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# Unite and Strengthen Our Party!

# NAZIS TRY NEW

#### Launch Mock Attack On Reaction

Berlin, Germany.

A great amount of political confusion dominates the scene as the various political forces are beginning feverish preparations for the Reichstag elections on November

The Nazis are making a sensational "turn to the left." Hitler has fully realized that the short period fully realized that the short period of semi-toleration of the von Papen regime recently, reacted very seriously against the Nazis in alienating large sections of the Nazi following and causing loud nurmurs within Nazi ranks. As a consequence the new Nazi slogan has become: Brush way the small clique of titled reactions risk? At the same spirit of unrest of protest even away the small clique of titled reactionaries!" At the same time, prominent titled Nazis, headed by Count Heldorff and Baron von Wendell, have issued a manifesto urging the nobility to rally behind Adolf Hitler,

In an immediate sense the whole political struggle seems to be essentially a duel between the Junker-militarist clique of van Papen supported by Hugenberg, and the Fascist movement under Hitler, between the two antagonistic forces in the camp of extreme na-tionalistic reaction. But in a real sense the present period is a final test of strength between the forces of reaction with the Nazis as their spearhead, on the one hand, and favor of compulsory Fedspearhead, on the one hand, and the German labor movement on the other. Unfortunately, the anti-Fascist-forces of the labor movement are divided, dispersed and lemoralized, owing both to the reformist surrender policy of the Social-democrats and to the suicidally sectarian tactics of the official Communist Party.

I favor of compulsory Federal unemployment insurance and of independent working class political action, a sentiment strong enough to shake even the hardened officials of the ficial Communist Party.

The possibilities for the most determined resist-

The Social-democrats, are executing a "left" manouver. After fensive, for a pronounced having "tolerated" the Bruening leftward movement in orea regime and ing helped to elect the poisonous reactionary, von Hindenburg, as Reichs-President, the Social-democratic party is now trying to save itself by parading around in mock militancy.

The Communist Party, after a short-lived attempt to correct some of its crudest sectarian mistakes, has now relapsed in the worst way. The party press and agitation are again assuming the aspect of the most hectic "third period" days of 1930. The recent partial election victory has unquestionably gone to the heads of the leaders.

MOSCOW.—The production of agricultural machinery has taken a tremendous spurt in the last three months, almost fulfilling the Summer program. This extra-ordinarily successful development of the agricultural machinery industry is laying the basis for the complete economic reconstruction of agriculture upon a collective socialist basis.

## Forward With Opposition Struggle!

capitalists have unleashed a fierce lenge! attack upon the workers, their organizations, their standards, their very existence. Twelve millions are now unemployed, and millions more on part-time. The wage-cut-ting drive has already passed thru several waves, each growing in extent and viciousness. Once powerful unions are crumbling away, un-dermined from within by false leaders and shattered from without by the blows of trust capital. Hun-

backward masses. Among large sections of the unemployed a certain fer-mentation, in many cases approaching conscious militancy, is to be seen. Courageous and bitter struggles against wage-cuts have broken out in various parts of the country. Of tremendous significance is the gathering sentiment in the ranks of

most determined resist-ance to the capitalist ofpresent. Yet the sober

The situation in which our movement finds itself today should spur tent has not risen to the level of every Communist, every revoluaction, that the labor movement AND HAS COMPLETELY

The weakness of resistance of the working class in the face of the bosses offensive is to be traced to a large extent to the bankruptcy of leadership in the labor move-ment. There is no force in the labor movement today able to unite, to inspire, to drive forward the spontaneous and localized actions of the workers, to help translate into action the rebellious mood of the masses. The A. F. of L. leaders have played true to their role as labor lieutenants of the capitalists and have done their best to hamstring, sabotage, even defeat what-

every Communist, every revolutionary worker, to serious thought and action. Taking advantage of the most acute crisis ever known in the history of the country, the be a stinging reproach and challenge of the country, the beautiful to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement that the labor movement action, that the labor movement that the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement that the labor movement action, that the labor movement that the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement to the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement action, that the labor movement to the labor movement action, that the labor movement action action action action, that the labor movement action actio confusion, multiplied division, discredited militancy, isolated the Communists from the masses of the workers.

It was in resistance to this suicidal sectarianism that the Communist Opposition arose in this country, as in the rest of the world, and it is to the restoration of the unity and fighting power of the Communist movement that it has dedicated its struggle from the very first. The second national conference of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. (Opposition), that took place a short time ago (September 3, 4 and 5), gave striking testimony to the fact that the vital-ity of the Opposition forces and the determination of the Opposiever struggles have taken place.
The Socialist party, corrupted at ity of the Opposition forces and its heart by the fatal poison of reformism, has been their weak echo.
AND THE COMMUNIST PAR-by three years of hard fighting and by three years of bitter defeats for by three years of bitter defeats for the Communist movement as a spirit of unrest, of protest, even of bitter anger, is growing. The spontaneous eruption of the veterans, organized in the bonus march, showed the mood of the backward masses. Annual THE COMMUNIST PAR-by three years of hard fighting and by three years of bitter defeats for the Communist movement as a whole. The spirit of political vigor and realistic self-criticism which

dominated the conference and of which it was the expression are the promse that the devastating crisis in which the revolufionary movement is to-day will be overcome and Communism will emerge from it ready to take its place as the van-

The second national conference of the American Communist Opposition, in approving the de-cisions of the International Communist Opposi-tion conference held a little while before in Berlin, strongly reiterated our basic and determining attitude to the Communist International and to (Continued on page 2)



(OPPOSITION)

# **CLEARS MOONEY**

#### Oregon Man Confesses He Placed Bomb

PORTLAND, Ore.-The local paper, "The Oregonian," of September 28 carries a signed statement by Paul M. Callicotte, a mountaineer, declaring that he was the man who placed the suitcase bomb in the San Francisco Preparedness Day parade on July 22, 1916, for which Tom Mooney and Warren Billings were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Callicotte, who was 16 years of age at the time, declares that he was paid \$5 by some unknown person. He says he placed the suitcase at the point where the explosion took place later on. He was too young then, he says, to bother very much about responsibility but now he wants to get the matter "off his chest."
Whether Callicotte turns out to

be linked up with the explosion or not, it has been quite clear for many years that Mooney and Billings are completely innocent of the act charged them. These two militant labor leaders were arrested and railroaded to a living death precisely because of their militancy and devotion to labor. Only the power of labor can drag them out of their prison cells.

#### NOTED ANTI-FASCIST ON TOUR HERE

Great interest is being manifested in intellectual and working class circles in this country in the visit to this country of E. J. Gumbel, prominent German scientist and radical social thinker, recently ousted from his position as associate professor in the Heidelberg University thru pressure of the

the official Communist
Parties—that our objective is not to destroy

and statistician by profession. The and replace them but war made him a pacifist and brought him close to the labor movement. He has written a large number of technical works, some of them during his stay Marx-Engels Institute in Moscow; he has also published a good deal of valuable material on social questions, especially on the Nazis. His exposures of the Nazi murder system are considered classics. As a result of his social activities, he not only met with academic persecutions but was also subjected to a trial for high treason, all of which ended in nothing. In August 1932 he lost his position in Heidelberg as a direct result of Nazi attacks. He is now a marked man in Germany and his name is on the Nazi murder list.

During his stay in this country Professor Gumbel is speaking before a number of organizations. His visit to this country should be made the occasion for the initiation of a movement in this country in support of the struggle against Fascism in Germany and in aid of the many victims of the Nazi terror

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## The News in Brief

AT HOME

**ABROAD** 

Al.BANY. - After an almost LONDON.-The long expected the necessity of flexible tactics in complete rout of Tammany forces resignation of the free trade sec-at the State Democratic conven-tion of the MacDonald-Tory "Na- and stimulating the movement of tion here at the hands of a tem- tional" Cabinet took place on Sep- the workers in them towards Comporary Smith-Roosevelt block, tember 28 when Viscount Snow-den, Sir Herbert Samuel and Sir skyist tendency in the light of new developments, laid bare its errors Buffalo, the Republican State con- break with the government over in principle and tactics and sharply vention named Colonel Wm. J.

NEW YORK CITY. - In an opinion handed down on September 21, Judge McGeenan decided against a special election this year to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of ex-Mayor Walker. According to the decision, Mayor McKee is to serve until January 1, 1934. This constitutes a victory for the Roosevelt forces and a de-

Meanwhile McKee is continuing his drive to put himself on the municipal map. "Economy" is now his main issue. He is proposing an all-around wage-cut from 5% to 20% for municipal employees earning more than \$2,000 a year. The Tammany leaders urge a "modifi-cation" of the city's subway policy, that is, an increase of subway fare. Either proposal is essentially an attempt to obey the dictates of the big bankers who control the financial life of this city.

WASHINGTON .- A brutal attack on the already heavily bur-dened farmers was made here on September 24 in the ruling of the Department of Agriculture that purchasers of crops mortgaged to the government for loans must pay the amount of indebtedness direct to the department before any payment is made to the farmer. Thus, to the Federal government!

have been advertised far and wide take practical steps to remove the as a form of "farm relief", as the incredibly harsh discriminations Hoover method of "aiding the under which the Untouchables suf farmers"; they now turn out to be fer. only another way of robbing the farmer and worsening his already altho the ultra-reactionary ortho-

In an attempt to head off the inevitable resentment against Secretary Hyde's ruling, Presiden Hoover announced on September 28 that the government would col-lect only 25% of the loans to wheat farmers until Congress meets in December and decides what shall be done with the rest. Cotton, tobacco and the other big crops are not considered at all and even for the wheat farmers this ruling is cold comfort since they find it impossible to pay any proportion whatever of their crop debts this

ATLANTA, Ga.—The "holiday" movement has been making considerable headway in this State solved." of injunctions readily issued by the courts against the "strikers"

coroners nominated by the Democratic party for these offices, ac-

a die-hard Tory government in dis- factional inner-party regime of the

icy came because of the easing up of the food shortage, which made nature.

BOMBAY.-The ratification by the British government of the pact arrived at by the leaders of the caste Hindus and the Untouchables brought an end to the hunger strike of Mahatma Gandhi after produce in the present greatly de-preciated market will face the ment provides for the abolition of prospect of receiving little or no separate electorates but includes a prospect of receiving little or no cash in return, all money going guaranteed reservation of 148 seats in the Federal government! for the Depressed Classes. Th These Federal loans to farmers caste Hindus also give pledges to

> The pact has been well received dox Hindus have made a violent protest against any attempt to weaken or break down the utterly vicious caste system.

SOFIA, Bulgaria.-The Commuest party in the municipal elections held here on September 25 Of task is the task of every Commuheld here on September 25. Of 44,000 votes cast the Communist Party, which is illegal, and ran candidates thru a cover organization, received 14,000, a gain of 4,000. More than sixty villages and towns in Bulgaria already have Commu nist administrations.

Pemier Muscanoff, the head of the bloody regime of this country has announced that he "would not allow Communists to take over the greater sacrifices! Upon you rests government of the city and that decisive responsibility for the fuallow Communists to take over the ture of Communism in this coun-

WASHINGTON-The proposed ty! Comrades! Our struggle is treaty with Haiti, already signed yours also—a struggle to save our the farmers have organized effect by the pupper President of that party! To be a Communist does country, has been rejected unan-imously by the National Assembly holder; it means to look things because of the obviously fraudulent squarely in the face, to decide what TROY, N. Y. — The Socialist character of the "promises" on the part of the U. S. government to Party and to fight unafraid for our endorsed the candidacies of County
Judge James F. Brearton, County
Commissioner of Public Wel
withdraw" the marines by 1935.
The Haitian Assembly demands a
treaty which will actually guaranand defend what you know to be fare Edward Ott and the four tee the independence of that countright in the party! Upon you too try.

future of Communism GENEVA .- The buro of the discording to the results of the primaries held on September 1. The armament conference adjourned endorsement of these politicians on September 26 to meet again on effective Communist Party is a was urged by the S. P. committee October 10. Meanwhile the con- life-and-death necessity for the and no opposing candidates were ference is facing dissolution under put up but even in the case of State senator and county treasurer, where the S. P. put forward its that the discriminatory provisions make our Communist Party such own nominees, it is likely that the of the Versailles treaty be removative candidates will win their place on the Socialist ticket because of the large number of of the whole conference and demembers of the party, rests decisations.

Sunday, Oct. 30, 8:30 P. M.—

ROGER BALDWIN

American Civil Liberties Union "Socialists" who wrote in the names of these Democratic politicians on the primary ballots!

mands that some steps towards ive responsibility for the future of Communism in this country!

Communism in this country!

The second conference sounded

#### Unite and Strengthen Our Party (Continued from page 1)

to turn their course back to the line of Leninism, to restore their unity and fighting power. It made clear our fundamental opposition to centrism and emphasize issues arising out of the recent condemned its recent unprincipled Ottawa Empire conference. A flirtations with centrism. It pronumber of other resignations are claimed our full endorsement of expected to follow. In their statements of resignation both Snowden munist Party of the Soviet Union and Samuel emphasized that the in socialist construction but strong-National" Cabinet has been really ly criticized the destructive and

uise.

\* \* \* leadership of that party.

Leninist realism and sober selfcriticism characterized the mood ng an end to the concessions re- of the conference in dealing with cently granted to the private food the experiences, work and tasks of trade were issued here on Septem- the Opposition. Our great shortfeat for Tammany. An appeal is to be made.

Meanwhile McKee is continuing

feat for Tammany. An appeal the Council of Labor and Defense, repeals the order issued earlier in ference noted that our general line. 50-kilometer radius of the chief the development of the class strugpared with State farms and makes these collections have the force of cial Communist Party, was the natax obligations, in which non-delivery is punishable by a fine. These whose constructive character and changes in the food collection pol- political force have rarely been equaled in gatherings of a similar

of the food shortage, which made the concessions to private trade necessary, as well as because of the growing danger of speculation.

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The conference also recursive attention upon the burning need of uniting and strengthening the labor movement and of rebuilding bor movement and of rebuilding the left wing within it. It placed chief mass campaigns: to mobilize the unemployed workers, together with the employed, on an effective program of unemployment relief and to build the organizations of the unemployed; to rally the American workers in support of the struggle against Fascism in Europe, and especially in Germany, and in aid to the victims of the Fascist terror; and to intensify the struggle to rebuild the left and progressive movement in the trade

The conference strongly empha-sized the necessity of redoubling our efforts, of concentrating our forces, to put a quick end to the impotence and sterility of the Communist Party, to transform it once more into a united, fighting party nist, of every revolutionary worker, whether today supporting the Opposition or not. It is the task of

Members and supporters of the Communist Opposition! For you the second national conference should be a call to more determination.

TO RESTORE IT TO THE the United Mine Workers of America and the recently organized Progressive Miners of America.

Thus, as a consequence of the mised action, to higher discipline, to

Members of the Communist Parrests decisive responsibility for the

Revolutionary workers! You

## World of Labor

### The New Wage-Cut Offensive

nessed a new wave of attempted would make any big strikes very wage-cuts on the part of the bosses inconvenient for the Administraand, what is most encouraging, an answering wave of resistance on the part of the workers. And in spite of the fact that the defense action of the unions has been they are becoming convinced that back, temporarily at least, the em- two ago. So far neither the railcouraging the workers for future over.

But the workers must not de

n railroad union circles at the in- conversion to "militancy" of such solent proposal of the railroad leaders as Lewis. The officials companies not only to make per-manent the "temporary" 10% they cannot fly in the face of the wage-cut of last December but increasing militancy of the memalso to pile on top of it another bership. Only the strengthening 10% cut. At the same time came and organization of the militant the demand of the Anthracite coal spirit into a powerful progressive companies to reduce wages to the movement in the trade unions can Summer releasing peasants in had been completely confirmed by 1913 scale. In the soft-coal re- be the guarantee that labor will be titles from State food collections, except grain, with the idea of stimulating the sale of their produce on the market instead. The second decree lowers the proportion of meat to be obtained from collections that are being dispersed and decree to the chief and abroad. Our program of action, based upon our fundamental objective of reorganizing, re-educating, strengthening and extending the Communist can dispersed and di meat to be obtained from collectory dress that are being dispersed and cut of 10%. The drive against tives and individual farms as comdemoralized by the false tactics wages has not been limited to the basic industries. The New York basic industries. The New Tolk of Local I, I.L.G.W.U., Issueu, on job printers are faced with a 17% slash. In the textile mills, in the restaurants and hotels, and in a restaurants and hotels, and in a restaurants and locals, and in a local, urging the local of a winted left and pronumber of public utilities, savage creation of a "united left and procuts in wages have been put thru gressive power in the union."
one after the other in the last few After emphasizing how important

But at the present time the resentment of the masses of the workers, their spirit of resistance and pointing out the necessity of to the offensive of the capitalists, has begun to make itself felt. And under pressure of the rank and file, the union leaders, no matter how conservative, cannot continue with their surrender policies in the old unvarnished form. The railroad nion executives, who gave in so easily last year, have even refused to talk about the new wage-cuts. The printers union adopted an even nore uncompromising stand. And even the notorious Lewis found necessary to put up a front i negotiations with the Anthracit operators in New York City. It the soft-coal regions, where the sell-out was especially shameless and where U.M.W.A. officials and operators combined to put over the scale, the spirited revolt of the miners is a sufficient indication of their sentiments. It is only unfortunate that this revolt has taken capable of supplying the masses the form of a split and the estab-with the leadership for which there lishment of a dual union instead of having contributed to the strength ening of the left wing movement The unexpected resistance of the unions, coupled with the fact that

every one who sees and under-stands the supreme need of the WITH RENEWED ENERGY TO UNITE OUR PARTY AND a clash between the supporters of

Communist Opposition!

National Committee

The last few weeks have wit-1the coming Presidential elections largely unprepared and often hes- it will not be as easy to get away itating, it has succeeded in beating with it today as it was a year or ployers attacks on the most im- road, nor the Anthracite, nor the portant fronts and in greatly en- printers wage-cut has been put

Sharp resentment was expressed pend too much upon the sudden

The United Progressive League of Local 1, I.L.G.W.U., issued, on such a united front is, especially at the present time, describing the terrible conditions in the trade energetic campaign against the savage greed of the jobbers and other bosses," the appeal sharply criticizes the policies of the leaders ot the union which are leaving the workers defenseless against the bosses. "These leaders are able to shirk responsibility because there is no united progressive force to make clear to the leaders that the union is not their property, and that if they cannot or will not carry on work in the interests of the loakmakers, we will send them

where they belong." The appeal calls upon the Left Group "to choose a committee . . . to meet with a committee of our league for the purpose of working out a basis for unity . . . on a pro-

gram of action." The appeal is signed by L. Kleinman, secretary, and I. Stenzor, or-

#### ILL. RIVAL UNIONS IN CLASH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.-One man was killed and about twenty wounded here on September 25 in Forward with the struggle of the taken policy of the progressive miners in splitting off and forming Join and support the Communist a rival union instead of remaining Opposition! and building a left wing in the Long live the Communist Inter- U.M.W.A., the united struggle against the operators is already giving way to the demoralizing Communist Party, U.S.A. struggle between competitive

## OPEN FORUM

CONDUCTED BY NEW WORKERS SCHOOL 228 Second Avenue (Cor. 14th Street) **EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 8:30** 

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

IS PROLETARIAN DICTATORSHIP PREFERABLE TO DEMOCRACY?

# HITS JAPAN

## **Imperialism**

'settlement' is strongly emphasiz- proval. "There is no country in ed and direct Chinese-Japanese ne- the world," he writes, "where indigotiations are suggested.

The report of the Lytton com. much, where opportunities to rise sion constitutes a striking victory are so great and where class disfor the policy of United States im-perialism in its struggle against Japan in the Far East. It also where tens of millions starve thru reflects the growing rapprochement between the United States favored few continue to roll in and Great Britain on a world scale. luxury! The Japanese War Office has

ready announced the opposition f Tokyo to the report from beginning to end, declaring that making it clear that Big Business

## FOR LABOR PARTY

he followed by all other trade unions and labor bodies.—Editor.

WHEREAS, we as organized workers with experience in seek- Unemployed Face Terrible Winter; Must ng to build a union and in conucting strikes in many different States and have thus come into contact with political groups of all shades of opinion and have encountered the same lack of understanding and brutal hostility from both Republicans and Democrats in "turning the corner at last," about out a concrete program reflecting would operate without profit. It

many situations, and,
"WHEREAS, the traditional policy of the American labor movement of hargining for forces with ment of bargaining for favors with the leaders of various factions of both parties has not only failed to yield results for the mass of the workers but has also done much to undermine the morale and destroy the militance of convergence of the militance of the mi the militancy of our movement, so-called Gibson committee, has

"WHEREAS, if we will look at which confronts thousands of unour problems not merely from the standpoint of the moment but of t from the standpoint of a period of years, it will be realized that better results both materially and spiritually can be obtained by constituting the spiritually can be obtained by constitutions. It proposes to raise the needy, was lodged by International Ladies Garment Workers ployed and unemployed alike. The work should be done by union the standpoint of the model for the whole relief machinery is factorized that better results both materially and spiritually can be obtained by constitutions. sistently, courageously and honest- her, by forced collections from fair" to the 20,000 or more unem- workers at union wages and relief

has this past week at the New poor! Jersey State Federation of Labor re-emphasized the fact that the Winter staring them in the face, SUBSCRIBE NOW TOmovement has no constitutional with the prospect ahead of the prohibition against the formation probable collapse and almost cerof an independent political party tain curtailment of even the meagof labor and in fact at all times er relief they have been receiving stands ready to undertake such a sections of the unemployed workmove if sufficient rank and file supers of this city are beginning to

port is created, and, organize themselves for an effec-"WHEREAS, now is the time of tive struggle for adequate relief all times to launch such a move-ment and this union is in many insurance. The Association of the ways excellently equipped for such Unemployed, a non-political, nonan effort owing to the fact that it partisan organization, is pushing owes no favors to any political this work ahead. It has already

party, therefore, "BE IT RESOLVED, that the United Textile Workers of Amer-political parties, and we instruct ica places itself squarely on record our delegates to the coming Amerfor advocating the establishment ican Federation of Labor convenof an independent political party tion to formulate a resolution simof labor whose candidates cannot ilar to this one and present it for seek office on the tickets of the adoption by that body. present major political parties,

and, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this convention urge all its affiliated bodies to initiate the esablishment of local independent

## LYTTON REPORT | Roosevelt Plays the "Radical" as | SLAVERY IN THE Big Business Applauds

into consideration in making a with the Democratic leader's apwage-cuts, starvation, miscry vidual initiative counts for so

A strong bid for "progressive" entiment, while at the same time U. T. W. RESOLUTION cratic Presidential nominee, and any sense of the term. He is a men and working farmers, is the his managers, in the present elec- sound conservative." We publish below the resolution Red Willow County Fair grounds,

announced that the "situation

With another and more horrible

Is Big Victory For U. S. A sharp attack on the "radi- Smith In Sharp Attack On Herbert Hoover, have saved the calism" of Franklin D. Roosevelt Candidate. Candidate

solute and unanimous condemnation of the Japanese policy in the ast few years.

The recommendations of the commission insist on Manchuria remaining under Chinese "sovereignty" while becoming "autonomous" and "demilitarized". The mount of reaction. Even Herbert Hoover brand of reaction. Even Herbert Hoover in the made a mock attack on the "forces of evil," the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing is held out to the worker and hair demilitarized and the "power trust." He hailed the Democratic party, the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing is held out to the worker and hailed the Democratic party, the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing is held out to the worker and hailed the Democratic party, the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing is held out to the worker and hailed the Democratic party, the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing is held out to the worker and hailed the Democratic party, the "tariff monopolists," the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing actual slavery, in control projects, was a matter of fact nothing in the "backward farming masses of this country. As a matter of fact nothing country. As a mous" and "demilitarized". The report is absolutely against the recognition of Manchukuo. The network of taking "Soviet interests" recognition recognition of taking "Soviet interests" recognition rec

On the contrary, insofar as Roosevelt has touched the real vital issues of the campaign, he has gressiveness and militancy, Nor shown himself to be a hopeless man Thomas, the Socialist party investigation, released a statement conservative or else a wind-bag candidate, is showing himself a demagogue. His proposals for sort of radical echo of Roosevelt. "farm relief" are either meaning. To placate the employers, to proless phrases or else the old Republished them "guarantees" that no lican "remedies" in a new form. "upheaval" would follow the at-His program for public utilities tempt to put the Socialist party and for the railroads is so utterly program into execution, seems to reactionary that it has won the out- be the chief concern of the S. P. spoken approval of the outstanding standard-bearer, if his own camcapitalists of the country. As paign text-book and his own Charles Schwab, leading steel king, speeches are any guide. Japan will leave the eLague if "the spirit of the report is followed."

Imaking it clear that Dig Dusiness has pushes being nothing whatever to fear from precently declared: "Business has foursquare in the interests of Ambient and the spirit of the report is followed."

The only party that today status nothing to fear from Franklin D. foursquare in the interests of Ambient and the spirit of the report is followed."

While Roosevelt is touring the incorrect factics toury, in apreciously at a huge meeting on the rountry playing the "progressive" the great shortcomings of its platform and campaign, it is the only to the applause of the dyed-in-the-party which the workers can sup-Workers of America. It marks a lican insurgent, Senator George appeal to conservatism and reaction. According to Assistant Section. According to Assistant Section. According to Assistant Section. American trade-unionism in regard pledge of support. In this speech retary of War Trubee Davison, the attacks of the capitalists.

to political action. The way point as well as in his remarks the day out here by the U. T. W. should before enroute in Colorado, Roose-followed by our great President, ter and Ford!

Prepare and Organize Now!

New York City. lestablished branches in various these garments at a minimum cost

GENEVA.—The Lytton report, sale October 1), of which he is row editor. Especially is the of Nations Secretariat, is an obsolute and unanimous condemnation of the Japanese policy in the large solute and the instance of Nations of the Japanese policy in the large solute and unanimous condemnation of the Japanese policy in the large solute and large solute and unanimous condemnation of the Japanese policy in the large solutions. Similarly to converte depression. The strategy of the G.O.P. is evidently to con

great humanitarian. In a situation that calls for ag-

Roosevelt. He is not a radical in erican labor, of American working

scheme is certainly in place but

even the proposal of the union

## UNITED STATES War Dept. Peonage In Mississippi

WASHINGTON. - A story of revolting conditions, in many cases the conservative instincts of the approaching actual slavery, in con-backward farming masses of this tract labor camps on Mississippi Labor "Deportations" Doak has igation of twenty-two such camps. the gall to call the Republican par- General Pillsbury conducted the ty the "party of the American hearings in secret, refusing to ad-working man" and to recommend mit representatives of the press, Herbert Hoover to labor as "that but Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People whose campaign brought about the outlining the main points. The report describes conditions as without exception unspeakable Negroes are exclusively employed

"Women were beaten for not aving meals ready on time." Miss Boardman was quoted as reporting. "Two men were beaten and discharged for refusing to do night work after having worked all day. "Some of the contractors and foremen were armed with rifles. I saw them myself. The heat was

ound conservative."

Communist Party. In spite of its a temperature of 120 degrees, into swamps filled with mosquitoes." Miss Boardman described the workers as "terrified and afraid to adopted unanimously by the recent held on September 28, the New convention of the United Textile York Governor lauded the Republication and arranged arranged and arranged ar

> "The men work from twelve to sixteen hours a day," she was uoted. "On the outskirts of some of the camps were groups of hungry unemployed men waiting for any vacancy, a condition of which Wages amounted to from \$1 to \$2.50 a day, but by the use of a trick commissary system even that

mount was seldom paid. "The workers were forced to pay weekly fee of \$4 ar \$5 whether hey traded at the commissary or not. In addition they were charged according to the whim of the commissary agents for all sorts of necessities, such as 50 cents a week for drinking water, \$1 a week tent rent, \$1 a week cook's fee, 25 cents

or 15 cent cigarettes. In spite of the terrible conditions exposed in this hearing, the War Department has decided to ignore the whole matter and to leaders is far from satisfactory. Their offer to have the unemploy- in the "land of the free" is to contime under the protection of the the decision of the Red Cross to a minimum cost" that is, below Federal government!

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## "The Liberation of American Literature"

THE LIBERATION OF AMERICAN LITERATURE, by V. F. Caiverton. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1932.

of the development of American ture to stand on its own legs, the literature, in fact, however, it is influence of the petty bourgeois much more. It is actually a pene- attitude towards art, in its moral ral life of this country, it is strik- to Europe, unleashed our native training and thorois wen document- as well as in its religious form, pre- ingly shown, helped to render the ed sketch of the cultural history of the United States. It is sigof the United States. It is sigitself upon the method of historica.

This work owes its strength an validity primarily to the lidelity yet nexionity with which the author employs this powerful meth od. Substantiany the methodolog ical procedure followed by Calver ton runs along these lines first, an analysis of the pertinen economic relations, of the tenden cies or economic change, and o the class relations built upon them seconday, an examination of the dynamic state of social conscious ness ("spirit of the age") omerging from the conditions of social existence-in our country, this spirit has generally manifested itself in some characteristically religious form; and finally, an account of the literature of the peare indications that the Marxist method is here far more than a sterile dogma. In spite of some united front with Maloney (the should immediately speak for a turn" in the Party's tactics! occasional lapses (e.g., the inade-quate explanation of Emerson's the Anthracite.—Editor). At the curious deviations to a defense of meeting they had with Maloney on

The consistent employment of ism as the manual of action in critical analysis and synthesis, necessarily implies a certain clearly defined social viewpoint—the revolutionary class viewpoint of the proletariat. The explicit avowal of this fundamental outlook endows the long and involved story of American culture, as told by Calverton, with a unity and a vitality that could not otherwise be achieved. Calverton's narrative is never merely retrospective; even when it deals with the earliest times, its deals with the earliest times, its loney in favor of forming a new emphasis is always thrown for union in the Anthracite. F. Vra ward, prospective; the past gains taric came out against the proposignificance as that from which the sition to form a new union and

'he orderly scheme to which Calverton reduces the weiter of gin to mobilize the miners against fact and material really does show the wage cut by going to speak us why our culture has developed to the members of the union in the precisely as it has. The main fea- locals, by holding mass meetings, tures of this scheme can be sketched in a few words. Under the imin favor of the organization of the pact of the "colonial complex," a unemployed and of social insursocial-psychological force arising ance; (3) that we call ourselves originally from the social and eco. Progressive Group in the U.M.W. nomic subordination of the Amer- A. and fight for the reinstatemen ican colonies to England but main- of all the expelled and for taining its persistent effect until democracy in the union. the twentieth century, American culture developed in sterile subservience to British standards and forms; a really native literature was for a long time historically pelled, two other active workers, impossible. At the same time, the and fourteen of the "Rank and titude of the petty bourgeois Dissenters who planted and peopled the colonies in both North and favor of it, especially that we South manifested itself in a determined hostility to art and in the sub"Rank and File Committee" memmergence of all cultural life in hers opposed it on the excuse that theology. These two factors to- "we are the top leaders, we must gether seriously stunted American leave it to the rank and file!" The literature and long prevented it discussion continued so long that from gaining maturity. "If the it switched off to the question of presence of the colonial complex a delegate conference. The senti-

### A Review of V. F. Calverton's Book

Formarly, this book is a study made it impossible for our litera-

this emerging upper middle class. Ionial complex than even New England. aristocratic tradition in the cultu- It was the influence of the fron-

by Will Herberg

of the United States. It is significant not only as a pioneer work opening the way to new and as-pearance of a wealthy bourgeoi-petry hourgeois domination could of the conquering East (industrial opening the way to new and astromshingly fertile viewpoints but also as a definitive formulation of the only school of interary and cultural criticism that has any vitality tural criticism that has any vitality believed to have a price period of early petty bourgeois domination, could not yield anything better than a bastard pseudo-aristocracy, shoddy tremely incomplete owing to the today, the Marxist school passing petty bourgeois-mindedness of even today, the marxing upper production of the conquering East (industrial petty bourgeois domination, could not yield anything better than a bastard pseudo-aristocracy, shoddy and sterile and thoroly imitative in culture, a worse victim of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following the Civil War, the individualistic promise of the frontier turned to ashes and the buoyant optimism of culture, a worse victim of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following that the civil war, the individualistic promise of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following that the civil war, the individualistic promise of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following that the civil war, the individualistic promise of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following that the civil war, the individualistic promise of the conquering East (industrial capitalism) in the years following that the civil war, the individualistic promise of the civil war, capitalism) in the years following the old society, corrupt and deand bitter pessimism. The "two sides" of Mark Twain illustrate this change. Such pessimism last

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#### A Letter From The Anthracite

### ARE WE FACING ANOTHER U.M.W.A. SPLIT?

by Fred (Wilkes Barre, Pa.)

aristocracy or the underestimation that day they decided that it was American Revolution), the critical against the wage-cut and for unweapon of Marxism is wielded with employment relief. Then they deskill and success that emphasize cided to call for September 9 a the inexhaustible potency of the meeting of all active workers and of those expelled from the U.M. W.A. for their strike activity. Maloney made it clear to the re would have Cappelini president. SPEAKING (Cappelini was formerly a corrupt, reactionary union leader; now he is present emerges, upon which the against accepting Cappelini in the future is built.

> The last motion was left over to another meeting to be held on September 12. At this meeting there were present eight of the ex

line opposed the motion saying that motions.

We publish below another letter | ment was in favor of the confer- | delegate conference. (Such a thing | proves and illustrates with the from Fred, leading Communist ence but not immediately as sup-Anthracite miner.—Editor. ence but not immediately as sup-port had to be built up for it. Du-trance into local unions). The har made a motion to call another other opposition was from the when he has finished, it is impos-meeting of a similar character "Rank and File Committee", in the sible to see how the general Wilkes Barre, Pa.

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ed well into the twentieth century to become the dominant mood of Dreiser. Meanwhile, the advent of American imperialism in the early years of this century and the accompanying rise of a powerful upper bourgeois leisure class, not only finally shattered the colonial complex but also undermined the exclusive authority of the lower middle class moral taboos. Liberation was at last in sight but its fulfilment could not come from any of the recognized forces\_of cadent on the one hand, defeated and demoralized on the other. It has come-or rather, it is coming -from a new source, radically ranscending the outlived standards and traditions of the bourgeoisie, great and small, and finding power and vitality in the supreme historical struggle of the proletariat for mancipation. In proletarian culture (Calverton uses this term to designate culture with defined working class standards and bias), weak and immature as it still is in this country, American literature is finding its liberation.

This general thesis, which I have described so barely and so indae quately, Calverton elaborates, most satisfying abundance of material and wealth of documentation development

A question may certainly be raised, as does Granville Hicks in his review in "The New Republic, as to Calverton's evaluation of in dividual writers and their works, but it must be recognized that such evaluation plays an extreme ly subordinate part in this study which, as the author himself points out (p. xiii) "does not fall as closely in the category of literary criticism as into that of social his tory." For an understanding of :: DINING :: DANCING fortunate that it does tend in this

Comparisons are often inevitable and a comparison between this work and Vernon Parrington's "Main Currents of American Thought" immediately rises to mind. It is no discredit to the latter to say that, in my opinion. it comes out second best in the process. Parrington's study is certainly more extensive, his style frequently livelier, his examination of individual writers more elaboate. But in sureness and consciousness of method, above all. in clarity of fundamental viewpoint, Calverton's work is unquestionably superior and his delinea tion of tendencies and forces far clearer and more valid. To see this we need but contrast the presentation of Transcendentalism is the two studies: in Calverton it is philosophical transmutation of the self-reliant individualistic spirit 35 CENTS of the frontier; in Parrington there is no hint of this profound idea at

But, after all, comparisons need by no means be exclusive; on the basis of Calverton's study the work of Parrington acquires a new significance and a new precision. And this is the greatest tribute to the book under review: it is a pioneer yet definitive ground-work for a cultural history of America.

A course of four lectures, dealing with the development of American literature and culture along the lines of the book reviewed above, will be given by V. F. Calverton at the New Workers School during the month of December. The course will be given on Thurs-

## The New York Painters Strike and Its Betrayers

Sold Out Before||It Began!

We begin in this issue the publication of a series of articles on the recent New York painters strike. The writer, H. Edwards, is a prominent left wing building trades worker whose real name cannot be disclosed for obvious reasons. Comrade Edward's analysis of the events and his disclosures throw eration painters especially, for not striking light upon the present sit-

now under actual dictatorship Vice-President E. Ackerley. rights of the membership to dis cuss, propose or decide on any questions pertaining to the last strike and its outcome, have been abolished for an indefinite period This dictatorship is a result of the action of the officials of District Council 9 and the strike committee Board of the Brotherhood of Painters to take over and end the New York strike because they were which developed in the locals while the strike was in progress. The G.E.B., thru Vice-President Ackerley, decided to "step into" the OUTPUT RATE SHOWS FUR-ley, decided to "step into "step into "step into "step G.E.B., thru Vice-President Ackerley decided to "step into" the given full power to negotiate and RISES IN PITTSBURGH, CHIconclude agreements with employers without submitting them for approval to the membership, or approval to the membership, and if the strike committee consisting of members of the house-painters locals would dissolve itself. To strengthen his dictatorial power, Ackerley utilized the demoralization and chaos, artificially created among membership in the last three weeks of the strike, to carry thru a "referendum" strike, to carry thru a "referendum" aged and Youngs
Index Hau the manages of will never be able to catch up with them under the present system.

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by the representative of the G.E. press where a rosy future is being by the representative of the G.E. painted for the workers, where the of the workers.

workers who responded to the such news from the working class. strike call was so great that it The real fact is that the steel its influence should grow instead overshadowed the fact that the mills around Pittsburgh (Brad- of recede. The sectarian course of most necessary forces to lead the dock, Homestead, Duquesne, Clair- the party here is having its disasworkers in the struggle against the ton, etc.) are working less than trous consequences. In the unions employers and the treacherous 15% capacity; workers are con-union burocrats, the left wing and stantly being laid off; the mines munists to give leadership; for the progressive elements, were not are, without exception, either comunited and had no common program of demands and action. In spite of their mistrust of the offidays a week. Some mining comduring the progressive continuits, which are socialfascist", "unclean agencies of Hoover imperialism," etc. The T.

U. U. L. unions exist on paper cials, the workers carried thru panies are stretching a point by some mass picketing and a system counting as employed workers to of picketing union and non-union whom they offer work about one the steel workers is, the one which jobs was organized, with the result day in two weeks. Thus, we see that on Monday, the third day of here amongst the "fortunate ones" has formed around here. And the that on Monday, the third day of here amongst the following pay the strike, many unorganized alteraction painters left their work and checks from \$6.00 down to \$1.60 ly exists on paper and the party joined the union at the reduced a week. By having their newspassion initiation fee. In the first personal party is that this "union" scarce-ly exists on paper and the party has no following amongst the steel workers here. two weeks of the strike about 800 times ahead the capitalist class workers joined the union and around here hopes to fool those still about two thousand went back to partially employed for pitiful wag-wrk in new unionized shops with es and also to fool those unemploy-to join in, they were repelled with increases in their wages, altho, ed into believing that very soon shouts: thru the fault of the officials, the conditions will be much better off nists! You want to break our new members in the newly union- for them so as to check any growth ized shops did not receive the of unrest. But in telling us that

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striking light upon the present situation in the labor movement and
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A Letter From The Pittsburgh Field

## THE "PROSPERITY" DRIVE IN PITTSBURGH

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In the taxicab strike recently

by Leon Lerner

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| fairy-tale about "upturn" and wrong line, has lost whatever small hold it once had on the mass-

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Council 9 on July 13, 1932, received the best response of the workers have been laid off the best response of the workers have been laid off in the painting trade, organized as well as unorganized. It was the constant desire of the membership to make a real effort to end the intolerable conditions and the continual wage reductions on the jobs; for the first time there arose the general realization of the necessity of organizing the unorganized alteration painters who form the big-mills. Personal captures are a necessary evil by them the particularly in the fact that even more workers have been laid off the dilapidated valley where he located Shantytown to a more becoming name—Coxtown. Now he calls its unsanitary shanties a "village". He is being subtised in this by the business in and around Pittsburgh manding the reestablishment of the cathelies hail him; the Propagation of the necessity of organizing the unorganized alteration painters who form the big-mills. Press' carries a very bottom of the page captioned as follows: "YOUNGSTOWN STEEL the continual wage reductions on the jobs; for the first time there arose the more workers have been laid off the dilapidated valley where he located Shantytown to strongly leaning too amore becoming name—Coxtown. Now he calls its unsanitary shanties a "village". He is being subtised in this by the business in and around Pittsburgh. The Cathelies hail him; the Propagation of the page captioned as follows: "YOUNGSTOWN STEEL the continual wage reductions on the jobs; for the first time there arose the fact that even dilapidated valley where he located Shantytown to strongly leaning too exposition movement. They also are vacillating, afraid of complete of the very same issue of the fact that the preceding page of the more workers have been laid off the part of the cathely along the page of unions affailed with his countered to expose them are first to expose them are fount to expose them are fount to expose them are first to expose them are fount teration painters who form the biggest number of workers in the trade and of insuring the \$11.20 trade and of insuring the strade trade and of insuring the \$11.20 operations here have sagged to jobs. Since May 1, when the per day wage scale on all union jobs. Since May 1, when the painters in New York made an effort to resist the wage slashing agreement concluded between the agreement concluded between the scale on new huildings leaving the scale on the scale of the scale on the scale of the scale on the scale of the scale o the Fascist salute (I suppose that selves and they told me: 'What's scale on new buildings, leaving the is why he went to Italy recently) the use, the line is not based on price on alteration work unsettled and has distributed uniforms to real American conditions but it is but generally understood as \$8.00 ciation and were ordered back to work on the employers conditions in the capitalist work on the employers conditions blue cap similar to a U. S. Army

JAY LOVESTONE

ON FRIDAY EVENINGS, 8:30 P. M. Sharp

Oct. 14: IS PROSPERITY COMING BACK?

Oct. 21: HITLER AND HIT-LERISM.

Oct. 28: OUR NEXT PRESI-DENT.

New Workers School 228 Second Avenue New York City.

in Greater New York, including the councils which are not affiliated with the Building Trades Council, should adopt agreements ings and \$8.000 on alteration work. Mr. Lindelof immediately began to carry out his part of the agreement with the representative of the employers. As General President, Mr. Lindelof, has a well functioning machine in the Brotherhood made up of the twenty-four national organizers and six vice-presidents, each receiving \$375 a month and an amount equal to his wages for monthly expenses. He has those who serve as his secret agents to carry out all deals made by the "chief." These agents operare in different parts of the country. Mr. Lindeiof's operator for the Eastern district, which includes Greater New York, is the National

see to it that all District Councils

They carried out their sell-out of the workers in the following when the old agreement between the painters district councils and the employers expired, officials of he locals, some knowingly, others inknowingly, having been whipped nto line, began to "create" a sentiment among the membership that new agreements could not be made unemployed workers would be able to get employment. Despite the efforts of the militant and progressive workers who pointed out the danger of such ideas, the burocrats

Brooklyn Local 102, which has jurisdiction over Kings County and is affiliated with the Building Trades Council, and the leader of Wilner, and his clique, strongly supported the action for a \$10.00 scale on new buildings; he also frankly admitted that it meant \$8.00 on old work and accused all those who denied the two separate scales of being liars. Up to date, altho the agreement between the Building Trades Council, of which Brooklyn Local 102 is a part, and Oct. 7: I SAW IN EUROPE. the Building Trades Employers Association calls for \$11.20 a day, that business agent officially informs the members in Brooklyn that their wages are not more than \$10.00 in the borough. He is now planning an official wage scale of \$8.00, if not less, on alteration

> Queens and Brooklyn fell in line with Lindelof's plans but it was not so easy with the New York membership, and, without the New York District Council in line, Mr. Lindelof's arrangement would have been a personal loss.

## The C. O. at Work

### The Communist Party of the U.S.A. (Opposition)

NEW YORK GETS ON

THE JOB!

All units have, in line with th

national conference decisions, elect

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A rigorous check-up is being

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CONFERENCE

**POLICY** 

On Tuesday evening, September

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and said that they had heard this

'new turn" stuff many times in

the recent past and the party never got out of its tight fix this way.

out into reality.

New York City.

As announced in the last issue munist Party, Socialist party, Socialist Cabor party, Socialist Labor party, Socialist David Party, Socialist Party, S of our group from the Communist force. The meeting was held un-Party of the U. S. A. (Majority der the auspices of the Commu-Group) into: Communist Party of nist Party (Opposition), Anthra-the U.S. A. (Opposition).

conference. In making the change bers. the conference registered the overwhelming sentiment of our organization. It was felt that the name C.P.-Majority Group was not only misleading in tending to give the impression that our group included a majority of the Communist movement in this country but was based on a no longer vital tradition, the tradition of the old "Majority" of the Central Committee of the C. P. before the overturn in the party in 1929. Since our struggle today is on issues and along lines subtantially different from what it was then the name of the committee of the receives of the recent national conference. A special committee of three has been elected from what it was then the name of the receiver of our group and the motor of the National Conference of the National Conferen from what it was then, the name "Majority Group", it was believed the lines of the program of action to convey a false impression. The name, moreover, can adopted at the conference. The lines of the program of action to control of the Comintern is adopted at the conference. The lines of the program of action the lines of the program of action adopted at the conference. The lines of the program of action adopted at the conference of the group activities. Preparations are being made to convey a false impression. The name, moreover, can adopted at the conference. The lines of the program of action adopted at the conference of the group activities. Preparations are being made of its own yes-men?

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The name "Opposition", on the other hand, is an accurate reflection of the character of our group unit organizers. as the recognized opposition within the Communist movement, an opposition to the false tactics and destructive regime of the party and the Communist movement, an opposition to the false tactics and destructive regime of the party and the Community of the false tactics and destructive regime of the party and the false tactics are the false tactics and the false tactics are taken to the false tactics and the false tactics are taken to the false tactics and the false tactics and tactics are taken to take tactics are taken to taken to take tactics are taken to take taken to take taken to the Comintern. It is the name that has been adopted by our international movement in every part of the world. It is the name every ranks for the Workers Age Sub where felt most appropriate from

#### GOOD WORK IN FORT WAYNE, IND.

The charity organization officials have begun to increase their pressure on the Unemployed Council with a view of undermining its effectiveness. Our comrades are resisting all such moves vigorously. The Negro workers in the Council are especially active in resisting these disruptive schemes and in working for making the Unemployed Council still more effective. The rank and file workers are fighting the attempts of some of the labor leaders to prevent the launching of a local united labor ticket. Our group is especially acticket. Our group is especially active against the attempts of the Liberty party and Father Cox forces to cripple the Unemployed Council.

27, W. W. Weinstone, editor of the "Daily Worker", addressed a membership meeting of the tiggest section in New York City, Sec

on the unemployed councils are no longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls the unemployed, it is also extending its influence and its activities of the unemployed councils are no longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls them. Tho putting forward this "new line", Comrade W. W. W. in the influence and its activities of the control of the unemployed councils are no longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls and Lovestone renegades! . . The longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze them so tight" where it controls the solution of the longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze the solution of the longer to be pure party organs. The party should not "squeeze the solution organs. The party sha ing its influence and its activities amongst the organized workers in the trade unions. At the Indiana make clear to the members presume the trade unions at the Amongs. State convention of the American Federation of Labor, Comrade H. H. Conner spoke for a Labor party and attacked the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor for its corruption and its policies. He got good response among the comrades pressure for the convention of Labor for its corruption and its policies. He got good response among the comrades pressure for the convention of Labor for its corruption and its policies. He got good response among the comrades pressure for the members pressure for the sponse from the rank and file and severe criticism from some of the

The convention passed a resolution condemning the government for the ejection of the B. E. F. from Washington

Close to 150 gathered in the Workmen's Circle hall here to listen to a lecture by Jay Lovestone on the "Crisis in Germany. Its Significance for the American Working Class."

NEW YORK IS IN BIG On a genuinely non-partisan and non-party basis, is being applied. Comrade Williamson boasts: "The Unemployed Council of Chicago, which is the biggest in Illinois, and which is the biggest in Illinois, and the National Council of the University of the American which is the biggest in Illinois, and the National Council of the University of the American which is the biggest in Illinois, and the National Council of the University of the American which is the biggest in Illinois, and the National Council of the University of the National Council of

Adherents to the official Com-bad condition in which the party's employed have endorsed the candi-little.

### About "Socialism In One Country"

"The hope of the Russian Communists to build socialism in one country and in a country as backward as the U.S.S.R. has proven to be Utopian. Only to socialist forms, without the over the world. necessity of passing thru the stage of capitalist development."

Year Plan by A. Yugov, the well known Menshevik writer.

ference of our group and the mo- to report regularly to the National bilization of the membership along Committee on the events in the la-

## HARTFORD

Over forty workers, including members of the Communist Opposition, Communist Party, Socialist party and the Y.P.S.L., heard Will Herberg, managing editor of the "Workers Age" speak on the "Workers Age", speak on:
"The Five-Year Plan of the Soviet Union." The meeting took place on Sunday October 2.

part of the audience. Two or three ty (Opposition)-130,882; Com-Y.C.L. members made a faint attempt at a disturbance but with no effect.

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The group has discussed and city.

Builder" for inner-party consump-

CHICAGO

## In the Comintern

### Where Is the VII C. I. Congress?

the victory of socialism in one of the advanced capitalist countries can make possible a quick transition from the forms of L. D. Trotsky, is rising to the communist Party (affiliated to State capitalism in the U.S.S.R. minds of conscious Communists all the C.I.) -2. (The total deputa-

stage of capitalist development." Communist International, world Stitute a sharp defeat for the big congresses are to be held every bourgeois parties and a striking The question of the name of our group was under general discussion for many months before the anian chorus rendered a few numbers.

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why no world congress? the Communist International, and dence of the frightful isolation in of the affiliated Communist par-which the official Communist Parties, is so frightful that the clique ty of Germany finds itself today in control of the Comintern is in spite of all ballyhoo and cer-

#### THE ELECTIONS IN **SWEDEN**

Stockholm, Sweden, The following are the results of these are the results: At the con the recent Riksdag elections (the gress there were 283 delegates. Of figures in parentheses refer to the these, 272 were members of the Soprevious election in 1928): Conservatives — 563,742 (692,434); Peasants league—351,055 (263, 261); Liberals—40,859 (70,820); Reichstag votes, had just two dele-F'reethinkers People's party—247, gates at the congress!

092 (303,915); Social-democrats— The Socialist Workers party, the Great interest and general 1,013,176 (873,931); National-So-agreement were expressed on the cialists—14,845; Communist Pardellegates. But the German Com-

IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY "TURN" IN JOBLESS strongest district now finds itself, dates of the C. P. because they are the only ones who are really a the C.C. and D.C. have offered a the only ones who are really a them for this. The others worked

new prescription. It is a bi-weekly workers party . . . "
district bulletin called "The Party But reminding himself that this achievement might not fit in with tion. In its first issue it strikes the "newest turn", the Chicago the following keynote and paints this picture. "It is a known fact that the life of the units is very cils that it is not exactly neces-Council.

In the unemployed work, vigorous resistance is being organized to evictions.

Good educational work is being conducted among the Negro mass-

#### FOSTER REVOLTS IN PARTY?

The serious illness of Comrade Foster is delaying the open expression of increasingly serious differences in the ranks of the party leadership between comrades oster and Hathaway on the one party, took it all rather cynically THE "NEW TURN" IN hand and Comrades Browder and Johnstone on the other. Comrade Foster has begun to express some doubts about the efficacy of the In the latest political letter sent present sectarian and splitting The newer comrades didn't get on by John Williamson, for the Chi-fully to what Comrade W. W. W. cago District Secretariat, to all Even Comrade Zack, organizer of JAY LOVESTONE
ANTHRACITE

IN was talking about, so they had nothing to say. More confusion was the fruit of the meeting.

IN was talking about, so they had leading functionaries in the territory we learn how the Central trict, is unusually shaky in his committee's newest turn in the unline because of the collapse of Committee's newest turn in the un-line because of the collapse of the employed work, towards waging it T.U.U.L. in his territory. While

tion of the united C.P. was 8). According to the statutes of the The results of the elections con-

#### THE RESULTS OF THE D. M. V. MEET

Berlin, Germany.
The recent Dortmund congress Union (D.M.V.) gave striking evi-

in the whole world, outside of the U. S. S. R. At one time the Communist-led opposition within it was very strong, controlling whole districts and making a powerful showing at congresses. Now, after four years of the sectarian course, these are the results.

munist Opposition, much weaker G. or the S.W.P., had 5 delegates. The C.P. G.-O. delegates led the The meeting was arranged by the Marxian Educational Society of Hartford, as the third of its series of popular lectures in the city.

The meeting was arranged by the data of 151,567.) The composition of the chamber therefore is: cracy all along the line. One of Conservatives—58 (15 lost); Peasants party—36 (9 gain); Libercity. and frequently voted with the Com-Opposition delegation. Neither one even took the floor thruout the proceedings. The Rote Fahne, however, boosted the former and kept quiet about the

> with the Opposition. The D.M.V. congress has produced a sharp reaction among the Communist Party membership who are tending more and more to look upon the Communist Opposition as

Berlin, Germany. The Socialist Workers party ha come out in support of the Inter-nationale Hilfs-Vereinigung (I.H. V.), a non-partisan labor defense and relief organization in which the German Communist Opposition participates in a leading capacity. In the "Sozialistische Arbeiter-Zeitung" of September 11, 1932 the S.W.P. publishes a statement calling attention to the acute necessity of a really non-partisan labor defense organization in the present situation and pointing out the lique-ridden inffectiveness of the Rote Hilfe, the C.P.-controlled organization. The statement concludes with an appeal to all members and friends of the S.W.P. to oin and to recruit for the I.H.V

> Members of the Communist Opposition and readers of the WORKERS AGE are urged to send in as much material on the life and work of the Communist Party and the Opposition as possible. We want to make this page as valuable and as informative as possible and we can only do so with your help.

#### AM GROUP AND TROTSKYITES

The Militant, organ of American Trotsky group, has made a considerable noise recently about the so-called "Balham group" (a CARL SCHURZ, Reformer, by London section) of the Communist Part, of Great Britain which has broken with the C.P.G.B. and an-

tarian trade union course in the lips, even Lincoln. He was a pillar direction of Leninist trade union of Radical Reconstruction, only to union branches (locals) must be against the wave of jingoism and transformed from organs of class imperialism that inundated the collaboration into organs of class United States just before, during struggles!" Against this the Balland after the Spanish War, but ham group revolted, branding such the quality of the anti-imperialism a slogan and such a course as "op- is to be judged from his astound-1932, the Balham groups declares: land-in the face of Indonesia and

as their present, makes them unsuited to be effective organs of class struggle."

style of the utopian sectarians whom Lenin castigated so sharply. And it is interesting to note words, broke with the party bethat in making their case for ul- cause it is even more sectarian

# **BOOKS**

Carl Schurz is a good example be very useful in casting light upon el of radicalism. Schurz stood in the essential political character of the front ranks of every importthe essential political character of the front ranks of every imports the Trotskyist movement as a ant progressive movement of his stream in world Communism.

As we have noted several times perialism; yet we miss that note day—Indigestion keeps Walker in menaced."

the front ranks of every imports for lunch poor sailor but reports for lunch "while they are all a prey to discuss the fease and their future health is which Slava keeps hanging over his bed and calls "The Plan of My tactics. Suddenly the party leaders issued the absolutely correct the indaquate slogan: "The trade He put up a courageous struggle portunistic!" In the statement of ing suggestion that the Philippines this group, published in the London "Daily Worker" of May 27, power", such as Belgium or Hollogy the Pellem groups delegated in the face of Indonesis and the Congo! He consumed his inex-"The whole history of the trade unions, their past as well considerable talents in fighting for civil service reform, an extreme-ly dubious "reform" at best, but

class struggle."

the great issue of the last thirty years of his life, the labor ques-Trotskyite converts add some sage tion, found no sign of response in remarks about the necessity of dis- him: he supported the Tammany covering "new forms" of labor or-ganization—quite in the approved against Henry George and actual-

tra-leftism the spokesmen of the Balham group made effective use of the writings of R. P. Dutt (in correction of the ultra-leftist trade the 'Labor Monthly') who, just be- union line of the party. Is it not fore the "turn", had attacked as characteristic that this dyed-inthe rankest opportunism any idea that the unions could be won for militancy!

The Balham group, in other ism?

#### WAS BORN TO BLUSH, UNSEEN!

Jimmie Walker flees from the inclight on a little ship of over Claude Moore Fuess. Dodd, on board, and planned to return with the same reporters on the new 50,000-ton super-motor ship Rex on her maiden voyage. We get thousands of dollars of daily wire-less reports: "Walker sunburned and smiling paces deck—Walker smokes cigarette on bridge—Walk-smokes cigarette on bridge—Walk-s Opposition." A little examination of the nature of this group and of its dispute with the C.P.G. would smokes eigarette on bridge-Walker

> "A violet by a mossy stone Half hidden from the eye!"

uch is "our Jimmie" in retiremen

.. communism"! In short, he ished! cas a man with whom fads and reorms ampletely overshadowed great historical movements.

Mr. Fuess's utterly reactionary pro-Southern bias makes the book almost unreadable to any one who has a decent regard for the great traditions of the American people. He apologizes in a really disgusting manner for Schurz's radialism in the early days of Recontruction, the brightest and most neritorious phase of his whole career, but he emphasizes with great glee the later conversion in conservatism. He parades, in numerless petty ways, his insane hared of the great Sumner but he devotes pages of eulogy to that sin-ister figure, Rutherford B. Hayes, who bought the Presidency at the tem of capitalism is ended. expense of the liberty and hopes of the freedmen. He, in short, sees and writes history from the viewpoint of the modern white" apologist of the old slaveocracy, the modern representative of the despicable "dough-face."

## With the Working Youth

### linelight on a little ship of over 25,000 tons with a lot of reporters 6 Million Children Starving in U.S.A.

And this in the United States

America—the richest country the world, the record country of millionaires! Only a short time ago a government report called our attention to the hundreds of thousands of young boys and girls who were roaming the country, home-less, starving, shelterless. To these attacked the Democratic con- add the six million school children ention of 1896 as "the triumph of who come to school hungry, fam-

Hoover's heart "goes out to the children", who, he tells us, must "our first care". But naturally their "rugged individualism" must he preserved! And, of course, any adequate relief would be "un-

merican"! Compare the condition of the vorkers children in this country, he land of capitalism, with the condition of the workers children the first care of society: adequate food, clothing, and shelter, education, recreation, the care of health, are guaranteed to every workers child. In the United States too

## COMMANDMENTS"

celebration all over the Soviet ed editors.

Over six million of the public Union of the tenth anniversary school children of this country have of the founding of the Pioneer ortheir desks," the report continues, ed out by Slava Novikof, a 12 year-Life," read as follows:

1. Get up at 7 o'clock.

2. Wash myself thoroly, not foretting to brush my teeth. 3. Do my school work under all ircumstances. 4. Strengthen all my muscles.

5. Read books, of which 75 per ent are to be technical and 25 per cent stories.

6. In Summer, make a model of

7. Go to the movies at least wice every ten days.

8. Have an agreement with m 9. Be a real builder of socialism

NEW YORK CITY.—Because f the attempt of the college auin the Soviet Union, the land of censorship and subject to the jurisrising socialism. In the Soviet diction of the Alumni Association Union the children are really made for the purpose of suppressing its liberal character, the editors of The Campus", official paper of the College of the City of New York, have resigned and have established a non-official college paper, "The City College Student" The first issue of this paper aleady outsold the official organ.

PIONEER'S "NINE of C.C.N.Y. and other colleges of the city. The New York University paper, "The N. Y. U. Daily News", has published an editorial In connection with the recent defending the action of the resign-

#### WHAT WE STAND FOR

### **Buildinga** Communist Party in the U.S.A.

by Bertram D. Wolfe

#### QUESTION OF "EXCEPTIONALISM"

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

In the queer jargon that takes the place of intelligible English in upper party circles, the American Communist Opposition is denounced as "American excep-

If we understand what the party leaders are driving at, we plead guilty to the charge. Yes, we consider that conditions in America are different from conditions in Germany or Spain or the Soviet Union. We are more than "American exceptionalists." We are "exceptionalists" for every country of the world! And country different from those of the rest, peculiar, "exceptional", we are in good company—the company of

Marx and Lenin. The fundamental aims of the Communist movement are the same thruout the world—the overthrow of capitalism, the establishment of Soviet Power, the building of a socialist society. But the methods of reaching that goal, the tactics to be applied at a given moment, are different for each country and even for each stage of the struggle in a given country.

#### A WORLD OF ENDLESS VARIETY

The countries of the earth do not develop evenly, acacording to some utopian blueprint or mechanical formula. They have different histories, different traditions, different relations of class forces, different degrees of development; they are in different stages. There are "backward" countries and "advanced" countries; industrial lands and lagricultural lands; advancing powers and declining powers; big nations and small nations; creditor countries and debtor countries; colonies and imperialist powers; backward working classes and advanced working classes, etc., etc. Those who would build a Communist movement in any country must know that country. They must adapt their tactics to the special conditions of that country. Else they will never build a Communist movement at all.

#### LENIN THE EXCEPTIONALIST

Here is how Lenin answered the abstract pedants, the "infantile Communists" as he called them, who did not want to take into account the specific peculiarities, the concrete conditions, of each country:

"We must clearly realize that such a leading center (as the Communist International) can under no circumstances be built after a single model, by a mechanical uniformity and levelling of the tactical rules of struggle.

"So long as national and national-state differences exist between peoples and countries (and these differences will continue to exist for a very long time, even after the realization of the proletarian dictatorship on a world scale), the unity of the international tactics of the Communist labor movement everywhere demands, not the elimination of the varied national differences-this at the present moment is a foolish dream-but such an application of the fundamental principles of Communism (Soviet Power and the dictatorship of the proletariat) as would permit of the proper modification of these principles in particulars and their correct adaptation and application to national and national-state differences."

Again and again Lenin reminds us that the chief task of the scientific revolutionist or Communist in planning his strategy and tactics is:

"To investigate, study, ascertain, grasp, the nationally peculiar, nationally specific features in the concrete attempts of every country to solve the aspects of a single international problem. . .

#### FOR AN AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY

In other words, slogans, solutions, proposals and tactics which are mechanically adopted for all countries at once, without regard to the peculiarities of each, are not likely to be good for any of them.

A party that wants to sink its roots in American soil must understand American political and economic conditions. If it wants to influence and lead the American workers, it must speak their language, understand how to solve their problems, make proposals that meet their needs, embodied in slogans adjusted to their development and understanding. This is not nationalism -it is the only true internationalism, for only by such methods can the Communist International develop a powerful American section, only thus can the aims of the working class be served in America, or in any other country on the face of the earth.

The leaders of the official Communist Party of the United States have their feet in America but their heads in Europe. Their speeches deal with the problems of the Soviet workers and forget the problems of the American workers. Foster writes a book "Towards

on Mars for all the reflection of American realities that can be found in it. The latest slogans of the German Communist Party, often wrong even for Germany, are immediately imported into the United States. The German workers are in mortal combat with Fascism, so our party tells the bewildered American workers about Fascism and "social-fascism" in America. Not having a Hitler around at the moment it makes a "social-fascist" out of John Dewey or V. F. Calverton! The Soviet Union has shock troops. The next day the American party has "shock troops." The Soviet Union tries to speed up production by "socialist competition" between one factory and another. The next day the "American" leaders are telling the American workers to enter into "socialist competition." Because the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has behind it the majority of the working class, the American leaders talk and act as if our little party had the majority of the working class behind it, refuse to form united fronts with other parties (there are no other parties in the Soviet Union), denounce the millions that our party has to win, and set up artificial barriers between the Communists and the mass of the American working class. Because the fight in America is hard and long, they substitute dreams about what is happening in the Soviet Union and try to keep their followers in a perpetual daze that will blind them to the weaknesses failures of the American party. By long gazing or the splendor of the rising sun of the Russian Revolution, the leaders of the American party have become blinded to the murky realities of America and all the party's tactics are carried on in an atmosphere of unreality that has nothing to do with the situation and problems of the country in which it is trying to function. The Communist Party (Opposition) draws in-

Soviet America" which might as well have been written

spiration from the achievements of the Russian Revolution, but remembers that those achievements were the work of the Russian working class led by the most realistic Communist Party of the world, the Bolshevik party of Lenin. It proposes to imitate the methods of Lenin not parroting, but analysis of American realities, and the making of the Communist Party of the United States into what it was rapidly becoming before the change of line in 1929-an American Communist Party speaking to the American working class in its own language, of its own problems, and proposing tuctics and slogans appropriate to the present relation of class forces and present political and economic realities in this country, so as to lead the working class of the United States forward on the road to the achievement of its own historic destiny, the overthrow of the most powerful master class in history and the conquest of America by the American workers for themselves and for the workers of the world!

NEXT ISSUE: THE TRADE UNION QUESTION

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#### THE LYTTON COMMISSION REPORT

THAT the Lytton report is a big victory for Yankee imperialism in the Far Bast is obvious on the face of it. In spite of certain minor "concessions" to Japan, the policy followed by Tokyo for the last several years is sharply condemned along almost the same lines as was taken by Washington in its recent diplomatic not 3. The dropping of the Manchukuo fraud, the return of the three Manchurian provinces, with "autonomy", to the "sovereignty" of the Chinese "national" government, the puppet of Wall Street, and all that this implies, are precisely what the United States Department has been insisting upon all the time. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Japanese government is so violently wrought up by the Lytton report, that it is so categorical in rejecting it as diametrically opposed to its policy, which is "irrevocable." The bitter and unappeasable and only the militant united front tagonisms between the rival imperialism of the United States and Japan were never so clear or so sharp as today.

The striking thing about the whole affair is the success the United States has had in forcing thru a unanimous report, that is, in swinging Great Britain, hesitant and undecided, into line, at least lions of unhappy victims to share temporarily, and in spiking the opposition of France. For both of these powers were, and are, more or less definitely pro-Japanese, France decidedly so: both were anti-American. What "inducements" Wall Street had to use are not known but the result is certainly hurry these victims to the sick bed in no doubt. It would be a mistake, however, to believe that, because the report is unanimous, there is harmony among the three powers. Nothing of the sort! Having given formal assent to the report, both Downing Street and the Quai d'Orsay are busily scheming how to destroy its entire effectiveness. The "London Times" is ples, and is organizing imperialist "afraid" the recommendations are not "practicable", while the French press is more than sceptical, indeed openly hostile. Here too the mutual antagonisms among the imperialist powers are flaring up with renewed violence.

The extraordinary tone of polite consideration with which the Soviet Union is treated in the report is not merely the usual sanctimonious hypocrisy of the imperialist diplomats; it is a really remarkable tribute to the adroit foreign policy of the Soviet State and to the firm determination to defend their socialist fatherland heroically manifested by the masses of the Soviet toilers. The danger of an imperialist attack upon the Soviet Union is far from past; with the triumph of Wall Street it rises in a new and even more menacing

It is clear that the superficial harmony hides a sharp aggravation of the forces that are driving the imperialist powers at each others throats and the whole world into a new, incredibly fearful war. The precarious condition of the League of Nations, precisely as a result of the "unanimous" report, is an indication in this direction. The only way out of the fearful butchery in store for mankind is to cut thru the murderous tangle of imperialist diplomacy with with the sharp sword of proletarian revolution.

#### VOICES OUT OF THE DEAD PAST

ANY readers must have noticed the story, in the "N. Y. Herald-Tribune" and widely copied, that work on the Soviet film "Black and White," to produce which a group of American Negroes recently went to the U.S.S.R., was suddenly stopped in order to "placate" the American government. Of what account is it to these "gentlemen of the press" that it has been officially declared by the proper authorities in the Soviet Union that the delay in the film is purely technical and only temporary (work will be resumed in the Spring), of what account is it that practically all of the group that went across have issued statements to the same effect, of what account iis Soviet film was pro height of the Far Eastern crisis when it was most of all desirable to "placate" the United States? It is a "good" story, especially in view of the growing sentiment for the Soviet Union among the Negro people of this country.

But even this is a mere nothing. The Kingston, Jamaica (British West Indies), "Daily Gleaner," of September 3, 1932, reprints a Reval cablegram of the notorious Reuter "news" agency, in which the Communist International is made to announce to the world at large: "The inherent ignorance of the colored races makes their unity impossible. . Therefore it is more advisable at present for the Comintern to turn their attention to the European proletariat, which is more cultured, instead of wasting time and money in a futile endeavor to enlighten born fools.". This pitifully crude forgery, which "our own" Grover Whalen would surely regard with scorn, which stands in the crassest contradiction to every word and deed of the Communists, is presented to the West Indian Negroes as the "real reason" for the "suppression" of the Soviet-Negro film. The same number of the "Daily Gleaner" out-Reuters Reuter in an astounding editorial, "Not Born Fools," which, in brazen ignorance, arrant stupidity, and shameless reaction, has really never been matched even in the gutter press. The mad fury of invective of these spiritless pen-lackeys of the aristocratic British slave-drivers only reflects their desperate terror before the onward sweep of the great ideas of the Communist revolution among the downtrodden colored masses of the earth.

These are indeed voices out of the dead past! It will take more than lying squibs in New York papers, crude forgeries in Reuter the tide of rebellion now rapidly rising among the many millions of colonial slaves and oppressed peoples in all quarters of the globe!

# Of Capitalism

#### A Burning Appeal Of Clara Zetkin

labor every year. Every year brings its toll of dead, of hundreds of thousands crippled and njured and deprived of their of the Soviet Union. working capacity for a period or

This state of society, based on exploitation, costs more in human lives yearly, in times of peace, than the greatest and bloodiest revolutions have ever cost.

To these victims must be added

flesh with insatiable greed.

Comrades, friends. You have no mercy to expect at the hands of

of the exploited and down-trodden taking up the fight against capi talism, can secure the rights of the

Capitalism is forcing fresh miler decimate the ranks of the un-

World capitalism is preparing for a fresh massacre of the peo-

In every capitalist state many accomplice of capitalism; Fascism thousands fall on the battlefied of aids capitalism to realize its limitless desire for plunder and exploitation of the toilers, its unscrupulous plans of war and of invasion

> Nothing but the serried ranks of the united front of the militant proletariat, ready for any sacrifice can ward off the approaching disaster. Join this united front, you victims of the battlefields of labor and of imperialist war. The cause of your healthy brothers and sisters—and how long will they still be healthy?—is your cause, and your cause is theirs.

> In the armies of the fighters you must be there too, you millions of crippled and sick, of widows, orphans, and destitute parents, you, too, must come forward with your arraignment before the capitalist system of society. Prove that capitalism, tho it may cripple and weaken your bodies, cannot kill your spirit.

Fight for a different fate for ment should get out the victims of the battlefields of business in peace time. labor and of imperialist war! Fight against the fresh advance of the exploiters, determined to press even more profits out of the toil-Fight in defense of peace and for security of the Soviet

State now building up socialism!
Fight against Fascism, the uncrupulous servant of international trustified financial capital. Fight, fight inexorably against the cannibalistic monster of capitalism!

Victims of capitalism, this strug-Forward in the fight!

if returned in good condition to WORLD PROLETARIAT.

Lost And Found Column

World Congress of the Communist

International; due in Moscow

around the middle of 1930 and not

heard from yet: finder please call

Kremlin 30-50; no questions asked

Lost, strayed or stolen: Seventh

Communist Leg Plot Exposed. Egg dealers, tailors and artificial eg makers appeared before the Shannon committee created by Congress to investigate government competition with private business.

George E. Marx, not related to Karl, appeared on behalf of his fellow artificial leg manufacturers to protest the governments leg-shop at Base Hospital 81. "That's Communism," said Marx.

He had nothing to say about the government's entering into the business of creating a market for artificial legs during the late world war, but insisted that the government should get out of the leg

To Thine Ownself Be True . . .

Senator James J. Davis, millionaire working man and ex-Secretary of Labor, loyalest Moose of all the Loyal Order of Moose, than which no animal is loyaler, has appropriated the modest sum of \$127,418 from the proceeds of a Moose lottery for charity. Evidently the Senator takes in earnest the adage: "Charity begins at home."

Now we understand the pronouncements of the former Secreary of Labor on prosperity: Feb. 14, 1930: "Let us be thankful we are getting back on our feet." \$127,418 would help anybody back onto his feet!

#### New Realty Developments

When Stalin named a town after himself, Hoover was jealous. Now for every Stalingrad in Russia there are a hundred Hoovervilles in the U. S. A.

The difference is that Stalingrad is a growing industrial town of steel and concrete while Hooverville is made of packing-cards and tin cans.

#### Pinning It On Them

It took the Department of Justice twenty-four hours to find that 1069 of the B.E.F participants had riminal record and more than four years to pin one on Al Ca-\* \* \*

The favorite crime was vagrany. A tenth of the population of the nation can plead guilty.

Lobbyists have no business coming to Washington without cash

Hoover is a Quaker and didn't want to throw stones so he transold adage into for bread and receive a gas bomb."

Hoover made himself so popular with the boys that he's seeking re-election now because he's afraid to leave the White House.

We Need Something New

In his telegram of congratulation to Weber and Fields Hoover said that what the country needs is a "resoundingly good joke." Weber and Fields wired back. "Hoover is good enough for us."

He told Rudy Vallee that the country needed a new song and to a literary visitor he confided that the country needs a new poem to cheer us up.

The Democrats are encouraged to suggest that the country needs a new administration. But what the country really needs is a new social system.

-B. D. W.

# Put an End to Monster

for life.

the millions and millions of dead, crippled, and diseased, from the battlefields of imperialist war. Capitalism is that monster of the Freek legend, which fed on human

this cannibalistic system, no hope of understanding for your sufferings, either bodily or mental, no

ictims of this system!

your hard fate. The merciless drive of capitalist rationalization, combined with reduced wages and salaries and worsened conditions and to the grave. Cold and hunmployed.

war against the Soviet Union. In gle decides your present and your all capitalist states Fascism is the future. Forward in the fight!

New Workers School

228 Second Avenue, Corner 14 Street

## FALL TERM-1932

CURRENT HISTORY, Jay Lovestone

FRIDAY, at 8:30 P. M. beginning October 7. Fee: \$1.25; Single admission: 25c

THE LIBERATION OF AMERICAN LITERA-TURE, V. F. Calverton.

THURSDAY, at 8:30 P. M. beginning December 1 Single admission: 25c

beginning October 11

Fee: \$2.50

COMMUNIST STRATEGY AND TAČTICS, Alex Bail TUESDAY, at 8:30 P. M.

Fee: \$2.50 HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, Herbert Zam.

TUESDAY at 7:00 P. M. beginning October 11. Fee: \$2.50

MARXIAN ECONOMICS I & II, Bertram D. Wolfe. TUESDAY, at 8:30 P. M.

beginning October 18. Two successive terms of twelve sessions each. Fee: \$2.50 one term; \$4.00 both terms.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COMMUNISM, D. Benjamin FRIDAY, at 7:00 P. M. beginning October 14.

Fee: \$2.50 BASIC CONCEPTIONS O FMARXISM, B. Herman TUESDAY, at 7:00 P. M. beginning October 11

Fee: \$2.50 HISTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVE-MENT IN THE UNITED STATES, Will Herberg FRIDAY, at 7:00 P. M. beginning October 14.

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