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FILIPINO MASSES **SHOW UNREST**

North Luzon Peasants Rise **Against Landlords As** Mass Misery Grows

MANILA.-A wide movement of revolt of tenant farmers and agricultural laborers in the Northern Luzon Provinces is reported here. Secretary of the Interior Ventura has already issued orders to the provincial constabulary commanders for the military suppression of the movement.

The extreme misery of the tenant farmers, coming as a result of the merciless exploitation by the land-lords and the recent fall in agricult-ural prices, has led to the organiza-tion of a vigorous movement for the alleviation of their conditions. In the same movement are also the farm laborers, whose pitifully meager wages suffered several cuts in recent months. The struggle has taken on militant forms in many parts of the Luzon Provinces, resulting in the destruction of landlords houses, records, etc. Communist influence among the insurgent farmers and laborers is very great. The police are now trying to rearrest the fourteen Commu nist leaders recently convicted and now out on appeal made by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Since the American imperialist big stick is used to protect and to defend the landlords and blocdsucking usurers, the struggle of the masses in the Northern Provinces has also assumed an anti-imperialist and nationalist

WAGE-CUT IN **BUILDING TRADE**

20-30% Slash Provided In New Agreement After Loss Of Strike

NEW YORK CITY-A wage-cut of 20% to 30% is included in the new collective agreement signed by the Building Trades Council, for the various unions, and the Building Trades Employers Association. The acceptance of the cut followed the loss of the strike waged by the 30,000 work-

ers involved the week before.

The International Union of Eleva-Union, the latter not part of the cy. Saito's chief recommendation for would set the international labor Building Trades Council, have refus- his post is his merciless suppression movement back at least half-a-cened to accept the wage-cut and are of the Korean people. holding out.

have reduced the conditions of the Railway. workers to incredible misery. The building unions, shot thru with corruption and gangsterism, operating on a thoroly reactionary basis, connected up in a thousand ways with the contractors and employers, proved unable to resist the offensive of the bosses.

URGES NEW PARTY FOR NEGROES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An appeal to the Negroes of this country to cut off Vladivostok and the whole I ARAR MOLEME break with the two big capitalist par- maritime province. ties and to take their place, as an oppressed group in American society, with the workers and the farmers ir the formation of a new party, "with an economic program to go to the roots of our industrial life," was made by Professor John Dewey of Columbia University to the annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here on May 19,1932. At the same session Charles Edward Russell, former Socialist, condemned discrimination against the Negroes as a phase of the capitalist system which has

now broken down. A lively discussion took place on an "economic program" presented by W. E. B. DuBois and Herbert J. Seligmann. This program includes a nun ber of progressive economic demands, such as systematic taxation of large incomes, social insurance, etc., which,

Results of French Elections

Party suffered a big defeat.

In Alsace, the Party lost the two deputies it had before. The Communist Opposition kept its one deputy and the Autonomists, with the support of the Communist Opposition, also kept their two seats, in spite of the fact that the offi-cial Communist Party, as well as the Socialists and the bourgeois parties, ran opposition candidates in all three cases. Here is the comparative vote:

Warran (Communicat
Maurer (Communist Opposition): 6572
J. Walch (Communist Party): 494
Dablet (Autonomist):11,518 Friedrich (Communist Party):
Rossè (Autonomist):11,156
Aschbocher (Communist Party): 1,826
The Party deputies from Lorrain

The Party de	puties fro	om Lorraine
DISTRICT	FIRST	BALLOT
12 Paris 13 Paris 18 Paris Clichy St. Etienne Loire St. Ouen Aube	C.P. 2,499 3,606 4,760 4,762 1,140 1,881	P.U.P. 5,723 5,179 3,999 5,760 11,505 6,109

ED on the second ballot.

As the final figures in the had previously been Beron and French elections come thru, it becomes more and more obvious that tions, they had been expelled from the left the lef to the left, the official Communist of the charges has not yet been ascertained, but, at any rate, both Beron and Doeble RAN AND WERE ELECTED. Beron received 8642 votes, there being NO PARTY CANDIDATE AGAINST HIM. Doeble received 6,348 votes against 380 for the Party candi-

> It is clear that these two individuals secured the support of the Communist workers and probably also of the Communist Party organizations in their districts. Regardless of the truth or falsity of the charges of the Party, this is 12 indeed a sad commentary on the effectiveness of the Party's campaign and activities and of the confidence the revolutionary workers have in the Party's charges.

In France proper, particularly in Paris and its suburbs, the centrist party, "Parti d'Unite Proletarienne" (P.U.P.), scored big victories against the Communist Par-ty. The following are some of the

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	SECOND	BALLOT	
	C.P. 1,176 3,216 5,022 3,577	P.U.P. 9,511 8,216 6,232 8,623	
	5,202 no cand. 477	7,939 9,761 6,341	

In St. Etienne, the P.U.P. candidate was elected on the FIRST pendent Communists" or "Social-BALLOT. In the others, the P. ist-Communists" consists of several U.P. candidates were ALL ELECT- distinct groups as follows: P.U.P. D on the second ballot.

The group which the bourgeois tion—1; Doeble and Beron—2.

Japanese Prepare Attack on Chinese-Eastern MADRID.—A general order to arrest all Communists, anarchists and revolutionary syndicinary synd Railway; Militarists Take Helm in Tokyo.

New "National Government" To Be Formed In Japan As Result Of Militarist-Fascist Pressure; Military Attack On U.S.S.R. Big Blow To World Labor

TOKYO, May 22. — Admiral Vis- ers must realize that the danger of ment has taken active measures to suppress them, especially the motor Governor of Korea, has been made Soviet Union is in a very real sense Premier by order of the Emperor. He the danger of an attack on their very has announced his intention of form- dearest interests. The overthrow of ing a "national government", that is, the Soviet power in the U. S. S. R. for Constructors and the Bricklayers a super-party coalition government would usher in such a wave of black-Masons and Plasterers international dominated by the militarist burocra- est reaction on a world scale as

This drastic slash in wages, coupled have let it be known semi-officially political and organizational, would be with the fearful unemployment of that the immediate strategical ob-ruthlessly wiped out. Our fate is building trades workers (in many jective of Japanese forces in Korea is really tied up with the fate of the cases more than half out of work), the seizure of the Chinese-Eastern Soviet Union! Therefore our slogan

> The recent week has brought the world to the very brink of a new war! The press of the whole world, including the Japanese papers, no longer take any trouble to hide the fact that Japan is deliberately preparing a military attack upon the the new cabinet following upon the Soviet Union, the blow to fall within assassination of Premier Inukai, it a few weeks or months at most. In the is everywhere recognized that the fin-Far East, Tokyo has sent large military forces to Manchuria (over 25,-000 in the last week) which, under pretext of "chasing bandits", have come very close to, if they have not | Just Out! - - - already actually invaded, Soviet ter-

The United States, in spite of its own imperialistic rivalries with Japan, has placed no serious obstacles in the way of the latter in its mad course f aggression; just the reverse, the big American munition companies, with the approval of the government, have shipped thousands of tons of munitions to Japan in the last few weeks. The menace of the socialist Soviet Union to the capitalist world s so great, the advantage its overthrow would bring to the capitalist world is so tremendous, that the various imperialist powers stand ready, if necessary, to bury their differences temporarily at least, for the sake of an effective attack upon the U.S.S.R. The American workers and farm-

tury; all the achievements of the At the same time military circles workers in the last decades, economic, must be: For the defense of the Soviet Union against the offensive of imperialism!

> Tokyo, Japan. May 20, 1932

Altho nothing has as yet been announced officially as to the nature of

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Labor movement

ITS PAST

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remove the oath of allegiance to the British Crown from the Free State Constitution finally passed the Dail, on May 19, by a vote of 77 to 69. The 77 votes represent a block of Fianna Fail and Labor party votes.

The bill now goes to the Irish Senate, where the DeValera forces are ate, where the DeValera forces are of atheism and over the growth of not as strong as in the Dail. It is not opposition or indifference to religion unlikely that the Senate will reject on the part of the world's masses to-the bill. But the Senate can only day, together with a bitter invective postpone the validation of the bill for against Communism and the militant eighteen months. At the end of that labor movement, form the dominant time the bill, again passed by the themes in the encyclical letter issued

Capitalists Threaten DeValera DUBLIN.—A group of big tobacco companies have issued formal warning to the Free State government that if the heavy tax on tobacco provided for in the new budget is not "eased", they will close down their factories in the Free State.

300 ARRESTED IN SPANISH RAIDS

Wave Of Terror Against Militants Supported By Socialists

Andalusia, was issued, on the night of May 19, by the Cabinet here, in which are included a number of So cialists. Already over 300 revolutionists have been arrested and are facing deportation. The raids arose out of an attempt on the part of the government to disarm the Andalusian

A wave of strikes, primarily of a political character but also against wage-cuts and for unemployment relief, is sweeping Spain. The governsuppress them, especially the motor transportation strike in Madrid.

The incredibly vicious attacks of the government upon the labor movement has exposed its extremely reactionary character. It is not the government of republican revolution, as it pretends to be; it is the government of capitalist reaction and counter-revolution. And it is such a government which the Socialists support and take part in!

JOBS FALL 2.7% IN APRIL

Employment Declines 3.6% In Manufacturing; Big **Cuts In Wages Also**

WASHINGTON. -Employment in industry as a whole suffered another decline of 2.7% in the month of April while employment in manufacturing industries fell 3.6% according to the report of the Department of Labor. In addition to this increase in un employment, those who hold their jobs suffered a cut of 5.1% in wages compared with what they had received in March.

Free Liberia

Garveyism points to a magnified Liberia as a symbol of a Negro soveign state. How sovereign it is may be judged by the following lines tak-en from a New York Times wireless dispatch dated May 21 from Geneva: "The Council of the League of Nations today approved the draft plan for the rehabilitation of Liberia . . . to serve as a basis for negotiations which the Council desires to begin with the Liberian government, the American Finance Corporation and the Firestone Plantations Company"! | puts the

OATH REPEAL BILL Wall Street Body Set Up to Control Economic Life Finally passes By Vote Of 77 To 69 De Valera Triumphs; Now Threats On Budget DUBLIN.—The DeValera Bill to remove the eath of allegisms. It to remove the eath of allegisms. It to remove the oath of allegisms.

But Bitterly Attacks All Militant Labor Action In New Encyclical

A wail of dismay over the spread (Continued on page 2)

To Supply "Leadership"; New Offensive On Masses Foreshadowed: Big Move To State-Capitalism

tric Company, a committee of twelve anty Trust Company; J. E. Reynolds, of the most powerful capitalists in this country, both bankers and industrialists, was appointed on May 19 as a general directing and dictatorial body over the whole economic life of the country.

are: Owen D. Young, General Electric Company; M. N. Buckner, New York Trust Company; F. L. Carlisle, Consolidated Gas Company; W. S. Gif-

THE FATEFUL RACE!

New York City.
Under the chairmanship of Owen
D. Young, head of the General Electional City Bank; W. C. Potter, Guar-First National Bank; A. P. Sloan, Jr., General Motors Company; W. C. Teagle, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey; A. A. Tilney, Bankers Trust Company, A. H. Wiggin, Chase National Bank; and C. M. Woolley, American Radiator and Standard

The members of the committee Sanitary Corporation.

The official purpose of this comnitee, called together in this city by George L. Harrison, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New York, is to "direct the utilization" of the millions of dollars being poured into the market by the Federal Reserve System in its credit expansion program, that is, to direct their "utilization" in such a way as to be of maximum profit to finance-capital. The semi-official, tho openly avowed and strongly emphasized object of the committee is to "supply economic leadership to the country," to serve as Wall Street's representative and confidential executive organ in running the economic affairs of the land. The emergency arising out of the econ-omic crisis has become so great that the real rulers of the land, the lords of the giant banks, are forced to supplement their permanent political machinery of domination by a special committee made up directly of the rulers themselves! Such is the real face of capitalist "democracy"! As long as everything goes well, the shabby mantle of "democracy" is allowed to hide the grim reality of capitalist dictatorship but as soon as interests of capital demand it, the threadbare covering is contemptuously brushed aside and the naked rule

bankers! The setting up of a committee of bankers and industrialists with wide government powers in economic and financial affairs is another big step in the recent marked trend towards state-capitalism in this country, to-wards the merging of big business

of the trusts and the banks stands ex-

posed! This is the "government of the

people, by the people, for the people"

as it really is—a government of the

bankers, by the bankers and for the

The Soviet Union Is Feverishly Rushing The Construction Of A New and the government machinery. The Wall Street committee, with the directing threads of the country's whole economic life in its hands, will certainly use its powers to shift even more of the increasing burdens of the conomic crisis on to the shoulders the workers, farmers and lower middle classes and to "stabilize" capitalism at the expense of the masses. The outlook for the producing masses in this country is black indeed-wagecuts, loss of savings, impoverishment and expropriation of farmers, poverty, misery, starvation! For the proletarian and farmer masses the only way out is ORGANIZATION and STRUGGLE against the big capitalists on the economic field and on the political. The formation of a powerful Labor party, to unite all the organizations of labor and the farmers for political struggle, is a burning need of the day!

> A supplementary purpose of the Young Committee, but a purpose which may come to be of dominating im-(Continued on page 2)

"MERRY- GO-ROUND" for "Workers Age"

"Merry-Go-Round", the play which Tammany tried to suppress, one of the best and most outstanding plays of the season, will be seen by hundreds of friends and readers of the Workers Age on the evening of June 7, when a benefit performance will be given for the Workers Age.

The present graft and corruption scandals in this city make this play, which is an exposure of capitalist civic corruption, of great current significance. Every worker should see it, especially as in this way he can help the Workers Age thru the difficult summer months. Get tickets now at the office of the Workers Age, 228 Second Ave. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$2.50.

June 7 is the date. Help the WORKERS AGE and see a good play!

Incomes, social insurance, etc., which, however, the report regards, in the characteristic utopian-reformist manner, as the road to a new social order. This program was attacked as "too extreme," as "too revolutionary," by Harry E. Davis, of Cleveland. LOUESTONE BEGINS LECTURE COURSE MAY 27 Communist History' 228 2nd Ave.

WALKER RECEIVED \$10,000 FROM BUS **GROUP FOR FRANCHISE, QUIZ BARES**

J. A. Smith Of Equitable Coach Company Gave Mayor Credit Letter In 1927 Which Walker Overdrew By \$3,000; More Revelations Are Coming

Social Order-The Capitalist World Is Feverishly Rushing

The Construction Of Armaments For a World Slaughter

Help The Soviet Union Win The Great Race!

was granted a bus franchise and one day before he signed the franchise, Mayor James J. Walker received a letter of credit for \$10,000 from J. Allen Smith, one of the chief backers of the bus company. This sensaional exposure was made before the Hofstadter committee by Judge Seabury on May 20. Smith was the administrator of the \$282,000 slush fund put up by the Equitable backers for

use in trying to obtain a franchise.

The bus franchise was granted on July 28, 1927, while the letter of credit was dated August 8. Walker drew on the letter while abroad in September 1927—and overdrew on it by about \$3,000, which Smith also made good!

Mr. Seabury introduced all the relevant documents to prove his charges up to the hilt.

convicted as a common bribe-taker. "progressive" Governor rupt capitalist system.

NEW YORK CITY.-Just twelve Roosevelt in a very awkward position days after Equitable Coach Company | It is certain that the demand to remove the city's mayor will soon be addressed to the governor. And this on the eve of the Democratic national convention! To remove Walker would mean a terrible blow to Tammany and to the whole Democratic party as well; to refuse to do so would supply a disastrous issue against the Demo crats, and especially against Roose velt, in the campaign.

Of course, the Republicans are rejoicing at the exposure of the crude corruption of the Democratic mayor of the world's greatest city. But the Republicans are tarred with exactly the same stick! The greatest series of corruption scandals in modern history took place during the Harding Administration, while an investigation of the present Federal Administration or of the Republican communities up-Thus is Jimmy Walker, the self-State would certainly reveal just as advertised "friend of the people," rotten a situation. Corruption in politics can only be gotten rid of by And the exposure has only just begun. getting rid of the source and breed-The baring of the Walker scandal ing ground of all corruption—the corFor The Proletarianization Of The W. C.!

CLASS STRUGGLE IN WORKMEN CIRCLE

A Report Of The Boston Convention

(1) Only those who do not live thru

the exploitation of others shall be

elected to the local, district and national posts. (2) The system of "small

indirect elections thru districts) shall

with direct representation of the

branches shall be held. (3) National

offices shall be held for a two-year

Manna also made a plea for the recognition and the defense of the

Soviet Union, calling upon the con-

vention to repeal the so-called Toron-

to resolution (which throws a mantle

of Workmen's Circle support over

to operate as "Socialists") and to

consistent class-struggle position and

of getting rid of both the right-wing

The official Convention Bulletin,

issued by the Convention Arrange-

ments Committee, in its issue of May

13, 1932, reports the appearance of

against the fact that the admin-

istration of the Workmen's Circle

was not doing enough to .ght

scabbery in the W. C. They read

extracts from the decisions of the

grievance committee and they de-

clared that these decisions were

not as strict as is required by the

principles of the W. C. They de-

ited to two years. The committee

provoke a war against Soviet

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tions be abolished and that the tic affairs.

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those counter-revolutionaries and ene-

period only.

Boston, Mass. quoting from the records of the official W. C. grievance committee and introducing the following proposhere on May 8, 1932 with a large mass als of the Anti-Scabbery Conference: meeting. About 150 delegates were present to this gathering which was signalized by the fact that it marked the fusion of the W. C. and the Independent Workmen's Circle.

Already on Monday, May 9, a struggle broke out, under the head of the credentials committee report, against the seating of the notorious Sheloff, a silk manufacturer who fought the union and organized scabbery in the recent Paterson strike. This Sheloff, ex-member of the National Executive, was objected to by a number of delegates but, of course he was seated.

On Tuesday, the committee elected by the Conference Against Scabbery held in New York City on February and attended by the delegates of mies of the Soviet Union who chose 75 branches, appeared and was granted the floor on the basis of the credentials of the conference.

Brother
S. Finkelstein (Branch 637, N. Y.)

Under the reactionary steamroller presented the situation in the Work- both the proposals for proletarianicamen's Circle and showed the neces- tion and the resolution on the Sovie: sity not only for a war against scab- Union were rejected by the convenbery but also for a thorogoing pro-letarianization of the leadership and wing elements at the convention and the committee of the order. M. Manna the good fight they made has unques-(Branch 386, N. Y.) followed up, tionably speeded up the great task of summarizing the Paterson situation, winning the masses of the order to a

WALL ST. BODY IS

(Continued from page 1) portance, is the service it may render the capitalist class in case of a war. The danger of a new world war today is extremely acute: in fact all the elements of such a war already exist in the Far East. There can be no question that Wall Street is preparing for that emergency right now and the centralization of economic control, the merging of big business and the government in a state-capitalist system, is an essential phase of these preparations.

Democrats Prepare "Relief" Program WASHINGTON .-- The special Democratic Senate committee to work out an "unemployment relief program' has brought in a program which leaves real relief just about where it stood before. No new public works are proposed but the construction of the public works projects already authorized is urged and a bond issue of \$1,000,000,000 for this is suggested. Federal unemployment relief and insurance, the only practical method of at least partly staving off starvation in this crisis, is rejected but an appropriation of about \$300,000,000 in "direct relief distributed by the President" (thru the Red Cross and charity organizations, presumably) is included. Not only is the sum ridiculously inadequate in view of the 10,000,000 unemployed in this country, but the method of distribution would even further reduce it. To the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a Federal relief agency for the big banks, it is proposed to grant nearly

The Garner "relief program" as announced, is almost similar to the above, except that the munificent Speaker of the House cuts the proposed grants for direct relief to a third!

POPE FOR PRAYER AS CRISIS CURE

(Continued from page 1) which the world finds himself, the head of the Catholic Church proposes the eminently efficacious methods of -prayer and penance!

Written in a language utterly alien to modern thought and expressing ideas weirdly echoing the most absurd medievalism, the Pope's message to the world sounds like a voice from the moldering grave. The historical catastrophe in which the world finds itself today the Catholic witch doctor attributed to the decline of "true religion", of Christianity, among modern men. As if Christianity has not always eagerly justified and sanc tified every form of exploitation and oppression in the last eighteen hundred years! And as if the Pope to day, in attacking the revolutionary labor movement and preaching a crusade against the Soviet Union, were not defending capitalist slavery just as his worthy predecessors once de

fended chattel slavery and serfdom To recommend "prayer and pen ance" to the workers as a way out of the crisis is to recommend the per petuity of capitalist chaos and capi talist exploitation for, if the work ers are going to rely upon heavenly powers to free them, they will re main enslaved forever. Fortunately as the Pope himself wailingly admits the working masses of the whole world are beginning to realize that re ligion (of every sort and not only Christianity) is really the "opium of the people", a spiritual drug that be fuddles their minds and renders them helpless before their oppressors. The present encyclical will fortunately have the effect of disillusioning more thousands of workers as to the par religion plays in keeping them en slaved and impoverished and will speed the happy day when the capi talist masters and their priestly servi-tors will be swept off the face of the earth! The Social Principles Of Christianity

The social principles of Christianity have now had eighteen hundred years to develop . . . The so-cial principles of Christianity once justified slavery, glorified medieval serfdom and today understand well enough, in case of necessity, how to defend the oppression of the proletariat, even tho with a long face. The social principles of Christianity preach the necessity of a ruling and an oppressed class and offer the latter the pious wish that the former may be benevolent. conventions" (conventions based on The social principles of Christianity project the settlement of all inbe abolished and bienniel conventions famies into the heavens and thereby justify the continuation of all infamies on earth. The social principles of Christianity explain the base of viciousness of the oppressors against the oppressed either as just punishment for original sin or other sin or else as a trial to which the Lord in his wisdom subjects the redeemed. The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, subjection, debasement, humility, briefly all the characteristics of the rabble, and the proletariat that is unwilling to be treated as a rabble, needs courage, selfrespect, pride and independence even more than it needs bread. The social principles of Christianity are sneaky and abject, while the proletariat is revolutionary!

-KARL MARX.

(Continued from Page 1)

"Friend Sol Finklestein Branch the militarist burocracy, that is, with cluding the various split-off group-

ed before the convention in the completely control the Imperial Ar- out contact with or influence in the

and unmake governments at the present time. Two outcomes are possi-

ble: (1) A coalition government domi-

nated by the Seiyukai (the present

majority party) but also including

cluding representatives of both par-

ties, but headed by some "non-party"

man, by a representative of the bu-

would have to commit iself to the Ar-

The new head of Seiyukai, Kisabu

ro Suzuki, is not only a willing ser-

is a member of the one of the many

ficers, dominated by an ultra-chauvin-

against democratic parliamentarism.
The economic crisis, which has spread

the masses of the farmers, artisans,

greatly stimulated this movement and

has provided a broad mass base for

what was formerly an essentially aris-

tocratic tendency. The Army heads

demands which all bourgeois parties

a moratorium on all debts, the curb-

ing of the extreme corruption in Japanese public life and an end to

replacement of the limited parliament

the "licentiousness of parties."

the left wing spokesmen as follows: al decision will rest primarily with

name of 75 branches, protested my and Navy and have power to make

manded that a decision be made that bosses are ineligible for membership in the national adverse ment, in order to be able to function, membership in the national adverse ment, in order to be able to function, would have to commit iself to the Ar-

ministration, that small conven-mv's program in foreign and domes

demanded that the present convention should not only demand vention should not only demand vention should not only demand is a member of the one of the many

should also place itself in the front ranks in helping to defend sovict Russia against the

Soviet Russia against the planned try and a government under his lead

attacks of the imperialist govern-ments aspecially the Toronson tarists decide that it is necessary to

themselves directly.

JAPS PREPARE SOVIET ATTACK

members of Minseito, or else (2) a so-called "all-national" government, in-deed supplied some of the most im-

of typical petty bourgeois Fascism, basing itself upon declassed lower middle class elements and young of-

istic ideology, and feudalist reaction the Labor Temple. Over 50 were pres-

The economic crisis, which has spread tremendous misery and unrest among men's Circle Branch 521, A. Bustos

small merchants and workers, has Garza, a youthful comrade closed for

demand not only an aggressive imperthe only May Day celebration was

declare themselves ready to grant) tionalistic character. The Communist but also relief for the richer farmers. Party unit, with its affiliated organi

In The International Labor Movement

CENTRIST PARTIES MEET IN

Will A Centrist International Be Formed?

Workers party, there took place in this city, on May 5 and 6, an international conference of a number of left Socialist (centrist) parties, standing outside both the II (Socialist) and the III (Communist) Internationals. Present were delegations of the: Independent Labor party of England, Independent Socialist Workers party of Poland, Independent Socialist party of Holland, Labor party of Norway, Independent Socialist party of Bulgaria and Socialist Workers party of

Germany. Nothing definite was decided at this conference. It was understood, however, to be a preliminary step in the formation of a new international workers organization, a centrist International. The political statement is sued by the conference naturally included only what could be accepted by all of the participating organizations and so expressed a very mild left So-cialist standpoint. The champions of the new International, especially the German Socialist Workers party leaders, already hail it as the successor of both the Socialist and Communist organizations!

It is clear that the new "fourth" International, embodying essentially a

tary dictatorship is their objective.

The Communist Party of Japan, in

labor movement. It has remained ab-

solutely passive in the midst of the

great political events of the last few

erably stronger in numbers and in in-

fluence, is eaten thru and thru with

portant figures and elements in the

Fascist movement. Only recently it

split almost in half, the minority

forming a Japanese National-Social-

ist (Fascist) party on the Hitlerite

MAY 1ST CELEBRATION

IN SAN ANTONIO

Regarding the May Day celebra-

tion we can say that we had quite a

521 of the Workmen's Circle invited

ployed Council. Only the latter responded. Our meeting was held at

ent. The speakers, J. Shaeffer of our

of the Unemployed Council and Raul

much enthusiasm. Among the other,

ence of about 35, which bore a na-

zations comprising a party of 16, four

men and a dozen women, arranged a

thizers addressed a Mexican crowd or.

Strong Reasons

department reveal that the late war

created 21,000 new millionaires and

multi-millionaires. That's 21,000 ad-

ditional reasons why starving ex-sol-

diers should not get an advance on

the bonuses due them.

The figures of the U.S. Treasury

The swimming party, 35 miles from town in fear that any of their sympathiz ers might stray off to our meeting. Our meeting was held at night and during the day our Mexican sympa-

San Antonio, Texas,

May 7, 1932.

The Socialist party, consid-

Berlin, Germany. special variety of international cen Upon the initiative of the Socialist of trism (left" reformism), will appear in political life as an anti-Communist

> Opposition In The Socialist **Workers Party**

Berlin, Germany The heterogeneous political character of the Socialist Workers party has now assumed open organizational form in a sharp struggle of factions, which not only dramatizes the thoroly centrist program and leadership of the party but also points to the emergence of a growing left opposition.

The recent congress of the S.A.P. adopted a left-sounding Declaration of Principles, but at the same time accepted a statement of the ultraright delegates that the Declaration would not be held as "binding" but would be looked upon merely as a "basis of discussion." At the same time the various proposals of the unorganized left wing in the S.A.P. for concretizing or clarifying the Decia-ration, and for taking a positive attitude towards the Communist International (application for admission on the condition that tactical course of the C.I. is changed) were uncere-

moniously rejected! The left elements in the S.A.P., sobered by the congress, have now begun to carry on their fight in a more organized and more effective manner. There has just appeared the first number of the faction organ of the left wing, Generallinie (General Line) with articles Fritz Rueck, Gertrud Dueby, Willi Schaber, Walter Ehrmann, Otto Jacobsen, Felix Ziege, of some unclarity the first number of the paper shows that the left wing of enough to hire servants to care for the S.A.P. has broken loose from the their children. Their children were centrist prejudices of the party leadership and is moving in the direction at home but also at work. What do we of Communism. It is clear that the hear about meal times? Can working communist Opposition.

The first number of the left faction paper found a warm welcome in large sections of the party membership, especially in the Sozialistische Arbeiterjugend (Socialist Working Youth). The ultra-right wing, under the leadership of Kleinbeist, immediately started its own faction organ as a counterweight. The centrist party leadership, with the support of the contact with the misery and suffer-ex-minority leaders of the Communist ing of the toiling population while Opposition, has answered the lefts in the millionaire secretary toys with the good old style—by threatening the misery of the children of the disciplinary measures and expulsion! Ziege is already under charges.

It is becoming more and more clear ments, especially the Japanese government, which are trying to provide a straight form of themselves directly to the service of the service o ship of the S.A.P. will it be possible Japan, determined in its form by historical tradition and contemporary conditions, is a curious combination unit, "Icor", the International Work-

AND NOW COME "KEPT" TRADE UNIONS

It is a common experience when trying to lose an undesirable cat, to have it come back to you, even after and City Colleges as well as by the having taken it to what you thought board's special committee on retrenchwas a safe distance away. Sometimes ment, the nine-point economy prothe cat comes back with kittens. Well, our group who talked on the subject of May Day and unity in the revo-lutionary ranks, were received with well, the T.U.U.L. has been trying to drop the label "company unions" as applied to the A. F. of L., especially in recent months, since the "turn" to ialistic policy (especially against the Soviet Union) and a "free hand" (two the Workmen's Circle with an audiwork in the reactionary unions. But Foster smuggles the animal back under a new sex label, in his article "Kept Unions" in Labor Unity of to stand it.

> "Kept unions" are no unions of kept women. They are the A. F. of I Not only are the burocrats, "kept," paid, bribed and agents of the bosses, but the unions are "kept." "Kept unions" are nothing else but "company unions." It is no wonder that he can't stomach the idea "that millions will pour into the old unions, as Lovestone once said," and pours scorn upon it in his article. Who can conceive of millions joining the com-

pany unions? Foster has been burnt more than once with some of his novel views We recall his theory of the bourgeoisification of the American working class. One would expect a burnt child to dread the fire. We promise the same sad fate to Foster's latest contribution as brought an early death

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In speaking of the effects of the crisis he said:

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prosperity against the care of adversity. With prosperity many parents unload the responsibilities for their children on to others. With adversity the home takes its more normal place. There is no substitute for intelligent parental care exercised thruout the day, at meal times, and in controlling proper sleeping conditions at night. More important still, there is no substitute for the parent in the development of the spiritual, moral and mental makeup of the child."

To what children does our modern Eugen Brehm and others. In spite Dr. Pangloss refer? Certainly, the workers were never prosperous left to care for themselvs, not only ideology and outlook of the S.A.P. left class children, like the proverbial chameleons, live on air? Even the best mother in the world cannot turn stones into bread nor water into milk. We challenge the doctor to show us where even the saintliest saints were able to devlop thru "spiritual, moral and mental" care alone.

These shameless statements by Dr. Wilbur startled the social workers assembled at the conference. These social workers actually come in direct workers. Nero fiddled while Rome burned—his is a tame sport compared with Wilbur drooling while children starve.

In America Today

A definite step in the direction of curtailing free higher education in New York City has been taken by the Board of Education. Under the new policy, which was recommended by gram will result in a saving to the

The economy rule of all capitalist governments is to economize at the expense of those who are least able Th most important points of the

in the number to be admitted. The monthly payment of \$13, which will 1932 figures are to be the limit. 2. Entrance standards to be raised. 3. 'Any student pursuing a special or and a series of new taxes are protechnical course allowed as an elective in any liberal course of study, be issued by President von Hindenshall pay the fee for each such tech- burg this week.

The cynical complacency with | nical or special course as may be prewhich the capitalist government considers the suffering of the workers rolled as juniors and seniors in each and their children in the crisis was college shall from and after Septem-illustrated in the speech of Dr. Ray ber, 1932, be required to buy their Lyman Wilbur, Secretary of the Interior, before several thousand dele- lege shall pay a library fee of 50c per gates to the national conference of term, shall be charged with laborasocial workers held in Philadelphia. In speaking of the effects of the departments as heretofore, shall purchas lock for their lockers and shall pay a diploma fee of \$2.

The National Student League has to a level far beyond anything started a campaign against the above measures thru the Social Problems Clubs in the schools involved. Other college club affiliated with the League ing on.

"We must set up the neglect of as to make possible a very broad

The New St. George Slays The Red Dragon!

Those who believe that King Canute is dead are seriously mistaken. Right in our midst, a Canute bearing the name of William R. George has undertaken to sweep back the tide of radicalism. His broom consists of a ten-plank platform to be wielded by his proposed organization, the Phalanx, a "League for the Promotion of Civic and Economic Responsibility.' The organization was formed last autumn in New York.

The press informs us that:

"Because of the trend of the times, however, which Mr. George feels responsible for a drift of socially minded youth toward Socialistic and Communistic organizations, he is placing the greatest stress for the time being upon the tenth plank, which reads as

"We would pledge active participation in City, State and National politics, with particular attention to the preservation of the American tradion of respect for life, liberty, prop erty, and the capitalistic system of individual reward for individual effort. We are opposed to all legislation, however specious and plausible, which threatens the American method of checks and balances, or which curtails individual initiative, threatens legitimate accumulation and use of private property, encourages a lack of thrift and foresight or otherwise Fate Of Free Education promotes paternalism and tends to a national policy of dependency.'

With such powerful weapons our own St. George intends to slay the "of the various 'isms' of the day." We can expect the millions of unemployed to flock to his banner to preserve "the capitalistic system of individual reward for individual effort." What strange rewards the unemployed get-hunger and misery-

as the reward for life-long labor. Mr. George, you cannot hold back the tide of human progress! You will be swept aside along with your class by the forward march of the working class and student youth. They have become disillusioned with capitalism. They are turning toward the Soviet Union, toward Communism, for their inspiration and guide.

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After the April 10 Elections

by August Thalheimer (Berlin)

Thalheimer, leading Marxist theoretician in Germany, was written just be-fore the Prussian Diet elections.

The significance of the second presidential election was not the fact that Field Marshal von Hindenburg was elected by a decisive majority—that such would be the case was not doubted by anyone after the first election. Much more important was the fact that Hitler, the candidate of the National-Socialists, received another exceptionally large increase in votes in the second elections, altho the government machinery worked against him with all its might and the period of the campaign was actually reduced to one week by the Easter "Armistice." Hindenburg received 19.4 million votes in the second election and Hitler 13.4 millions. Hindenburg's increase amounted to only around 700,000 votes as compared with an increase of 2.1 millions for Hitler. The per cent of the total votes received by the two candidates was:

April 10 March 13 Hindenburg 53.0 49.6 30.1 Hitler

Hitler's increase came principally the German National People's Party. In the first election Duesterberg re-

From Communism to Fascism

is a fact can be seen from the results of the second election in a large num-ber of districts where Hitler's gain was much larger than the number of votes Duesterberg had received in the first election.

The result of the elections shows clearly that the claim of the bourgeois liberal and Social-democratic press that on March 13, the National-so-cialists had reached the "natural limit" of their power and that their movement would henceforth decline, was a great mistake. There was much talk about "natural limits" that the Nazis were supposed to have reached. No such "natural limits" exist. The growth of Fascism will be determined by the general economic conditions and by the fighting position of the various social classes and their political parties. Fascism, up to now, has grown because it destroyed the so-called "middle parties," i.e., the old Liberal and Democratic parties. April 10 introduced a new phase Fascism is now destroying the Fascist organizations related to it. Herr Hugenberg's Stahlhelm and German Na tionalist party. Furthermore, it has begun to make inroads on the membership of the Communist Party.

Here we have a situation which is of great significance for the further development of the political crisis in Germany. The hegemony of the National-Socialists in the Fascist movement is complete. The unity of the Fascist movement has been carried a was thru an alliance between the National-Socialists, the Stahlhelm and the future. the German National People's party. "In the "Harzburg This was the so-called Front," named after the little town of Harzburg in Brunswick where the alliance was entered into. This alliance was dissolved again already back in February of this year. The presidential election brought this fact to fight. Now, however, it is seen that the National-socialists have succeeded in drawing to them the masses organized by the Stahlhelm and the German Nationalists. This situation must naturally greatly increase the strength of the National-Socialists in relation to the parties which are supporting the Bruening regime.

The conditions which brought about the decisive vote for Hindenburg for the presidency of the Reich thus offers no guarantee against the renewal treat the question of culture in the of the attempt made by Hindenburg in February to form a coalition government with the Fascists. These conditions rather lend impetus to such an attempt on the part of the generals of the Reichswehr of whom Hindenburg is the representative. A significant feature of the second election was the open declaration of the former Crown Prince in support of Hitler. This indicated the growing connection of the House of Hohenzol-

lern with the National-Socialists.

The Situation in Prussia Close upon the Presidential election came the diet elections in the States of Prussia, Bavaria, Wuerttemberg and Hamburg. The most important of them was the one in Prussia. In Prussia up to now the government has been formed of Social-democrats, the Center and the State party (the latter has furnished us both a foundation is the former Democratic party). The Fascists have announced their intention of conquering the Reich thru Prussia. Indeed, it is hardly conceivable that the Bruening government could continue to exist if the parties "This method of culture-building catastrophe of the dominating class." which now compose the Prussian government are defeated and a "rightist"

government is formed in Prussia. To prevent the Fascists from forming a government in Prussia the parties of the existing government, at the last session of the Prussian Diet. future the Minister-President (Pre-cultural activity. mier) of Prussia must have an ab-

The following article by August solute majority for election. Previ- The Dissolution of the Storm Troops ously a plurality had been sufficient. This measure was passed in the expectation that, even if the existing government would be in the minority, at best they would have a majority only with the support of the Commu-nist Party. The latter party natu-rally would not vote for a National Socialist Minister-President. Under those circumstances the existing government would continue in power as a "business ministry" altho it would no longer have the support of a ma-

> These are rather desperate tactics and it is by no means certain that they will attain the object desired by the Social-democrats.

them for mass agitation. In that situation they would play the role of defenders of democracy and of parliamentary rights and they would certainly make the most of the opportution.

The deciding factor in the dissolution of Hitler's "private army," howfrom those voters who, in the first tainly make the most of the opportu-election, had voted for Duesterberg, new. Secondly, the Center, up to now the candidate of the Stahlhelm and the second strongest party in Prussia, came evident to the generals of the has made an official announcement im-mediately after the passing of the also from the Communists! That this the National-Socialists and the Napoint

Meanwhile, the semi-military organizations of the National-Socialists,

In the first place, if the National-Socialists will be the strongest party in the next Diet, as is already evident, and, in spite of that, will be barred from the government, it would be a tremendously effective platform for the representatives of the Reich at the Geneva disarmament conference to explain how they could reconcile the following of a private Fascist. the representatives of the Reich at the play up to Broadway, wires bethe Geneva disarmament conference gan working to prevent it.

Reichswehr that this army did not want to place itself at their command

tain circumstances, is ready to form the effect that the dissolution of Hit-Hitler however received support a Prussian coalition government with ler's private army was a turning in history, a decisive blow (Continued on page 4)

Socialism And Human Culture

THE NEW WORLD FACES THE OLD!

An Interview With A. Lunacharsky

of an interview given to an American journalist by Anatol Lunacharsky, former People's Commissar of Educaher People's Commis

A vague program at the outset—in its ill-defined liberalism—with, paradoxically enough, its chief, positive contribution, a negative one: anti-clericalism.

The Russian Revolution has not furnished the world a cultural formula. It has brought a method and a key: t is training the pitiless searchlight of science on the problems of culture examining, selecting and discardstep further. Up to now, this unity ing; building with the legacy of the past a firm foundation for culture of

> "In the first days of the Revolution, there were certain among us who believed that proletarian culture must be, by definition, entirely new. A the setting of their time, and try to standpoint much too far to the left discover the expression of their class and which Lenin himself always vigorously condemned. Today we are convinced that our culture can by no means discard the past: we must study its conquests in the fields of scistudy them critically. Just as we examine and adopt whatever achievements in world science and technique can serve the development of our own in respect to world culture, our attititude should be the same.'

The speaker was Lunacharsky, former Commissar of Education and certainly one of the most qualified to Soviet Union. We sat in his quiet office looking out on the Red Square and the Kremlin wall on whose battlements a contingent of men-with trowels and brushes worked in silhouette against the sky. "Neither ignore nor reject the past—study it critically, Lunacharsky had said.

"It is clear at the outset." Lunacharsky went on, "that the culture of peal, is essentially democratic, being of and for the masses. With us, one tion of illiteracy. Its scope is un-limited, as our aim is to carry our great thinkers of the bourgeoisie entire population as far forward as possible in the field of science, letters, art—all phases, in short, of cultural

development. "The scope of our culture, as I said. is unlimited. Dialectic materialism "It is not an inspiring picture," he has furnished us both a foundation said soberly. "One has the feeling on which to build an instrument with that it is drying up as if sapped at is unlimited. Dialectic materialism which to confront and to test the val- the roots. The present crisis is augidity of each conquest of the past and menting the fears that dominate iteach contribution to the culture of the

implies not only an intellectual, the oretical gain—but an actual building state budgets, speak with scientists up of new, different standards in the and scholars. All complain of pover-. For the classless society towards which we are advancing carries with it the development of the collective passed a law stipulating that in the spirit in every phase of social and

"What of the individual in the cul-

The following paragraphs consist ture of a classless society?" I asked made to get other theatres but in vain

maintain that our aim is to eliminate the individual, thwart his talents and gifts, and reduce society—from the formula of its popular orator, the French Revolution summerized its cultural program: Education—secular and obligatory, with 18th century philosophy replacing the church as beacon and as guide.

maintain that our aim is to eliminate the production stands the removal of the play to Hoboken; it seemed so impossible to produce it in New York where the talons of Tammany extended in every direction, over theat the production system, conservative, prosperous home-owners, whose faith impossible to produce it in New York where the talons of Tammany extended in every direction, over theat the production system, conservative, prosperous home-owners, whose faith impossible to produce it in New York where the talons of Tammany extended in every direction, over theat owners, and theatre officials.

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It was the newspapers that finally saved the situation of the play to Hoboken; it seemed so impossible to produce it in New York where the talons of Tammany extended in every direction, over theat in every direction, over thea who is capable of placing his individual talents at the service of his fel- clearly, that at length, fearing to lose lows. What distinguishes our program from the chaos and anarchy of capitalistic culture, is that to us the capitalistic culture, is the capitalis collectivity represents something in was allowed to open. the nature of a vast symphonic or-chestra composed of many individuals duction, such pressure would not have been of the Communist Party (Majorworking together in harmony. If the individual players are mediocre, the orchestra will be mediocre. The higher the standard of each player, the higher the standard of the orchestra." "A concrete question. What is the

> the great individuals—the great names of the past?" I asked.
> "We must study them critically, in in their life and work. Sometimes it is not easy to say to what class a man

belongs. Take Goethe, for examplesince today the whole world is celebrating his aniversary. Now Goethe ence, letters and art-but we must appears to be a man of the new bourgeoisie of his time-with new ideas on history, science, etc. Yet we see this 'revolutionary' making an oppor-tunistic pact with the nobility, as the price of his personal freedom. So in each case, our task is to study the man-analyse his weaknesses together with his positive qualities, and determine to what extent he reflects

the characteristics of his day.

"In the case of Goethe, forced to compromise and make concessionspartly through weakness, partly thru the circumstances of his epoch—we may say that he-like many another of the classic thinkers of the pastnever completely realized his 'program' in his own day; so that he Goethe reach out beyond the limits of their class, they belong to us; and might say, it begins with the liquida- in this respect the proletariat may past and present.

"Do you mind telling me your impressions of European culture tolay?" I prompted.

Lunacharsky looked thoughtful. fear even of technical progress as an

"From the standpoint of ideas, the

The Play

MERRY-GO-ROUND, by Albert
Maltz and George Sklar. Produced
by Michael Blankfort and Walter
Hart. The Avon Theatre, 45th
Street West of Broadway.

"Merry-Go-Round", which is written by Albert Maltz and George Sklar, two radical-minded students at Yale University, and produced by Michael Blankfort and Walter Hart, two this question for some time. The causes of the final dissolution seem to be the following:

In the first place the governments of Bavaria (perhaps also other governments) have announced that they themselves would outlaw Hitler's "private army" if the Reich failed to do so. Secondly, it became known that Hitler had ordered his followers not to fight "seriously," if Poland should attack East Prussia (that, in-life the whole New York City government. It discloses the inside workings of the Party leadership against "sectarianism" and for carry-ting of the Party leadership against "sectarianism" and for carry-ting on work in the reactionary unions as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the Red Trade Union Opposition was for the purpose, frank-clarations of the Party leadership against "sectarianism" and for carry-ting on work in the reactionary unions as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the Red Trade Union Opposition was for the purpose, frank-clarations of the Party leadership against "sectarianism" and for carry-wing on work in the reactionary unions as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the Red Trade Union Opposition was for the purpose, frank-clarations of the Red Trade Union Opposition was for the purpose, frank-clarations of the Party leadership against "sectarianism" and for carry-wing on work in the reactionary unions as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the R. T. U. O., have you strengthened as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the Red Trade Union Opposition was for the purpose, frank-late Union-stream to provide against "sectarianism" and for carry-wing on work in the reactionary unions as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the R. T. U. O., have you strengthened as a turn to a Leninist policy, will find in the reports of the last session of the R. T. U. O. should attack East Prussia (that, incidentally, shows that the government to death, and the final decision on the weaken them." A call for unioncidentally, shows that the government to death, and the final decision on the weaken them." A call for unionauthorities of the Reich and Prussia part of Tammany to kill the boy and smashing—this is the message of the had counted on Hitler's man-power for military defense against a Polish attack on East Prussia). In the third place, it was very embarrasing for once the plans were made to move

The first development was the re fusal of the LeBlang people to fulfill their contract to stage the play in the Cort Theatre. Already it was ob-The deciding factor in the dissolution of Hitler's "private army," however, was the fact that it finally beever, was the fact that it finally bewhen the owner of the Avon Theatre. vious that Tammany was working found it impossible to open his theatre on the day when "Merry-Go-Found" was to have its Broadway premiere. Commissioner Geraghty de-

For days the political powers defied lawyers and newspapermen and re-fused to allow the theatre to open. Commissioner Geraghty insisted that he theatre would have to be thoroly inspected before it could be opened despite the fact that the theatre had been operating for over ten years before without the necessity of such inspection. From the type of tactics pursued it became clear to all concerned that Tammany was determined to extend the inspection over a stay of weeks, long enough at least to consume the limited capital of the young producers and to allow the interest in the play to wane Attempts were The same pressure was manifested "I am glad you put that question," he replied. "So often our enemies maintain that our aim is to eliminate the individual through the removal of the play to Habelen."

> Tammany so glimpse of the system that he thought more than it could gain by its tac-If the play had been a bad pro-

been employed. The fact of the mat- ity Group) are located, the workers ter is the play is a very good pro-certainly get plenty of evidence about duction, well written, well staged, and the true nature of capitalism. One well acted. It has been praised by after another, the industries of this most of the dramatic critics and, in town have closed down. Some few the light of the Seabury exposures, it are still maintaining a little activiattitude of the new culture towards was feared that it might make a ty but with the bulk of the workers changes. smash-hit. While the drama does on three or four days. not embody a Communist ideology, altho both of its authors are Communists by sympathy, it presents an indictment of a phase of capitalist sotheir conditions are going from bad to furnished by the daily struggle true that, so long as the reformists ciety which is all too frequently ig- worse. Until recently, some relief was furnished by the daily struggle for nored. Its indictment is vivid, sweeping, scorching-and one not easily forgotten. When one thinks of the radical plays which were produced can say at once that this play sur passes them all in excellence of concept and execution.

the basis of secularism and liberalism. As a desperate resort, it is turning them from soaking their workers for towards the church—seeking refuge in an organization definitely opposed outlook for the workers in Fort to science, progress and the free development of thought.

"Simultaneously with this loss of courage, vice is flourishing—far more at this point that, while the funds widespread than during the first post- at the disposal of the charity organwar years of the reestablishment of capitalism. Berlin today, for example, with its noisy minority of gay revellers, makes me think of a fete on the part of the ruling class to tell the workers to be satisfied with "In the art and literature of West- ed at the Thrift Center, but was imern Europe, I note two predominating mediately covered up by the big shots elements, both characteristic of the in town. Furthermore, as it was day. On the one hand the desire to scented that the workers weren't quite divert, to amuse-which always ex- satisfied with things, it was decided isted, but which today is pushed to that they needed capitalist propaganthe extreme, refined to the utmost at da rather than food. So a "Recreation the expense of all other elements. Center" was established, where the And, in the case of more serious pro- unemployed could come in to play duction, the note of pessimism and cards and billiards, read Liberty, and distress. Hopeless lamentation. I sing patriotic songs. Once the superhave yet to read a single book re- visor of the place detected the Daily flecting either the healthy joy of liv- Worker being read and he immediateing, or sounding an optimistic chord. Ity jumped at the worker who had it, False, forced gaiety or black pessi- got it, and tore it up.

culture of socialist society has started the possibility of defending itself on thought and effort."

Break or Build the Mass Unions?

Losovsky's Untrue "Truisms"

by B. Herman

the Central Council of the Red Inter-that the stronger the reformist trade is a self-evident truth, needing neither international revolutionary trade union leadership.

How does Losovsky arrive at such "brilliant" contribution to Communist trade union policy? Comrade union apparatus and to destroy it—Losovsky deduces this from truisms of that there cannot be the slightwhich he expects everyone to accept without question. He asks: "What is our task? Is it to strengthen the destroying the trade unions, then why reformist trade unions or to weaken not shout from the housetops: "Dethem? It would seem as the it is to stroy the trade unions"? Losovsky weaken them, since the stronger the wants to break the unions but does when the owner of the Avon Theatre reformist trade unions are the strong- not want to shout it from the house er is capitalism. This looks like a tops. Perhaps we should whisper it?

truism"—that Comrade Heckert, who had previously objected mildly to the ing what everyone knows? Unless proposed course of weakening the you object to the repetition? But anytrade unions, echoed: "Yes, this is a one who follows the articles and

Upon this slender proof, this profound "truism" of Losovsky, is erected a whole scheme of disruption in the labor movement and of the smashing of the trade unions. For, says your "truism"? And here we come

The hoosiers have always been

known as loyal upholders of our pre-

first notion that this system is really

The number of unemployed in town

sources are now close to drained. The

er employees that very little more re-

tems that ever existed.

The reports of the VIII Session of Losozysky, "if this truism is right, to the truth of the matter. A truism

iod", Losovsky contradicts himself: amine it: "The stronger the reform-"There is no need to shout from the house-tops 'destroy the unions' as ism is." If we turn from one country want to break up the reformist unions that we want to weaken them, that we want to explode their discipline, one eye open, we see that just the opposite is true. The capitalist nation with the biggest reformist labor movethat we want to explode the trade union apparatus and to destroy it-Or shout it from the doorsteps? Sure-So magical was the effect of this ly, if no one has even the slightest cocksuredness of Losovsky—since no doubt, as Losovsky says, that the R. one could dispute what "looks like a l.L.U. wants to break the unions,

one who follows the articles and theses of the R. I. L. U. Magazine knows that Communists are not afraid of repetition! Perhaps you do not want to shout

and misery live. Here, hams and steaks, condensed milk and eggs

were dumped, sprayed with lime, cov-

Economic Crisis In Indiana

THE HOOSIERS BEGIN TO WAKE UP!

by H. Hanssen

prosperous home-owners, whose faith in "American" ideals and institutions could not be chales and institutions

Fort Wayne, N. J. | those are hardest hit by starvation

national of Labor Unions have recent- unions are the stronger capitalism is, proof nor argument. It is as self-This measure was passed in the existing pectation that, even if the existing government would be in the minority, the "Storm-Battalions" (S.A.) and government would be in the minority, the "Storm-Battalions" (S.A.) and the "Storm-Battalions" (S.A.) and the "Storm-Battalions" (S.A.) and the "Defense Corps" (S.S.) were abolished on April 13 by a Presidential best they would have a majority in the Diet but that at best they would have a majority only with the support of the Communic Potation of the National-Socialists, the "Storm-Battalions" (S.A.) and the "Defense Corps" (S.S.) were in the American theatre today, is a February 15, 1932, issues of the weaker these trade unions are the stronger capitalism is, the most brilliant young radicals ly appeared in the February 15, 1932, issues of the weaker also capitalism becomes. Those weaker also capitalism becomes, which deals with corruption in the R.I.L.U.Magazine. Those workers who have been differences of opinion on this question for some time. The party's ultra-left course in the support of the Community of the Rothstein case, one of the vilest turn in the Party's ultra-left course in the weaker also capitalism is, february 15, 1932, issues of the weaker also capitalism becomes. How doubt that our truism" needs no proof, for who the Rothstein case, one of the vilest evident and Walter Hart, two of the most brilliant young radicals ly appeared in the February 15, 1932, issues of the weaker the correctness of the weaker the corporation in the Perturbation with the weaker also capitalism becomes. How doubt that our truism" needs no proof, for who the Rothstein case, one of the vilest evident and walter Hart, two of the American theatre today, is a February 15, 1932, issues of the weaker also capitalism becomes. How doubt that our truism of the the weaker the opposite is also true, the weaker the opp

was done in Germany. But that we to another, and examine with even ment, both absolutely and relatively, is Germany, with about six million workers in the reactionary unions, according to Losovsky's figures in the November 1931 Communist. Yet, of all the western powers, Germany has for years been closest to revolution and has gone through several revolutionary crisis. At the other end of the scale the two strongest capitalist powers in the world today, United States and France, have the weakest reformist trade union movements, the U. S. with over three million organized workers and France with much less. In the United States, the weakness of the trade unions is not a sign of the weakness of capitalism but a sign of the degree of backwardness of the American working class. Likewise, the weakness of reformist political parties in the United States is not a sign of the weakness of capitalism, but, as everyone knows, is due to the fact that the American workers still for the most part vote for and support the parties of extreme capital-ist reaction. In Great Britain, where the reformist labor movement is lar-

ger than in America or in France and

smaller than in Germany, we find cor-respondingly that British capitalism,

tho not as unstable as that of Germany, has certainly been shaken to a

greater extent than American capital-

ism, which has not even passed thru stages of political crisis. Losovsky's "truism" is upside down! Not the weaker capitalism has the weaker reformist trade union movement, but the weaker capitalism has the stronger labor movement. If we compare the various countries in regards to the strength of the "independent Red trade unions," one would expect, from Losovsky's theory, that the stronger these unions are, the weaker capitalism is. However, we lessons too. Already one year ago, find that in many cases that the his limbs, getting the first real party started organizing, it got a er capitalism is. For instance the good response. However, it was soon Red trade unions are stronger in was so beautiful. He is getting his evident that this was to be a move- France than in Germany. In the Unitment ridden by klansmen and meal-ed States, there are a few more bones are two movements, the pro-klan Li-trade unions in Great Britain. But berty council, and the anti-klan Liber- since we have here a comparison bety party. Quite a few radical work- tween insignificant factors, since the ers have left both of them and are "independent Red trade unions" in a moving further to the left. Some of country like Germany, for instance, these again, became sympathetic to have far fewer members than the the S. L. P., which is more radical members in the Communist Party of but, like the Liberty party, believes Germany, according to the R.I.L.U. in lecturing the people into social figures, clearly no generalization can be drawn favorable to Losovsky's "truism" from the status of the Red ought to realize, that the workers from any analysis of the strength unions, anymore than it can be drawn no doubt exceeds ten thousand, and will never learn how to overthrow of the reformist trade unions. It is worse. Until recently, some relief was furnished by the daily struggle for control the mass trade unions, capiforthcoming, but it seems as if the the day is therefore an expension to talism cannot be overthrown. But ple mainstays of capitalism? From

And they pick up things from these when what later became the Liberty stronger the Red unions, However, the radical workers

* * * Trade Unions and Capitalism

The growth of the trade unions has always signified, for Marxists, not

"trade unions marked a gigantic step forward of the working class at the beginning of capitalist development . . . When the proletarian revolutionary party (which does not deserve the name until it learns to connect leaders-class -masses into one single indissoluble whole), when this last, highest, form of proletarian class organization began to grow up, the trade unions unavoidably revealed some reactionary traits, a certain craft limitation, a certain tendency to non-political action, a certain conservatism, etc. But the development of the proletariat did not and could not proceed by any other road than that of the trade unions. with their mutual activity with the working-class party . . . A certain conservatism of the trade unions, in the sense mentioned is unavoidable even under the dictatorship of the proletariat".

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the day is therefore an organization does it follow from this that the trade 35c an hour work that the charities of the unemployed to work in all pos- unions are nothing but pure and simsible ways for the relief of present at the New Playwrights Theatre, one continued. At the same time, the suffering. The Communist Party tried the efforts of the capitalists to crush to get such a movement started the trade unions, from the governaround New Years, but the meeting ment by injunction in the United States, it would be hard to believe this. Does it follow that the defeat of reformism must be accompanied by or be accomplished thru the destruction of the reformist unions?

were maintaining has now been dis-General Electric has notified its formwas closed by the police at the first mention of "Russia" by the speaker. lief will be given them on the basis of the Swope plan "to solve the prob-Other plans in the same direction are lem of unemployment." There are no now under way, largely thru the inimore funds, they say. Relief may be tiative of the members of the Comdiscontinued but that does not keep munist Party (Majority Group). First, money for the "plan." All in all, the the Workers Center was opened at 1832 S. Hanna Street on May First This place is to be open for all organizations that are for the workers. That such a place is sorely needed is the strengthening of capitalism, but shown by the fact that the Commu- the development and forward march nist Party has not been able to get a of the proletariat, the this movement hall in town. The Court House as- does not necessarily proceed in an sembly room, that is supposed to be even straight line. As Lenin said in for the people, was also denied them, his pamphlet, "Infantile Sickness of tho the S.L.P. and the Liberty party Left Communism", the

makes an appeal across the centuries during the pest. A desperate attempt to ours. We cannot 'adopt' all of on the part of the ruling class to tell the workers to be satisfied with winter had to be held in a yearst socialist society, in its essence and ap- Goethe but, in so far as men like profit to the utmost of its last hours. little. Direct graft has been detect- store. All workers should therefore

decadence of a class and a social sys- ten to five days, the "stay of execustem," Lunacharsky concluded, "the tion" for a man to be evicted. Just are now carried on every Wednesday about the same time, there was a fire out on a vast mounting curve—it too in a large storage building, where grofield of esthetics, sentiments, morals. ty and neglect, lack of interest and is the reflection of a social system— ceries were kept. The company wanta new world in the making. Our ed to collect as much insurance as culture is still young: it has much to possible, so they had some crooked bourgeoisie is turning away from the learn; but its possibilities are limit-judgment passed, declaring most of principles on which it formerly based less. Only the proletariat can realize their goods "defective." So forty-sevits strength. It no longer believes in true culture—the sum of human en truckloads were taken out to the Everyone who is interested in Comeast end of the town, right where munism is invited.

It may be well worth mentioning winter had to be held in a vacant support the Workers Center and help fix it up by donating a little lumber for benches, a chair or two, and so on. On Wednesday, May 11, some workers got together at the Workers Centers and discussed plans for the formation of an unemployed council in town. A program was adopted, making it the purpose of the council to

work for organized collection and distribution of goods that individuals or organizations may donate and to exert pressure on the governmental bodies for unemployed insurance. It was decided to invite all organiza-"While Western culture reflects the Recently, a new law was passed in the State of Indiana, reducing from the movement. Meetings ers to join the movement. Meetings to discuss further plans and all workers, particularly the unemployed should come around.

On Mondays, the Communist Party (Majority Groups) holds a propagan-

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A REACTIONARY CONVENTION

NOTHING good came out of the recent convention of the I.L.G.W.U. held at Philadelphia. The reactionary burocracy dominated the proceedings. The block of the progressive and left-wing forces (Trade Union Center and United Progressive Leagues) was weak in numbers, sterile in accomplishment, and fell apart at the decisive moment. The conduct of the ultra-left grouplet, of seven delegates, ranged from the silly to the tragic, futile at best, and very harmful at worst.

The Schlesinger-Breslau-Dubinsky outfit didn't even make the slightest pretence of taking any steps to defend the needle trades workers interests, of struggling against the miserable sweatshop system. What's more, Schlesinger and Company, inspired by Matthew Woll, advised by Hillquit, and blessed by Norman Thomas, swept away certain gains the members of the union had won thru years of effort to make their organization more democratic. For instance, the right of referendum was taken away from the membership by this convention. This whole reactionary spirit which pervaded the convention proceedings was best characterized by the warm reception given to that hooligan, Mayor Moore of Philadelphia, and to the most reactionary labor leader in the country, Matthew Woll,

In speaking of the reactionary sway over the convention, two facts must not be lost sight of. First of all, the policies adopted at the convention are only the logical next steps of the whole suicidal class-collaborationist course of the burocracy. The resistance of Schlesinger and Hochman and their ilk to the last dressmakers strike and their sabotage of the strike once it was declared, could bear no other fruit than that borne at the convention by the Breslaus and the Feinbergs. Secondly, all the reactionary policies of the Schlesinger machine were endorsed by the Socialist party leadership. Norman Thomas, who has of late been posing as a "left" and who has actually become the leader of the self-styled "Militant" group, told the convention that the General Executive Board's report was "a very remarkable document", "what an inspiration it was to him." And Hillquit went out of his way to emphasize agreement even with Matthew Woll's trade union policies, telling the delegates: "I accept practically all, or at any rate, some of the policies outlined by Mr. Woll. They are good: THEY ARE PROPER FOR A LABOR UNION IN ITS FUNCTIONS . " (our emphasis),

However, in stressing the plight of the union due to its reactionary leadership and policies, we cannot overlook the altogether unsatisfactory role played by some prominent spokesmen of the center like Levy and Kurtzman, managers of Locals 1 and 9 respectively. In general, their fight against the black clique was feeble, half-hearted, and, at best, lacked punch. Besides, at the decisive moments, just when it was necessary to strike hardest against the Schlesinger-Dubinsky-Ninfo machine, precisely when it was imperative to dramatize the opposition to them, these forces didn't act as progressives should, engaging at best in shadow-boxing with the burocracy, and even went so far as to vote to put it back as the administration. Worst of all, was to give, at least in part, an endorsement of these class-collaborationists by accepting posts FROM THEM in their new administration. This is the real significance of Levy and Kurtzman accepting vice-presidencies at the hands of Schlesinger and Dubinsky. We cannot emphasize toc strongly that we are not opposed in principle to progressives and left-wingers taking or receiving even the highest union offices. But we underscore with equal emphasis that it's one thing for an opposition to fight for offices and win some of them as AN OPPOSI-TION and it's quite a different matter to be given offices because it stops fighting, because it blurs the issues and hides and composes differences before the workers. In the first case, for an opposition to win some offices means vigor and growth; in the second case, it means paralysis and suicide as a genuinely progressive opposition.

The progressive movement will now have to exercise the greatest possible mass pressure, to be vigilant and more on the alert to see whether Levy and Kurtzman will do anything to utilize in the least their new offices of vice-presidency for opposition to and real (not sham) conflict wtih the anti-working class policies and leadership of the Schlesinger outfit. Surely the United Progressive League and the Center will do well to cement and improve their block, will do well to make impossible in the future any such vacillation and shadow-boxing as took place at the last convention. Only such vigilance can perhaps undo some of the damage resulting from the failure of the progressive-left block to fight consistently and energetically thruout the convention against the reactionary crew and its policies which have brought defeat after defeat for the I. L. G. W. U. Only the development of a broad left-progressive force in the union can save the organization from ruin and can reconstruct it into a vigorous fighting organ for the workers and against the cursed sweatshop system. In the disruptive ultra-left policies and antics of the N. T. W. I. U. outposts in the union, there is no hope but only confusion and collapse.

If the left forces in the I. L. G. W. U. rallying around the United Progressive League frankly recognize and correct their own shortcomings at the convention, if they are able clearly to see and ruthlessly to criticize the failure of the left-progressive block at the convention, then the lessons learned from the convention will prove valuable as an aid and inspiration in their determined efforts to rebuild the I. L. G. W. U. into a strong, into a growing union militantly defending the interests of the needle trades workers, into a most effective agency for wiping out the unbearable sweat shop system and improving the conditions of the garment workers.

Some Plain Words About Communist Unity!

by Ben Gitlow

(Continued from last issue)

But the objection to "elsewhere", as stated in Paragraph Three, is made because it raises the question of international unity. Is unity only an American question? Obviously not! It is an international question of the first order for the Communists. Why the insistence of the Political Committee that it is a question for the United States only, a purely national question? Because the Political Committee was foolish enough to believe it could make a national movement to split up the Communist Opposition on an international scale. It was of the opinion it could make some unprincipled bargain at the expense, especially, of the German Opposition ("Brandler group"). But when the Political Committee inferred from our last letter that we were ready to achieve unity to begin with nationally, but only on a basis that would make it possible for us to continue the fight for complete Communist unity, that is, on an international basis, they threw up their hands, protested and would have nothing further to do with unity.

The objection to Paragraph Four is that the Political Committee does not like, in the face of its unprincipled tricky manouvers, to face a declaration of sincere genuine efforts for Communist unity.

The most astounding objection is the objection to Paragraph Five. How dare the Communist Party (Majority Group) raise the question of the war danger as a driving reason for unity? The Political Committee is very touchy upon this point because it has been guilty of petty bourgeois pacifism and even outright chauvinism. How can the Political Committee explain its call upon the government of the U.S. to break diplomatic relations with Japan, an act which the Party leadership knows well enough must lead to war between these two imperialist governments? Such a war would in all possibility lead to a world imperialist struggle. Nor was the Party leadership alone in demanding a break in diplomatic relations! Prominent bourgeois forces in the U.S. also demanded such a rupture. Then the Party, from opposition to the slogan of a Japanese boycott, went over boot and saddle in favor of the boycott! No wonder the Political Committee does not feel comfortable when the Communist Party (Majority Group) calls for Communist unity in the face of the acute war danger and especially the danger of war against the Soviet Union! That the membership of the Communist Party remained practically silent on the chauvinist stand of the Party leadership indicates the supineness and docility of the Party masses, a very unhealthy condition for a Communist Party. This chauvinistic policy on the part of the Party leadership should have called out a mighty protest from the Party ranks. It should have given rise to the sharpest criticism. Had there been unity such a policy could never have been carried out without a most bitter struggle against it in the Party ranks.

It is precisely the acute war danger and the imminence of a war against the Soviet Union that more than anything else demands that Communist unity be achieved so that a united Communist movement can tackle most effectively the problems of mobilizing and organizing the workers for a fight against war, for the defense of the Soviet Union and for the revolutionary struggle against capitalism.

e leadership of the Communist International and the leadership of the Communist Party U. S. A., by refusing even to discuss the question and by their very attitude, are delaying Communist unity so essential for the unity of the working class and for the revolutionary struggle. The Communist Party (Majority Group) has consistently stood for Communist unity. It has worked for Communist unity from its very inception as a group. Our group did not split the Party. The leadership of the Communist International, with Stalin at its head, is responsible for deliberately splitting the Communist Party of the U.S.A. The present leadership of the Communist Party merely carried out the instructions which accompanied the infamous Open Letter of the Executive Committee of the Communist International to the American Communist Party. These instructions brought about the expulsion of hundreds of members and the loss to the Party of thousands who just dropped out. We, who were the victims of the ruthless splitting policy, have every reason to work for the unity of the Communist Party and the Communist International. We are certain that unity will pave the way for a correction of the line of the Communist International and the Party which has proven so damaging to the Communist movement. It is this conviction which has characterized our fight for unity in all its stages.

It is not surprising that in approaching our group for unity, Comrade Jack Stachel stated that the Comintern and Profintern had realized that some very grave mistakes had been made by the Party in its trade union work, especially in its attitude to the unions of the American Federation of Labor. He stated that many of our criticisms of the line of the Party were correct. He further stated that he had taken the matter up with the Profintern and that he was going to write a series of articles especially on Paterson and on the needle trades, sharply critcizing and condemning the wrong tactics and policies employed by the Party members in those two fields. His articles, however, have not appeared!

Instead of a change in line in recent months, we have witnessed a growing emphasis upon the whole sec-"Social-fascism" is again in the center of the stage. Dual-unionist and splitting trade union tactics characterize the trade union course of the Party and the T.U.U.L. Had there been a definite departure from the present policy, there undoubtedly would have been registered some definite progress towards the unification of the movement.

The Communist Party (Majority Group), however, does not, as has already been stated, demand as a prerequisite for unity that the Party line be dropped and the line of our group be substituted.

We formulated our program for unity on the following basis in an appeal to the delegates of the seventh convention of the Communist Party held in New York City in July 1930. The appeal follows:

> "Let us weld our forces to unify our Party, to overcome its crisis, to put it on the road to becoming a mass Party. To accomplish this the following steps are necessary:

> "1. The unconditional readmission with full rights of all comrades expelled for disagreeing with the present ultra-left course of the Party leadership-the cessation of the destructive 'enlightenment campaign' in all its forms.

"2. The initiation of a free and thoro discussion in the Party with a guarantee of freedom of expression for all viewpoints.

"3. On the basis of this discussion the calling of a special Party convention at which there shall be the fullest and freest representation of all viewpoints and which shall re-examine the recent course of the Party and shall decide its future

"These are the simplest demands of Party democracy. Only those who are blind to the critical situation of our movement or who are afraid of a free discussion can reject them. We are confident that the bulk of the Party membership will recognize the justice of these demands. We call upon the Convention to grant them and so to pave the way for the unification of the Communist movement of the United

The three demands for unity embodied in the above appeal represent, as the appeal states, the simplest demands of Party democracy. All that is demanded is the reinstatement of the expelled, the institution of a free discussion of issues within the Party to be followed by a Party convention, the Party itself decide the questions at issue.

But it is precisely the question of party democracy that is objected to most of all! We were told that it we come back into the Party, we will have to do "as we are ordered," that a discussion "has been completed" and is "out of the question," that under no circumstances will the holding of a special convention be agreed to.

Why this fear of discussion? Why this opposition to Party democracy? Because the leadership of the Communist International and the Party are afraid that, once discussion is permitted and the comrades are free to express their opinions and stand by their convictions, the pent-up dissatisfaction and disagreement with the line and policies of the Party will assume the proportions of a mighty wave of protest which they will be unable to stem and which will force the abandonment of the present course and the adoption of fundamental changes in policy, methods of work, organization and leadership.

The acceptance of these three elementary demands of Party democracy would immediately mark a decisive turning point in the Party and in the International. The past with its formalism, its parrot-like repetition of platitudes and pledges of explicit loyalty to all expressions of policy handed down from above, the whole inner-Party regime of preventing the expression of convictions inside the Party and the institution of puppet regimes and leaderships, would be left to the historian of the movement to ponder about. The Party. united and freed from these fetters, would develop a Communist spirit of self-confidence and intellectual courage which would enable the Party to grow and prosper as never before.

Another point has to be considered on the Unity question. It may be asked that, since the Communist Party (Majority Group) is also part of an International Opposition, will it agree to make unity nationally? To be more explicit, will the Communist Party, (Majority Group) agree for unity with the Communist Party of the U. S. A., if the German Op position is still excluded from the Communist International? In fact, the representative of the Communist International and even Comrade Stachel were very anxious to know whether we would stand for the continued exclusion of the German Opposition from the Communist International. The position of our Group was transmitted both to the Party and to the Communist International. It is that, even tho we recognize that Communist unity is to be attained on an international scale, nevertheless we are ready to unite nationally, provided we are guaranteed Party democracy, it being expressly understood that we reserve the full right, inside the Party and inside of the Communist International, to fight for the admission of German Opposition and the other Communist Oppositions! Without such a guarantee we cannot make unity. We are positively and categorically opposed to making unity on the basis of splitting up and fighting an unprincipled fight against Communists in other countries who are today fighting against the wrong line of the Communist International and their respective Parties! Such an unprincipled unity does not overcome the crisis in the international Communist movement; it intensifies and aggravates it.

Some additional facts. In moving for Communist unity our group has reached the conclusion that every effort should be made to include also the Trotsky group in the unification of the Communist movement, provided it is ready to drop its Thermidorian charges against the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. However, the Trotsky group has seen fit to ignore every communication and invitation to conferences for the discussion of Communist unity. It has not even had enough concern about unity to answer communications sent to it. Such an attitude certainly doesn't help to bring the forces of the Communist movement

We have sent a very large number of communications to the Party, to the Trotsky group, to the Executive of the Communist International, to Leon Trotsky and to Joseph Stalin, in particular, dealing with the question of unity. There has been nothing surreptitious on the part of the Communist Party (Majority Group). All the letters, resolutions and information of negotiations, were published in the Revolutionary Age and in the Workers Age.

Responsible for keeping the Party members in ignorance, in the dark, concerning all unity negotiations has not been the Communist Party (Majority Group) but the leaders of the official Communist Party! At last they have had to take notice and say something. In the Daily Worker of May 20, they call the fight of our group for unity a "swindle" tho they must admit that Stachel had very much to do with negotiations "outside of the Party office."

Vituperation, calumny, abusive language, hurling of invectives, giving expression to wrath, will not overcome the convincing arguments that unity is imperative, that Communist unity is possible and necessary! It is up to the Party members! Be Communist fighters! If you demand, if you fight for unity, it will be achieved!

A united Communist movement will be a victory for Communism, a victory for the working class!



MAGNOLIA STREET, by Louis Golding, Farrar and Rinehart, New York, 1932.

"Magnolia Street" has its dreams and hopes of the intermingling of all races and of the unity of mankind. But Mr. Golding does not see the way sade of prayer to end the depression. nor does he understand the direction God listened to His Vicar and sold towards this goal. Had he at least U.S. Steel short for another big drop. registered fearlessly, honestly, hu- The "Nova Impendet" having accomman emotions instead of giving us plished such wonders, Pius P.P. XI is the standardized stereotypes appeal- taking a second crack at it. ing to publishers of popular success-es, his picture would have spoken for itself. But unfortunately, Mr. Golding's novel is, in the main, the sort of novel that will appeal especially to the hosts that flocked to see "Abie's Irish Rose"—of which it is an enlarged and very much glorified version.

The main part of the story is laid n a poor street, one side of which is all Jewish and the other, all Gen-"Strangers, the only thirty feet apart!" Of their separate ignorances, oves, hates, Mr. Golding writes condescendingly and with a certain contempt, the wittily in spots.

concern in this story is for the marer, of Jew to Gentile. On his street there is not much sign of social strife. Merely mentioning that Bella's father is the owner of a little sweatdwell on her charm and seductiveness, her ambition to conquer mcn.
Little Magnolia Street is concern-

ed with the segregation of Jew and Gentile, meeting often but accepting Gentile, meeting often but accepting catessen windows, it'll be a great re-each other but rarely. The book ends lief to know that His Holiness is with a grand party where all are reunited for one evening by no less illustrious personages than the now ordered that "... the faithful abstain bediamond Riverside Drive beauty, at least from entertainments and Bella of Magnolia Street, and a Jew-|amusement for eight days!" ish lightweight champion of the world. This is Mr. Golding's "mankind"-created not in the pattern of reality but in the pattern of "Abie's rish Rose.'

THE AMERICAN NEGRO, by G. S. Allen, International Pamphlets, New York.

The incorrectness of the slogan of 'self-determination' in the liberation struggle of the Negroes has already been amply demonstrated in the col umns of the Age. Essentially a national slogan, springing from a basic-ally false estimate of the entire prob-lem (i.e., the Negroes in the U. S. represent an oppressed national minority), it undestimates the proletarian development amongst the Negro masses, and subordinates the struggle of the Negro proletariat to the emand of a mythical national revolutionary movement. By insisting on the rights of secession of the "Black Belt" in the South, the champions of the slogan, in spite of their subjective desires give objective support to

the Jim Crowists of both races. duction in the absurd logical chain legitimately or by the grace of God. leading to the slogan of "self-determination" had been drawn. But no! Error has its inevitable logic. And this pamphlet will be chiefly remem-

drawal of the armed forces of propaganda document of the First American imperialism from this American Revolution:

Comment is superfluous!! Jim Cork

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ELECTIONS

cies, are being met with great dis-trust. We have yet to see the execu- and "the little man" (the "little man" tion of the decree. The National-So- Roosevelt is worried about is Frankcialists were informed in advance of lin D. Roosevelt). Now he seeks to the dissolution decree. They long ago capitalize mass misery and discontent made preparations to continue their by quoting Jefferson's last letter on dissolved organizations in other, seem- | men born with saddles and men born ingly "harmless" forms, such as so- booted and spurred. The liberals ducial organizations of various sorts. tifully prepare to go into spasms of The government seems to have the in- delight—the voice of Thomas Jeffertention of accepting these organiza- son! tions as state-sponsored sport organ- All the better if it issues from the izations or to utilize them as "Work- mouth of a ventriloquist's dummy. ers Aid" clubs (government supported And best of all that he left out that organizations which try to make up terrifying part about revolution and for low wages). In any case the dis-the right to overthrow a tyrannical solution on paper has not yet been government. Never mind that he made into dissolution in fact.

Hitler's army, Hindenburg, in an open letter to the government, suggested the dissolution of the Reich-spurred with inherited wealth so long banner, the republican defense or- as private property shall endure. ganization dominated by the Socialemocrats. The step suggested by than: "Forward to a Communist Hindenburg will hardly be taken be- America." fore the Prussian elections but after satisfied. They were looking for a wards its execution is quite likely. lift-one more excuse to jump on the The move would result in an increase in Fascist power.

The political movement of the Naional-Socialists was not affected by shameful kidnapping case. And like the dissolution decree. It is more correct to say that the decree gave Peacock, he has no baby to deliver. the movement an impetus. The de- As for old Tom Jefferson he would be eree, moreover, does not in the as astonished to see what is done in least mean that the generals of the his name today as would Jesus Christ Reichswehr and the Center have given to behold the Reverend H. Dobson ip the idea of uniting with the Naional-Socialists in a coalition. Rather do they hope that, thru the dissolution, they may have greater power in comparison with the Nationalist-Socialists in any future coalition.

This, however, does not depend eninclined to content himself with the some day, . . . if you forget to pay role which the generals want to assign to him is quite doubtful!



Papal Bull

On October 2, 1931 His Holiness Pope Pius XI issued his encyclical "Nova Impendet" calling for a cru-

This is the worst crisis "since the Flood", says His Holiness. The reason is clear, never since Noah has there been so much water in the stock. "The desire of money is the root of all evils", Pius tells the distressed jobless. Desire not money, nor unemployment relief, and follow not the Communists for they are "against

God himself . . . They strive, and not without effect, to combine the war against God with men's struggle for their daily bread." His Holiness proposes measures: In place of relief, penance; in place of a struggle for bread, pray-Mr. Golding's most sentimental with nonsense, their minds with

amazement, and their stomachs with riage of Rose Berman to John Coop- wind, he proposes abstinence from pleasures for eight days! That ought to make the jobless feel better. If they're hungry they can console themskipp, the author passes rapidly on columniation on her charm and soductive Heart of Jesus!

If your stomach thinks your throat is cut and your kids think food is something that is found only in delipraying for you not to understand the need of Communism and that he has

Such is the cruel bufoonery of God's spokesman in the face of "the greatest distress since the flood." There's another flood coming, your Holiness, and this time one of the animals that won't be taken on to the Ark is the papal bull . . .

A Labor Addréss

Mayor J. Hampton Moore of Phila-lelphia is a friend of labor—especially before election day. Therefore, he was invited to address the convention of the I. L. G. W. U.

His address contributed mightily o the solution of the problems of the garment workers. The climax was:

"I have been unable to afford a new suit for the last three years but I hope to buy one shortly after this convention adjourns." (Applause.)

Now if Jimmie Walker could only afford another new suit, everything would be jake!

Boots And Saddles

"The mass of mankind was not born with saddles on their backs, nor were a favored few born booted and One had imagined that every de- spurred, ready to ride mankind, either So wrote old Tom Jefferson in his last letter, two days before his death -the same Jefferson who reminded bered for supplying the last amazing erty is kept green by the blood of tvrants". and who hoped "there might "This (i.e., the right of secession never go by a generation in America of the "Black Belt") necessarily without at least one revolution"—the includes the demand for the with- same Jefferson who wrote the great

> ". . . whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends (life, liberty and happiness) it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it. . ."

Now comes that political nullity, that rimless zero of unprincipled principles, that shady horse ("dark" is too pronounced a color for him) Franklin D. Roosevelt, with his talk against Fascism. But such prophe- of "the forgotten people" (forgotten

picked out the unsoundest part of Jef-Immediately after the dissolution of ferson's doctrine-for most men are born with the saddle of poverty on their backs and some few booted and

"Back to 1776" is far more welcome The liberals are easily bandwagon of one of the capitalist parties. So Franklin D. Roosevelt has taken them for a ride—one more Jafsie and Curtis and the Reverend

Tale With a Moral

The moral of Al Capone's stay in Atlanta is: If you sell hooch and dope, run gambling dens and houses of prostitution, buy police and judges tirely on them but also on the other and murder every who stands in your partner. Whether the latter will be way, you're sure to end up in jail

-B. D. W.