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Rid the Unions of Corruption!

SCHLEICHER HAS NEW RESPITE

Reichstag Adjourns For "Truce" To Jan. 3

Berlin, Germany.

A superficial lull in political life was initiated by the recess of the Reichstag on December 9 and the declaration of a "political truce," that is, a compulsory cessation of public political activity, until January 3, 1933.

The adjournment of the Reichstag, without considering the question of confidence in the new cabinet constituted a considerable victory for the government. It was made possible by a previous understanding petween Chancellor Kurt von Schleicher, on the one hand, and the Nazi and Catholic Centrist parties, on the other. No definite agreement could be reached between Hitler and von Schleicher but the relations established were enough to save the new Junkermilitarist cabinet, which would have been overwhelmingly defeated in the Reichstag had matters come to a vote.

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Meanwhile, the predicament of the Nazis grows worse. The pressure from two opposite directions in their ranks is growing greater every moment: from the extreme right elements demanding an understanding and even coalition with von Schleicher and from the proletarian and lower middle class elements protesting against parliamentary trickery or manouvering behind the scenes. Already this has led to a serious break in Hitler's ranks. Both Gregor Strasser, organization head, and Gustave Feder, official economic expert,

(Continued on page 2) WOMEN BADLY HIT

BY CRISIS

Washington, D. C. The ravages of unemployment among working women are shown in the report issued on December 12 by Mary Anderson, chief of the Women's Buro of the Department of Labor. According to this report, joblessness among women is not only widespread but is increasing much faster in many industries than among men. At the same time, wage-cuts have forced the always low wages of women to incredible levels. In January 1931 one-fifth of the women in nineteen of the largest cities were out of work; in the two years subsequently the situation has grown very

much worse. In Connecticut, where a study was made at the request of Governor Cross of 7,800 women making wearing apparel, many were being paid from \$4 to \$6 for a 48 or 50 hour week, with no record kept of the hours of piece-workers.

Wages received by women in New York State who continued to hold their jobs declined 13% and those of men 14.8% between September, 1929 and 1931, and from 1929 to 1932 the decline was 21.5% for women and 22.5% for men.

Lessons of the Commerford Scandal

EVERY honest worker, every decent element in the trade union movement, faces a stinging challenge in the shameful story of graft and corruption uncovered in the course of a Federal income tax suit against Patrick J. Commerford.

Patrick J. Commerford is a "labor leader" of the conservative Green-Woll school. He is vice-president of the New York State Federation of Labor, vice-president of the New York Building Trades Council and "supervisor" of Local 125 of the International Union of Operating and Hoisting Engineers. He is a powerful figure in Tammany Hall, one of Boss Curry's "labor men." He is the very model of capitalist respectability; any thought of the "Reds" in the unions makes him throw up his hands in virtuous horror.

Mr. Commerford receives \$200 a week in his position of "supervisor," which really means dictator, of Local 125, plus "expenses." In addition, as vice-president of the Building Trades Council, he forced local unions applying for membership into the council to pay him a good stiff fee for the privilege. Thus he mulcted Locals 706 and 763 of the International Hod

Carriers Union \$500 a piece in 1929. But neither his "legitimate" wages nor his union graft satisfied Mr. Commerford. THE RECORDS DISCLOSE THAT THIS PILLAR OF CONSERVATIVE UNIONISM WAS ON THE PAYROLL OF AT LEAST TWO BIG HOISTING COMPANIES DURING THE PERIOD OF 1927-1931, HIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CRUSHING STRIKES, PROTECTING SCABS, "PREVENTING LABOR TROUBLES," IN GENERAL. From the United Hoisting Company he got \$75 weekly for keeping non-union men on the job and forestalling strikes. From the Carlson Hoisting Company in Brooklyn he got \$50 a week for the same service. In addition to these weekly wages, paid thru dummies, the Tammany labor leader received lump sums, varying from \$2,500 to \$7,000, from at least four hoisting companies for his assistance in crushing the struggles of the workers. How much deeper the bottomless corruption of this respectable "labor leader" goes, can only be imagined!

Sensational tho it is, this rotten story of the betrayal of labor is unfortunately no exception. It is

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CLASS COLLABORATION AT WORK!



Sub Drive on to Jan. 15th

THE National Committee of the Communist Opposition, after reviewing the results of the Age Sub Drive, has decided to extend the Drive to the middle of January. This was done in order to make possible the utilization of Comrade Lovestone's tour and also to give an opportunity to those units which made a late start to make up for lost time.

Five organizations have either completed their quotas or have gone well over the top. These organizations are: the Anthraite, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Philalelphia and Downtown (New York).

ork). All the remaining organizations have not yet completed even 75% of their quotas. The extension of the Drive period now gives them the chance of intensifying their work and completing the Drive by January 15.

A CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR SUGGESTION

A number of comrades in New York City are utilizing the "Christmas spirit" for good proletarian purposes. These comrades are giving a subscription to the "Age" to a friend or fellow-worker. This is a splendid idea for all comrades who are employed.

Since we last reported, several

more comrades have joined the honor roll of Age Drive Workers. The following comrades have been the backbone of the

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1.	W. Rainey (Chicago)18
	B. D. Wolfe (N. Y.)17
	Jay Lovestone (N. Y.)15
4.	Eva Stone (N. Y.)13
5.	Anna Thompson (N.Y.)12
6.	Gene Sorenson (N.Y.)10
6.	S. Goncharsky (Phila.)10
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8.	Lily Rubenstein (N.Y.) 7
9.	Leon Lerner (Pittsburgh) 6
10.	Maxwell Stewart (N.Y.) 6
11.	Ray Michaels (N.Y.) 6
12.	Albert Bell (N. Y.) 5
13.	Lena Greenberg (N.Y.) 5
14.	Will Herberg (N.Y.) 5
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RECOGNITION OF U.S.S.R. SEEN

Soviet Relations Greatly Improved Recently

Washington, D. C.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today stands nine to five in favor of the diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union, according to a preliminary canvass made here. Seven other committee members questioned declared themselves as yet undecided. With the new organization of the Senate it is predicted that the expeced number in favor of Soviet recognition will greatly increase. The conclusion of diplomatic relations between the two countries is now regarded as a not unlikely eventuality in the near future.

The diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and the capitalist world have been constantly improving in the last few months. The striking defeat of Japan in the Far-Eastern controversy greatly increased the Soviet prestige on a world scale. Then came the Soviet-Polish and Franco-Soviet treaties, both regarded everywhere as great victories for the U. S. S. R. Meanwhile, diplomatic relations with Germany, far from being hampered by these moves, were markedly improved during the Summer. Finally, in the last two weeks, not only have relations been resumed between the Soviet Union and the Nanking government of China, but there has been a pronounced improvement of Anglo-Soviet relations, with the likelihood of the resumption of the recently ended trade pact.

The great gains made by the U. S. S. R. in its foreign relations reflect the consolidation of the Soviet economic and political position within the country.

WARNS OF MENACE TO CITY HEALTH

A warning that appropriations for health and hospital work must not be cut, because the lowered resistance of the people would make any epidemic this year disastrous, was given by Health Commissioner Shirley W. Wynne at the annual meeting of the New York City visiting committee of the State Charities Aid Association recently.

Altho the general death rate and the infant mortality rate are fewer than they ever have been in New York City, Dr. Wynne said, "we would be fooling ourselves if we believed this was caused by anything but two exceptionally mild Winters and the fact that no serious contagious disease had become epidemic. It was wrong, he declared, to spread "fairy tales," some of which he traced to Washington, to the effect that people were really in better health because they did not have money enough to buy all the food they

New York Demonstration Demands Release of Indian Communist Leader And

Of Other Political Prisoners—Brutal Jail Treatment Exposed

With the Working Youth

The Finishers Branch of Local 22

ANTI-HIKING BAN IN

CANADA

the practise must stop.

One of the features of the de-

As a result of the ban many cit-

civic officials that they be fed. the

rying to persuade Bennett to loos-

McKee In The Stock Exchange

"What are you going to say to

those 50,000 or 60,000 heads of fam-

"You can't preach patriotism to

"... once the break in the dike

Toronto, Canada,

by Bella Engels

New York City. On November 10, a meeting of finishers, drapers, examiners and cleaners was called by the organization committee of Local 22. Max so that even if the union girls Bluestein, the manager of the local, should come to the union meetings explained why this meeting had to take up their problems, they been called. The problems of the would have a difficult time since the last considered by the chair- ed in Jewish. man of a shop, and sometimes even by the business agents. The best

Chas. S. Zimmerman acted as whole is to function as a union shop. chairman of this meeting and, after also pointing out the necesticity of such a branch of minority union; such is not the case at all.

The conference by delegates from the Young Circle League, Y.P.S.L., and other organizations.

The collective of the delegates of the some of our members of the executake the floor and discuss their problems. His invitation was readily accepted, for the girls had many grievances to tell of, and in numerous instances, pointed out how erous instances, pointed out how considered in the take the floor and discuss their little they were considered in the er and examiner is a good union The discussion was a member. shops. The discussion was a healthy one and showed very clearly how necessary was a branch for the girls, to which a much larger number should be gotten to attend. The next meeting was to elect a committee of five which was to represent the minority crafts at executive board of Local 22.

On November 22, the second pression up until October 1, was meeting was called of finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which Candrone was called or finishers, the "happy" manner in which candrone was called or finishers. meeting was called of finishers, examiners and cleaners. A very much larger number of girls attended this meeting, show more than a slogan to the workers of the Dominion Rut December 1, was alide not dare openly detend Kaplan and merely ruled the question out of order, Frank Crosswaithe did do this quite vigorously. On an appeal to the chair, as to whether of the Dominion Rut December 1, was alide not dare openly detend Kaplan and merely ruled the question out the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll industry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the fact the views of a few members in our option with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll industry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the fact the views of a few members in our option with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll industry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the fact the views of a few members in our option with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll industry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the fact the views of a few members in our option with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in dustry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the population with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in dustry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the rest they have is to capture the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in dustry did not stop and a strike was declared. In spite of the views of a few members in our option with the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the bosses. But those of us who were out to organize the doll in the boss ing how very much the girls were interested in getting together to discuss and take up ways and means of solving their difficulties.

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The delivery form of the fact the views of a few members in our union was then only a small baby, we succeeded in stopping a majority of the doll workers.

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SCHLEICHER GETS **NEW RESPITE**

(Continued from page 1) have requested leaves of absence because, it is said, of their disagreement with Hitler's "all-or-none"

Ontario had the worst outbreak.

The general political situation as Shots were fired and clubs used well as the situation within Nazı freely. There have been many arranks offer the most favorable conditions for an effective working class counter-offensive against Fascism. But such a move could be initiated only thru a united front of the various tendencies in

the ranks of labor, which is still ilies without food and clothes and unfortunately missing in Germany.

Meanwhile, taking advantage of McKee in the Stock Exchange the the "truce," von Schleicher has other day. launched a bitter offensive against the trade unions and other work-ers organizations. Thru the force principles to them at this hour". "economic decrees" of the (Man does not live by wind alone!) late Papen Cabinet, the new government lowering wage levels, crushing strikes, smashing unions and outlawing all forms of resist-ance.

The Conference For Local 306

The Labor Committee of the So-cialist party held a conference on Wednesday, December 7, at Beesers; not only is there no price of Local 306, Motion Picture Malimit (downward) on dresses but chine Operators Union, against the also no time limit of working hours -hours are all to the good of the minority crafts in the shop were most of the meetings are conduct- other fraternal societies. No unions Therefore, this branch becomes

Despite the fact that those responsible for the conference, Beardsley of the Labor Committee, way to overcome such a difficulty was by organizing the girls in a branch where they could take up their problems and see that something should be done.

more and more necessary if the grand more ne more and more necessary if the the trade and if the shops as a issue of cleaning the racketeers out way for the union would be to afsharpest in his attacks on racket-

> ion to any dual union moves. While Beardsley and Feinstone did not dare openly defend Kaplan only be built thru cooperation with the bosses. But those of us who union and to utilize it for their own mercenary ends. cle League also made a number of proposals for immediate action the carried on the strike. The situation would be the bosses.

against the company union and cabbery, these including mass picket demonstrations, open air meetings, etc. These were not considered by the conference. Finally a committee of fifteen was appointed by the chair (Fein-

n up and to wink the official eye once more so as to get the unemploved moving.
The week of October 17 was featured by three fair-sized riots in small-sized towns. Port Arthur, Nipigon, and Kirkland Lake saw the bulls in action. Kirkland Lake, gold mining town in Northern

starve . . . it is paying an insur-

PUT OVER THE BIG DRIVE!

Age Sub Drive On

New York City

thoven Hall, in support of the fight of Local 306, Motion Picture Ma-Motion Picture Operators Union, Inc. At this conference there were about ninety delegates representing over sixty organizations, ncluding, in addition to the branches of the S.P. and Y.P.S.L., branches of the Workmen's Circle and

But some of the delegates of the Y.P.S.L. and others who attacked

stone) to work in conjunction with he Labor Committee of the S.P. It is significant that the chairman finally adjourned the conference arbitrarily in order to prevent some Y.P.S.L. members from eading a protesting statement.

"We can't afford to let them ance premium on the social policy of our time." (Disgorge a bit of the wealth they made for you lest

To January 15!

OUT WITH CORRUPTION FROM | cannot be done away with without destroying the

raises the following pressing tasks:

1. Out with Commerford from the trade union movement! This filthy grafter must be ousted from the State Federation of Labor, from the Building Trades Council, from his union, from the A.F. of L.

late to save unionism altogether.

This is a simple program. Every sincere trade unionist can understand and endorse it. To put it WHAT LEFT thru, to save unionism from the soreading plague of corruption, it is necessary to build up a broad, strong progressive movement in the unions and to make its voice heard in no uncertain terms!

The World of Labor

Doll Workers Strike and After

By J. Rosen

New York City. Faced with starvation wages ong hours and sweat-shop conditions, coupled with long unemployment, the doll workers started, a number of months ago, a drive to organize a union. They succeeded in enrolling close to 500 members into the Doll and Toy Workers Union, realizing that the way out was a general strike in the entire tive were of the opinion that the other bitter fight. the Kaplan regime at the same time proposed policies which were only way was to work with the Labor Committee of the S.P. and coming strike the union must

> As the strike continued the racketeers woke up and saw something to turn into a racket. In spite of all the threats we received from was nothing for thew and we suceeded in keeping them out. But r" and in the Jewish "Freiheit" Here the bosses saw a chance to cash in and one of them translated an article from the "Freiheit" and

shop. That helped in demoralizing the ranks; nevertheless we succeedthe workers take it all, thinks the ed in gaining some form of victory. Of course, no one today will doubt that a much better agreement could have been gotten if the Labor Committee and Mr. Cannon and Mr. Marx of the A. F. of L. would not have taken advantage of the fact that the leading elements of he union were busy working day and night for the strike. Nevertheless, the writer of this article, as the secretary of the strike com-mittee, openly came out and criticized the agreement and pointed was gotten. But the workers ac cepted this agreement and the strike was settled with an association including eighteen large shops employing about 1600 workers. After the strike, the organize

Mr. Cannon, instead of instituting a policy of spreading militancy and ontinuing to defend the conditions ained, closed his eyes and gave in

to the bosses on too many points, in spite of the fact that the active elements openly condemned his policy at meetings of the executive board and membership meetings. But, after a long fight, we succeeded in getting Mr. Cannon out of our organization and the help of the bosses did not do him any

Some Big Problems Ahead

But our union is now confronted a fight against the racketeers who are still trying hard to take over the union, against whom we must the expiration of the agreement on March 1933, which might mean an-

strangely reminiscent of dual that, thru them, the strike would unionism, one of these even proposing that the conference endorse the Progressive Miners Union. The delegate from the Young Circle League, who was probably the sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on a stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on the stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on the stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks on the stack of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giving financial help, they sharpest in his attacks of giv domination. The first thing they ments. The attitude of some of eering in Local 306, was at the did was to force down our throats our members that these people ame time quite sharply in opposi- an organizer by the name of Can build up and strengthen the non, a man who is a reactionary, union is nothing but a fatal illu-

The delegate of the Young Cir- and the union had a balance of cause a split in our ranks and the

What is to be done? The temporary committee elected at the new t omuscle in on and, if possible, special meeting on Saturday, December 10, must not allow the union to be weakened, as the attitude of them our answer was that there some of the committee seems to indicate. On the contrary, the committee must try to win the conhen the Communist Party started fidence of the membership by acs campaign of demoralization; ar- tivity in building and strengthencles appeared in the "Daily Work- ing the organization. In order to calling the active union workers take place immediately and a perreactionary agents of the bosses manent administration chosen.

This administration will have to get busy and prepare the workers unorganized, to defeat the attempt mailed it to all the workers of his cut prices. This administration will have to prepare for the coming strike so that a new and better agreement can be made, providing for increased wages and better working conditions in the

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Jay Lovestone WHAT COMMUNIST **OPPOSITION** STANDS FOR

FACE SLASH

Bosses Demand Another 20% Slash In Salaries

CHICAGO, Ill .- In spite of a marked retreat on the part of the United States for the release of pendence. Mr. Roy is well known British government. union leaders in agreeing to con-tinue the present reduced wages known Communist leader and and practical efforts in behalf or for a year on condition that the champion of the struggles of cofor a year on condition that the basic rates of pay be restored at the end of that time, the railroad companies have refused to make any concession and are driving hard in the direction of a permanent reduction of basic wage by appeal to the railway labor board. In a statement dated December 19 the conference committee of the the conference committee of the railroad managers sharply rejected the compromise offer of the union leaders and announced its determination to hold out for its ed the release of Comrade Roy, the full demands.

The big concession of the union leaders made so early in the negotiations has practically convinced of Roger Baldwin of the Committhe companies that no fight is to tee on International Political be expected from the railroad men and they are therefore determined League for Industrial Democracy, to ride roughshod over the conditions of the workers and they are therefore determined tions of the workers.

The indefinite extension of the position), presented to Mr. Camp-stacles were placed in their way.

At one point indeed, the judicial existing 10% wage-cut, following bell the following resolution: its expiration date on January 31, "This mass meeting, assembled 1933, was the first demand made in New York City on Saturday, the trial was held secretly in jail. The sive action of the British government is a sign of the character of the trial was held secretly in jail. on December 12 by the spokesmen December 10, protests sharply of the railroad companies to the against the brutal sentence of 1,500 general chairmen and heads twelve years imprisonment issued of the twenty-one standard rail- by the British court in India way unions at the joint conference here. The railroad executives, ers is of great significance to the

ruthless slash in wages. The struggle of the railway work workers unions.

by Lem Harris

We publish below the statement

of Lem Harris issued to the press.

The farmers have gone to Wash-

which they won from the wilder-

ness, at the price of long struggles

shoulders of the masses of consum-

they are now being crushed.

What the Farmers Want

Farmers March Leader Voices Demands

ington to frame their own leaders expound. In the opinion

with blizzards, sand storms and West the farmers already have be-

drought. They have been joined gun to put a relief program into

by the farmers from other sections action. Anton Rosenberg, a farmer of the country in a nation-wide of Madison County, Neb., and vice

movement to make eviction of pen- president of the Nebraska Stat

The agricultural depression, be- tion of their impoverished fellow

ginning almost a decade before the farmers by going in large numbers

general economic depression, has to the bankers or sheriffs and in-

Committees and even his council were prevented from seeing him, of Reconciliation, and I. Zimmerman of the Communist Party (Op- or at the very least, great ob-"This mass meeting

a statement in court altho the law

welcomes the wide-spread popular protest against the trial and conviction of M. N. Roy manifested thruout India and in all social

Prisoners, Harry W. Laidler of the guarantees him this privilege. The

moreover, indicated that, not only whole labor movement. If the atdid they want to make the 10% tack on their wages succeeds it cut permanent, but they were con- will mean the ushering in of a new templating a 20% reduction in wave of wage-cuts on a national basic wage scales under the provisions of the railway labor act. The railroad workers succeed in beatrailroad executives produced a ing back this attack, a great stimlarge number of figures, called ulus will be given to the rest of "mythical" by the union leaders, the workers to fight back against to "justify" their demand for a the bosses offensive. Great responsibility rests upon the railroad

of living shall be exempt from

taxes.

The farmers are not satisfied

with a promise of a voluntary do-mestic allotment plan when the

Democrats come into power, as

some old line professional farm

fective" several years hence.

In many states of the Middle

more than one hour. While picket-

ing was in progress, a delegation appeared before Gerald Campbell,

the Consul-General, and demand-

"Meerut conspiracy" defendants

and all other political prisoners in

India. The delegation, consisting

Christmas-New Year Present! Here is a real Christmas presen

A Real Workers

for a worker to give and to the entire year! Get a sub for your friend of

fellow-worker at the low Drive rates!

proposals for immediate relief of the farmers, a national emerg-from the burdens under which ency exists, and this is a time for which ency exists, and this is a time for Sub rates during drive: emergency action. That means im-Western farmers of pioneer stock mediate relief, not some complicat-\$1.00 a year; \$0.50 for six mo have come here to save the land ed scheme to "make the tariff ef-

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ference of all farmers to formulate a such. Neither can they considerate a farmers program of farm relief.

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For A Moratorium

For A Moratorium

The interval of the face of the seconditions, they know that there are a million of unemployed who lack the very of unemployed who lack

Build Roy Defense Movement In The United States! New York City. against Manabendra Nath Roy for indicate how broad and deep is the The initial steps for the organithe sole 'crime' of defending the resentment of the Indian people to indecate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indecate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indecate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people against the despotic acts of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the resentment of the Indian people is the Indian people to indicate how broad and deep is the Indian people in the Indian people in the Indian people is the Indian people in

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weak physical condition and his retaining salary control, and (2) failing health, his food, clothing the grant to the New York City "This mass meeting also protests sharply against the shameless disregard of all judicial decency and forms of law in the trial of Mr. and conditions of shelter are worse than those of the ordinary criminal Roy. Undisputed evidence at hand shows that the defendant was not convicted of infamous acts. granted the most elementary rights supposed to be guaranteed by law. attempting to break down the body and spirit of this unconquer-He was not even allowed to make

"This mass meeting tabos the representatives of the Roy Defense occasion to add its protest against the arrest and imprisonment of the so-called 'Meerut conspiracy prisoners and of Mahatma Gand hi. In these cases too the repressive action of the British governheartily its rule in India. We demand their immediate release.

able champion of Indian rights.

"This mass meeting demands the immediate release of M. N. Roy Until this can be accomplished, this strata, but especially among the mass meeting demands the cessaworkers and peasants. The far-flung net of Roy Defense Commit-Roy and the extension to him of tees organized by the trade unions all the rights of a political pris- Tammany had sworn never to perand the nationalist organizations, oner of Class A."

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Laidler presented independent statements pledging their support to a move-ment for the release of Roy and endorsing the demands contained n the resolution presented by Com-

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RAIL WORKERS For Freedom of M. N. Roy CITY WORKERS **WAGES CUT**

State Legislature Obeys **Orders Of Bankers**

Albany, New York.

In abject subservience to the allpankers, the special session of the State Legislature passed almost ion to cut the wages of New York City municipal employees, thereby reducing the city budget by at least \$20,000,000 for 1933. tion of teachers wages, the State Board of Estimate of the right to inal cut the wages of city employees
It generally (except teachers). The is clear to the whole world that reductions are on a sliding scale the British authorities in India are above the exempt level of \$2,000 a

> The bankers firmly resisted the so-called "compromise" proposal to specifically limit the pay cuts to two years. As it stands, the wage slashes are called "temporary" but no definite date is set.

> The various organizations of New York municipal employees. policemen, firemen and teachers, sent delegations to the Legislature to fight against wage-cuts but their eadiness to compromise made it easier to put the cuts across.

The bankers wishes were car-ried out obediently by both Republicans and Democrats in spite of the fact that, before elections, mit any cuts in city workers wages. With this initial victory the bankers are proceeding to carry thru their program on all fronts: reduction of New York City expenditures for education, health and other social services, slashes in subway fare, etc.

Negro Education in South

The Truth About The "Land Of Opportunity"

by I. Zimmerman

War, the state reconstruction gov-

books laws to provide public edu-cation alike for both Negro and

white but thus far the only visi-

ble results are on the statute books.

in this country, regardless of race, creed or color. Leaving aside for

niless farmers illegal, and to guar-antee this by a holiday on farm debts. Holiday Association, has been tell-ing us how the farmers of East-ern Nebraska have prevented evic-JNEMPLOYMENT ON

ference of all farmers to formulate as such. Neither can they considis over 12,000,000.

munity pays the rest. Thus we One of the proudest boasts of section of the population being forced to pay for a public school is that there is equality of educational opportunity for every one the second time as a direct levy.

In addition to the physical hanthe moment the queston of how dicaps with which Negro schools adequate these advantages are burdened, there is the tremendgenerally, let us examine the facts and see just how much "equality" teachers. There are some 471 high and normal training schools and see just how much "equality" is enjoyed by the Negro people.

It is true that, after the Civil in the area. These are supposed in the area. These are supposed to train the area. to train the teachers required by ernments placed on their statute the elementary grades. These poverty-stricken, understaffed institutions, far from offering an adequate professional training, in most instances have to be assisted by private agencies in order to exist. How little they are able to cope WORLD SCALE

In the seventeen Southern states which maintain Jim-crow schools, we find that the Negro schools are commonly one-room buildings, frequently in a dilapidated condition, with little or no equipment: indeed, with little or no equipment: indeed, who are sent forth to face a situation. It is such in South Carolina, even buildings who are sent forth to face a situation.

lures in each case will prove con-

The white teacher in the South receives an average salary of \$900 They insist on legislation which will declare a moratorium on farm debts during the emergency. They want a law which will declare eviction to the produce and canon debts during the emergency. They want a law which will declare eviction to the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless and underestimation, the jobless of this ironical situation which led the farmers of Iowa to give milk to the unemployed of Sioux City of the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South. These Rose counties of the South. These Rose counties of the South. These Rose counties of the South. The latter must look after a class of the schools, which are public to the unemployed of Sioux City of the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless and underestimation, the jobless of the South. These Rose counties of the South. These Rose counties of the South. The latter must look after a class of the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South. These Rose counties of the South. The latter must look after a class of the schools, which are public to the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South. These Rose counties of the South. The latter must look after a class of the schools, which are public to the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South. These Rose counties of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and canon underestimation, the jobless of the South and the produce and the produc

ment of debts illegal.

For tax relief they do not want a sales tax which merely shifts the burden from the land to the shoulders of the masses of consum
Muring the farm strike there.

This note already has been struck in the preliminary work of the burden from the land to the shoulders of the masses of consum
With last year.

In Great Britain there are today about 2,900,000 unemployed, over the burden from the land to the shoulders of the masses of consum
With last year.

In Great Britain there are today about 2,900,000 unemployed, over the Negro population of the combination boards, are paid for in pays one-third of the cost of consum
State College for Negroes and the town of Petersburg Volume of Petersb it is stipulated that the college provides one supervisor, four critic teachers and eight practice

ers, which, of course, includes themselves. They ask either that ers, which, of course, includes themselves. They ask either that this moratorium on debts be extended to taxes or that farmers living ed to taxes or that farmers living to and from the town at the rate (Continued on Page 7)

seen the steady fall of farm prices. It likewise has seen the rise of an overpowering farm mortgage debt which Secretary of Agriculture Hyde puts at more than \$9,000,000,000.

This fact was at the bottom of the great farm strike which raged in the Middle West last September.

Out of this strike came the call of the Middle West last September.

Out of this strike came the call of the farmers for a national conformers of the farmers for a national conformers of the steady and mortgage can be paid. Rosen-berg is a member of the committies in which the capitalist system finds itself.

Totally unemployed persons in the United States number about 11,000,000, according to estimates of the A. F. of L. It is cerliforded by the Negro schools of the larger Southern cities are more than which had to be paid for privately. The slightly better facilities afforded by the Negro schools of the larger Southern cities are more than overshadowed by the Norrible of the A. F. of L. It is cerliforded by the Negro schools of the larger Southern cities are more than overshadowed by the horrible is over 12.000,000.

THE TRADE UNIONS (Continued from page 1)

a notorious fact that scores and perhaps hundreds of "labor leaders" in this country are daily selling out the workers, the members of their organization in return for pay from the bosses. In the crudest way they are labor lieutenants of the capitalist class!

How is such a scandalous situation possible? Is it due only to the personal dishonesty and depravity of the labor misleaders? No! It is due at bottom to the very principle on which the A. F. of L. operates—the principle of class collaboration, of so-called worker-boss "partnership." Such "partnership" is no more than a hollow fraud: in practise, it really means that the workers are delivered, helpless and hamstrung, to the merciless exploitation of the capitalists... For the labor leaders, however, the principle of class collaboration is a blank check to "conciliate" labor and capital and to "reconcile" their interests. Is it any wonder that some of the more unscrupulous labor leaders take pay from the bosses for carrying out a policy which the A.F. of L. sanctions No! The conservative, really antilabor, principles of the A.F. of L. leadership breed creatures like Patrick J. Commerford and the latter

3. Class struggle and not class collaboration! | IANUARY 8— The worker-boss "partnership" fraud must be openly repudiated and the unions put squarely on the basis of the class struggle. This is the only way in

For the workers in and out of the trade unions, who have any regard for their own interests and the interests of their class, the Commerford scandal

2. Clean the unions of all corruption and rack-eteering! The Cincinnati convention of the A.F. of L. did not face this problem squarely. Yet it is life-and-death question! Unless this malignant cancer is cut out immediately, it may soon be too

which the unions can really become effective de fenses of the workers against the employers.

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Five-Year Plan and Heavy Industry

The article below is part of the post-conference discussion on the general line and inner-party course of the C.P.S.U. being conducted by the Communist Party of the U.S.A. (Opposition). All comrades and readers of the "Age" are invited to participate. Articles are limited 1,000 words—Editor.

light industries could not take sian masses. There is an opinion place without an accelerated current that the Russian masses growth of the heavy industries."

Upon this question there were no differences between Stalin and differences are discovered by the staling and differences between Stalin and differences are discovered by the staling and differences between the staling and dif differences between Stalin and Rykov, as any comparison of their reports to the congress will indireports to the congress will indicate. The differences on this question were with the Trotsky-ists. The Trotskyist position was demagogically to call for "superindustrialization", on the one hand, and for the elimination of the commodity famine at the same time, on the other. The congress will indicate. The differences on this elementary facts relating to Soviet ceromy. In reply, I need not refer to Freeman's "The Soviet Worker" where he shows that the commodity famine at the same time, on the other. The congress will indicate the most of the most producers goods (5,962,000,000). For instance, in the production of rules as against 4,289,000,000). This preponderance of light industry continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in 1927 it was 146, try continued until the beginning of the five continued until the beginning of the Five-Year Plan. For instance, in the production of the soap against 4,289,000,000). This preponderance of light industry and (5,962,000,000). The production of the statistics in rubles as against 4,289,000,000. The production of the soap against 4,289,000,000 tons; in 1931, 236,000 tons; in 1 regarded this attitude with tempt. "Only ignoramuses can talk like that." These very same advocates of "super-industrialization," the Trotskyists, at one time, pre-

the audience—that is, on paper! While denying the possibility of building up socialism in the U. S. S. R., they proposed to industrialize at an extremely rapid rate, eliminate commodity shortages at once, do away with difficulties, do the imposible and declare it at the same time impossible to do. Today, Trotsky in his "Soviet Economy in Danger" continues this same demagogic course. He complains of the lag in steel and lag in steel and coal in 1932, at the same time, weeps over the commodity famine. Both prob-lems he would solve together. Only Stalin's policies for socialist construction are at fault! To Trotsky mistakable terms, that, the great the effect of the world crisis, the importance is to be attached to war danger, the unfavorable natur- heavy industry, there are great al conditions and bad harvest, for dangers in tying up to much capiwhich Stalin's policies cannot be tal. On the other hand, "a more

skyism in regards to the tempo of capital for heavy industry. light and heavy industry, there- Has the Central Committee o

Lenin On Heavy Industry

That the Soviet Union would have to build up the heavy industries as the basis for any industry whatsoever, and that this must wnatsoever, and that this must take place even tho it entails the greatest sacrifices, was pointed out by Lenin. In one of his last the fifteenth party congress. out by Lenin. In one of his last and most important speeches, the one to the fourth congress of the Communist International, at the end of 1922, he declared:

"At the present time, our heavy international time, our h

"At the present time, our heavy industries are in a very difficult position; but I believe we can already afford to spare something for this purpose, and this we will continue to do even if we have to do it frequently at the expense of the population...

Thus, we are saving on everything, even on schools. This has to be done, because we know that without the saving and the reconstruction of the

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beavy industries we cannot hope to upbuild any industry, and without them we cannot hope to exist as a self-sustaining country. This we know quite well. Heavy industry requires subsidies from the state. Unless we have them we are doomed to perish merely as a civilized country, to say nothing of a socialist country."

by B. Herman

goods amounted to 6,815,000,000 rubles as against 5,236,000,000 rubles of producers goods. With the Five-Year Plan, there came a tremendous leap forward in the Worker in Soviet Russia", he worker in Soviet economy, with major emphasis on heavy industry. In 1931, the Soviet Union was, in 1932, subtated to 6,815,000,000 rubles as against 5,236,000,000 rubles as against

stations! This is an unbelievably distorted conception of the most elementary facts relating to Sov-

The theoretical structure of those comrades who differ on the "Russian question" bases itself on the idea that the C. P. of Soviet Union has made a "deviation from the fifteenth congress in the building of heavy industry in the building of heavy industry in the direction of Trotskyism."

An examination of the fifteenth party congress reports and resc.

The theoretical structure of those country."

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man in any other country."

The Change In Emphasis

What are the actual facts? In 1913 the production of light commodities, the figures as to volume modities was greater than that of bear out the statistics in rubles.

Why The Goods Famine? Wherein, then, arises the commodity shortage? On the basis of a much higher standard of living, on the basis of millions of peasants entering the cities and acquiring a much greater demand for goods, on the basis of increasing standards of the peasants en-tering state farms and collectives. The demand of the masses in the direction of Trotskyism."

An examination of the fifteenth party congress reports and resolutions, show however that the congress laid great emphasis on the building up of heavy industry even the shortage in the shortage in the supply of light commodities, which then existed, should continue. The position of the congress was that a "sufficient development of the congress was that a "sufficient development of the devilish direction of Trotskyism."

Interruptedly, going up. . The average factory operative in the average fact the tine supply of light commodities, which then existed, should continue. The position of the congress was that a "sufficient development of the congress of the congress of production to higher and heavy industry, however, the industrial was two and a third times. In crease of production to higher and heavy industry, however, the industrial times and higher levels, thru the industrial times are over 1927 was over three times and, over prewar, almost cialization of agriculture. In the electro-technical times and third times. In the electro-technical times and a third times. In the eavy industry, however, the industrial times and over prewar, almost cialization of agriculture. In the electro-technical times and third times. In the electro-technical times and third times. In the eavy industry, however, the industrial times and higher levels, thru the industrial times and over prewar almost cialization of the country and the socal sphere of production the in-"met" by cutting down produc-

tee, they "had to throw overboard this nonsense," as Stalin reported at the Congress.

From this it is clear, first, that the C.P.S.U. did not deviate from the line of the fifteenth congress in laying emphasis on the rapid building up of heavy industry during the first Five-Year Plan and, second, that in doing this they are not deviating in the direction of Trotskyism, but are following a line exactly the opposite of the phrase-mongering of that group. The Trotskyists can pull rabbits out of the hat for everybody in the audience—that is, on paper! While denving the pressibility.

"And tho we are still confronted with isolated examples of the use of coercion, they are very few, and I hope that you will take the opportunity at this convention to wipe out the last vestiges of these outrages so that the peasantry should not be able in the future to point to a single instance to the use of coercion in order to back up the old contention that the joining of a commune is connected with coercion."

lectivization, the leadership launched a drive in the end of When speaking of the peasantry 1929 and the beginning of 1930, after which, in some districts, the majority of the peasants left the tariat; (2) the middle peasant with whom the working class must have an alliance; and (3) tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with tractors but in many cases are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the collectives are not provided not only with the notation of the kulak, who is the exploiter of lacking horse power. Result: less the peasantry, who resists the advance of socialism and should be wheat for export. There was a eliminated as a class.

"... The middle peasant is partly an owner and partly a toil-partly and the peasant is partly and the peasant is partly and the peasant is partly and the project in er. He is not exploiting anybody

The main question still is, and any partity would be ruptured. The peasants but the results of the policy will continue to be for many years, are today expressed in the food

short of the program, which will And how should these correct have its effects next year. And then the change of the New Econ-"The transitory measure in the future boils down to this: that we create a basis for the exchange of manufactured products for the products of "The transitory measure in the future boils down to this: that we create a basis for the exchange of manufactured products for the products of "Continued in Next Icono"

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ceding the congress, proposed to increase the imports of light commodities to end the goods shortage, but in the face of the merciless

"In the question of the rate of development... the complete complication of the task must be taken into account. We must not take as a point of departure the maximum rate of accumulation for the next year or years, but such a proportion as will guarantee th greatest speed of development permanently.

tee th greatest speed of development permanently.

"With respect to the relations between the development of heavy and light industry we must again proceed from the optimal combination of both factors. Whilst regarding the attaching of greatest importance to heavy industry as correct, we must at the same time remember the dangers involved in tying down too much state capital in the building of large undertakings, whose production cannot be realized in the market for many years. On the other hand it must be remembered that a more rapid circulation of the products of light industry (mass articles of daily use) permits capital to be expended for building up heavy industry while developing light industry at the same time."

Here the resolution speaks in unmistakable terms, that, tho great

blamed, are of no consequence.
To accuse the C.P.S.U. of Trotwill help more rapidly accumulate

congress? NO!
When the planning commission

presented the control figures of the Five-Year Plan for the year 1928-29 they were just the opposite. This prompted Bukharin to come

growth of capital investment (both of industry and the whole socialized sector). If there are not enough bricks, and if (for technical reasons)

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war. In textiles the increase over

In the production of light com-

prewar is one and a half times.

the fifteenth party congress warned against it. The deviation in the

The Relation to the Peasantry bricks, and if (for technical reasons) we shall not view it as a nomogen-not more than a certain quantity of bricks can be produced during the giv-en season, then no building program must be drawn up which exceeds this we shall not view it as a homogeneliminated as a class.

the establishment of correct relations between the two classes (working class and middle peasantry—L. B.), correct from the point of view of the abolition of ing short. The sown area, according to the last reports, is 20% classes." (Lanin May 1921) classes." (Lenin, May, 1921).

the production of rubber overshoes, in the production of clothing, etc., similar rapid increases can be goods amounted to 6,815,000,000

mand of the masses thru fearful

crises and convulsions.
With the huge growth of heavy industry in the first Five-Year Plan and its further development ing scale that will keep pace harmoniously with the uninterrupted development of the productive

agriculture; that we establish such an order that the peasant shall only then give away his products when he gets in exchange the products of the factory and city and that the peasant shall not find himself subject to the conditions and forms he was in under capitalism." (Lenin).

collectives. This brought in an inthe establishment of correct rela-shortage. But the line was not

Marxism and Philosophy of Spinoza "God-Intoxicated Man" or Atheist?

This year, the three hundredth anniversary of Spinoza's birth (born November 24, 1632) witness-(born November 24, 1632) witnesses the usual hue and cry in the camp of the idealists claiming Spinoza as one of their own. In view of the pervading crisis in all fields of bourgeois thought today, the idealistic clamor is especially deafening. Spinoza, excommunidation. Spinoza, excommunidation of the usual hue and cry in the possibility of disembodied souls: "Your third reason (which is, that just as body exists without soul, so should soul exist without be based upon the idealistic clamor is especially deafening. Spinoza, excommunidation of the scientific and religious attitudes. Both Newton and Boyle, for instance), account for the left-overs of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. Moral and souls: "Extension is an attribute of God, or God is himself and even fusion of the scientific and religious attitudes. Both Newton and Boyle, for instance), account for the left-overs of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. Moral and souls: "Extension is an attribute of God, or God is himself and the possibility of disembodied to the possibility of disembodied souls: "Your third reason (which is, that just as body exists without soul, so should soul exist without the feudal aristocracy (as in England, for instance), account for the left-overs of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. Moral and soul, so should soul exist without the feudal period. The period was rich in attempts at compromise between, and even fusion of the science of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. Moral and soul, so should soul exist without the feudal aristocracy (as in England, for instance), account for the left-overs of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. Moral and soul, so should soul exist without the feudal period. The period was rich in attempts at compromise between the feudal aristocracy (as in England, for instance), account for the left-overs of the theological outlook of a naturalistic system. The period was received an absolution of the scientific in favor of a naturalist deafening. Spinoza, excommunicated and cursed as an atheist by the religionists, mystics and idealists of his day, is solemnly taken to the bosom of their spiritual dental to the bosom of the bosom of their spiritual dental to the bosom of their spiritual dental to the bosom of the bosom of the bosom of their spiritual dental to the bosom of the bosom of

bach's words: "A sound exposition, subject to the limitations of his day, of the materialist conceptions of the modern age." Further Feuerbach calls Spinoza "the Moses of the modern free-thinkers and materialists."

Plekhanov is of the opinion that "Feuerbach's humanism is seen to be nothing else than Spinozaism which has shed its theological lumber. The Spinozaism, freed from bach, was the philosophy which Marx and Engels adopted when for the purpose, it was said, of organizing a real left wing in that organizing a real left wing in that

Tho, in my opinion, Plekhanov organization. Prior to this conferhere overstresses and simplifies ence there were held, according to similarities to the exclusion of certhere were held, according to the reports in the "Freiheit," a tain important differences, never- number of preparatory general and theless the great kernel of truth contained in his judgment is industrial dubitable. The founders of Marxism phia. One of these was a prethemselves were quite conscious of conference meeting with representheir theoretical kinship to Spinoza on certain fundamental tenets
of the materialist philosophy. Engels, on a number of occasions, notwas termed by the "Freiheit," electwas termed by the "Freiheit," electthe that the tolkult of the charman
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by the policy of the "leading lights"
of the conference in keeping out of
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was termed by the "Freiheit," electthe resolutions committee every ed his agreement with Spinoza on ed a committee of fifteen to make outstanding active figure in the certain important points. Marx in the necessary preparations for the left wing movement of the W.C. November 27 conference.

November 27 conference. Hegelian history of philosophy represents French materialism as the realization of the Spinozan substance." This judgment of Hegel's (concurred in by Marx) is a revealing statement of the relationship of Spinozaism to materialism in general and thereby to Marx-ism. It is undoubted that thru the French materialists, thru Feu-

own work gives ample proof. The first point that Spinoza has in common with the general materialistic position is the recognition of the How The Conference Was Run existence of an objective universe That its sponsors were determ-—nature—as independent of the thought processes of man, who ined to get control of this very himself is an integral part of na-small conference, could be seen ture. The mind gives us a knowl- from the proposal made by Deleedge of the real and not of mere gate Field, chairman of the comappearances. Spinoza does not suffer from the fallacy of the "cri- W.C. present in the hall could partical" school which draws a distinc- ticipate in the discussion and vote tion between what substance is for the election of chairman and "in reality" and what it is "to the credentials committee! This promind." All things are necessarily posal naturally evoked a sharp protest from a number of delegates TY, by Ben Gitlowreally representing branches. They determined in nature, which is absolutely infinite and of a uniform wanted to know whether this was "Nature therefore always a conference or a mass meeting. observes laws and rules which in They pointed out that the ruling of the chairman simply gave away volve eternal necessity and truth. altho they may not all be known the nature of this gathering, that to us, and therefore, she keeps a it contradicted the official fixed and immutable order." which had requested that the del-

Against The Supernatural For Spinoza there is nothing out- cussion, the chairman finally acside nature, so there can't be any-thing super-natural He ridiculed of those present" that only dele-

For A Left Wing In The Workmen's Circle

A STILL-BORN CONFERENCE AND ITS MEANING

by B. Lifshitz

That the conference was being run in a deliberately mechanical

manner could be seen not only

from the conduct of the chairman

conference, that only seventeen ence held on February 7, 1931, ideological leader of the conference with representatives of seventy- ence, in the report of Freed, secre-

ing to the credentials committee five branches, were defeated. The tary of the committee of fifteen, in

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In The Stream of Materialism

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is far in advance of these two thinkers and does not allow for such super-natural interference as characterized Newton's system. In his correspondence with Boyle (who employed mechanical and teleological explanations side by henomena could not be explained branches, such as Branches 368, 324 by reference to their alleged purand 546, were not represented at was: "True knowledge only thru the conference because neither

knowledge of causes! gates representing branches and communications nor committees The modern proletariat does not reject the thought of the past sim-As a protest against the action Orlofsky (Branch 454) accepted the nomination. The vote was Orlofsky—20, Manna—11.

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stamp to keep out of the resolu- as a gigantic figure for the modtions committee every active left ern proletariat.

In the discussion on the reports of the secretary and of the resolutions committee, Delegates Manna, Kliebard and Lifshitz pointed out report—fourteen branches from New York, two from Philadelphia, and one from Springfield, Mass. The credentials committee also wingers. The vote for the resolutions committee. The report of the sections of six of the sections of six of the sections of six of the sections of the sections of the sections of the sections of six of the sections of the s erbach, Spinozaism represents one of the broad streams of thought that went to make up the world-view of Marxism.

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| they insisted, with an open statemembers proved that the benefit represented really delegates from fund was not solvent, that 99% of speakers defended the resolution branches. In addition to this, a the W.C. branches were not func-number of progressive-left wing tioning as labor organizations, (Branch 386): "The conference and so on. The outstanding point expresses the opinion that the purin the report of the secretary was that, while the previous oppositions had been political in their nature, the struggle between the right wing and left wing forces in the W.C. vention.

"The work of the left wing mus demands. He also stated that the committee had "no ambitions for struggle in the W.C., based on the eadership" in the W.C. It did not issues put forward by the entire matter, he said, that at this con- left wing before the split of 1929 erence there were not represented and by any left wing-progressive many branches of the W.C. He branches and active W.C. members attacked those who had called the after the split: Against scabbery, anti-scabbery conference, which he anti-scappery conference, which he leadership of the W.C.; for sup-leadership of the N.E.C. but against porting the militant forces in the the Communist Party! He proceeded to denounce the left wing ternal organizations fighting for and progressive workers in the W.C. He completely ignored the into organs of class struggle; for question of a split in the W.C., as did, indeed, many of the delegates unemployment insurance; for defense of the Soviet Union.

(Continued on page 7)

The Group at Work

The Symposium in Detroit

LECTURE ON 5-YEAR

We publish below the statement

New York City.

of the representative of the Com

munist Party (Opposition) to the

In keeping with our policy of

ence.—Editor.

the S. L. P. to have any unity with steps. Let's go! the "reform organizations" at the symposium. They would, however, send a speaker to the forum prowided he was the only speaker and the collection went to the S. L. P. campaign fund.

Comrade F. W. Thompson of the I. W. W. to present his organization comrade Thompson led off with the statement that the organization itself (the I. W. W.) had no program for unity but that he would make such suggestions as would be a series of very interesting questions.

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Abdul Tyab Shaikh, former sebilize for the Hague action. In spite of the fact that the meetings were not forbidden, the police brutally attacked the crowds comunication to the halls, forcing them in the statement that he would answering the questions at suggestions as would be a series of very interesting questions.

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Herberg's talk was followed with and the leader of the match the deader of the match t The chairman then called upon cieties, athletic clubs, discussion groups and debate clubs could be organized and in this way work for unity. Then again, we could organize the workers in the industries and thus have unity. He went along the same line for his entire time and the immediate problems of the workers remained a forgotten issue.

Next came Comrade Paul Raddic for the Anarchists, representing the Libertarian Group of Detroit. He lauded the First International at great length as the example of unity in the past and then went on to attack the idea of unity was under the auspices of the Workers Educational Society.

December 18, 1932. The meeting is is dispel the mists of ignorance and superstition and spread the light of science through the land! Lefts in the Social-democratic went on to attack the idea of uni-ty today. He fumed at the idea of industrial organization, pointing in turn to the "impotent effects" of the A. F. of L., the I. W. W., the Knights of Labor, etc., but what grieved him most was the graft in these organized efforts to "ride on the backs of the workers." When he came to work ing class political organizations. he committee for the relief of the ter some bickering and stalling a ganized. fairly exploded. He attacked the Soviet Union and the Communist Parties and concluded by saying that, only when the workers "start ed to think for themselves" and rejected government of any kind even the government of the working class, would there be any uni-

Next came Comrade William Miller of the Communist Party (Opposition). He started by explaining that it was his aim to see if there could be found any issues upon which the already existing labor organizations could be united in action. Comrade Miller pointed out that there were such issues. The most outstanding was unemthat this was neither a united front union; nor shall it be construed as favoring the policies and tactics of ployment insurance. A fight on ch an issue would not only unite the existing labor organizations in action but give them the much needed contact with the masses. His entire talk was devoted to the question of unity in the labor move-

After him came Comrade Gardner of the Proletarian party. No from the appeals issued by Kather-those of another. ner of the Proletarian party. No unity was possible, he said, between the organizations existing today. Unity of workers of different political views in industrial unions was possible but not united action of different labor organizations. Therefore all revolutions was possible but not united action of different labor organizations. Therefore all revolutions was possible but not united action of different labor organizations. Therefore all revolutions was possible but not united action of different labor organizations. Therefore all revolutions was possible but not united action of different labor organizations. The workers of one union as against the workers of one union as against the conclusion that the appeals issued by Kather-those of another.

3. That the work of the commutative and not on the false basis of the general committee, it could not escape the consequences of the committee, action of different labor organization. action of different labor organizations. He attacked the demand of unemployment insurance as "merely vote-catching, opportunism of the worst kind." Such design of the said. "would have the said." Such design of the said. "would have the said. "would have the said." Into united as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners as a center for agitation for the Progressive Miners to such rather than make it ing to the executive secretary in order to give her an opportunity to take them up with the executive a good start, collapsed, primarily as good s

in which the old-line party position on this question and also the collection of rener for these organizations to present concrete proposals, questions were asked but no questions in regard to unity. In the rebuttal, the P. P. speaker came first. He merely reiterated what position in this question and also the collection of rener for these organizations to present concrete proposals, workers doubly difficult even were participate cannot be justified on any grounds, but neither can this refusal be entirely separated from the above mentioned obstacles and would make it possible to it, of course, obvious; namely that the nature of the organization and win the maximum of support. Af-

|C.P.'s 'Militancy'| In the A.C.W.

New York City

union made a settlement with the boss to repay his workers 75% of their wages, but todate he has not even paid back 5% of this amount. This did not stop the union from signing an agreement with him as a partner to Max Krassner, which is an established firm in the trade and the boss Krassner is a "left winger" and a member of the I.

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bloodshed—"just as the Bolsheviks were against the July 1917 demonstrations", was the reason they had the audacity to give. In the second week of September a government order was issued forbiding demonstrations in the Hague. The C. P. thereupon decided to nave meetings in three halls. At the same time, Fascist and semi-fascist organizations began to mobilize for the Hague action. In Bombay, India.

IN WILKES-BARRE that Evangeline Adams astrologer got 150,000 inquiries for horoscopes dual unionism to the "necessity" of the authorities. Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Over fifty workers heard Her in three months and is now getting of working in the trade unions. pert Zam speak on the "Results 400 a day. of the A. F. of L. Convention" on

striking Illinois miners on the reasons for the collapse of the confer-November 14.

The Communist Party (Opposi- called a representative meeting of

called united front New York representative stressed the follow-

Committee for Progressive Min- ing chief points in an informal dis-

Thus does radio under capital- celebrated its twenty-fifth anni-

What Happened to the Ill. Miners Relief?

A Statement

This meeting was attended only

cussion among those present:

tion) has withdrawn from the so-the committee. Nevertheless, our with the following:

In the Comintern

A Letter from Holland

by W. F. Neill

Detroit, Micnigan.
A symposium was held at the Labor Movement."

The chairman, representing the Labor Movement.

The chairman representing the labor movement of a struggle for the Communist Party. The America, which was held thus administration about their actions in connection with the Labor Movement.

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The chairman representing the strain Holland read a communication from the S. L. P., which had been invited, rejecting the invitation on the ground that there could be no unity of the workers until they should accept the S. L. P. position and or granize accordingly. It would be ganize accordingly. It would be ganize accordingly. It would be a same and advertised some of the R. P. activities. Comrade Miller adments a significance for the revolutionary movement of a struggle for the comrade Studnits described the local administration about their actions in connection with the L. B. Weiss should represent the labor unity all along the line.

The Anarchist speaker, who followed, merely went over his prevalence of the German Socialist Workers of this first free days without pay to fine the German socialist Workers and the L. W. W. speaker did the same.

The C. P. immediately took over the respectation of the Communist Party. The America, which was held Thursday, December 15, Comrade Studnits day. December 15, Comrade Studnits day. December 16, Comrade Studnits day. The Labor and the P. P.

On October 19, the "Tribuene"

tho the need of relief is as great

the committee."

tions.

The educational program of the Workers Educational Club will be continued after the holidays. A series of monthly lectures on the history of the American labor movement is being arranged.

LECTURE ON A. F. L.

The educational program of the "rank and file" group in that local, Jennie Lievermann, instead of demanding the rights for the workers of the J. & B. Weiss shop, laughed cynically because the "Lovestoneite" Studnitz raised that question.

A Clothing Worker.

Triumph Of Science

The Communist Party of Holland is to hold its first congress, since 1930, in view of the parliamentary election of 1933. The resolutions are already available in pamphlet form. In them are combined all of the various melodies of recent times, from the "cor-Triumph Of Science of recent times, from the "cor- India. He denounced the mistreat-rectness of the analysis of the ment that he and other political

A LESSON FROM **SWEDEN**

The following item from the "Folkets Dagblad" (September 12, 1932), central organ of the Com-munist Party of Sweden (Opposition), throws light on the results of the ultra-left course in country.

"According to the 'Ny Tid' (Social-democratic), the central trade in many cases, even greater than union council of Gothenburg deat the time the committee was or- cided by a vote of all again eight canized. to wage an organized campaign
On November 28 we wrote to the against the Sillenites (Comintern resident of the Progressive Miners party.—Editor) in the trade union This meeting was attended only by Roger Baldwin, Justus Ebert, I. Zimmerman and Katherine Pollock. It could not therefore be it was necessary to exchange with little was necessary to exchange with little with the party.—Button in the trade union movement. It was charged that the Sillenites attacks against the trade unions, their betrayal of trade union secrets, their repeated violations. the committee. The letter ended lation of trade union rules and decisions, demanded that these 'enemies of the trade union movement' "Since all of these proposals

have been rejected and since no meeting of the committee has been trade union work' is beginning to the committee has been trade union work' is beginning to the committee has been trade union work' is beginning to the committee that the sillenite trade union work' is beginning to the committee that the sillenite trade union work' is beginning to the committee that the sillenite trade union work is beginning to the committee that the sillenite trade union work is beginning to called for weeks, we feel that the Illinois miners would gain nothing if we continued to uphold the corpse of this still-horn committee and such would be the case. But at that of this still-born committee and have therefore withdrawn from time the Sillenites would not listen to reason. Now they are up Here we must state also that cept our line or be driven from

favoring the policies and tactics of altho an executive committee had been elected, it had decided not to meet, but rather to leave it to the individual organizations to do whatever and whenever they see fit.

Something the policies and tactics of an against those of an other.

2. In keeping with the above statement, that the name of the committee be changed so as to whatever and whenever they see fit.

Roger Baldwin disagreed with the trade unions. They are them same grounds upon which our disagreement was based.

The policies of the general committee are individual organizations to do whatever and whenever they see fit.

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The policies of the general committee and their affect, also, on against the Social-democrats. To eliminate any implication that in the youth auxiliary. For, altho create a united working class front Furthermore, and this is by far the distribution of relief it favors the youth committee early came to by 'cleaning out' is not the right more important, it became obvious the workers of one union as against the conclusion that the appeals way. It will only make the situa-

ism of the worst kind." Such demands, he said, "would have the effect of satisfying the worker with his lot and delaying the revolution so much longer."

On October 22 we asked the executive secretary to call a meeting of the Committee so that we might have an opportunity to state our position on this question and also in which the old-line party position.

Then followed a question period in which the old-line party position.

geois economists. The point in question no longer involves a mere question no longer involves a mere superficial recognition of the weak-nesses of the system. Rather, the nesses of the system. Rather, the question of existence."

lished by the Department of Laian suppression policy under anti-solvent the question of existence." issue now involves the question of whether the existence of capital conference Board brazenly points as those days he fell under the ina means of economic and social ornomic policy that is being questioned, but the capitalist system it-

In direct contrast, however, to an analysis of the American crisis talists could stop expansion and and what preceded it. In explaining the boom period, Bonn shows such a method of viewing economic his superficiality in a basic understanding of the economic system. core of our institutional set-up. It He insists that the constant infla-tion of credit and currency and of free-will employers that make He insists that the constant inflastock values, artificially stimulated for periodic declines. Rather the stock values, artificially stimulated profit economy of uncontrolled purchasing power thru installment competition (changed in form by ouying and other such devices, con-stitute the casual factors both for the prosperity period and for the consequent deflation. Altho admitting pathon models and the consequent deflation and its regular reinvestment build mitting rather weakly the facts of over-production paralleled by restricted purchasing power of the nomic actions and thus serves as masses and the contradictions existing between social production and private appropriation, he miss-es the rather obvious fact that precisely these features of the economic system constitute its pri-mary characteristics. Instead of our good professor is the repudiamary characteristics. Instead of the solution of the obvious fact of the viewing the contradictions of surplus credit and its consequent exthat present crises in capitalism cannot be attributed to anarchical, pansions in industry as secondary, ent disorders as flowing primarily unplanned capitalism since the latthe author tends to view our presfrom the credit structure.

Professor Bonn sinks even such as his idea of the so-called the existence of cartels, trusts, etc., "misuse of capital." He attempts constitute the plan in world econdeeper in his fallacious concepts. to ascribe over-expansion, overproduction, disequilibrium between consumption and production, not to ng only intra-planned, still comthe normal workings of our capitalist economic order but to the ab-

Present Crisis

of the weekly budget recently pub- the inauguration of the Bismarck-And—the National Industrial editor of the "Zukunft." As early

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normal or excessive workings of the greater strength of these huge, In direct contrast, however, to the owners of capital. He implies mass production units has resulted to greater collapses.

Soviet economy. All Bonn can see in Russia are the big buildings, mass production, foreign machinery, etc., which place Russia in an analogous position with capitalist America! What the German is annot understand is appear to the between the Social-democratic majority and Bernstein were gradually eliminated in favor of the latter which is 1924. Kautsky formalism 1924. conomist cannot understand is he very fundamental fact that the Russian economic system has eliminated surplus value and the whole profit economy. Thus, it has eradcated the consequent evils of business cycles, unemployment, etc. Just as the author is weak in every attempt to explain capitalism, funamentally so is he unable to grasp the essential implications of the 'Russian experiment.'

I close this review in the spiri of pedagogy with the recommen-dation to the professor that he secure for himself a thoro training in Marxian economics. Perhaps, some of his professorial prejudices can be shaken out in this process. However, I don't place much faith in such a remedy—it perhaps would be more realistic to place one's faith in the proletariat's eventual shaking out of bourgeois economy

BOOKS N Wages and the Eduard Bernstein and Socialism

Berlin, Germany.

Before his return to Berlin, Bernstein had already worked out in essentials his characteristic re-Eduard Bernstein, traditional The National Industrial Conferleader of the ultra-reformist tenence Board, an ultra-capitalist redency in the international Socialist THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM
IN AMERICA, by M. J. Bonn
John Day and Company, New
York, 1932.

The world economic crisis has produced some astounding results. Not the least outstanding has been the leftward swing and questioning uncertainty among our bouring uncertainty among the dency in the international Socialist movement, died dency in the indevanced age of 83. His at the advanced age of 83. Hi visionistic viewpoint. In this he tion of bourgeois liberalism. Time polemics of Kautsky, Bebel, and Plekhanoff against Bernstein have become historical. Most brillian however, were Rosa Luxemburg'. great articles against revisionism a means of economic and social organization. And it is in this latter manner that our good profester manner that our good professor, M. J. Bonn, approaches the present economic crisis in the U.

After 1905-1907 Kautsky's opposition of Engels is the conceptions of Hoechberg and appears on the face of things' with whom he was in close contact. He became a collaborator on the siderable burden for the support "Sozial-Demokrat", the party or the support of the pourgeois retorm-listic conceptions of Hoechberg and appears on the face of things' with whom he was in close contact. He became a collaborator on the siderable burden for the support "Sozial-Demokrat", the party or S. A. Witness one of his state-of those who have been unfortuerized economic leadership or economic leadership or

tein took a bourgeois pacifist po sition, but, for that very reason he went into temporary opposition to "majority" Social-democracy. this surprising objectivity, the author fails miserably in attempting that enlightened or rational capital in greater contradictions and thus which was ultra-chauvinistic. He joined the Independent Social-Altho recognizing objectively democratic party and stood at its the threat that the Soviet Union presents to decaying capitalism, Professor Bonn fails to grasp the kists, of German Communism, and elementary principles involved in vigorously fought the German pro-Soviet economy. All Bonn can see letarian revolution.

ter until, in 1924, Kautsky formally recognized the "correctness" of the revisionistic theories. Today the great conflict of ideas in the world labor movement is between Social-democracy, which has em-braced Bernsteinism, and Communism, which bears aloft the standard of revolutionary Marxism!

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A Veteran's Protest

The appeal below was prepared to be read by Bill Longley, an unemployed veteran, at the so-called "public hearing" on the budget and relief questions on October 31 in New York City. Because of the steam-roller tactics used by Mayor McKee, it could never be presented. We are glad of the opportunity of publishing this protest.—Editor.

Honorable Mayor and Gentlemen of the Board:

I come before you to bring to your attention a matter that should have the serious attention of this board: That the Department of Public Welfare should make a horo investigation before issuing permit to collect donations by all organizations that organize for the purpose of collecting for char-

This matter refers to the collecting \$15,000,000 which has been placed in the hands of the Gibson Com mittee who, in turn, has seen fit to give the John Price Jones com-pany the job of carrying this col-

lection on.

Now this Jones organization organized just for these purposes, is composed of high-pressure sales men. The personnel is composed of three or four hundred and they receive salaries from \$75.00 to \$100.00 per week and that money is being paid by the donating public of this city.

I, and the citizens of the city,

are entitled to know just what amount this John Price Jones organization is taking out of this \$15,000,000 for themselves. I, again, ask this board to go deeply into this matter before "Humanitarian" Iones starts collecting any part of the \$15,000,000, so that the hungry and needy get the benefit in-stead of the bosses of a great racket.
Gentlemen, you know it is im-

possible for me to prove what I know. Therefore I turn to you and if you are for the people you can and know how to put a stop to this racket without any delay. Bill Longley,

Veteran, Third Division

Holly and Christmas trees, hymns and hypocrisy, worn-out department store girls and handouts. the raking in of shekels in the name of Christ's birthday—the holiday spirit is upon us!

A STILL-BORN CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 5)

lyzed the left wing forces in it and thereby objectively helped the reactionary forces to strengthen and consolidate their position, to utilize the WC as an instrument of impossible for the conference to the co

"The conference expresses itself against the split of 1929 and emphasizes, that the development and growth of the left wing can only e made possible if the general line of work will be carried on on a basis of constructive activities within the W.C. and against any tendency for further splits in the organization.'

These delegates emphasized that while we must continue to mobilize the membership on the issues of reducing the bills, economy, etc., the main struggle in the W.C. was political, to win the membership for the policy of class struggle.

The defenders of the resolutions introduced by the resolutions committee argued that it was not necessary to take up the question of the split and that the split must not be condemned. Otherwise, they said, Kahn's resolution was in its, main points contained in theirs. The resolution of Delegate Kahn was defeated by a vote of 32 to 10. Some delegates who were in favor of Kahn's resolution had

election of a committee of twenty "The conference recognizes the fact that the split of 1929 dealt a heavy blow to the left wing in the W.C. and for a while actually paralyzed the left wing forces in it and lyzed the left wing forces in it and

> The Big Question Before Us The question that arises in the nind of every Communist, every real change of policy in the

the unions! But that we want to break up the reformist trade unions, that we want to explode their discipline, that we want to explode the trade union apparatus and to destroy it—of that dobut."

vanced this type of credit.

For the coming year the farmer knows that no such credit is anticipated by Federal authorities. With no funds available from the forever all discrimination and so-cial inequality of the Negro race.

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Kahn resolution and the entire approach of the conference made it impossible for the conference to develop a real constructive united left wing-progressive movement in the city consumers. They declare their price relief must come out their price relief must come out the wing-progressive movement in the W.C. of the wide and unjust spread which goes to the middle men. in NEGRO EDUCATION India alone one out of every 9,000 of the population was a political which goes to the middle men, in milk as well as in grains and other

term credit is not their only probmagnificent sum was reduced to
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is made on credit—seed and feed that in the state of Virginia, teachers must provide all maps, charts, is in the class room.

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> prisoner, he calmly explained that Great Britain preferred to stifle Indian struggle for independence by imprisonment rather than by execution!

"AMERICANS INTERESTED

The speakers at the meeting were Edward Welsh and Herbert Zam of the Communist Opposition and J. B. Matthews of the Fel-

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THE BANKERS IN THE SADDLE

NEVER was the true nature of our "democratic" institutions more cynically and yet more effectively exposed than in the recent proceedings in Albany. "Bankers demand Legislature pass pay cut," "Bankers reject 'compromise' measure," "Legislature gives in to bankers 'ultimatum' "—these recurrent headlines in the big metropolitan papers carry with them a lesson in politics that will not easily be forgotten by millions of people today completely untouched by direct Communist propaganda.

It has become a notorious commonplace, so plainly obvious that it is no longer commented upon, that a group of big Wall Street bankers, headed by Charles W. Mitchell of the National City Bank and Winthrop W. Aldrich of the Chase National Bank, have the entire city in their grasp, the city, its life, its people They hold the purse-strings of the municipal government and the city officials are their obedient servants, grumbling a little now and then at the unpleasantness of their tasks (especially before elections) but never seriously thinking of rebelling. After having sworn to high heaven that nothing was dearer to them than the interests of the municipal employees, the Tammany chieftains on the Board of Estimate, under open instructions of the bankers, unanimously appealed to the governor for a special session of the Legislature to clear the way for general cuts in the wages of city workers. The governor promptly complied, a special session was called, and a delegation of bankers went to Albany. Delegations of teachers, firemen and policemen also went but nobody paid much attention to their complaints and requests; it was the bankers who counted. In the most touchingly "non-partisan" manner, both Republicans and Democrats combined to rush thru the Legislature the wage-cut legislation, making painfully sure that every step of theirs was quite satisfactory to their masters, the bankers. Indeed, even the proposal to limit the cuts to two years was decisevly rejected because the bankers shook their

The tragicomedy in Albany could not have been presented in more effective manner had it been deliberately staged by the Communists to give point to the thesis that the government of the United States, in all its branches and subdivisions, Federal and State, is a government of, by and for the possessing classes, the capitalists, the employers, the bankers. And the workers, as a class, will count for nothing and less than nothing politically as long as they continue to trail along blindly after the two big parties of capital, as long as they continue to be duped by the two-party racket which has stultified and defeated so many protest movements of the masses. It is about time for the workers and farmers of this country to wake up, to grasp the lesson which the capitalists are throwing into their faces every day, to break with the parties of the bosses and to unite their forces into a powerful Labor party and thus take the first step on the road of independent political action.

The Wall Street bankers have their own idea of how to run New York City. Their program goes far beyond the wage-cuts already accomplished; it includes reductions in expenditures for education, health and other special services; it includes slashes in the meager relief for the unemployed; it includes an increase in subway fare. This program is a savage menace to the welfare of the millions of workers and other poor folk of the city but it will be put thru unless labor is able to unite its forces politically in time and cry halt in a voice that will be heard!

THE MEDICAL COMMISSION REPORT

HE recently published report of the Committee on Cost of Medical Care, headed by Ray Lyman Wilbur, is of significance that goes far beyond the mere matter under consideration, however important that may be. It throws the last few spadesful of earth over the corpse of the "rugged individualism" so beloved of Herbert Hoover.

The committee, ultra-conservative in its general social outlook, actually decided, by an overwhelming majority, to recognize the inadequacies of the individualistic system of medical care now prevailing and to recommend some plan of "socialized" or group medicine. The plan suggested is vague, halting and practically futile, but the implications are tremendous. The last refuge of old-fashioned individualism was surely the "sacred relation" between doctor and patient. And now this is to be torn down by the impious hands of Ray Lyman Wilbur! A social system based on the good old maxim: "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost!" must indeed be on its last legs if it can no longer defend the "right" of the individual to hire his own doctor without the "interference" of society. What does individualism mean after all if you admit that the individual can longer care for his own health adequately without the help of society? Nothing but a fraud to palm off on the masses when they raise their voices demanding some sort of government relief of their misery and distress!

The most superficial examination will show that the Wilbur plan as presented, in spite of its gesture of "socialization," is so inadequate as to be almost meaningless. It is becoming more and more clear that the real socialization of medicine, and with it, for the first time, the adequate protection and care of the health of the masses, can only come as consequence of the thorogoing socialization of the economic life of the nation. The Soviet Union, whose medical organization has been called the most comprehensive in the world by competent observers, is a shining example of this truth.

The Recent Elections in Local 1, I.L.G.W.U.

Statement Of Communist Opposition

The recent elections in Local 1 candidates (Cloakmakers), I. L. G. W. U., are League with of great significance to the cloakmakers as a whole and to the left wing in particular. The elections brought with them a defeat for the Center group and a corresponding victory for the so-called "Left" group. Of the twenty-eight composing the executive board of the local, the "Left" group elected twelve, the Center eight, the Club five and the Progressive League Of the twenty-eight com-

The defeat of the Center group Administration is due primarily to the new course embarked upon by its leadership (Levy, Zuckerman, etc.) in recent months. This was a course of abandoning the struggle against the reactionary burocracy in the union and replacing this struggle with a "harmony block" with the right wing forces of the Club. This "harmony block", an unprincipled combination aiming not to improve the conditions of the workers but to organize an offensive against the Communists, received the official sanction of the General Office of the International Ladies Garment An editorial in Workers Union. the December 1932 issue of "Gerechtigkeit", greeted the manouvers of the Levy Administration as the rallying of all "constructive forces" against the Communists. Naturally, the "harmony block" expressed itself in a deal for the elections in which the Center gave its endorsement to a number of candidates of the Club, in return for which the Club did not put up any independent slate. The conse-quence of all this manouvering was that the workers realized that the Center group had abandoned any pretense to progressivism and op-position to the reactionary buroracy and therefore lost all confilence in the Administration. The striking defeat of the Levy Administration was due to the fact hat, instead of putting forward a militant program to lead the workers in struggle against the present intolerable conditions, it engaged in a long series of unprincipled deals to secure its own election.

In this situation the Cloakmakers Progressive League was faced with the great task of exposing the manouvering between the Center and the Club and of undertaking to rally all the constructive progressive and left wing elements against both participants in the harmony block." The Progresive League did indeed take a definite position against the unprincipled deals and was not a partner to them, but it failed to take up vigorously enough the tasks which the situation placed upon it. The League should certainly have come out more effectively against the unprincipled combination in view of the fact that all other forces in the situation, including the "Left" group, tried very hard to group, tried very hard to create the impression that the Progressive League was involved in discussion with a call for a "self-the deals. Thus, the above-mentioned editorial in "Gerechtigkeit" rors of indiscriminate destruction tne "combination of thereby implying the participation of the Progressive League. The raise the slogan: "Turn the imper-

of the Progressive League with the same object, in spite of the fact that the League had its independent ticket of eight for the executive board. Altho it knew very well what the actual facts were, the "Left" group kept up a constant propaganda aiming to discredit the "Lovestoneites" as partners of the Center-Club block. They carried on this slanderous propaganda in spite of the fact it was common knowledge that the representatives of the Progressive League on the elections committee had fought bitterly against the Administration and the Club to prevent "Left" group candidates

from being taken off the ballot.
In spite of the fact that it kept clear of all unprincipled alliances in the local, the Cloakmakers Progressive League neither made its stand sufficiently public nor did it take up vigorously enough the defense of its constructive left wing program. For these reasons, the discontent of the membership with the Administration policies and manouvers expressed itself in a

victory for the "Left" group.

The victory of the "Left" group will certainly have the consequence of intensifying its dual-unionist and splitting policies, thus bringing more demoralization and chaos into the ranks of the cloakmakers. The "Freiheit" (editorial, December 19) already announces that the election has proven that to hope to "change the leadership of the International and to transform the union into a class struggle union is insane." So long as the policies of the "Left" group remain destructive and dual-unionist, its victories will be of no benefit to the workers.

The big lesson of the Local 1 elections is that only a militant wing-progressive which rejects unprincipled man-ouvering with reactionary forces as well as any tendency to dual-unionist and splitting tactics, which stands firmly for a militant class struggle policy for the union and for a fight against the reactionary burocracy, only such a movement is able to lead the cloakmakers in a struggle for improved conditions and for the building up of a militant union.

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Letting The Cat Out Of The Bag Stanley Baldwin says: tempts to forbid the air bombing of civilians during war is a mere waste of time." Mr. Baldwin has let the cat out of the bag, thereby drawing a strong protest from Sin Herbert Samuel, who retorts: "If that is so, then the same applies to limitation of use of gas and bacteriological warfare, and the delegates at Geneva had better pack their grips and go home." (Pro-

longed applause from this colyum).
The "London Times" enters the

administration slate included five lialist war into civil war.

Patriotism Pays

poverty-stricken city of New York has fired 800 alien employes from its hospital service and replaced them with American citizens. Patriotism pays but it doesn't pay much.

Cosmic Law And Order

The Woman's National Patriotic Council has turned its attention to making the world same for absoute motion and called for the barring out of Albert Einstein from the "Land of the Free." His subversive theories are calculated to upset the gravity of the universe, and "are of no scientific value or purpose, not understandable because there is nothing to under-stand." With "American" womanhood not to understand such theories is a matter of principle. Besides, if Einstein is kept out of the U. S. some American can take his job here and thus we provide employment for our own citizens first, and maintain law and order in the constitution of the cosmos. Relativity may be all right for monarchical Europe but not for God's country.

Religion Versus Superstition

"To take but a single item to illustrate superstition, . . . This country pays to astrologers, numerologists, clairvoyants, palmists and soothsayers in general \$125,-000,000 a year, and \$25,000,000 of this comes from New York City." Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, D.D., pastor if the Riverside (Rockefeller) Church.

That's without counting what the country pays to pulpit-pounders, sky-pilots, tambourine-shakers, narcotic-dispensers, harp-and-wing pearly-gate holy-water distributors, circumcisers, kosher kettle killers, mourners-bench managers, hell-fire hurlers and psalmists, which amounts to several billions a year.

It is not for John D. Rockefeller funior's pet pulpiteer to cast aspersions on his less fortunate bre-thren. The difference between science and superstition lies not in the size of the edifice nor the wealth of the vestrymen

The difference between religion and superstition is well known to Dr. Fosdick. "Religion is what I believe; superstition is what the other fellow believes." But the difference between science and superstition lumps the sky-pilot with the

Our Christmas Offering

As a Christmas contribution to Dr. Fosdick's Riverside (Rockefeller) Church, we suggest the following hymn, entitled "The Collection," by Ernest Howard Crosby, American author and Socialist (Born 1857, died 1907).

The Collection

I passed the plate in church. The crisp, clean banknotes heaped up nigh before me

As the pile grew, the plate became warmer and warmer until it burned my fingers, and a smell of scorching flesh rose from it... nd then I saw thru a smoke into

the very soul of the money . . . saw the stolen products of the poor, the wide margins of wages pared down to starvation; saw the underpaid factory girl eking out her living on the street, the overworked child, the

suicide of the jobless worker... The plate burned my fingers and was alad when the parson in his white robe took the smoking pile from me, and, turning, lifted it up and laid in on the altar.

It was an ancient altar, for it bore a burnt offering of flesh and blood-a sweet savor unto Mo-

Still do they worship him with human sacrifices.

And the shambles are in the tem-

ple as of yore And the tables of the money-changers, waiting to be overturned.

—B. D. W.

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