they are still a part of the group. It is not the ballet that is at fault, says the Russian, it is basically as collective an art form as the horus of singers. The fault lay with the traditions of a corrupt and decadent society which denatured the limitless," Semyonov wen on.

Towards New Forms This does not mean that the dance -any more than the other plastic arts in the Soviet Union today—has already found its perfect expression as an art form of socialist society. Much just criticism can be made of the productions staged by the ballet at the Moscow opera. But even in productions of as doubtful a value as the "Red Poppy", there are intimations that the trend of the ballet is towards new forms of expression which will link it more closely with the life of the workers. And its future lies perhaps not so much in the hands of its present masters, trained for the most part in the old school of the dance, but with the hundreds of young dancers, children of the revolution, now being trained in the bal-

A ballet school in the Union today is first of all a school. The big building in the courtyard off the Neglinaya hums with voices. The corridors throng with children, tramping in merry groups thru the halls, clattering up the marble stairs on the young girls work busily with shears than forty years, with the result that and glue-pot; they are getting out t has led to victory everywhere, and one of the wall newspapers. In the Red Corner another group, oblivious to visitors, is lost in serious discus

> It takes nine years to train a ballet dancer in the Moscow school. Seven years of preparation and two additional years in the "technicum." tion of collective joy.

a worn-out form—for more than acter and classic dancing and physical training; and three to four hours of a decadent society? Can so forgram of the "seven year" schools. At present, there are 188 pupils in vehicle for plastic expression to a the Moscow ballet school—139 girls new society in the making? Should and 49 boys. There are not nearly it not be discarded, along with the other traditions with which the revolution has broken? These are questions which the for- the children 61% are sons and daugh-

And the children themselves, after the second year of training, take part from time to time in occasional pro-

ductions.

The Dancer's Alphabet The work of the school, its definite echnical training—of the sort so decried by Isadora Duncan—is essential

according to V. Semyonov. "This is the A B C of dancing," he explained. "The scientific foundation on which the dance is based. Once you have it in hand, it means an absolute control of all body musyou can begin to build. The classic artistic end. "As for the ballet, in the Soviet

ballet and rendered it sterile and de- theme of work itself-mass activity in its manifold aspects—can furnish us with an inexhaustible mine of new forms. And all the rich popular sources, as yet practically untouch ed. Our ethnological commission is preparing expeditions to various districts of the Union to study and collect material bearing on local customs and dances.' Such is the field to be explored by

Soviet capital. For the time being, they are learning the "A B C" of the dance in an institution which is by no means isolated from the everyday life of the community, but which is linked to it both culturally and po-

Healthy Atmosphere

Among the students are two Komomols, 135 Pioneers, and 35 October children. And the casual visitor cannot fail to be struck by the general atmosphere that pervades the institution. Here not a trace of that fatal fever that weighs on the ballet schools of the west. Here they are not training "stars" or a corps de ballet to become the playthings of a decadent aristocracy or middle class. the cutters should work, disregard-These are children of workers, working in normal healthy conditions, preparing to exercise an art which can eventually become a true expression of the life of the day.

form, as an attempt to re-create it— pered them in their struggle for betgive back to this form of the dance or prices in the shop after the strike. its true significance as a manifesta-

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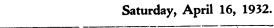
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#### WHAT NEXT?

O every member and sympathizer of the Communist Party, to every class-conscious worker:

The crushing defeat which our brother Party has just suffered in the German elections must serve as a signal of alarm to every thinking Communist, to every honest worker. WHY HAS THE COMMUNIST kind a magic picture of the future PARTY OF GERMANY, UNDER SUCH FAVORABLE OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS, MET SUCH HEAVY SETBACKS IN THE ELEC-TION CAMPAIGN? Why, inside of a few weeks, has the Communist Party suffered such a staggering loss of about a million and a quarter votes? Why, in the midst of the deepest economic crisis of German capitalism, has the overwhelming majority of the working class given its support to the Hindenburg hunger regime and to the Fascist terror rather than to Communism?

Morely to sell these greations is to indict the anti-Laminist scattering like the sell than to the Hindenburg hunger regime and to the Fascist terror rather on which a broken sword is shown, chuckled and said: "Quite so. Who is going to use a sword in a modern war? It is time to scrap the old rubbins."

Merely to ask these questions is to indict the anti-Leninist sectarian course of the Communist International and of the present Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany. It is high time that we seriousown Party, in the entire Communist International, and try to find a Leninist way out of the crisis in our ranks and find it quickly, before it ly think over the whole crisis in the German Communist Party, in our

The German Communist Party is the biggest Communist Party in the Communist International outside of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Its membership is greater than the combined membership of all the Communist Parties in the capitalist countries. It is the banner Party in the Comintern. Its membership counts thousands of loyal, devoted, state of military preparedness. Thus, self-sacrificing proletarians. Its revolutionary traditions are many and inspiring. The present crisis rocking German capitalism to its founda- futility of dreadnoughts. In France, inspiring. The present crisis rocking German capitalism to its foundations has afforded it a splendid opportunity. Yet the sectarian and, in they harp on the menace presented by the development of civil aviation part, "national bolshevik" course forced upon the C.P. of Germany by in Germany. The present-day military expert no longer rattles the the E.C.C.I. has prevented it from utilizing even these great advantages.

The German C. P. has discarded the tactics of the united front; it has withdrawn its best blood from the mass trade unions and squandered ed by him in the light of an axiom. it on feeding the still-born pure "Red unions"; it has resorted to sweeping splitting policies in the entire working class movement; the suicidal plomats and the military experts ing splitting policies in the entire working class movement; the suicidal play their parts, at least in convertheory of "social-fascism" has made impossible the winning of the Social-sation with us. Nevertheless it is

Here is the root of the trouble. The debacle in Germany is only tne truit of the whole talse line, the logical outcome of the whole wrong tactical course. This policy we must discard in Germany and everywhere gathered here. They feel rather bored

What else but defeat could we expect from our organization in Geres means that there is no sense in "shifting behind the curtain." The many after it was engaged for several years in union-splitting, sometimes even failing to see the Fascist menace, in playing with the dynamite of are generally talkative. the Fascist referendum in Prussia last summer, substituting bluff and bombast for stern reality, expelling from the Party ranks all those who ers and the pacific intentions of dared criticize or resist this hybrid policy of ultra-leftism and opportunism, their own governments. Thus, in 1924, they were nearly all pacifists. splitting the Party ranks by throwing out the most experienced revolutionary proletarians? And after all this, to come out unscathed, unhurt, tarist like Pertinax or the Daily Mail merely because capitalism itself is in anguish, in its death agony? Of idle Ages. Now, in private conversacourse not! The deluge had to come.

But, there is no cause for pessimism or panic. There IS a way out. It is not yet too late! The issue is now more than ever squarely before the workers themselves, the rank and file workers in the Comintern.

Certain things are now clear. The method of making some petty or top functionary a scape-goat for carrying out too "hot-headedly" or excessively the so-called "correct" line of the Party is no way out. It's been tried over and over again. It has brought only dismal decimation to our Party cadres. The strategy of cheap manouvers, hypocritical "new turns," slanderous campaigns and ruthless organizational measures against Leninist criticism and proposals has only brought confusion, splits and The speeches of the delegation leadchaos into our midst.

The crying need now is for you, for all of us, to be aroused to the danger ahead and to take immediate steps to force a free and genuine discussion by the membership in every Communist Party as to the causes of our disastrous defeat in Germany, of the tragic failure of the whole Comintern to grow in this most intense crisis of world capitalism. Fight for the restoration of Leninist Party democracy! This must be our first step. We, who are momentarily expelled for opposing the present sectarian and devitalizing line of the Comintern, sincerely urge you, as the bow. You will not discard the protected by racketeers and always motor car, why then give up the continue to scab when strikes take comrades to comrades, to raise your voices and mobilize your strength to tank?" This is the kind of argubring back our Party in Germany, in India, in England, our entire world ment they raise. Communist Party to the Leninist tactical path, to restore Party democracy, to reunite the force of Communism in the United States and in the whole

It is easy to celebrate and shout after a victory. But Bolsheviks must learn from their defeats as well as from victories, from the victories of their enemies as well as their own. Let us now and today begin to avoid repeating mistakes, begin to transform the defeat of the proletariat of Germany into a mighty international working class victory. Together, as will eclipse all previous ones. with united ranks, all of us as one, under the banner of the Communist International, let us speedily return to the tactics of Leninism-drop our wrong attitude towards the Social-democratic workers, readopt the taction of the united front, restore the tactics of transforming the unions into phraseology is dying out. It is a surmittees are sent out when they come vival of the times of Herriot, Briand, to the building they first look over a McDonald, and Stressmann. Now the list of protected shops that they have, Briandites are chased out of the and, if they find the shop on their This is the road to victory.

### A Letter from Geneva

WORKERS AGE

# The Broken Sword at Geneva

by Karl Radek

surprises from their respective governments. Perhaps, immediately after the termination of the war the experts had some misgivings, wondering what was going to be the turn of affairs; but now they are remarkably calm and composed. The bourgeoisie having forgotten the fatigue and discomforts of war, more readly listens to the insistent pleas for more armaments. Since 1925 there is a continuous rise in the curve of

With all this, it ought to be said that the military experts here do not at all behave like "brave soldiers." There is nothing crude, nothing sudeavor to conjure up before manwar-how gas and explosive bombs will thunder from the skies, how the tank will take the place of the motor car, and so forth. Oh, these gentlemen are not at all conservative!

There is a story current in Geneva that one of the military experts, on seeing for the first time the medal designed in honor of the Conference and bomb-throwers!

The peace talk at the Conference does not bother the military experts. They even seem to enjoy the pacifist

In our age of smoke-screen and camouflage, the military experts fully appreciate the importance of using the screen of pacifist verbiage. They even help the diplomats in this masquerade. In fact, these experts have worked out for each country a set of pacifist demands to suit the country's in England, they urge the inadmissibility of submarine warfare, or the sword. He indulges in maudlin pacifst talk and is preparing for war in the businesslike style of today. All

It must be said that both the dieasy to find out what they really room upstairs or to the hall of the

in the Conference. The absence of the political heads of the great powjournalists are "catching flies," and

Formerly, journalists gossipped about the armaments of rival powtion, no pacifist will be found among the journalists, unless he is one especially paid to act the "pacifist" in order to spread the story that his particular government ("to which, as you know, I am in opposition") is the most peace-loving one in the world. This vanishing species is still kept in stock for the specific purpose of talking pacifism with those who are

Generally, however, the talk in the indulged in by the leadership? press room is quite frank. No one believes in disarmament, nor in any serious curtailment of armaments Everybody likes to tell racy stories about their own and other delegations. ers are appreciated exclusively from he point of view of delivery and efficient masking of war preparation. Nevertheless, they are neither nationalists nor war worshippers called "legitimate business" to cov-

considered hopeless fools.

Scratch any of the known national- er up their other racketeer activities ist writers and you will find a quite sensible and sober petty bourgeois. facturers against whom the Union "But what can you do? Who can afcarries on strikes. The Union does ford to disarm? What other solution of even attempt to fight these shops is there but war? One cannot afford But worse still is the racket that to give up the modern war implesells protection to the manufacturers. ments and fight with the spear and There are numerous shops that are

ment they raise.

They are all very wise people.
They unreservedly agree that the next war will end in revolution. The more skeptical add; "in all probability."

place. Ine leadership of the Union not only does not do anything to fight this system but tolerates it and, to a large extent, encourages it.

There is a complete reliance on the skeptical add; "in all probability." part of the Union officials on "spe-In the next breath they will tell you: cial" committees to stop non-union Who cares what will happen after shops. In most instances these com we are gone? One must live, one mittees work both ways—that is, or wants an automobile, and must there- the one hand, they go out to stop campaign against the the U.S.S.R. often that when a committee is sent

out by the Union to stop a certain "It is just a game; some like pokopen shop, the boss gets a telephone
er, and others have different fancies," call before the committee goes out so I was told by the editor of a Fran- and when it comes to the shop, it co-Polish organ of propaganda. These either doesn't find anybody there or gentlemen are convinced that pacifist the doors are locked. Or, when com-

(Concluded from last issue) newspaper offices. Sauerwein was ference. Those who are disseminat-Military experts of today do not fired from Matin and he is now serving this public opinion are very much go thru such tragic experiences. They ing the notorious Madame Arnot who in evidence on the platform, in the rank. He is among the few who take are not threatened with any pacifist is again promoting some shady fin- lobbies, in the press room, and in the in the whole American scene. Perancial company. For this purpose she house of the League of Nations. All haps not always with the vision of is publishing a sheet called La Force.
The sweet-voiced social-democratic poisonous potion of war.

In the creator, and often so pessimistically, yet making his contribution that

singers are not in evidence at this conference. Vanderwelde, Grumbach and the rest flashed through like mesits in splendor upon the presidential throne, taciturn, and deserted by his friends, while De Brouquere gazes in melancholy mood upon the wearisome pacifist show.

The attitude of this fraternity to-

wards the Soviet journalists is very curious. Reading their papers, one would think they hate us with all their heart and soul. But it is not really so. The shoemaker takes off own home. Likewise, the journalists hate us only in their papers, because they are paid for it. They are really aimiable people ready to help a "fellow journalist."

One conservative English journalist told me that he cannot judge to what extent the masses are influenced by the cries about our alleged religious persecution because he has been an unbeliever for many years and is no judge of religious emotions. "Maybe, it has a great effect," he said, "otherwise this argument would not have been started. But it is also possible that those who engineered the campaign miscal-They are unbelievers themselves but suppose that other people continue to believe.

They eagerly ask us how in reality things are in our country. They sly-ly wink when using the word "reali-"You are decent people," I was told by an old and influential American editor. "Who knows, perhaps you will reform the world. But this does not concern us. I have struggled enough to make a place for myself." He told me proudly that he had gone to America with a hundred dollars in his pocket and now he was the editor of a very important publica-

"What is public opinion?" Litvinov asked in his speech. It is the loudspeaker of the bourgeoisie. It is the mechanism which serves to popularize the wishes of the bourgeoisie among the millions of petty bourgeoisie who are glad to get ready-made opinions. tions which do not affect their paron are not to be seen in this confer- prevails in the capitalist world

(Continued from Page 3)

strike in Bryant Hall, where I was

and asked him for the records of the

shop, stating that he wanted to have

the shop where he was so that he may control it better. The secretary

answered him that without the hall

chairman, who was arrested at the

time, and without the consent of the hall committee, he could not give him

any records. Later we found that

the shop was settled and sent back to work. The question is not whether

it was right to settle this shop or not. There were a number of other

shops that were of the same kind

and still they were not settled. The

leadership decided not to make any

independent settlements yet. This shop, therefore, was settled and sent

back to work for one reason only-and that is because the chairman of

How in the world can anyone ex-

pect to keep up the morale of the

workers when such practices were

Racketeering

5. Among the many evils which cause hardshin and suffering to the

dressmakers, one of the worst is the

system of racketeering that has developed in the dress industry.

racketeers, I suppose to have a so-

There are many shops operated by

the joint board worked there.

incides with the arrival of news about tory of American literature is record-The forwarding of this letter coa fresh bombardment of Shanghai by teors and vanished. Only Henderson the Japanese. The commander of the new Japanese drive has accompanied this humanitarian undertaking by a speech which would quite befit a delegate to the Disarmament Conference. He also gave interviews to journalists in which the landing of tens of thousands of fresh Japanese troops, and of hundreds of armored cars with bombs, was described as an entirely peaceful pursuit. We are told that the only obstacle to real ing, they have almost turned into philosophers. They study the trend of militarist development and they en-Shanghai and everything will be in order. There is much mirth in Geneva over that speech, and it is ironically regretted that the commander Oueda was not sent as delegate to the conference.

The Japanese are throwing bombs on Chapei with its million inhabitants. Japanese bombs are hitting the textile mills in that populous district, killing women and children coming to work a twelve-hour day to receive a couple of platefuls of rice. A good story became current here in connection with the situation in China:

"Did you hear the news that the Chinese delegate, Yen, has appealed for aid to the Pope? What was the Pope's answer?

"He answered that he is offering p a daily prayer for peace in China." Behind my back a Polish journalist boasts that an order for ten milion meters of soldiers cloth was received by two Polish textile mills. Probably he exaggerates, wanting to show that Poland is quite a civilized nation benefitting from the war situation. The telegrams about the rise in the stocks of munition factories have produced in Geneva the same effect as did the appearance of the star upon the wise men on the road to Bethlehem. The difference was that this time it concerned the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

This is the way "public opinion" and bourgeois diplomacy reacts upon the war that is going on in China. This in spite of the fact that the interests of the capitalist powers in the Far East are sharply conflicting. Thus they need not bother over ques- This is the capitalist attitude towards the situation in China, altho the ticular interests at the moment. Those social system in that country does not who are the engineers of public opin- differ very much from the one that

list, they do not even go up.

The workers who are on strike won-

complaints, they get only lame ex-

cuses and a shrug of the shoulders.

The Union officials know of these

practices and still this system is be-

ng perpetuated and nothing is done

I have shown above only some of

the methods and tactics of the re-

actionary leadership of the Union.

These are methods and tactics that

cannot and do not lead towards the

these methods must be known to the

workers. It is only by fighting these tactics, by fighting those who are

strengthening of the Union.

RIGHT-WING IN DRESS STRIKE

the hall chairman. On Friday, February 26, before a general settlement had been reached, Mr. Vasilewsky

o change it.

1919, by John Dos Passos. Harcourt Brace and Company, New York

Among the few American writer who sense the pulse of American life, understand its direction, and write about it brilliantly, Dos Passos, unquestionably stands out in the first will surely be included when the his-

The idea of the background which is a sort of recurrent prelude in his story, Dos Passos borrows from the movies. "The camera eye and news reel"-he flashes these with a smart-

ing speed and biting satire.

He sets down actual newspaper leadlines, speeches, songs, slogans of the day, ridiculous, genuine. Abundant material—very effective thru this medium. The rhythm, the mood, of the American scene of 1919. Also his memories and reactions to

these, including, of course, the world war. America's belated entry into the war, the Russian Revolution, Armistice. In between he gives short biogra-

phies of actual figures of the times ticularly well done.

And now, for the story itself. Against such striking background, here should have been a symphonic expression of American life in fiction form. But it is only partially so, be-cause here he employs the oft-repeated and usual pattern. Some really dynamic characters

could have saved the story itself. The lives of aimless sailors, romantic, sentimental and licentious ladies, intellectuals and even radicals, if they lack force and direction at a time when so much is needed, turn out a tiresome story, indeed! Their small ambitions and limited vision during the World War, have been portrayed so often and as their pattern of life is ever the same, it is wearing out. Had Dos Passos depicted it as such and included a few vital types, he

simism! From Dos Passos we want vigorous stories of dynamic men and women. We want stories of the revolutionary workers, stories of the social energy at least, we want them included Those tireless workers and idealists who, during the war as now, give their brain, energy, their all, ives to the cause of mankind, to that classless society wherein war and misery will no longer be known.

could have saved his story from pes-

Dos Passos is a master photograph er but we want him to develop into master painter and creator too.

Hitler and the Jews The following story comes from the

woes. What was the cause? The and thruout the world. debts, of course. What was respons- In America we have no kings for called up the secretary of Bryant hall to stop them off. To their repeated And as he roared these words a voice dividualism. from the back screeched, 'And the

bicycle riders.' "Five thousand faces turned toward the back of the hall. Hitler is not accustomed to be interrupted and as soon as he regained his composure he thundered again, this time with outstretched hands: 'Why the bicycle For answer, a little man climbed a chair, outstretched his hands in mimicry and screeched back, 'Why the Jews?'"

tactics, by fighting those who are eradicating it completely, that the perpetuating this system, by fight workers will be able to build up a ing their conception of unionism and strong union.

Turn About Is Fair Play

How the professors of economics are helping the victims of the depression was the subject of a lecture by Prof. Paul R. Hanna of Teachers College to the New York State Home Economics Association.

"As an example of the service that the home economics teacher can render," said Professor Hanna, "I cite a recent survey of a colony of 800 families, principally of longshoremen, in a nearby community. These were found to be subsisting on one meal a day, composed of macaroni. A home economics teacher could show the children of these families how they could avail themselves of other foods that would furnish variety at no greater cost."

When there is a workers government in America we can think of no juster use of the "Red terror" than to compel Professor Hanna and all his "home economics" teachers to live on the "variety" of foods that can be furnished at no "greater cost than one meal a day composed of macaroni."

And we'll give to the "home economics" teachers. Herbert Hoover and J. P. Morgan and the whole blockand his personal interpretation of aid committee as permanent guests to them. A sketch of John Reed, is par-

#### Why We Have Block-Aid

Seven billion, nine hundred ninety nillion, four hundred twenty-five thousand, one hundred seventy-eight dollars is an awful lot of money. It it nearly double the amount of:

All the gold held in the U. S. Treasury, \$4,281,933,457.

All the expenses of the Government n 1931, \$4,219,950,339.

All the money appropriated for 1932, \$4,674,073,971. All the money in circulation in the U. S., \$4,821,933,457.

Yes, \$7,990,425,178 is an awful lot of money-and this is the latest and best estimate as published in the World's Work of the vast family fortune controlled by the family of Andrew W. Mellon, retiring secretary of the treasury, author of the deficit, the sales-tax tariff schemes, enemy of unemployment insurance, master shifter of tax and depression burdens on the backs of the poor.

If that little fortune were distributed among the, let us say, 7,000,000 unemployed (surely a conservative esimate), it would mean over \$1,000 piece! No wonder Mellon and Morgan are for soup-kitchens, doles, block-aids and a sales-tax!

The Mellon-owned Union Trust Company pays 206% a year on its stock. The stocks par value is \$105 but it sells at \$17,000 a share and has been selling as high as \$22,000 a share. Andrew Mellon has more power European journalist, Pierre Van Pas- than Victor Emanuel and Mussolini sen, via the Times:

"It happened in Frankfort. About of the treasury he was a director in 5000 people were in the hall. All was 84 companies controlling the lives of quiet as Hitler told of Germany's millions of workmen in this country

ible for these miserable debts? The this is a "free" country. Andrew Melwar, of course. Who was responsible lon ran the treasury, the country and for the war? Here, Hitler, the actor, much of the world in the name of timed his pause. All was anxious si-"The People of the United States". lence, eyes wide open, necks stretch- Three long cheers for democracy, ed. At last he thundered "The Jews". freedom, breadlines and rugged in-

Long live King Andrew the First and Last!

## What's In A Name?

Well, the sales-tax passed the House after it had its name changed to luxury-tax. The new name is due to the fact that there's a strong feeling that Congress ought to tax the rich who have the ability to pay, so Congress came down hard on such millionaires' playthings as matches, looth-paste, soda pop and chewing If that's a luxury-tax, this is a per-

iod of prosperity!

Taxing Those Who Can Bear It. Secretary Mill's message on taxes read something like this: 1. Stock transfer tax of ¼ of 1% should be reduced. Speculators can't afford it.

2. Tax on corporations filing for subsidiaries should be repealed. Corporations can't afford it. 3. Corporation tax should be re-4. Inheritance tax should be cut

from 45% to 25%. Heirs can't af-As substitutes for the above, Mills

1. Tobacco tax should be raised. Anyone who has money to burn can

2 Amusement tax should be raised to include all admissions over 10c. Anybody who can afford to pay 15c for a movie can afford to pay a tax, in accordance with theory that taxa-

tion should be based on ability to 3. Tax should be levied on use of electricity and gas on the home. Tax on illuminating gas is especially im-portant so that suicides should pay

tax on their privileges and pleasures. An Excellent Choice

With a singular sense of the ap-

propriate, both capitalist parties have chosen the Windy City for the national convention.

The new three-cent stamp should bear the pictures of Hoover and Mel-lon and bear the title: "The Prosperity twins."

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Speaker: BEN GITLOW

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