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# Vote Communist! Foster and Ford!

# LYNCH LAW CASE

Scottsboro Appeal Held Off Past Elections

Washington, D. C.

display of force, the Supreme Court of the United States, meet-ing on October 11, decided to post-pone decision on the Scottsboro case, probably until after elections. The court was packed with visitors, eagerly awaiting decision on this sensational case. Among those

present was Mrs. Mary Mooney the aged mother of Tom Mooney. Walter H. Pollak, attorney for the International Labor Defense, presented the case for the defense, showing conclusively that the Negro youths charged with "raping" two white prostitutes were completely innocent and had been convicted and sentenced to death only under pressure of the worst race prejudice. He demanded a new trial. Opposition to a new trial was pressed by Thomas E. Knight, Attorney-General of the State of Alabama.

The judicial murder of the Negro boys has been stopped so far by the wave of protest in all parts of the world, initiated thru the energies of the International Labor Defense. The movement in defense of the boys must not wav er for a moment until they are completely out of danger.

# SHORT TERM FOR KILLER GUARD

thur Maillefert, in a sweathox at Sunbeam prison camp. The verdict was reached by the jury on October 15. Manslaughter carries with it a penalty as low as one Courson immediately pealed and was released on \$5,000

Evidence at the trial uncovered a story of almost incredible bru-tality. Maillefert was first tortured in the most brutal manner and then placed in the sweatbox con-traption chained by the neck with his feet encased in stocks. It was Courson who placed the chain around his neck. The boy was so weak from torture that thirty min-utes after being placed in the sweatbox, he was dead!

The "defense" of the guards was that Maillefert had committed suicide by raising his legs until he strangled!

#### Not Natural

Frank McErlane is reported as the third Chicago gangster of importance to die a natural death. The gangs must be getting lame!

## Unite Labor Forces Against the Bosses!

COMMUNIST OPPOSITION BRANDS DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES AS BOSSES ORGANIZATIONS—CONDEMNS SOCIALIST SURRENDER POLICY—UPCES WORD FOR SOCIAL-IST SURRENDER POLICY—URGES VOTE FOR COM-IST PARTY AS PARTY OF WORKERS

IN this year's Presidential elections the workers and farmers of this country stand face to face with the gravest responsibility. In spite of all the shallow Surrounded by a pretentious talk of an "upturn" and the "coming back of prosperity", the fact remains that the capitalist system, so dear to Herbert Hoover and to Franklin D.

Roosevelt, is completely bankrupt and has exposed

itself as an unmitigated

curse to mankind. It cannot even feed its own slaves. At least 12,000,000 in this country are completely unem-ployed; millions more work only part time. The wages of those who are lucky enough to hold on to their jobs have been slashed to the bone. The trade unions, the basic defense organizations of the workers, are being paralyzed and smashed often with the assistance of the so-called "labor leaders." Farmers are

forced to sell their products far below what it cost to produce them. Scores of millions of working peo-ple and their families are in the bitter throes of starvation while the granaries are full to bursting and great quantities of Federal Farm Board wheat are rotting in storage. Hunger, distress, desperate misery stalk the land as far as the producers of all wealth are concerned, while the capitalists, those who live on the labor of others, continue to roll in luxury in spite of their hypocritical wailing about "hard times" and "high taxes." The system of "ragged individualism" has about reached the end of its rope: to allow it to continue much further would mean suicide for the people of this country.

With dozens of millions in acute distress, with all of the usual public and semi-public forms of relief breaking down hopelessly before our very eyes, the breaking down hopelessly before our very eyes, the government can find nothing better to do than to hand out billions to the big banks, trusts and railroads as "relief". For the jobless workers and starving farmers, there is no relief. The only halfway effective method of meeting the emergency, Federal unemployment insurance was scornfully rejecteral unemployment insurance, was scornfully rejected by both Republican Administration and Demo-IACKSONVILLE. Fla.— One prison guard. George W. Courson, was found guilty of manslaughter and another. Solomon Higginbotham, was acquitted in the case of the murder of a voung convict. Arthur Maillefert, in a sweathox at

That is because our government is a government of, by and for the bosses. Its main purpose is to protect the profits of the capitalists and their "right" to live off the labor of others. It is doing its best today to take advantage of the present terrible crisis

to make the rich grow richer and poor, poorer. It is shifting the burdens of the crisis on to the shoulders of the poor people, of the workers and the farm-

Both the Republican and Democratic parties stand for this cursed system. Hoover and his managers proudly boast of his reaction, of his abject subserv-

ience to Big Business. Noth ing is offered to the workers and farmers except greater misery, more starvation. And Roosevelt? He goes around parading as a "progressive," but what does he really stand for? Last year he told us that "our great present economic and social system," the system of slavery, unemployment, starvation and war, was "everlasting." Whenever Roosevelt has touched any of the real issues of the campaign, such as unemployment, farm relief, public utilities and railroads, to be either a hopeless con-



he has shown himself to be either a hopeless con-servative, a twin Herbert Hoover, or else a windbag demagogue. His program has been hailed by bank presidents and trust magnates, the worst enemies of labor. No wonder Charles Schwab, leading steel king, recently said of him: "Business has nothing to fear from Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is not a radical in any sense of the term. He is a sound conservative!" The workers and farmers have nothing to expect from Roosevelt and the Democrats except greater misery and more starvation.

The Socialists indeed emphasize their opposition to capitalism but what are they actually doing? Not only do the Socialists frequently support the con-servative labor leaders who are doing their best to paralyze the struggles of the workers and to hand them over to the tender mercies of the bosses, but their whole campaign seems to consist of efforts to placate the employers, to provide them with "guarantees" that no "upheavals" would follow the attempt to put the Socialist party program into execution. This is no way to defend the interests of the workers: this is the way to surrender their interests. Not by begging, not by "placating", not by kowtowing to the bosses and to the misleaders of labor, but by fighting can labor get anything or get anywhere. No sincere and consistent Socialist can continue to support the Socialist party

The burning need of the workers is to put up a strong united front politically against the bosses and their twin parties. A powerful Labor party, made up of the trade unions, labor political bodies and other workers organizations, as well as farmers associations, would be a big step forward in the and other workers organizations, as well as farmers struggle of labor for its very existence, for decent (Continued on Page Two)

Part Of General Plan To **Restore Old System** 

Berlin, Germany.

Before a large assembly of Bavarian industrialists in Munich, Chancellor Franz von Papen, on October 12. announced the plans of the Junker-militarist clique of throwing the last spadefulls of earth over the unhonored corpse of the Weimar "democratic" constitu-tion and of establishing a mon-archist or semi-monarchist autocracy in the Reich on the old Hohenzollern model. A new draft constitution is to be placed before the coming Reichstag, von Papen declared, according to which the Cabinet, chosen by the Reich-President, would be dominant and not dent, would be dominant and not the Reichstag, supposed to be the expression of the "will of the peo-ple." A "strong upper house" was also urged. This "fundamental change in the structure of Ger-many", the Changellor declared, was necessary to "assure the stability of the government.'

It was even suggested that a new upper chamber be established to override the veto of which a two-thirds majority of the Reichstag would be necessary. A proposal to make the Reich-President also head of Prussia, just as the German Emperor used to be King of Prussia, was included. It was finally urged to raise the voting age from 20 years to 25.

It is clear enough that the Weimar constitution, of which the Social-democrats were so proud, is completely dead and buried. The Junker-militarist clique is aiming at the reestablishment of old Hohenzollern system, while the Nazis are out for a Fascist dictatorship. Only the Communists are championing the interests of real democracy, democracy for the vast oppressed masses, democracy thru workers councils (Soviets).

New York City A special celebration and banquet is being arranged by the New York organization of the Communist Party (Opposition) to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution. It will take place on the evening of November 5 at the New Harlem Casina, 116 Street and Lenox Avenue.

An attractive program will be provided. There will be dancing and dining and speaking and all for the small sum of fifty cents. The entire proceeds will go to the Workers Age."

Every militant worker will want to be present at this banquet-celebration and bring his friends with

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**ABROAD** :-:

**POWER PLANTS** 

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part of China under the Machu

BELFAST, Northern Ireland .--

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city on October 11 in protest against the miserable conditions

and low pay of relief work. The

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PLAN WHITE DICTATOR

WASHINGTON-A plan to con-

its people, is expected to finance this plan which has been officially

referred to it by the State Depart

ment for consideration. The scheme

terests.

#### BIG PARTIES NOMINATE | SOVIETS OPEN GIANT NONENTITIES IN N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY. - After DNIEPOSTROY, U. S. S. R. last minute deal with Edward J. Amidst great demonstrations and Flynn, Bronx Democratic leader, an adherent of the Roosevelt facan adherent of the Roosevelt faction and champion of Mayor McKee, Big Boss John F. Curry put
over, at the Tammany city convention meeting on October 6, the
nomination of Surrogate John F.
O'Brien for Mayor. O'Brien immediately announced his intentions of following in the footstens

on Age and broaden
the world
was opened here on October 10 and
dedicated to the cause of socialist
construction. Dniepostroy was
hailed by Colonel Cooper, an American engineer active in its construction, as "the most difficult
engineering work of its kind that tions of following in the footsteps of Jimmie Walker! Both Walker and McKee had "withdrawn" from the race. Two days later the Re publican organization assembled HALF OF MANCHURIA IS in convention and nominated Lewis IN STATE OF REVOLT H. Pounds of Brooklyn. Both are insignificant figures in municipal MUKDEN.-More than half of

#### FARMERS BEGIN MARCH of Manchukuo is actually in the hands of rebels. The outermost ON WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON.—Five hundred farmers have definitely determined to join the "march on Washington" for a four-day conference beginning December 7, according to Lem Harris, executive secretary of the Farmers National Relief Conference. He predicted that the total number would reach 5,000. The Farmers National Relief Conference is an outgrowth of the re-cent "farm holiday" movement which originated in Iowa. It consists of those who are opposed to the passive and surrender policies of the leaders of the type of Milo Reno. The conference demands a moratorium on all debts, a stop page of all forced sales and forced closures, a rise in price of food products to come out of middlemen's profits and immediate cash relief for all poor farmers.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT RISES IN **AUGUST**

reactionary government of Northern Ireland immediately mobilized WASHINGTON. — Unemployment increased by at least 100,000 in the month of August over July, according to the collection. American Federation of Labor, based upon reports of the Buro of Labor Statistics. In New York Labor Statistics. In New York employ-State, however, factory employment went up 5.5% between August and September, with payroll ust and September, with payroll been sent from England to help the been sent from England to help the went up 5.5% between August and September, with payroll been sent from England to help the been sent from England to help the weeks authorities in suppressing the unis primarily in light manufacturrest among the workers.

#### 500,000 NOW STARVING IN **NEW YORK CITY**

NEW YORK CITY .- There are more than 500,000 people in the city of New York who must have lock between Germany and France public assistance in order to maintain their very existence, according to Harvey D. Gibson, chairman of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee in a radio address on October 11. Conditions address on October 11. Conditions and temporary, forced this step. he said, would continue to get worse at least until February.

NEW YORK CITY.—The "New Yorker Volkszeitung", German language labor daily here, suspended on October 12 because of lack of funds. Attempts are being made drawn up by a League of Nations for a reorganization with the hope committee and submitted to the of resuming publication in the State Department where it has near future. The "Volkszeitung" met with partial approval. The was founded in 1878 and has been one of the most outstanding radical has a stranglehold on Liberia and papers in the country.

PRINCETON. — A movement against the ruling of Secretary of is calculated to achieve the comfor a living, was initiated here on October 9. Similar movements are already well under way at all college centers in this country.

WASHINGTON.—The Supreme Court has decided against allowquences for American commerce. | ers. It stands for complete social and political

### Put Over the Age Drive!

The campaign for 1,000 new readers of the "Age" is now almost one month old. Almost one-third of the time allotted to the Drive has gone but the best we have been able to record is slightly over 10%.

We must sound a note of warntremendous rejoicing, the largest hydroelectric plants in the world part of the set quota and broaden engineering work of its kind that the world has ever attempted to have shown real energy and good handle."

### Chicago and Hartford Show the

The Chicago group has already realized 40% of its sub quota and the area technically under control promises to go over the top before f the new Japanese puppet-state the Drive is over.

# Hartford A Close Second

Our Hartford group, the including mostly new members, is showregion, Barga, is reported to have spread that Pu Yi, chief puppet er units of our group.

of Manchukuo, is "contemplating" \* \* \* he possibility of restoring at least

time. The unit has realized 30% ish off a good job the comrades Over 100,000 jobless workers de-

"Age." Comrade Lilly Michaels, broke her own record by selling 62 Comrade Lilly Michaels, "Ages" this week The unit is weak

in to disperse the gigantic demonstration. About fifty workers were wounded and one killed as a result of the police attacks. Immediate-order. Good work. How about

Follow this column for the pro-

gress of the drive.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A new clash between farm strike picketers and sheriff's men took place here on October 12. Four persons were in-

# World of Labor

### Selling Labor to the Boss Parties

nual, biennial and quadrennial fairs conducted by the self-styled ized workers are sold as so many "leaders" of the labor movement where they sell the "labor vote" at those who live on their labor, to corrupt capitalist political mach them, this situation must be ines. Never are times so "good" in this branch of 'legitimate business' as in Presidential years! stinging reproach and challenge to every honest and militant worker. The first step the workers must

labor unions embracing 750,000 or- away from the two big parties of ganized workers are represented, capital, the Republican and Demohas adopted a resolution endorsing cratic parties, and to organize a the candidacy of Governor Roosevelt for the Presidency, of Herbert
H. Lehman for Governor, and of all other Democratic candidates in workers organizations, as well as the nation and State. The resolu- of farmers associations, in fact of tion urged the organized workers all those who toil by hand or to vote for the candidates endorsed. The support of these candidates was urged on the ground against the combined and organization. mostly new members, is shown didates was urged on the ground against the combined and organ-didates are in the control of Kuomintang generals maintaining some sort of connections with Nan-like with a sort of connections with Nan-like with members, is shown didates was urged on the ground that they were "friends of labor" ized power of capital. Such a partial with and on the basis of their so-called that they were "friends of labor" ized power of capital. Such a partial with and on the basis of their so-called that they were "friends of labor" ized power of capital. Such a partial with a sort of connections with Nan-like with a sort of the central Trades a lone voice with put to show the political field and once united of their bundle order they are was raised for the Socialists, while and conscious of its own interests Meanwhile rumors are wide-showing their heels to much larg-there was nobody at all to present and aims, labor is invincible! the case of the Communists.

Fort Wayne Scores Heavily
For best all-around work for the

A few days later, the leaders of the Central Trades completed their work by endorsing John P.

A TI UNION FORCES
HIT IN LOCAL 22 dynasty." This attempt at a monarchist restoration is very obviously a part of Japan's plans for the colonial subjection of China.

For best all-around work for the "Workers Age", Fort Wayne is a model. The pledges made by Conners and Long at our national conference are being realized in good workers have again been sold, at the leave again been sold again been sold again. least as far as the labor leaders took place one of the most signi-10,000 BELFAST JOBLESS IN DEMONSTRATION

of its sub quota, is up-to-date in can help it, as so many head of its 5% tax payments and has raiscattle to Tammany. Hall, one of the most corrupt reactionary polities. The situation in the local was the most corrupt reactionary political machines in this country.

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Same shameful farce is being performed. "Deportations" Doak, fordoing excellent work in selling the
merly a leader of the trainmen's

Trade Union Circle. The resigna-

of capital. NEW YORK CITY.—Over 1,500 what have they done to fight for meeting matters came to a head. CALLED OFF
LONDON.—The four-power conference supposed to be held here to consider the disarmament dead
NEW YORK CITY.—Over 1,500 communists and sympathizers met at a banquet in Webster Hall on October 12 in support of the candidacy of Foster and Ford.

NEW YORK CITY.—Over 1,500 communists and sympathizers met their own standard-bearer, Norman Thomas? A gesture for Hill-quit but for Norman Thomas—in resignation. The left-wing and nothing! They have entered into progressive forces were against a community of the candidacy of Foster and Ford.

A spectacle that ought to bring sectarian policies. And the Comthe blush of shame to the cheek of every honest worker, who has any regard for his own interests or the interests of his class, is the an inist Party has dropped!

The situation in which the organso much per head to the various those who exploit and oppress In New York City, the Central take in breaking the stranglehold Trades and Labor Council, in which of the bosses over them, is to break

# HIT IN LOCAL 22

The situation in the local was

On Wednesday, October 12, there

quite critical. The chief question In other parts of the land the was the resignation submitted by union, raises his voice for Hoover tion came as a result of his disas the "friend of labor" and prais- gust with and protest against the es the Republican party as a "real do-nothing policy and sabotage of working men's party." In every industrial center, North, East, South, officials as far as any real strug-West, labor is being sold to either the Republicans or the Democrats, to either one of the twin parties The right wing Club and the ultra-left Left Group (the T. U. U In the labor movement itself L. organization) grasped at this only the weakest resistance is to be resignation as a chance for them noted to these treacherous activities strike a further blow to demoralties of the officials, who are real ize and weaken the union, in which labor lieutenants of the bosses. they are both interested. The left The Socialists, trying to curry the wing Dressmakers Progressive good favor of the officialdom, keep League, on the other hand, deterquiet and swallow their principles. mined to throw in all its forces The Socialists are very strong in the New York Central Trades but tide of demoralization. At the n "understanding" with Tammany cepting it. Zimmerman, Nelson and are "tolerated" on condition and Rosenthal, of the Dressmakers Progressive League, made a sharp attack on the right wing official-dom of the I. L. G. W. U., but also movement because of its suicidal criticized Bluestein for "meeting" the situation by resigning, that is, the Circle, also spoke against The vote was a blow in the face

# OPEN FORUM

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Sunday, Oct. 23, 8:30 P. M.— JAY LOVESTONE WHAT'S AHEAD FOR AMERICAN CAPITALISM? (The "Upturn" And The Elections)

to both the ultra-rights and the ultra-lefts. In spite of their unholy combination, their destructive manouver was defeated and the left-wing progressive forces scored a victory over both combined.

The good effect of this vote and of the whole meeting became no-ticeable immediately among the

dressmakers. Again an attempt of

the combined union wreckers has been repulsed!

# FOSTER AND FORD

(Continued from Page One) OTTAWA. — Canadian tariff conditions of life, for a world fit to live in. Today walls are to be readjusted to fav- the forces of labor are unfortunately still too dividor trade with the United Kingdom ed to make any such movement immediately possi-WASHINGTON.—The Supreme Court has decided against allowing a review of the decision to deport A. Jokinen, a New York Communist, to Finland, where he would meet with almost certain death. The International Labor Defense is now trying to win the right of the same time steps are being taken by which the United Kingdom will give preference to the products of Canada. This decision is expected to have serious consequences for American commerces. It stands for complete social and political

Labor Doak ousting from this plete colonial subjection of the country foreign students working country to American financial in the country to the country to American financial in the country to pression by the bosses. It stands against another imperialist world war in which the masses would be slaughtered for the profits of Big Business.

In spite of its incorrect tactics today, in spite of the great shortcomings of its platform and campaign, it is the only party which the workers and working farmers can support if they really have their own interests at heart, the interests of their class, if they really want effective resistance to the brutal attacks of the capitalists.

Vote Communist! Vote for Foster and Ford! National Committee Communist Party of the U.S. A. (Opposition)

# In "Economy" Fraud

Big Bankers Dictate New York Finances

good its pledges of strict economy" by framing for 1933 a budget far below that of 1932. Last January the bankers floated a \$100, the Emergency Work and Relief

What "strict economy" and "re- in the city. trenchment" mean, is shown in the proposals made by Mayor Joseph McKee, the darling of the liberals McKee, the darling of the liberals and municipal reformers. In an swering protests on the part of numerous organizations against cutting the Board of Education budget, McKee curtly announced: "It s my opinion that if pupils are more than 14, we are carrying them beyond American ideals in education. We are pampering and this is the cry of the bankers, coming radical", throw them a now Roosevelt. The characteristic softening boys and girls. It wasn't softening boys and girls. It wasn't manufacturers, railroad magnates, bone in the form of some pitiful feature of these revolts is—dema-many years ago that boys were working for a living at 14. Now Street bears and bulls—the whole Roosevelt "forgotten man" story less generalizations, patent remewe're educating boys of 18 or over crew of leeches who live on the and of the Garner-Wagner "relief" dies, and appeals to the "forgotten and inclining their minds towards backs of the workers and who see theories of government and education far hevend what is necessary."

I crew of leernes who live on the land of the Garner-wagner reflect the backs of the workers and who see bill. The Democrats propose to man" accompanied with denunciation for hevend what is necessary."

But on the land of the Garner-wagner reflect the brutal starvation politically accompanied with denunciation for heven what is necessary."

Real estate owners and property And "Save the capitalist system!" with slower and more subtle forms is Morgan whose policies are folowners associations enthusiastical- has become the election campaign of starvation, covered with a warm lowed and interests are protected ly applauded the Mayor's remarks.

According to McKee's ideas of economy the city should close down the bosses and exploiters, of the all high schools and free colleges. Morgans and the Rockefellers, of Only the rich, according to our the Raskobs and the Mellons. "Save the capitalist system by saving the big capitalists and their heads, "inclines their minds towards theories of saving the big capitalists and their institutions, the banks, railroads, the saving the big capitalists and their institutions, the banks, railroads, the saving the banks, railroads, because of saving the saving the saving the saving the banks, railroads, the saving t minds towards theories of government and education far beyond what is necessary." These are "American ideals in education"!

"Economy", in the language of the city administration, means the services, including education, the slashing of wages of teachers and

New York City. course suitable for every A course suitable for every worker and for every one active helping out the second layer of eximinary branch of the labor movein any branch of the labor movethe smaller manufacture the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes of Morgan and Come Not that the vote will be the means the wishes th wishes of integral and companies of the New ers and the small banks, the well-pany, it at the same time pays lip-of making such a change, but it ers and the poor people, those wishes School, which has just to-do farmers, the newly rich and sorvice to the patty bourgeoisis will serve as an instrument to least able to afford it, instead of opened its Fall 1932 term at its the small speculators!" say Rooscquarters, 228 Second Avenue. | velt and the Democratic party; | particularly so in times of crisis. | unite those desiring the change | from the rich by heavy taxation.

To those who want to get a general review of the world-moving the basic conceptions of Marxism, tory since the Great French Revo the course by that name, given on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P. M., with B. Herman as instructor, is very useful. This course examines the roots of Marxism, dialectical materialism, the main phases of Marxian economics, the revolutionary working class movement, and especially the application of Marxian theories to the United States.

The course in Communist strategy and tactics, given Tuesdays at 8:30, with Alex Bail as instructor, goes very well with the one just described. It treats of the probthe Communists with the workers, and the workers organizations, especially the trade unions; it examines the various tendencies in the labor movement; and finally it analyzes the controversial questions in the Communist movement it tionary Movement in the United States, Fridays at 7:00 P. M., with in the Communist movement it- Will Herberg.

The course in the History of the Russian Revolution, on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M., with Herbert Zam as instructor, is a thoro study of the greatest event in human his-

New York City. | sharp decrease of the meager re-

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tions in this country, have lined

the pockets of speculators with

gold thru the operation of the Farm Board, and, at the same time, have used poison gas and

machine guns against hungry vet-

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Revolution, and the triumph of

Other courses given by th

school are: Current History, Friday evenings at 8:30 P. M., with

Jay Lovestone; The Liberation of American Literature, four lectures

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Fundamentals of Communism. Fri-

Russian Revolution, the develop

LANSING, Mich .- The Michigan Supreme Court has been asked by the State to set the trial date for William Z. Foster, Communist Party Presidential candidate, and Lovestone and Alex Bail of the

The powerful banking groups lief that the jobless have been repeople by the throat and control whatever differences they may t seconomic and financial life, have have on other questions, both Mcnotified Controller Berry that they Kee and Tammany are agreed on will bar all loans to the city unless the program of "economy." They the Board of Estimate will "make both jump at the crack of the mas-

who hold New York City and its ceiving. And, curiously enough,

Communist Opposition, on charges of criminal syndicalism brought against them in 1922. 000,000 loan for the city and established a revolving fund of \$150, 000,000 after the Board had promised to "retrench." The condition work relief in the six months because the ballets of the city and established a revolving fund of \$150, 000,000 after the Board had promised to "retrench." The condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. This is the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the case which came as a result of the holds out nothing to the workers and war. Communist Party. Both Foster the Ropellian porty has appropriate the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months because the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. In the city plan to spend as a very raiding of a convention of the condition work relief in the six months are convention. of city finances is so bad that un-less loans are forthcoming it is ling the amount spent in the last former released because the jury feared that November 1 salaries six months. This is regarded as ab- disagreed and the latter convicted. toed every measure to give even sive" but what has he to say about of municipal employees will not be solutely essential in view of great Now the case is to be revived again the most meager direct relief to increase of distress and starvation as a blow to the militant labor the starving jobless. Hower being the city.

**WORKERS AGE** 

Foster, Lovestone And

Others To Be Tried

Call to Workers and Farmers

present world-wide economic crisis. cies of the Hoover administration the morning after the election, it

the devil take the unemployed.

bership is made up of small manufacturers, bankers, merchants—

smile and an empty promise.

### McKee, Tammany Unite BRIDGMAN CASE Unemployed and the IS REVIVED Political Parties

Why The Jobless Should Vote Communist

eighteen others, including Jay the emergency brought about by it, This is the famous Bridgman and parties on this key question. case which came as a result of the 1. Hoover-Republican: Hoover crises, unemployment, starvation

and not those of the forgotten man.

The big question at the present give the jobless any relief would be time, as far as tens of millions of to break down their "rugged inworkers and their families are con- dividualism," while the banks, railcerned, is unemployment. What roads and trusts of course, can the candidates of the various par- and do receive billions from the ties propose to do about unemploy- government. Hoover answered the ment, how they propose to meet appeal of the veterans for their bonus with hot lead and poison is certainly a key question for the gas. Hoover is violently opposed workers in deciding for whom to to Federal unemployment insurvote. Let us examine the attitude ance. Finally, Hoover is an enthuof the four outstanding candidates siastic champion of the chaotic capitalist system, which breeds

velt parades around as a "progresthe capitalistic system that is responsible for all our misery; indeed he has announced that this system is "everlasting." He too is against the payment of the bonus. The Democratic platform has a one State to another, is practically ineffective. A good example of the type of unemployment "insurance" championed by Roosevelt is the bill now pending before the State legislature with the blessings of the Governor. This bill pretends to provide for insurance but in the first place it is voluntary, so that need provide it, which means that nobody will; and in the second place, the maximum provided for The difference between the Democratic and Republican par
war"—at the Democratic State advardance is no more than par
war"—the Democratic State advardance is no more than ployment insurance is no more than ployment insuranc Democratic and Republican parties is a difference over which master to serve and what to do to preserve capitalism. The Republican party, owned by Mellon, Rockefelparty, owned by Mellon, Roc trust companies!" say Hoover and the Republican party, the traditional party of capitalism in the library openly declares its intention to

tive of the aristocracy of wealth. And in accordance with this policy, the Reconstruction Finance cers and farmers; it wants to promote that a vote for either Republican mote the interests of the big capiinsurance. But Thomas is against undertakings have proceeded to put billions of dollars at the dispossible of the big railing and other government and other government mote the interests of the big capital or Democratic candidates is a vote giving the ex-soldiers their bonus as a substantial measure of relief. peal to those workers having jobs to worry about themselves and let starvation, war, exploitation and Instead of putting up a real fight for jobless insurance, the Socialist candidates talk about slum-clearing oppression. These millions can deland other public works as the "so The Democratic party, the party of the "outs", both politically and economically, is owned by a small group of financial oligarchs monstrate their determination to lution" for everything, just as do work for a change by a vote the capitalist politicians. Thomas has endorsed the various "cooperative self-help" frauds, which, what at whose head stands the House of in the absence of a genuine Labor ever may be their intention, result tute farmers thruout the land to Morgan. But the bulk of its mem- party, by a vote for those who de- in establishing scab shops to underterminedly, fearlessly, and uncom- mine labor standards. Thomas has promisingly stand and work for given at least partial endorsement service to the petty bourgeoisie, will serve as an instrument to least able to afford it, instead of and, at the same time, to "keep This is the explanation of the petty hourgeois "revolts" which from ty bourgeois "revolts" which from capable of leading the way to- fighting for unemployment relief shows that with them too it is hardly more than a gesture.

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selves categorically in favor of Federal unemployment insurance and they are fighting hard to get it. The Communists have come out in favor of the bonus for the veterans. The Communists are fighting for adequate unemployment relief immediately and this relief to be paid for by taxing the capitalists and the rich. The Communists are against the various frauds that are paraded around as forms of "relief" or even as "solu-tions" of the unemployment situation. Finally the Communists are utterly against the rotten and decaying capitalist system which is responsible for unemployment, poverty and all the other evils from which the workers suf-

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The Communists and the Commu-nist candidates have declared them-

There is only one answer: Vote Communist! Vote for Foster and

# The German Parties and the September Coup

The conflict between the Reich stag on the one hand and the government and the Reichs-Presiden on the other may appear external and executive. The real content of this conflict, however, stands in the greatest possible contradiction to the external appearance. In ceality it is a struggle for power of the forces of the Fascist dictatorship against the power of the existing Junker-monarchistic dictatorship. As far as the Fascists are concerned, parliament is only a mask, only a weapon of struggle.

That the Nazis are not serious in the defense of the rights of parliament is obvious from their conduct before, during and after that twelfth of September. The tactics adopted by them, while directly contrary to their self-imputed aims were in fact in full harmony with their real objectives. Their de-fense of parliament may be mere pretense, pure demagogy; but their struggle for political power is a real struggle.

To the National-Socialists, th question, stripped to its bare escentials, stood as follows: Could sentials, stood as follows: Could they smash the Reichswehr? If stallment of the article by Comrade they could not smash it, then it Edwards on the New York paint they could not smash it, then it Edwards on the New York paint into submission to the treacherous on the basis of the existing agree. It is the working class is able to put up to the treacherous on the basis of the execution of the emergency latter course required not only

of any real enlightenment but of

keley were present they pledged of the G.E.B.'s full moral and financial support for the strike; the planned counter-revolutionary despition of the masses. The post-better that of the strike of the masses. The post-better than the post-better than the promised that on all jobs of New York the painters would be taken the read in the profits of the masses. The post-better than the profits of the masses. The post-better than the profits of the strike the profits of the strike than the profits of the strike the profits of the strike than the union circles that for carrying the three of the strike than the support of the strike than the support of the strike the support of the strike the support of the strike than the profits of the strike the support of the s

Paper-Schleicher regime on Sept. 12 and to present the Nazis as "violators of the constitution" and as "trouble-makers." The right and the left wings of the big bourgeoisie demand "peace and quiet" above all things in the interests. above all things, in the interests tan-Bronx), the employers asso- fusion among the workers, the Mcof business, and, for the moment, "peace and quiet" are represented to large sections of them by the existing power. At the same time, however, the Papen-Schleicher of strikers and paid advertise-

# Berlin, Germany September 24, 1932. The Nazis and the Papen-Schleicher Regime democracy as its aim.

by Leo (Berlin)

by Leo the concessions to the big agrarians are bad for business. The confidence of the big bourgeoisie in
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The Social-democracy embodies opposition. The first is the young-first is not yet looking for trade union burocracy, "November-socialists", who have been acting ginning to appreciate that the Weimar republic is over, is lost, been kicked out of their govern-but it has not yet understood that but it has not yet understood that and of the people against the reactionary "right wingers."

In the given situation, the Reichstag elections have, for the working class, largely the significance of providing a means of extra-paramentary mobilization of the masses. No one who is able to see and to think is today ready to believe that some other composition of the parliament will make any change in the real relations of

by H. Edwards

Sold Out Before It Even Began!

THE N. Y. PAINTERS STRIKE AND ITS BETRAYERS

was necessary to win it. And the latter course required not only special tactics in connection with the Reichswehr but, above all, broad and basic work of preparation of a general political character. This is what they are trying to do now and under especially favorable conditions. They have broken their ties with the Papers Scleicher government and today appear as the champions against "reaction"; they are even emphasize "reaction"; they are even emphasize their ties with the Papers Scleicher government and today appear as the champions against "reaction"; they are even emphasize their ties with the Papers Scleicher government and today appear as the champions against "reaction"; they are even emphasize their ties with the Spring and Soundations of 1917. The Bolshevits did not then issue the slogan of the minimanded that the strike committed in the thermosty regime. Only when this was accomplished could they approach the question of the minimand that the strike accomplance of the minimand of the treacherous role, Kelley were ready to the minimand that the strike and the three strikes and the accomplance of the secutions of the emergency from the court and the miniman to the strike of the District Council resented any wage-scale into effect. The strike in 1927, the proposed and the utilization of the membership of New York and Brooklyn as a paper and the total and the leader of the miniman to the strike committee at which meant for the membership of the execution of the ements membership in the still membership of the wind the proposed in the trial stand the principle of the strike control that the soliding Trades Council and the Building Trades of the format time and the proposed the opinion that if the scale strike the scale dent Lindelof and Vice-President Kelley were present they pledged the G.E.B.'s full moral and finanthe union circles that for carrying the union circles that the union circles

of the party, while Bruening and the Christian trade unions are taking a back seat

The "democratic" press (it is no longer possible to speak of democratic parties) is tumbling head over heels in the most indecent haste to affirm the full constitutionality of the conduct of the Paper-Schleicher regime on Sept.

The business agent of the most indecated and of the Brooklyn local supplied all men on the job of R. Ginsberg, a New York employer, a member of the "Socialist" Forward Association and of the Workmen's Circle. After the Workmen's Circle. After the Lique among the "Jews" actually the requests of the strike complete.

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# The Communists and the Unemployed Council

are closely in touch with the countryside and from there penetrate into the real rustic communities. In many European countries, no tably Finland, we see the disast-rous results of "Red" cities and re-actionary countrysides. And that should be avoided in U. S. A., even if agriculture plays a less major part in the economic life of the country. For that kind of work for the establishment of Communist groups in small towns, where the majority of the population has recently come from the farms, where there are no radical traditions, but strong religious senti-ments, and firm belief in "old glory" and the "land of the free",

wrong. Many members will no doubt prefer to drop out, rather than give up the golden dreams of the result. Op until recently there not leave a working class gathering was an entire absence of united ing in so unthinkable a manner, thus leaving the conference in the hands of inflationists, single-taxrevolution right round the corner.

the discussions and gave expressions to the sentiment of the workers. But while the Opposition made a realistic analysis of the problems they were up against, the party members took the well light of "defeating the govern the problems they were up against, the party members took the well light of "defeating the govern that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a respective toward the problematical benefits that might accrue as a res known attitude that they had been taught by their leaders. "We are members of the party, therefore we are the leaders, therefore we are right on all curstians are right on a right of are right on all questions, and that pointed out." On concrete issues, this attitude reflected itself most sharply on the question of collections of collections and the presentation of the next steps ing of resolutions and the presentation of same to the provincial support for the resolution resulted government. This is the parliation of food for the unemployed. in clashes. The Reverend A. E. With groceries throwing away carSmith, leading the Canadian Latter been nurtured during the past ists will endeavor to root them-With groceries throwing away carloads that couldn't be sold every week and with farmers close to town, glad to get rid of what they couldn't sell, the Opposition saw an immediate demonstration. The the week and with farmers close to town, glad to get rid of what they couldn't sell, the Opposition saw an immediate demonstration. 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It writer moved that a council be so far been expressed in ballot cause this allows it to evade the also could see this way as a good elected, composed of one represen-way of rallying the masses and, once this was done, more radical ed with the task of arousing the steps could be taken. The course workers by means of mass meetof events has completely borne this one out. The party members, on the other hand, insisted on evictions as the starting point. Some victim should be found, his furniture angle of the united front tactics thing to recommend it to the re-subsidiaries. A bubbling-up, as should be set back in, and then, was the rhetorical battle waged be-practise, the workers were somewhat sceptical of it, and preferred the program of the Opposition.

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the activities of the Communist wayne, a picture is shown that is interesting but to which little attention has been paid in the Communist press. It may be true that the main task of Communists today is to gain a foothold in the large is of the party on that point it is also important to build a network of organizations all over the country. It is important to establish our movement in small centers that are closely in touch with the country. The same plenum mentions the "mechanical approach" and the motion was announced that a detachment would go thru Fort Wayne, hold a where they cooperated. When a decisions in order to know the polities of the party on that point. It is important to establish our movement in small centers that are closely in touch with the country.

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Informed them as to when the march would take place, it happarty didn't fare any better. It pened that the day arrived, and was on a motion from an Opposi-

A Letter From Toronto, Canada

## ABOUT THE UNITED FRONT IN TORONTO

by William Moriarty

ments, and firm belief in "old glory" and the "land of the free", for work, the first part of the party in action. We shall see what the sectarian course of the three last years has done, what results the "enlightenment campaign" has accomplished. We shall see how difficult it will be to get away from the inheritance of these three years of ultra-leftism, may the party leaders ever so much call for "new turns", may they veen repudiate the whole course and admit that the were worden. Many members will no leave the hand for our set and and that they were worden. We work many members will no leave the hand for our set and and that they were worden. We work in the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" the conference, followed by about 25 others. The "Worker" their dignity to do day-to-day coportionity. These are some of poportunity. These are some of proportunity. These is credit, equal economic and social opportunity. The planks. Inflation has its supporters and the Dougles scheme is coosted.

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the working men's associations is-sued a general call to all work-confusionists, but had I been in Sectarianism Defeated

When the unemployed movement started, there were representatives of the Communist Party as well as of the Communist Opposition in it. The two were of about equal strength but both very weak, a tiny minority even among the few workers that started the movement. Both operated fairly independent of their respective head quarters, with no outside help in the form of speakers or otherwise. But both managed to get their voices heard, having a more systematic approach to the problems involved than the other workers. In fact, in the early days it was the Communists who dominated the discussions and gave expressions to the sentiment of the work. But while the Compositions to the sentiment of the work. The sense of the community of the sentiment of the work as the Communists who dominated the discussions and gave expressions to the sentiment of the work.

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Toronto, Canada. went against the Y.C.L. and Smith omy, socialization of banking and With less than 700,000 population, Toronto has about 60,000 regalout 25 others. The "Worker" opportunity. These are some of

the middle class. They shield them party and in its work. selves behind the beliefs that because the CCF is a federation that this satisfies desires for the abstract ideal of "unity". "Now we can all get together." "There is no excuse for staying outside." things it has succeeded in making But isn't there?

was derided as "organized begary" by the party members. But when they were pinned down on the issue, when, for instance, it was leave the conference. The decision of the rederation program is an airlance one that is yet to be built turne one that is yet to be built turne one that is yet to be built to be got which will be based upon revolutionary concepts as to the role of not be any rude struggles for powing the issue, when, for instance, it was leave the conference. The decision of the class war.

Any attempt at unification of the is written, the council is taking a working class forces cannot succeed if it be proposed to submerge before. It has just presented a the fundamental principles of its constituent members. The united front can only succeed if it is and water, a moratorium on in based upon such minimum demands as non-contributory insur- clothing and shoes for all persons ance (or other immediate demands of the working class) which are concrete enough to stimulate the masses and unite them upon a class basis in opposition to the ruling class. Freedom of criticism must be preserved. An important to the working class of the communist Party (Opposition). And the majority of the workers know this. The Opposition of the opposition of the communist party (Opposition) and the majority of the workers know this the opposition of the communist party (Opposition) and the majority of the workers know this the opposition of the communist party (Opposition) and the community (Opposition) and (Op must be preserved. An important point, particularly when considered in the light of the personnel

Because of past propaganda for the united front, the masses are likely to be deceived into supporting the C.C.F. Should no other ederative organizations exist, the present unrest may be exploited The workers are willing to lister solely by, and in the interests of the Federation. The "Worker" in their friends and because without non-contributory insurance, immediate cash-relief, an end to evic
mand now, have demanded "action".

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the rederation. The worker in the rederation. In the rederation its attacks upon the C.C.F. persistently describes it as a third with persistent efforts and patient.

With persistent efforts and patient. party, the tasks of exposing its ob- work, the Communist Party (Opjectivity pro-capitalist character would be comparatively easy. But will be able to root itself among The founding of the above Federation (in August) marks the culpicked and rigid. A gathering of minating point in the line of development outlined in the paragraph sands that are pouring into the above. The Federation has everyformers. It is well-born, being fa thered by Woodsworth, Heaps, Agness MacPhail, Irvine and members ing up, step by step. These tac-

When a searchlight is thrown on the activities of the Communists in the jobless movement in Fort Wayne, a picture is shown that is fourteenth plenum of their own by the contract of the marchers appeared. Later on the little was were ready but no fourteenth plenum of their own by Harry H. Conner was to their membership, as to their membership. for unemployed insurance with full wages, and whatever goes with it. Further, the council would have to stage "militant demonstra-tions", and fight against evictions in a "revolutionary way." As to membership or success in getting his demands granted, Comrade Benjamin didn't commit himself. All this happened in the early

days of the movement. Later on, as it grew, and assumed a mass character, the party men faded into insignificance. They were on a couple of occasions nominated for some minor offices but they refused to accept From the very begin-ning, they regarded it as below

#### Forging Ahead

series of demands, such as morastallment payments on homes, free tasks of old-timers in our move-ment, and therefore give up and drop out after a couple of weeks. Neither has it tried by boisterous bravado to get into the headlines. But it has succeeded in really es-tablishing a fertile field for itself and the ideas of Communism. the workers in Fort Wayne.

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### Unemployed Work In Hartford

place here a meeting of about sev- fit." enty-five jobless workers who are radical in any way, members of the Communist Opposition or the Socialist party. The official Communist party was out of the picture altogether. The hall was obtained free of charge. Albert Epstein was chairman. A number of for a big Mooney petition drive. workers spoke, expressing the whole latent militancy but also lack of clarity of the average American worker. The meeting expressed its determination to establish a real non-partisan, nonpolitical organization of the unem-

A committee of fifteen was elected and a number of sub-committees chosen from it. A campaign has already been initiated against frauds practised in the city commissary and against the rotten food distributed.

The good response at the meeting is even more striking in view of the great difficultes experienced in advertising it and obtaining publicity.

The Communist Opposition very active in the movement.

A few days later, the new organization, called the Association of the Unemployed, called a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building. Over 200 workers responded. The program of the organization was explained. A report was given about the conference with the Mayor. Some alderman came down with a group of twenty-five in an effort to capture the organization but the efforts failed. A spokesman for the Communist Party was also on the scene to attack the As-

Another meeting of the Associa tion of the Unemployed was held in the Labor Lyceum. Among those present were about twenty-five Negroes, all of whom joined the

Downton Unit on Thursday, Nov. masses hitherto not involved

lent talk on the Trotskyism before the Workers Study Group.

won for the "Workers Age"

Comrade Cox is active in the carpenters local in Los Angeles. In the International Ladies Garment Workers Union local, Comrade Berg has been most active in a campaign to build up the organigrown from a handful to about

### Lovestone Speaks In Paterson

Paterson, N. J.

Hartford, Conn. employed Council of Fort Wayne,
On September 28 there took Ind., denouncing it as a "Red outthe most militant fighters in the There is great interest in the last textile strike, workers supreceiving aid from the city in the Labor party question in the ranks porting various political groups form of work relief or home relief. of the local unions, particularly ings: Socialist party, Socialist Laform of work relief or home relief. of the local unions, particularly lings: Socialist party, Socialist Labor party, sympathizers of the ofings: Socialist party, Socialist Labor party, sympathizers of the official Communist Party, members Nikolai Uglanoff and twenty-one

The Communist Party (Opposition, Anthracite section, is working energetically in preparation The Communist Party (Opposition), Philadelphia will hold a celecist dictatorship would have on the conditions and standard of living bration and mass meeting of the of the American workers.

15th Anniversary of the Russian Twenty-two copies of the paper were sold to the workers present. A promise of future lectures to be A promise of future lectures to be arranged for members of the Communist Opposition was made. Ten dollars were contributed to the dollars were contributed to the work of the group.

The Relief Committee for the Support of the Political Prisoners in Bialystok, Poland, is arranging oi against the Soviet Union and will be a musical program, promihow the working class should carnent speakers and dancing. The ry on the struggle against this admission is 25 cents and all interested in helping the political prisoners in Poland are invited.

sion from the floor followed the lecture. The Boro Park workers are enthusiastic over the success of this first lecture of the season. the depression is his re-election. and are planning a series of lectures on Friday nights, beginning pression a while longer!

# In the Comintern

Over 100 workers gathered in

Dispatches from Moscow, dated must condemn this expulsion of October 11, announce the action twenty-four Communists as a f the Presidium of the Central crime against the C.P.S.U., against Control Commission of the Com-

of the Lithuanian Communist Op- others as "traitors to the party sion took place. All workers pres- counter-revolutionary organization ent displayed great interest in the to reestablish capitalism in the U. conditions and future of the Ger-S. S. R." Specifically they are U.S.S.R. is a serious obstacle to

> as many of the twenty-four were prove the correctness of the posi-formerly associated with Trotsky tion adopted by the second national in the "Opposition Block" of 1926-1927; Uglanoff and others were position which, while approving Opposition", the Syrtzoff-Lominadze group of a year or so ago.

We do not know the program of the Zinovieff-Kameneff-Uglanoff Working Class" and discussed the origin and nature of religion, the crusade of Pope, minister and Rabiter, 230 East Broadway. There is against the Soviet Union and limit to reestablish capitalism in the U. S. S. R." as nothing but shameless slander which the Stalin faction thinks can be made to take place of facts. The meager information at hand makes impossible any de-finite estimation of the program of this group at the present time. President Hoover now admits But, whatever the economic proposals of the posals of the Zinovieff-Uglanoff ties. The Social-democracy won that the only thing needed to stop group may be, there is not the 14 new seats. Their vote increased least excuse in the world for their from 873,000 (1928) to 1,049,000 Guess we'll have to put up with de- expulsion! Every honest Commu- (1932).

New E pulsions In the C. P. S. U.

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#### RIKSDAG ELECTIONS IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, Sweden The election of the 230 represen tatives of the lower house of the Swedish congress brought a deci

In 1928 the Communist Party of

Sweden received altogether 151,-000 votes and 8 mandates. And then, in October 1929, the party was split by the leaders of the Communist International. In the recent elections the Comintern party received about 73.000 votes and seats while the Communist Party of Sweden (Opposition) received 132,000 votes and 6 mandates. In all districts where the majority of the members followed the Opposition party in the split, our party increased its vote tremendously In the few districts where the majority of the members went with the Comintern party, this group suffered a severe defeat and received far less votes than in 1928. There were two exceptions to this rule, namely, in the province of Norrbotten and in the city of Gothenberg. In these two election districts the Comintern party increased its vote. But in the provinces of Kalmar, Kronoberg, Joenkoeping, Halland and Oestergoethland -where the majority of the members went with the Comintern section in 1929—there was a sharp decline, whereas the Opposition party strengthened its position.

In Stockholm and in the most important industrial districts the province the relation was 346 to 11,125; in Upsala province, 69 to 6,174; in Soermland, 164 to 4,417; in Kopparberg province, 1,008 to 13.007; in Orebro province, 689 to 6,993. All of these districts are highly industrial sections.
Only in Norrbotten, in the city

of Gothenberg and in the province of Westporrland did the Comintern party succeed in getting a trifle more than we did. In a number of other districts too we did not make out as well as we might.

During the election campaign 120 local organizations were established. The party today has 385 locals. In the same period about 1,500 members were recruited Our youth league also succeeded in strengthening itself in the election campaign so that it now has 200 locals with 8,000 members.

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# With the Working Youth

# Help the Striking Illinois Miners! THE GREAT PLAINS, by Walter Prescott Webb. Ginn and Company, New York, 1932. In spite of some only too obvious shortcomings, this book is certain

In an attempt to aid the hard-pressed Illinois miners, who have been on strike for weeks against day and a city-wide affair were laid. Arrangements for a tag shortcomings, this book is certain to leave an indelible impression the greatest odds, against the com- initiated. bined forces of the operators, the government and the Lewis burocracy, the three youth organiza-tions signing the call printed below decided to call a conference to get together all young workers and tudents organizations in New York City. The conference was called on the broadest possible

tions from the Socialist party, was forced to withdraw from the conference. Every young Socialist should protest against this action and demand the right of his organization to participate in a broad, united front tag movement to help the miners. It is likewise noteworthy that the official Young Communist League refused even to send an observer to the conference. How can the members of the Y. C. L. tolerate a pol-

common activity to help labor strugales? Despite the position of the Y.P. New York City. S.L. and the Y.C.L., the conference held on Friday, October 14, decided to go ahead. A provisional committee of the Youth Conference for Support to the Illinois Miners was set up and plans for another and larger conference on

October 10, 1932. To All Organizations of Young Workers and Students

Dear Comrades:

This communication comes to you from three organizations of New York young workers and basis. Neither endorsement of the students, and from four duly acnew Illinois miners union nor concredited delegates of the Progresdemnation of the old was asked. sive Miners of America. The Proganized only on the basis of help- thirty thousand miners and their

bers of the Y. C. L. tolerate a policy which shuts them off from a success by drawing into it the every attempt to unite youth organizations on a common base for ganizations and collectors....

Progressive Miners Union.

(Opposition) Youth Section Conference for Progressive Labor Action

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Education in the Soviet Union

MOSCOW-Tremendous advances have been made by the Soviet Union bodies in the struggle against illiterarcy and in the spread of education among the masses. Here are some of the figures of the report:

Thirty out of every 100 persons

are receiving "higher education" today, whereas only ten out of every 100 had as much as two years of primary education in Czarist Russia.

Eighty millions of the population are drawn into all sorts of cultural work, three times the num-

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#### WHAT WE STAND FOR

## On the Question of Trade Unions

by Bertram D. Wolfe

#### WHAT IS A TRADE UNION?

We continue below the series of articles by Bertram D. Wolfe, "What the Communist Opposition Stands

The differences between the official Communist Party and the \*Communist Opposition are manifested most sharply in the field of trade union work. These differences show themselves even in the answers to the most elementary questions concerning the unions.

1. What are the trade unions? The unions are the most elementary, the broadest mass organizations of the working class. They are "the primary school for Socialism" (Marx). They should include all workers regardless of creed, color, sex, age, occupation or political belief. The acid-test of the soundness of a union organization is its functioning in a strike struggle. When a strike begins, we do not ask a worker: "Are von Catholic Jew or Protestant? Are von Republican, Democrat or Socialist? Are you Fascist or Ku Klux Klanner? If so you can't go out on strike with

On the contrary, we say to rascist or Ku Kluxer or Tammany voter: "You work in the same shop. You have the same interests. You suffer the same conditions, wage-cuts, long hours. You have the same enemy, the same boss. Therefore you must come out with us!" Obviously, then, a union is not a political party. It must not exclude, but include. It must not have a program appropriate to an advanced political party if its aim is to include politically backward workers. It cannot demand that all workers favor proletarian dictatorship, or Communist candidates, or turning imperialist war into civil war, or even defense of the Soviet Union, before they can join. In short a union of Communists and their close sympathizers is no union at all. It must seek to include all who toil, all who recognize the elementary fact that in questions of hours, wages and working conditions, there is a conflict of interest between bosses and workers. And it

must so defend the interests of these workers, as gradually to develop their sense of solidarity and class consciousness to the understanding of the wider class aims of the proletariat.

2. Are the Communists interested in wages and

rours and other "petty" questions? To this question we reply with an answer of Marx and Engels that will never be "out-of-date." "The Communists," says the Communist Mani-

festo, "have no interests separate and apart from those of the proletariat as a whole . . . . "The Communists fight for the attainment of

the immediate aims, for the enforcement of the momentary interests of the working class; but in the movement of the present, they also represent and take care of the future of that movement."

3. How should Communists act in unions they "control"? Given the relations of forces and stage of workng class development prevailing today in America, Communists are not likely to be at the head of many genuine unions. Only exceptionally, where the industry is in such a state as to have a specially radicalizing effect, or a majority of the workers are recruited from some foreign nationality having an advanced Socialist tradition, or the Communists have taken the initiative in organizing some hitherto unorganized field. are the Communists likely to be found at the head of genuine, widely inclusive unions.

Even in such cases, the Communist Opposition insists that the Communists must so conduct themselves as not to narrow the union down to Communists and their closest sympathizers, and must seek to link their union in question up with the rest of the labor movement rather than to isolate it from the other unions.

The Communists must propose an elementary program of class struggle, not an advanced program fit only for adherents of the party.

They must lead the union in the sense of inspiring, convincing and guiding, not in the sense of controlling, bossing and running it. They must practise what they preach in other unions-no burocratic control, union lemocracy, maximum initiative and activity of the rank and file, no orders or officers imposed upon the membership from above by a secret caucus or a mysterious order from "headquarters", but patient proposal, explanation, and conviction, the willingness to accept defeat and abide by decisions, without expelling or splitting unions, knowing that future developments and proper explanation will in the long run convince.

SOME SECOND-HAND COMMUNIST PARTIES The conduct of the official party in the few paper

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"mass" organizations it controls, is a perfect model of how not to guide and lead a trade union.

In the International Labor Defense, the International Workers Order, and foreign-language fraternal and benefit societies, all supposed to be "united front mass organizations" accepting every one who stands on the elementary ground of the class struggle, the party has expelled those who did not accept its full program, just as if these organizations were so many Communist parties (and parties with an unhealthy, undemocratic inner regime at that!). The International Labor Defense, supposed to include and defend workers of all political tendencies suffering persecution for labor activities, has expelled "Trotskyites" and "Lovestoneites" and has even expelled those who, knowing no "isms", have criticized some act of an official. They have refused to defend Opposition Communists arrested on the picket line!

All these organizations have their officers handed down to them by decision of the Communist fraction or the Central Committee, their funds voted by handpicked officials for party purposes without troubling to get the consent of the membership, decisions made for them before they meet and no discussion or criticism permitted, the persistent discussers and critics being branded as "Lovestoneites", tho they never heard of Lovestone, and then being expelled. Hence it is not hard to understand why the foreign-language organizations (Finnish, Lithuanian, Ukrainian, etc.) have split and all Communist-bossed organizations have dwindled into mere diluted replicas of the party. Membership in them is a kind of substitute or second-hand membership in a substitute or second-hand Communist party with few duties and no rights.

#### FATE OF THE DUAL UNIONS

In the Communist-controlled "unions" (shoeworkers, National Miners Union, Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, Food Workers Industrial Union, etc), the situation is even worse. They exist only on paper. They include only Communists (not all eligible party members even are in them!) and a few close sympathizers who regard membership as a second-hand party membership. Everything is decided by orders from above and the chief functions of these unions are to try to split mass unions, to call rival strikes when A. F. of L. unions call strikes, to offer sometimes "cheaper terms" of settlement to get boss recognition (Paterson, New York dress strike .etc.), to divide the unity of the workers, and to pull every awakening worker out of the existing unions as soon as he becomes friendly. Next Issue: WORK IN REACTIONARY UNIONS

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On the Resolution of the Recent Party Plenum

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#### FOR A UNITED LABOR TICKET!

THE appeal for a united labor ticket in the coming municipal elections in New York City, which we carried in our September 24 issue, has greatly gained in timeliness and urgency in view of what has happened in the last few weeks. With the peculiar way it has of disappointing the Polyanna "reformers", Tammany has staged a sensational come-back, has rallied its forces and brazenly nominated a nonentity by the name of O'Brien. The only qualification of this personage seems to be that he is willing to serve as "stop-gap mayor", that he is anxious to take orders from the Hall, that he is enthusiastic to keep to the course of his predecessor, Jimmy Walker, whose administration. O'Brien told us in his acceptance speech, has been "one of the most splendid and constructive in the city's history!" He assumes with ecstasy the job of defending the system and regime of which Big Boss Curry, ex-Mayor Walker and ex-Sheriff Farley are the fine flowers and the "little tin box", the "thirty-three McQuades' and the "beneficent friends" are the chosen symbols.

The Republican machine, that fawning poor relation of Tammany Hall, has gone thru the motions and put up an even greater nonentity, some obscure local politician by the name of Pounds. His main qualification seems to be that he "thinks" Jimmy Walker is a "swell fellow but no student!" The middle class "reformers" haven't even been able to scare up enough backbone to make a peep Hofstadter is licking the boots of Tammany and liking it, while McKee is cursing under his breath but bowing obediently.

It is clear: Only the workers can put up an effective challenge to the whole rotten system of which all civic corruption is the inevitable outgrowth. Only the workers can challenge those intimate relations between big business and city politics, from which flow all rackets, big and small, from the ex-Mayor with his unexplained millions down to the vice-squad cops framing girls for a few dollars. Unless the giant racket, capitalism, is hit, the other rackets in the city government and out, cannot be touched!

But if labor is to live up to its opportunity and to its mission it must put an end to the suicidal condition in its own ranks. It must sternly check those so-called "labor leaders", such as the heads of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council, whose chief stock in trade it is to sell the "labor vote" at so much per head to Tammany Hall. It must unite all its forces and all its organizations in support of a UNITED LABOR TICKET standing foursquare for the interests of labor and determined and able to make a clean sweep of the whole dirty mess. Only labor can measure up to the job, for basically only labor has no finger in the pie of capitalism, only labor is not tied to it in a fundamental sense.

A UNITED LABOR TICKET, supported by the Communist and Socialist Parties and by as many trade unions and workers organizations as possible, a UNITED LABOR TICKET based upon a realistic program of immediate demands, a UNITED LABOR TICK-ET which will put fight and enthusiasm in the workers of this citythis is the demand of the hour.

The Communist Party should take the initiative in a step of such moment to labor. The opportunity presented in the municipal elections this year is great indeed! Will the Communist forces prove equal to it?

#### PUT OVER THE "AGE" DRIVE!

HEN this issue of the "Workers Age" appears, the Big Sub and Circulation Drive will be well on its way and within six weeks of its conclusion. The success of this Drive is, in plain terms, a lifeand-death question for our paper.

Some time ago, the cumulative force of the deep economic crisis and the impoverishment of the workers that it has brought in its train, forced us to convert our weekly into a semi-monthly. We pointed out at that time, that even the semi-monthly could not continue to exist unless all the readers and supporters of the "Age" got on the job immediately to put over the Drive for 1,000 new readers. We pointed out also that, on the other hand, if this Drive were put over successfully it would be a big step towards changing our paper back into a weekly.

And this is a fact: IT IS EITHER DO OR DIE! Times are get ting increasingly difficult for labor papers. The "Volkszeitung", one of the oldest labor papers in this country, has been forced to suspend, thus following "Il Martello" (the anarchist paper) and a number of others. This fate is in store for the "Age" UNLESS every one of its readers and supporters gets on the job BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

A thousand new readers for the "Age", including new subscriptions and increased bundle orders, are surely not too much to ask for! Especially considering that during the period of the Drive, that is, up to December 15, the price of a year's subscription has been reduced to the extremely low figure of ONE DOLLAR.

Readers and supporters of the "Age"! Members and sympathizers of the Communist Opposition! We appeal to you! THE FATE OF OUR PAPER IS IN YOUR HANDS! Put over the Drive and put it over quick. ONE THOUSAND NEW READERS BY DECEMBER 15!

# Unemployed Association In Appeal for Aid

#### Help The Jobless Organize Themselves

communication from the chairman of the New York Association of the Unemployed.—Editor.

New York City.

A few months ago the unemployed of New York City, in a spontaneous movement, banded them selves together into an organiza tion. Recognizing their common needs and that only by organized effort could they hope for some amelioration of their desperate condition, they formed the Association of the Unemployed. The Association is non-political and has for its aims the achievement of adequate relief in the form of unemployment insurance, jobs not charity, and a decent allowance for the needs of the unemployed under the present relief system.

During the short period of its existence, the Asociation has succeeded in mobilizing thousands of unemployed in its ranks, branches in every borough of the The eager response of the unemployed to such organization is clear indication of their gradual realization that real relief lies in their own hands thru organized pressure brought to bear on the administration. However, because of its very character, and its refusal to accept the backing of politically ambitious groups, the As sociation is faced with serious obstacles in achieving the compact and smoothly running machinery necessary for carrying out broad and vital program. At At this stage, there are several specific and immediate needs for which the Association has not funds These are:

1. Headquarters: any loft, unused office, unoccupied store, space of any sort, in Manhattan, would serve the purpose. The members of the Association will gladly give services in the upkeep of such space in exchange for its use. 2. Office equipment: furniture, type-writers, files, mimeograph machines, stationery, and any other furnishings of a similar sort. 3. The occasional temporary loan of idle trucks or similar vehicles for certain phases of the work of the organization. The owners can be as sured that such vehicles will be handled only by skilled mechanics. 4. Of course, money is always in need, and all cash donations, however small, will be gratefully wel-

We feel sure that an organization such as our cannot fail to find many sympathizers among those who are in a position to sup-ply some of the necessities specilian revolution.

We have received the following | fied above and who will in this way help the unemployed to fight for their sights as human beings. Further information about the Association of Unemployed may be obtained at its headquarters at 19 Eighth Avenue.

#### LET HIM MAKE UP HIS MIND!

Candidate Roosevelt, speaking in Columbus on August 20: "Appraisng the situation in the bitter dawn of a cold morning after, we find: Two-thirds of American industry concentrated in a few hundred corporations and actually managed by no more than 5,000 men. Fewer than three dozen private banking houses directing the flow of American capital within the country and to those 'backward and crippled nations' on which the President built so heavily.'

And one month later: "The railroad industry's owners are not, as many suppose, great railway magnates sitting in luxurious offices and clubs. They are the people thruout the country who have a savings account or an insurance . Railroad stocks are held . . . by school teachers, doctors, salesmen, thrifty workmen, Experts in railroad finance know that perhaps 20,000,000 people have a say in these great American en-terprises."—Candidate Roosevelt in Salt Lake City September 17.

Candidate Roosevelt should make up his mind!

He'll soon be known as the "for getting man" in place of the forgotten man.

By the way, now we know what the "D" is for. It's Franklin Demagogue.

#### Who Started It?

Hoover is indignant that Roose velt blames the depression on the Hoover is right. President. who was it that said that the Presi dent could give permanent pros perity? The chicken that was once in every pot has come home to roost and now its the chef that's in the soup .

#### Anatomical Observation

The Republican Party in New York City is only the hind end of the Tammany Tiger. The climax of monstrosities of nature is a tiger with an elephant's tail.

Municipal government stable that Hercules couldn't have cleaned up. Nothing will do the iob but the big broom of proletar-

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BEDSIDE CONSULTATION

(As seen by George M. Cohan and Schnozzle Durante)

Doc Hoover: If you hadn't called me, as I

said. In a week she would be dead ... She'd have been a goner sure

Chorus of Cabinet officers:

She'd have been a goner sure, But Herbert he has got the cure!

Doc Glass:

Don't believe it-if she's sick, I know a man can turn the trick. Doc Roosevelt, will bring her back . .

Chorus of Cabinet officers: Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!

Doc Roosevelt:

just pat The pay Shunt on

The back! What madam needs is just a snack, Jackass gin will bring her back.

Chorus:

Quack! Quack! Quack!

Doc Roosevelt (assuming ris most cheerful bedside manner): My bill? My friend, why that's O. K. I'll take it out in trade some day.

Doc (Rev.) Thomas:

Her need is prayer, her soul is Prayer and a small Milwaukee

Cheese it, fellow, here comes Bill!

Doc Foster.

Stand back! The lady's soul's not sick, Gin would never turn the trick! Haven't you fellows any brains? What the patient has is labor

Pregnant with a new society . . .

Chorus of Cabinet officers, Docs Hoover, Roosevelt and Thomas all aghast:

What the patient has is labor pains! regnant with a new society. What's gonna happen to you and

What's gonna happen to you and me?

Signs Of Humanity

Jack London tells how Martin Eden, rough sailor lad, discovered that the beautiful thorobred society girl of his dreams was human when he found that after physical exertion she began to sweat. We now communicate to our astonished readers that despite his apparently lacking a heart, Herbert Hoover is also in some degree human for he can bleed. It took 3,000 handshakes to do it. Maybe his hands bled in default of a heart, for the other 2,500 in line whose votes may go astray because the old pumphandle on America's official premier handshaker wouldn't pump any more. We have a strange feeling that the mitt will get a long and much merited rest after March 4 next.

#### The Verbal Overproduction Theory Some friend of his, if he has any

eft, should tip off Hoover to quit making speeches. He spoke on farm relief at Des Moines and wheat took a two-cent drop. He told how he had saved the dollar from going off the gold standard and the dollar dropped heavily in foreign exchange. He boasted that the stock market rise was the beginning of prosperity and the botom dropped out of the market. Now that bourgeois economists have abandoned the sun-spot the-ory of crises, they might begin to work out the correlation between the opening of the President's face and the shutting of factories.

-B. D. W.