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Robbing the Poor to Feed The Starving

On Monday November 27, 1934, the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York has after several days of bickering and political maneuvering passed a 2 percent sales tax and a 3 percent utility tax, in an effort to raise the necessary amount of money needed by the City of New York for unem-ployment relief during the year of

The bankers have constantly threatened to stop all loans to the City administration for relief, un-less "adequate" guarantees are made that their loans will be fully protected and repaid with interest. Each month the city administra-tion was faced with a new crisis in unemployment relief, and each month, the axe of starvation hung over the starving unemployed of New York. The passing of the 2 percent sales tax and the utility tax is supposed to do away, for the immediate future, with the danger of a stoppage in unemployment relief.

Only the Poor Will Carry the Burden of the New Taxes

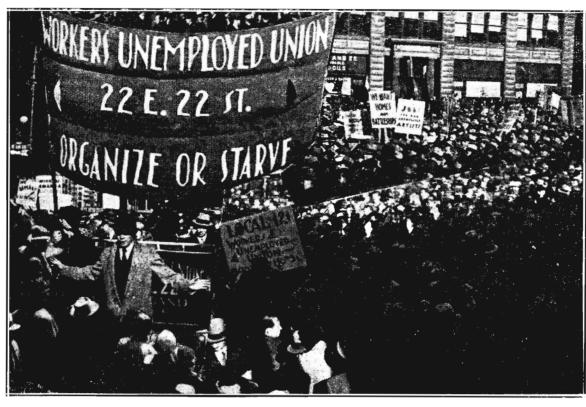
Although both the sales tax and the utility tax will not be collected directly from the workers and consumers, yet it will all be paid not by the utility concerns nor by the business men, large or small, but by the workers. They, the under-paid workers, and even the unemployed themselves will cover the entire income of the next taxes. The utility concerns, even though they charge exorbitant rates as it is, are already planning to increase their rates, so that the \$15,000,000, that will make up the 3 percent utility tax, will not come out of the treasury of the utility concerns but rather out of the pockets of the millions of consumers, who are (Continued on Page 2)

Pier Workers In Injunction Fight

Alleging that a working agreement entered into between the longshoremen and truckmen, not to handle freight brought to the piers by scab truckmen, is in restraint of any union to enter into an agree-of trade and conflicts with and violates the Sherman and Clayton acts and the Shipping Board Act. of the inherent rights of and the Shipping Board Two internationals and thirty-two local unions are in the Brooklyn Supreme Court. These unions are all members of the American Federation of Labor, and in their defense they have secured the services of Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana.

The suit against the union men is brought by the Brooklyn Cham-ber of Commerce and the Merchants Association of New York who are seeking an injunction against the workers to keep them from defending their interests on the piers against trucking firms who claim the right to have scab truckers bring freight to the piers and have the union men handle it.

Let it be understood from the start that if this case goes against the workers it means the death of unionism on the piers. That this is the purpose of the injunction is patent on the face of it, and is in line with all the moves of the bosses who are very much interested in keeping workers from interfering with the profit system,



Composite Photograph of the Demonstration of the Unemployed on November 24.

Jobless Demonstrate Against Hunger

Seven thousand unemployed orkers and members of A.F. of trade unions rallied to the call ing at Union Square, as which workers and members of A.F. of L. trade unions rallied to the call November 24th. Marching through the streets of New York, they pro-tested against the drastic cuts in relief being put into effect every-where, and shouted their demands for winter clothing for the unem-ployed, for jobs, unemployment insurance and for the passage of a thirty hour work week bill.

The demonstration was arranged by the Workers Unemployed Union as part of a series of demonstrations held on the same day in many towns and cities through out the country.

and from organizing and striking.

In this case we have something which will bear watching by every union man and union official in the country. In this case lies the right organized workers. This is an attempt on the part of the bosses to revive in a new form the old conspiracy laws-in the disguise of an injunction. Many unions thruout the country have such agreements and this case if won will abrogate and render null and void all such agreements and will open the way for every such union to be taken into court under an injunction and such agreement dissolved. It is this phase of the case which makes it so important.

The Workers Age predicts that in the loss of this case it will mean one of the biggest strikes that the water front has seen for years. The men involved will then be forced to use their mass strength as is always the case when such vital issues come to the front and they come to grips with master

issued by the Workers Unemployed David Lasser, Chairman, W.U.U. Union to demonstrate on Saturday, outlined the demands, the demonstration proceeded to move up past the office of Frederick Daniels, State Relief Administrator, while a delegation consisting of rep-resentatives of the unemployed and trade unions presented to the T trade unions presented to the T. E.R.A. officials a resolution containing the following eight point program of demands: 1. That the work for the unemployed upon a basis of \$30 a week for a thirty hour week, with the payment of skilled or trade union rates where such are higher. 2. The passage of the Lundeen Worker's Unem-ployed Insurance Bill. 3. Pendployed Insurance Bill. 3. Pending the passage of unemployment insurance, direct cash relief at the rate of \$10 a week for a single person. 4. The right of all workers on public works to organize and engage in collective bargaining. 5. Recognition of the representatives of organized unemployed before Relief Administrations. 6. Federal adequate disunemployment relief. 8. Passage ray Gross, Dress Joint Board I.L. by Congress of a thirty-hour work

week bill-with no reduction in

Battleships Mean

Graves For Workers As these demands were being presented and discussed with the relief officials, the walls of the room vibrated as the militant shouts and demands of the workers in the street below came pour-ing through the windows. The answers of the relief officials were, as usual, hesitant and vague. When government undertake an extensive the question of turning over of system of Public Works to provide war funds to the unemployed was

the question of turning over of war funds to the unemployed was discussed, one of the officials asked —"Does not building battleships provide work?" The spokesman for the delegation replied "So does digging graves."

The workers then marched back to Union Square where a mass to Union Square where a mass

organizations also spoke. These speakers included: Murray Baron, Suitcase and Bag Makers Union; workers, is being placed before the tions. 6. Federal adequate dis- Meyers, Industrial Secretary, Fedability compensation on all public eral Council of Churches; Herman projects to and from work. 7. All Woskow, Vice-President Local 51, war funds to be turned over to Printing Pressmen's Union; Mur-

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SERGEI KIROFF ASSASSINATED

Sergei M. Kiroff, member of the announcement of this murder. ive member of the Bolshevik group since 1904, was assasinated in Moscow by Leonid Vasilliewitch Nickolaev, a former employe of the Workers and Peasants Inspection.

Political Buro of the Communist Resolutions call for "blow for Party of the Soviet Union, an act-blow" against the enemies of the Soviet Union.

The full implications of this murder, it is yet too early to estimate. Investigations are still A tremendous wave of resent-ment swept the Soviet Union on political connections.

> "HITLER ON TOP OF THE WORLD" December 9, 8 P. M., 51 W. 14 St.

SP Old Guard Threatens To Split Party

The old ruard in the Socialist Party, defeated at the last national convention of the Socialist Party in Detroit and outvoted in the referendum on the Declaration of Principles, is making a last stand, using the New York State Com-mittee of the Socialist Party as its base of operations.

In the name of the New York State organization, and backed by a caucus representing ten other states, kept in session to meet an expected "emergency," Waldman submitted what amounts to an ultimatum to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, in session in Boston.

The statement scores the N.E.C. for its "indefinite and ambiguous dilly-dallying" on united front work with communist organizations and calls for a definite end to all negotiations. This openly anti-united front stand is camou-flaged by the statement that "the future of the Socialist Party lies with the organized labor move-ment..."

The statement further demands and end to the "infiltrating" of Communists into the Socialist Party. It is proposed that former communists who want to join must publicly repudiate the fundamental premises of communism before admission into the S.P. In relation to this matter it is considerable interest that the old guard considers the Revolutionary Policy Committee in the S.P. as a com-Committee, in the S.P., as a communist organization and demands their expulsion on the ground that in the S.P. "there canot be fundamental division on basic purposes

and tactics."
An additional demand of the old guard is the revision of the Declaration of Principles and a new referendum on its revised text.

The question of a possible split (Continued on Page 2)

Paterson Dyers Settle Silk Strike

Paterson, N. J. The hard fought strike of the Paterson silk dyers, lasting over four weeks, has just been settled. The proposed agreement, which workers, is being placed before the membership for approval.

As against the 30-hour week demanded by the workers the agreement calls for 36. This represents a cut of 4 hours from the weekly working time. Hourly pay was compromised at 66c an hour as compared to 57½c in force before the strike.

The closed shop, the main issue over which the 25,000 dyers struck was not secured. The agreement, however, stipulates that union members must be replaced by union members in cases of shifts in employment.

Apparently in an effort to insure themselves against any further general strikes the manufacturers wrote into the agreement a provision that strikes are permissible in individual shops only, which refuse to comply with the agreement. A general strike is prohibit-

ed.

The agreement is to be in force for a period of two years, as against the previous agreement which was for a one year period only.

Ludwig Lore:

Communist Opposition Proposes

United Front to Socialist Party

The following statement of the National

Committee of the Communist Party (Oppo-

sition), incorporating its proposals to the So-

cialist Party for a united front, was placed

before the National Executive Committee of

the Socialist Party, meeting in Boston, Mass.

The delegation of the Communist Party

(Opposition) consisted of Jay Lovestone and

OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF AMERICA:

We appear before you as a delegation of the Na-

The attiude of our organization to the Socialist

many serious differences in program and policy,

operation between our two movements would in all

probability have changed the whole tragic course of

on December 1 and 2.

Charles S. Zimmerman.

Dear Comrades:

Robbing Poor to Feed Starved | Jobless in Mass | S.P. Right Threatens Split

unemployed who rely on relief. Tammany, was elected and as The utilities will cover the fifteen million dollars levied on them as taxes by simply relevying that amount on its customers by either raising the price of their service, or by directly transmitting the tax to the consumers, and charging three persent every on corb delay. The utilities will cover the fifteen comptroller the failure to dish out the meagre relief dole would react the meagre relief dole would react against Tammany as well as Functional Comptroller the failure to dish out the memorandum that "worse than a split is the great danger of the party's disintegration" leaves no doubt that this is an open threat to split.

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form will happen with the sales it easy. The odium of the sales tax. Instead of being a 2 percent tax falls upon La Guardia who sales tax paid by merchants, it will claims it as his own and the praise become a ten or fifteen percent tax for continued relief is claimed by levied on the consumer. The recent Tammany for its own Taylor. The When the tax was passed, prices that the masses shall pay and the on all commodities were immediately raised. This was felt by everybody. But apart from this each buyer that purchased any commodity had to pay the tax to his storekeeper, which tax was above the price of the article pur-chased. The reason for it was simple. Each and every intermediary and seller of an article sought to protect the taxes paid by him, by raising the price of the commodity to cover that amount, and a little extra. So that until a commodity reached the retail store-keeper the amount of the each store keeper raising the price so as to cover his sales tax. The ultimate consumer was therefore same thing will undoubtedly happen in the present sales tax. The merchants will so arrange their prices as to cover all their taxes, and will lose nothing thereby, except a slight decrease in trade. raised. From the standpoint of purchasing power, the sales tax is equivalent to a direct wage cut.

The Tax Question—A Political Football

The same La Guardia who argued so fluently in Congress, in 1932, against the sales tax becomes now the proponent of the same tax as the Mayor of New York. La Guardia then, "a family spend-

who still has a majority on the Board of Aldermen, would have bared his fangs against the sales tax and would parade as the "friend of the people" and the de"friend of the people" and the de"friend of the people" and the defender of the "tax-payer." It would

Baltimore Workers Hear Jay Lovestone

have been good politics in order

On November 25, Jay Lovestone spoke in Baltimore under the aus pices of the Workers Educational Club, on What's Ahead For American Labor. 150 workers attended the meeting. Two days before this meeting the C.P. called a of starvation. Generally speaking, employed, those on direct relief as special meeting and prohibited its being on poor relief means slow well as those on FERA. If ever

sidered it as as his revolutionary cents per meal, per person. Out duty to resort to hooliganism to of this allowance must come such stop the distribution of the leaflets. The turn-out for the meeting proved conclusively that these methods only discredit the C.P. and its heroic organizers.

(Continued from Page 1) to embarass the Fusion Adminismade up of writer and the same tration. But Taylor, a memoer of tration.

cumstances was it passed. Tam-

The same, and even in a worse many can now sit back and take bankers shall be payed.

JACK SMITH

> Zimmerman Protests **College Expulsions**

A vigorous protest against the expulsion and suspension of thirtyfour students at the College of the City of New York for participating Local 51 of the Priting Pressmen's in a recent anti-Fascist demonstrain a recent anti-Fascist demonstration, was voiced in a telegram sent | Suitcase and Bagmakers' Union, today to Mayor La Guardia by New York Local of the UTW., In-Charles S. Zimmerman, in the ternational Pocketbook Workers' name of the New York Dress- Union, New York Association of makers Union, an organization em- Unappointed Teachers, Industrial bracing over 80,000 workers. Mr. Dept., Federal Council of Churches, Zimmerman, who is acting man- and the League of Office and Proager of the union, declared that fessional Employees. The Unemployed Co merchants that handled the goods been "publicly commended and not few TUUL banners supported the telegram concluded with an appeal ments.

to Mayor La Guardia to effect the Special mention must be made of reinstatement of the expelled and suspended students, to bring about the removal of Frederick B. Robin-Joint Board, ILGWU. Besides en-

son as president of C.C.N.Y. and to put a stop to "the spread of Fascist propaganda in the city's let in its own name, calling upon all dressmakers to participate. The The telegram follows:
"In name of eighty thousand dressmakers organized in its ranks Joint Board of Dressmakers Union for better conditions for the job-of International Ladies Garment less. Especially should the organ-Workers Union vigorously protests against outrageous expulsion of the unemployed for unemploytwenty-one students from College ment is a serious threat to the of City of New York and suspen- trade union movement and to the sion of thirteen others. These students have been brutally punished of hard struggle. By coming out means that family will pay a \$22.50 for manifesting opposition to Fasc- in support of the demands of the means that family will pay a \$22.50 tax."

But it is not so "odious" now that La Guardia finds it necessary to fix his political fences by robto nx his political fences by robbing the poor to guarantee the interest of the bankers.

In passing this tax both Tambany and the Fusion Administration which furnous students should have been publicly commended and not driven out of college. Action of college authorities and provocative constitution which Dean declares was spontaneous students should have been nished the music for the demonstration. tion were fighting their political battle at the expense of the masses. Had McGoldrick been relected as Comptroller, the Tiger, who still has a majority at the still has

> ational system. (Signed) Charles Limmerman Acting General Manager Joint Board Dress & Waistmakers Union.

Starvation

Fort Wayne, Ind. With winter right at our door,

workers joined the C.P.O.

In the course of the preparations for the meeting we ran into some difficulties with George Powers, organizer of the T.U.U.L. who constant of the magnificent sum of four spend the c.P.O.

| Compared to only a few and that it is a compliment to be chosen to work on the project. Imagine the workers joined to only a few and that it is a compliment to be chosen to work on the project. Imagine the workers joined to only a few and that it is a compliment to be chosen to work on the project. Imagine the work on the work of w

Many Trade Unions

Participate One of the most noteworthy fea- tion postponed until the 1936 contures about this demonstration was the hearty response given it by the permits local united fronts within State Sales Tax of 1 percent has clearly shown who pays that tax and who carries the burden of it.

Tamimany for its own Taylor. The fract time the W.U.U. succeeded in winning the endorsement and support of a many and Fusion are quite agreed large section of the trade union movement of New York for the of the N.E.C. since a number of demands of the unemployed and decisions were carried by a major the demonstration. for the demonstration.

The following trade unions and other organizations endorsed the call of the Workers Unemployed Union for the demonstration and urged their members to participate: Dressmakers' Joint Board ILGWU., Amalgamated Clothing Workers, United Hebrew Trades,

The Unemployed Councils and a merchants that handled the goods before it was finally sold. The The mosition to Fossion position to Fascism. The union's nothing to do with the arrange-

> leaflet pointed out that "The employed and unemployed workers have a common interest in fighting

of C.C.N.Y. and in stopping spread spicuous by its absence is medical of fascist propaganda in city's edu- and dental allowances. There is not a cent for either. Of course, a pauper is not supposed to get sick. In the latter part of October it was announced that FERA workers with more than three dependents were to receive fifteen dollars per F.E.R.A. Workers Face week. Immediately following election, which was November 6th those with three dependents were

cut to \$8.50 per week. The only thing that will save the unemployed is a strong, militant

special meeting and prohibited its members from attending. A numbers from attending. A number of them, however, came nevertheless, as a protest against the church-like obedience or the strategy of the ostrich which is passed off as revolutionary discipline.

An interesting discussion was held and numerous questions placed. 33 copies of Workers Age and a considerable amount of C.P. O. literature were sold. A few workers joined the C.P.O.

being on poor relief means slow well as those on FERA. If ever an unemployed organization was needed it is now.

Recently a bulletin was issued to the FERA workers very plainly informing them that less than half the persons on relief were on FERA and if they made any kick about the budget they could be replaced at once. They also stated that it is a privilege that can be have arranged a new budget system whereby they tell you precisely it is a compliment to be chosen to

BUILD THE AGE FOR UNITY

of equivocation. Actual setting up of a united front on a national scale was defeated and considera-

The threat of a split from the right shook a number of members the committee was tied.

Jay Lovestone and Charles S Zimmerman, appearing as a committee of the C.P.O. to place a proposal for united front action (see page three) were given a hearing but action was postponed until 1936, on the basis of the

Despite the Daily Worker announcements that Hathaway, Ford and Sparks were appearing before the N.E.C. in the name of the C.P. they failed to put in an appearance. Nor did they request to be heard. Apparently it was a maneuver to offset the delegation of the Communist Opposition.

The old guard is now in conference in New York where the decisions of the N.E.C. will be con-

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Anti-War Leagne Marks Time

The grisly spectres of War and from Irving Plaza for a whole afternoon on Saturday, Nov. 24 when the New York conference met. Somewhere outside of the immediate vicinity of Union Square im perialism plots wars, capitalists may scheme for fascism but the American League is happy because it had a minister, a rabbi, a pacifist and a socialist who all agreed with

The conference reported 537 delegates present representing 322,058 workers—exactly. The basis of representation was something like this: 15 delegates from TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE A.F. of L. locals, 29,190 workers. 28 from the TUUL representing 65,000, 26 from rank and file groups, representing 80,890, total organized New York workers 175,- | tional Committee of the Communist Party (Opposi-180. Is there anybody in the audience who believes that 20% a number of issues of vital significance to the Amerof the unionized workers of the ican Workers. city are behind an organization which is so obviously tied hand and foot to the Communist Party? | Party is well known to you. Between us there are

those differences of principle that have traditionally All the speeches at the conference were made by enthusiastic divided the Socialist and Communist movements and people who thought the American have gained added weight from the recent develop-League was wonderful, that war ments in Europe. At the same time, however, we and fascism were very bad, that have always emphasized that, on a wide variety of The item "what ought to be questions and precisely on those of the most imsomething ought to be done about done" should have had a place on mediate concern to the workers, effective cooperathe agenda under these circum-tion between Communist and Socialist organizations stances but it didn't. In the place is not only possible but is absolutely essential if the of general discussion, were short working class is to be in a position to meet and cope pep speeches by American League with the grave problems facing us today. Such costooges-for example the Socialist who said: "I'm a Socialist. I'm if I get expelled from the S.P. events in Germany and might have prevented the for the United Front. I don't care I'm still for the united front." The menacing advance recently made by Fascism and delegates cheered to the echo this reaction in so many parts of the world. Never was profound analysis of the problems the need for united action in this country as great facing the American workers.

The "disruptive" elements from the class conscious workers as pressing as it is at the CPO were welcomed effusively the present time. by the Credentials Committee but refused the floor. On the agenda

It is well known that one of the issues leading to refused the floor. On the agenda under organizational problems the point of involving A. F. of L. was our outright rejection of the false and vicious unions in the League was raised. theory of "social fascism" with all that it implies. A CPO delegate took the floor for We have always strived to establish comradely reladiscussion and started pointing out tions of cooperation between our organizations, such the present isolation of the League. He was ruled out of order. Any discussion of the approach to trade unions was out of order to the League. Another delegate tried to most effective policies to be pursued. We have never get the floor on the adoption of slackened our agitation in favor of the united labor resolutions. She was ruled out of front, and especially in favor of the closest possible order too and the resolutions pas- collaboration between the Communist and Socialist sed without discussion.

The conference got through an enormous agenda in a very short time. The rabbi, the minister, the pacifist and the socialist were very happy. The chances of a war in reduced to a minimum. Thus far doth the influence of the American League reach—and no farther.

C. L. U. to Answer Roosevelt

An answer to President Roose-

the country, spokesmen for liberal and reform organizations, and tive and administrative officials have been invited to attend the meeting and prepare the answer, according to Roger N. Baldwin, director of the Union.

ship by station managers; need of recognition by law of provision for tion of a new authority; opposition to the state censorship of motion programs; reassignment of wave lengths; consideration of setting up publicly-owned stations.

ship by station managers; need of tion of a new authority; opposition to the state censorship of motion programs; reassignment of wave lengths; consideration of setting up publicly-owned stations.

"Aliens. Amendment of the immigration and deportation laws to eliminate exclusion based upon pictures; control to be left exclusively to the industry, to agencies representing the audience, and in

A tentative program of subjects and remedies to be discussed in- of the Newspaper Code to organ-

cludes:

"The Rights of Labor. Opposition to any effort to curtail the cludes of the recognition by their employees and recognition by their employees. The Post Office Department rights of labor to organize and to censorship of the mails under the strike; and particularly to com- obscenity and birth control statutes too the right to organize and barpulsory arbitration and anti-strike and an unrepealed section of the tendencies: effective enforcement Espionage Act; and a proposal to "The Rights of Negroes. A fedtendencies; effective enforcement Espionage Act; and a proposal to of government orders requiring elections and compelling collective system of jury trial for excluded bargaining; against the recogni
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extreme cases, criminal prosecu-

croppers under protective provisions of the Codes, to give them "Colonial Peoples"

tion of company-controlled unions.

"Radio Censorship. The policies of the federal government in reposition to the proposals for fed
"Motion Picture Censorship. Opposition to the proposals for fedposition to the proposals for fedto their exclusion from tradeto their exclusion from tradeand autonomy."

"Indians. Support of further administration measures to restore to all Indians their tribal lands and autonomy."

as it is today; never was the demand for it among

movements in the class struggle. Today, we are demand such collaboration between our respective

organizations in a number of important fields. We, therefore, propose that you choose a sub-com-Irving Plaza-or at least on the mittee to confer with our committee for the purpose second floor of Irving Plaza-are of working out an agreement for cooperation with the following objectives:

1. To develop an effective movement against war and fascism on a broad and non-partisan basis. At a time when the danger of war is so acute and Fascism and reaction are making such headway, it is hardly necessary to emphasize the need for such movement while its possibilties are indicated by the attention given to this question at the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor. The velt's request last spring in a radio utterly narrow and sectarian way in which the speech for evidence that anyone's American League Against War and Fascism was liberty had been abridged will be conceived and organized has naturally turned it into repared at the conference on a virtual puppet of the official Communist Party and "Civil Liberties Under the New has rendered it utterly incapable of ever serving as Deal" in Washington, Dec. 8 and 9, sponsored by the Civil Liberties the organizational vehicle of a real movement against war. If we agree as to the necessity and Four thousand members of the possibility of a broad, non-partisan movement against Civil Liberties Union throughout war and Fascism, based on the trade unions and

publicly-owned stations.

"Press Censorship. The relation

embracing all tendencies in the labor movement, then it should be possible for us to get together to then it should be possible for us to get together to work out ways and means of stimulating its develop-foisted upon the workers is clearly ment among those sections of organized labor where we have influence.

The effect the connection of our members and like workers are parameters and like workers are parameters are presented in the following parameters from the "United States News" of October 15, 1934.

2. To effect the cooperation of our members and supporters in the trade unions for the furtherance of progressive unionism. We propose specifically that agreements for joint action should be worked out in the following fields: textile, needle trades, ready has been paid out to 3,000,shoe, teachers, mining and automobile. Such co- 000 farmers who signed contracts operation already exists in more or less systematical to cooperate with the AAA crop form in a number of fields but we feel it would be control plans, a total of \$406,339, of great advantage all around if it could be extended 000. This money has gone to wheat, and officially encouraged. As a program in this cotton, corn-hog, and tobacco direction we would suggest: militant class struggle tactics as against class collaboration; industrial these farmers, under contracts alunionism; trade union unity inside of the A.F. of L.; ready signed, a total of \$442,000against dual unionism; democracy within the unions; 000 with about \$50,000,000 more against racketeering; independent political action to go to sugar producers. The payand against the so-called "non-partisan" policy of ments to complete the various 1934 the A.F. of L. Of course, a more specific and concrete program would have to be worked out in each Cotton program \$ 72,500,000 field but we believe that it should certainly be possible to bring about the cooperation of our forces along these lines.

3. To help build up a genuinely non-partisan including sugar, are added to paylabor defense organization. Beyond question some ments already made, the total organization to come to the aid of workers suffer- reaches above \$900,000,000. Where organization to come to the aid of workers suffering legal persecution because of their participation in the class struggle, is badly needed today. But if such an organization is to be effective it must be genuinely non-partisan, always loyal to the labor threaten the country's budget? movement but neither dominated by nor discriminat- Not on the basis of figures pubing against any working class tendency. No such lished by the Treasury and estimorganization exists today, altho there are some, ates made by the AAA. In fact, organization exists today, altho there are some, such as the International Labor Defense, which, the parading as "non-partisan," are really auxiliaries or agencies of some particular party or group. It nearly \$100,000,000 more than has should be possible for us to get together to work out plans for building up such a labor defense or- date. It is money that every conganization, at first pehaps locally and later on a sumer of bread, of cotton goods, 4. To stimulate the movement for independent

working class political action in the form of a Labor levied party. We surely agree that the big job ahead of us is to break the political hold of the capitalits over the workers, to unite the workers as a class on the political field under the banner of their own according to estimates. On this basis the general budget of the Goparty. A Labor party, organized as a federation party. A Labor party, organized as a federation of trade unions and other workers organizations, is the great need of the hour. Many important interthem to the federation and the farm program will carry itself financially withnational unions, locals, and city and state federations, numbering hundreds of thousands of members, have already gone on record in favor of a labor party and there is considerable sentiment for it in ranks of the workers everywhere. What is lacking is mainly a driving force in the labor movement, consistently fighting the delusive "non-parti san" policy of the A.F. of L. and systematically pushing to the fore the idea of independent working class politics in the form of a Labor party. It is for the purpose of creating such a force that we propose the collaboration of our respective organiza-

We make this offer of cooperation to you because we are convinced that it would be of great benefit the workers movement, to the furtherance of which both of our organizations are dedicated. Experience in the unemployed movement and in a rumber of trade unions has demonstrated the great possibilities of such cooperation. We hope that, putting to one side all factional prejudices and narrow partisan considerations, you will see your Kantorovitch is not speaking as a way clear to acting favorably upon our proposals, representative of the Militant thus greatly advancing the consolidation of the group of which he is a leading ces of the class conscious proletariat in this member, nor a spokesman of the

NATIONAL COMMITTEE COMMUNIST PARTY U. S. (OPPOSITION) JAY LOVESTONE, Secretary

> "Aliens. Amendment of the political asylum for bona-fide refugees. Naturalization of aliens

"Colonial Peoples. Civil forms of government for the Virgin Islands, Samoa, and Guam; control of education by natives; no inter-

without discrimination against

"Indians. Support of further and autonomy.'

The Workers Pay For Farm Relief

That the whole burden of relief extended by the Government thru the AAA to the farmers is borne by the working class is now frankly acknowledged. How great

"Since the money angle of the growers.

"There remains to be paid to Wheat program 125,000,000

Corn-hog program ... 214,000,000 Tobacco program 30,000,000 "When payments to be made, of pork products and of tobacco has contributed in the form of higher prices since the taxes were

"These consumers will pay \$400-000,000 more during the months out raising the financial problems created by the Emergency relief activities and the public works act

Lore, Kantorowitch At School Forum

On Sunday, December 9, Ludwig Lore, Foreign Editor of the New York Post, will speak on "Hitler on Top of the World." Mr. Lore has written extensively on the German Nazi regime.

Haim Kantorovitch, one of the editors of the "American Socialist Quarterly" and a prominent theomovement, will speak at the Forum on the following Sunday, December 16. His topic is "A Socialist Estimate of Bolshevism." Mr. Socialist Party, but will express his own opinions on Bolshevism as it looks to him.

The two lectures give promise of lively discussion. The Forum has reduced its admission price to

WHO RULES OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM?

A conference on "Who rules the Schools" will be held at Harkness Academic Theatre at Columbia University, beginning Friday, Dec. clusion of farm laborers and share- those holding opinions which cit- 14 at 8:30 P. M. and a round table discussion on Public school boards of education, and governing boards of private colleges. The following authorities will speak. Everybody is invited.

Prof. Goodwin Watson, Teachers College; Prof. A. Durmond Jones, City College of N. Y.; Reinhold Neibuhr, Union Theo-

logical Seminary.
Auspices: New York Students

The Scottsboro Case-- A Critical Review

For more than three and a half years now, have the eyes of the whole world been focussed upon the Scottsboro case. The continued martyrdom of the victims has tention. It was the Communist glaringly revealed the ghastly led International Labor Defense example of the ruthless suppression of an entire people. Eight ist and sympathetic press that world. the howls of a lynch mob outside parts of the world that made the and devotion. Unfortunately there

the obscurity, to which the dark story of the oppression of the Negro is usually condemned, only thru the devoted activities of Com-

Sectarianism Destroys Another United Front

by Jim Cork

c.p. Brought Case
To The Fore
Had it not been for the Communists the cause would have been a closed one long ere now. It was the Communists, more than anybody else, who have kept the bloody else, who have kept the bloody how of Southern lynch law at how. The case was rescued from the course of Southern lynch law at how. The case was rescued from the course of the conscience o bay. The case was rescued from tical courage and personal devotion undone the original achievement.

need not have prevented a united could have been achieved with a front on an entifely different basis, flexible tactical approach it was however. The Communists were the Scottboro case. But it was ex- entirely right in transcending the farce of capitalist class justice. It that immediately took up the of the revolutionary proletariat as has been a particularly revolting cause of these unfortunate victims the dauntless champion of the opof lynch law. It was the Commun- pressed and exploited all over the missing during the "3rd period." the international proletariat right sion of an entire people. Eight Negro youngsters convicted upon evidence that cannot even be dignified as flimsy, because it was really non-existent, sentenced by the horizontal property of the land to the other. It was really non-existent, sentenced by the horizontal property of the land to the other. It was really non-existent, sentenced by the land to the other and devotion. Unfortunately there and devotion. Unfortunately there are larger that world. At no time was the united front conceived as what it really is, a bloc of organizations on an equal fighting basis could have been plane fighting on the basis of a chieved. The determined and history of Communist militancy and devotion. Unfortunately there are always of the world that made the case ring from one end to the conspiracy of silence and world.

At no time was the united front conceived as what it really is, a bloc of organizations on an equal fighting basis could have been achieved. The determined and history of Communist militancy and devotion. Unfortunately there are always of the world. At no time was the united front to the ears of the lynch judges of fundamental failure to make a dis- very beginning of the Scottsboro the court house. Nothing very untrom a local into an international of defense had the misfortune to mands and "partial" demands chord in wide sections of the Negro

of an appreciation of the import- politician and demagogue whose ance of gaining a labor base chief aim in the case was to make among the white workers. How personal capital. Lone voices of could it be otherwise with the the C.P.O. were raised against this curse of "3rd period" dual union- new turn as well as the opportunthru the devoted activities of Com- in the face of difficulties beyond munists. It was the local organization the Communist Party that again vindicated the historical role case in which a broad united front, a case in which a broad united front, a case in which a broad united front the organized labor movement. Third Period sectarianism thus upon preachers. What followed took its tragic toll and the base of was inevitable, and the present

Today the extreme conservative

N.A.A.C.P., the Scottsboro case would be closed long ago. That

It Is Not Too Late

defense was immediately narrowed. mess only signalizes what tragic fruit has been borne.

The whole tragic train of con- wing amongst the Negroes

sequences was dramatized in the (preachers, etc.) are working over-relations between the I.L.D. and time, together with Leibowitz, in the National Association for the trying to isolate the Communists The policy of the united front, Advancement of Colored People from the case entirely, in making (N.A.A.C.P.) The N.A.A.C.P. is a Communism, the issue. And it petty bourgeois organization with must be confessed that the sec-a following and influence among tarian tactics of the party has the Negroes of this country. Among brought grist to the mill of the as among all oppressed races, na- late, and yet perhaps not quite. So long as the S.L.I.D. is merely the extention of the Y.P.S.L. and the N.S.L. is merely the tool of the N.S.L. is merely the tool of geosie still has great progressive tried united front tactics which will the tool of geosie still has great progressive tried united front tactics which will appear to the tool of the toil. potentialities and cannot be com- concentrate all forces of the toilpared with the white petty bour- ers, white and black, for hammer geoisie in contemporary society. blows against lynch justice. Open Further it represents no homogen-cus mass, wings from left to right being clearly discernible. A cor-ponse, for the feeling for united rect tactical approach based upon action is great. Then let the cona realistic minimum program servatives try to disrupt the front. around racial oppression, could have won the lefts in the N.A.A. Leibowitz's and the reactionaries C.P., as well as tend to push the and to win back leadership. The coming. The fatal logic of sec-sed Negro people demands it; the and discouraging spectacle of dis- rightful position as the recognized unity and mutual recrimination instead of unity. Now I hold no brief for the N.A.A.C.P. It is my pressed. Not to do so will mean profound conviction that had the a blow against the Communist defense been kept within the nar- Party as well as Communism genmasses in the cleaning process. row limits of the pettifogging erally which the movement will legalism characteristic of the feel for a long time to come.

against any united front with the "soung Communist League when he spoke at the United Front Dedeclaring that to sit at the same declaring that to sit at the same table with the leaders of the Socialist Party is "the greatest of the C.P.O. and Trotzkyite youth. It is plain that Bittelman knows the Communist Party's bloc, discorded his entire attack against any united front with the U.I.W. Convention for the employers in the U.I.W. Convention for the marketing of textile goods. They proposed instead a militant strike policy. Sheber, leader of the Communist Party's bloc, discorded his entire attack against the washing against any united front with the U.I.W. Convention for the employers in the U.I.W. Convention for the united for t crime against the working class," no more today what the S.P. members the Communist Party leadership is now trying to make the members to make the of the Socialist Party believe that me Communist Opposition is the greatest obstacle to a united front! All the abuse. name-calling and mud-slinging that a past-ling and mud-slinging that a past-line of the working class master like Bittelman is capable is, can be clearly seen in his conof, is mustered against the Communist Opposition, while the forin the united front. He writes:

with the reactionaries to defeat complete fiasco for the union. to defeat the ruinous policies of Delegates from every silk sector, including Easton, where the Namunist Opposition, while the forin the united front. He writes: munist Opposition, while the for-mer recipients of a share of the "Make the united front—be same abuse, the supporters of Norman Thomas, are treated not merely with politeness, but with downright fawning. Bittelman

The problem of immediate and major significance for the work-

ing class is the establishing of a

genuine united front of the work-

ers' organizations, including the

trade unions and the political ten-

dencies in the ranks of the work-

ing class, on the immediate issues

The recent attempts of the Com-

munist Party leadership to per-

suade the Socialists to support a

united front policy have been so deplorable that the greatest in

jury is being done to the cause of

example of such Party persuasio

working class unity. A horrible

1934. No greater disservice to

agined. In this article combining

errors as well as Talmudic non-

sense, Bittelman rises to his usual

right opportunist and ultra-left

of struggle on which they agree.

"Under the Tammany tutelfront with the Communist been defeated?

A Discussion on Monogamy in United Fronts

Party, then it is necessary to say plainly: the S.P. member ship want a united front with the Communists, with the Communist Party, the U.S. Section of the Communist International and not with the renegades from Communism. The Communist and Socialist workers want an honest and clean united front, and not Tammany Hall intrigues. a la Lovestone, against is Alex Bittelman's article in the Tammany or Left Daily Worker of November 14. Social Fascist?

It is hardly worth while to working class unity could be im- argue with a man who has so obvenom, lies and slander are effective beyond those limits of the heights to confirm the prejudices power of expulsion still exercised in the minds of the members of by the C.P. burrocrats. However, the Socialist Party created by six certain things are especially noteyears of the era of "social-fasc-ism" and the united front from manyite." Only a few weeks ago, below. The anti-united front pol- before the last minute turn of the icy of the Young Communist C.P. to the united front with the League on October 12th of this year, when they refused to join the demonstrations of the Y.P.S.L., Is it not that reference to "left" the family circle of the man about

Reading S.P. Minds Moreover, Bittelman knows just Declaration of Principles in the C.P. made not the slightest effort Socialist Party are being wooed, to get into the Conference. More-All other organizations, especially over, the S.P. delegates voted the Communist Opposition, are to overwhelmingly not to invite the be kept out of the exclusive circle. C.P., but voted just as overwhelm-In other words, they are for a ingly to have the united front in-"pure" united front, or as Bittel-elude the Communist Opposition man puts it: an "honest and Clean" despite the objections of many of united front. Infidels such as their right wing leaders. Which Lovestone, who opposes the Decla-ration of Principles, and Dubinsky what Bittelman imagines is in the and Gorman who do not support minds of the S.P. members. In the Declaration of Principles, for addition, the Daily Worker of opposite reasons, are not invited. May 2nd, 1934, has an extremely The united front contem-plated by Bittelman is so clean, virtuous indignation that Jay that it would surely throw out the Lovestone spoke on the same plat-

the last six years.

group seeks to place itself "in-between the Socialist and Com-claration of Principles is a com-progressive resolution. munist Parties in order to plete illusion. It is not even a prevent the consummation of mole-hill. Leading supporters of the united front. In this, the the Declaration of Principles in the Federation ambitious Tammany politicians Socialist Party such as Dan Hoan The Convention failed to meet mile fail as they have failed are categorically opposed to united miserably in their other 'great' front with the Communist Party. the union—the severe crisis in the out by the tabling of a resolution ambitions. But when Norman And is it not correct to fight for Federation, the wage cuts, the in- against racial discrimination; by Thomas is beginning to play the united front of the working creasing stretch-out, and the orwith them, obviously as a class against the bourgeoisie even ganizational weakening as a result ressive resolution for a Labor maneuver against the united had the Declaration of Principles of the demoralization caused by Party, which was accepted only in

by B. Herman

The sectarian purity of the policy is to negate the very pos-united front proposed by the C.P. sibility of a united front. Only that includes all political ten-is displayed in the issues proposed. On the basis of a constructive and dencies, and basic organizations of Not only is the united front of-fered against the danger of war and fascism, or for the support of the vicinis of the Spanish read the victims of the Spanish reac- ists in the trade unions against minded burocracy will come as a tion, but in every union where the the burocracy. C.P. is working overtime to split Moreover, it is sheer sectarian- the capitalists, not by the pure, the organization, Bittelman offers ism to confuse the united front for sectarian exclusion of reformist a united front to Thomas. Thomas support of the victims of fascism, leaders. and the S.P. must break with Gorman and Dubinsky, support the against Mike Tighe or Gorman. Is a result of a powerful united front C.P. rank-and-file committees, and it not correct to have a united movement will immensely strength-in the Amalgamated Association of front with Waldman and Solomon, en the working class, lift its Iron, Tin and Steel Workers sup- Gorman and Dubinsky, and others morale, increase its class consciousson, and who thinks that factional port the C.P. plans for a split! of a similar type against fasc-Even the maneuvers of Waldman and Thomas regarding a Labor send Oneal or Dubinsky to such a Communist movement, have every-Party are denounced as "capitula- united front, are they to be ex- thing to lose by division and section to Roosevelt," and in contra- cluded? Are the masses followdiction to a united front! This in- ing these leaders not as important dicates the extremely narrow approach of the C.P. to the united supporting the Declaration of front. It is difficult enough to Principles? achieve a united front on the most elementary and immediate issues, For A Broad United Front

"The Next Step and the United Front" on elementary issues of daily struggle, but a bloc of two organagreement. But to begin with the izations based upon the sectarian preposal for the S.P. to endorse line of tactics and policy of the the qual union, splitting, TUUL C.P. We must answer with the result of mass struggles against

> The victories to be achieved as ness and revolutionary understanding. The working class, and the against their class enemies, even the this be done under the guise of united front. They have everyhing to gain by the broadest possible class unity against the bosses, against the danger of imperialist upon which the S.P. has expressed Bittelman, in essence, proposes war, and the menace of fascism.

The Plight of the Student Movement Narrowing The

brought the case out to public at-

The new turn in the united front tactics of the Young Communist International, after March 1933 and the deep isolation, especially outside of New York, led the National Student League, in the third stage, to appeal for unity with the League for Industrial Democracy In actual campus activity united action was forced upon the two in the Columbia strike and later in the Student Strike Against

The Proposals for Merger In an open letter addressed to the L.I.D. appears this healthy tho

one-sided statement: "... no student movement can be effective which relies on recruiting members in the name of a particular political creed, and method of action on the poli-tical field, rather than thru a and desires of the students in their inner school relationships

and campuses. But what about the general prob-lems outside the campus? What about "the larger need for a new unions, fraternal and other mass social order" proclaimed in the organizations The question is still N.S.L. program as one of its prin-ciples? Do not "the problems of present income and future employ-dent and labor fields. ment" transcend the walls of the college campus?

The N.S.L. further proposed

"that your (L.I.D.) convention militant students in one organization on the basis of this program N.S.L. may deny its domination by (the N.S.L. program)." What a the Young Communist League and attack against pacifists; it does not contain a denunciation of the student movements" has disappeared. The program does supply some of the issues upon which a student movement can be built. These issues are accepted as its

advanced are sound. The two organizations are not ready for unity, but not because of the reasons

given by the L.I.D., when it states:
"The Socialist and Commun-

Organizations

The S.L.I.D. openly and honestly proclaims itself "part of the Socialist movement in America." The

by Albert Epstein

Student League at the present It implies participation in the actime because such an attempt tive work to further the purposes would be abortive and bound to of the movement dedicated to the end in failure and more irre- building of a new social order. The

Up to this point the arguments

ist movement, fortunately or unfortunately, must have groups on the campus whose function it is to serve their respective programs there. At the momprograms there. At the moment, the Student L.I.D. and the we need is a change of attitude on N.S.L. represent these tendencies. Until unity is achieved outside academic walls there outside academic walls there can be little hope of effective harmony inside. On student matters joint action is clearly essential and possible. We shall engage in it whenever we can." engage in it whenever we can."
But if this holds true for organization on every campus, while ization on the campus why is it each individual could maintain his each individual could maintain his each individual could maintain his it was not long before we were membership in either the S.L.I.D. presented with the demoralizing munist Party can emphasize its

Both Are Party

There is the need and the opright-about-face? But why must the Communist Party but its active the N.S.L. program? Why tions prove it to be the Y.C.L. not a mutually satisfactory new student organization in evertyhing students. Yes, broad enough to students. Yes, broad enough to not a mutually satisfactory new program to be worked out jointly? It is true that the latest N.S.L. program (December 1933) drops port the T.U.U.L. At this moment the most objectionable features of the earlier programs. There is no attack against pacifists; it does attack against pacifists attack against pacifists; it does attack against pacifists; it does attack against pacifists attack against pacifists; it does attack against pacifists attack against pacifists; attack against pacifists attack against pacifists; attack against pacifists attack against pacifists; attack against pacifists attack against pacif

the next paragraph, however, we discover what they are really driving at: "But it means still more. Student L.I.D. is a part of the

Socialist movement in America." For A Change of Attitude

the Y.C.L., there can be no hope for a broad American student or-For the nonce, we must be satisfied with united action on specific problems. A further step in the direction of eventual unity will be exactly this that was not forthto have one radical student organ-ization on every campus, while membership in either the S.L.I.D. or N.S.L. The two organizations could even continue their own publications for the present. Such a move could at least make possible the winning of those students who are not yet either Socialist or Com-munist but who are moving left-

We Need A Broad

portunity for a broad pro-labor student movement. It must be

student movement can be built. These issues are accepted as its own by the S.LI.D., in its handbook, which is inferior to the N.S.L. program.

Why A Separate Existence?
The the programs of both radical student organizations are similar they nevertheless maintain a separate existence. In its handbook which is referred to the participarate existence. In its handbook which is supposedly non-partise explanation for this condition:

"It may be that an amalgamation for this condition:

"It may be that an amalgamation for all radical groups on the campus may result from the condition:

"It may be that an amalgamation for this condition:

"It may be the S.LI.D. the follows in the foot and the decay of culture under capitalism, the prostitution of emphasis must be decay of culture under capitalism, the prostitution of emphasis must be decay of culture under capitalism, the prostitution of another nation of another nation of another nation of another viction of the vorking class and the decay of culture the viction on the campus may result from these activities. Such a result would be, we think, desirable. But we are convinced that the is not yet ripe for it. We find the following: "This means are opposed to a merging of the Student L.I.D. and the National student L.I.D. and the National interests of the working class?) win the best students to radical with the best students to radical important the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is mediate demands are important but of a more transitory is mediate demands are important but of a more transitory is mediated. St.I.D. are causing. Whether it to bring into the main stream of the N.S.L. and important but of a more transitory is mediated demands are important but of a more transitory is more than the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to draw in the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to draw in the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to to be New York (and we must not the labor movement to be New York (and we must not the labor movement in the ism. The immediate demands are important but of a more transitory is to to be New York (and we must not the labor movement is to draw in the ism. The immediate demands are imm

student movement must accept the nor a Socialist?

Fighting Front

the Negro people in this country,

collowing as the very minimum We Must Work program. Both the N.S.L. as well as the S.L.I.D. propagate certain For A Change of these demands.

On the campus this proposed join who is neither a Communist

It is the duty of those who see the limitations and shortcoming 1. Against retrenchment, for of both the N.S.L. and the S.L.I.D. the right to a free college educa- to form Social Problems Clubs on those campuses where the possibil 2. Against race discrimination. ities for them exist. These clubs 3. For academic freedom for could base their activities on the

the demonstrations of the Y.P.S.L., and other youth organizations, against the visiting Fascist students, because of the presence of dents, because of the presence of the Communist Opposition and opposition opposition and opposition opposition opposition and opposition op tiate the policy of the Federation from that of the U.T.W. leadership

The National Convention of the American Federation of Silk Workers, the silk organization of the United Textile Workers, was held strike. The very prerequisite for as conceived here by the leadership of the Communist Party, is not "want"—no united front with the of the working class, based Tammany Lovestoneites! How he primarily on the trade unions but found it out remains a mystery of the convention of the conventions of the conventions of the trade unions but found it out remains a mystery of the conventions of primarily on the trade unions, but found it out remains a mystery. the U.T.W. and the Silk Federa- tigations and on the claims of a peculiar monogamic arrange- Certainly all recent experience to the evelusion of all others. A we recall the united front Labor to the evelusion of all others. A we recall the united front Labor to the evelusion of all others. A we recall the united front Labor to the evelusion of all others. A we recall the united front Labor to the evelusion of all others. A we recall the united front Labor to the composition of all others. to the exclusion of all others. A year ago the monogamic bloc of the Communist Party and the Musteites was palmed off as the Musteites was palmed off as the United front of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the Winant Roard, the real situation of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the Winant Roard, the real situation of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the Winant Roard, the real situation of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the Winant Roard, the real situation of the working class invite the official Communist Party of the Winant Roard, the real situation of the working class invited front of the working class in the Cartery of the Winant Roard, the Cartery of the Winant Roard, the Cartery of the Winant Roard, the Cartery of the Winant Roard the Cartery of the Winant Roard, the Cartery of the Winant Roard the Cartery of the Cartery of the Cartery of the Cartery of the Winant Roard the Cartery of the Cartery o united front of the working class. The progressive forces at the Control of the working class. The progressive forces at the Control of the working class. The progressive forces at the Control of the winant Board, the real sittle working class. That is how we stand "between" the C.P. and the S.P. in order to Thomas and the supporters of the "prevent" their united action. The C.P. and the S.P. in order to Thomas and the supporters of the "prevent" their united action. The C.P. and the S.P. in order to Combination of members of the ofbeen elected from the Broadsilk

The Progressives Fight U.T.W. Policies

Department in Paterson.

The progressives were the ones to make the fight against the class-collaboration policies of the Mcform with Vladeck, Winter and York and Keller, of Paterson, cri-

port for the united front which however, non-Party delegates in

by Observer

in New York, November 24 and meeting the crisis—its frank and ficial Communist Party left-wing ganization, and the sharp decline workers and some of the worst re- in dues payments. Elizabeth Nord, Vice-President from New Jersey actionaries in the union, numbered the McMahon leader in New Eng- by the conservative Alec Williams, 15 delegates, 10 of them having land (a Socialist supporting the Sheber congratulated his opponent, Militants) spoke of the "disorgan-ization" in that section. Only if liams will do a better job than I nothing would be gained from the NRA Boards, did Schweitzer propose strike action.

C.P. Adventurism

The progressives proposed the President Wood, and against Wil-Mahon-Gorman leadership of the careful preparation of strike action U.T.W., just as they had done in the U.T.W. Convention in August. The resolution of Herman of New setting of a data for a general setting and setting a general setting setting of a date for a general or to point out in their nomination other such "social fascists." Now, the C.P. demands that as its sole or a textile strike by the National privilege! Or we can real the Constitute it is sole of the settlement of the gentlement After years of denunciation of the Communist Opposition for advocating a correct united front policy, after years of agitation against any united front with the Mscoal fascists? after years of the U.r. demands that as its sole privilege! Or we can recall the privilege! Or we can recall resolution, not against the policy of the conservative leadership, alternative many of the conservative leadership, alternative many correct by the leadership of the conservative leadership, alternative many correct by the leadership of the conservative leadership alternative many correct by the leadership of the conservative leadership alternative many correct by the leadership of the conservative state. though Keller made a vigorous ers both at the convention as well the conservatives. complete fiasco for the union. to defeat the ruinous policies of "Make the united front—because something has happened to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with the U.T.W., pointed to see such delegates as Berlinsky merged with th cause something has happened lately in the Socialist Party. The majority of its members has adopted by referendum the Declaration of Principles."

Actually the mountain of support of the united front which

Conservative—C.P. Tactics

The conservative character o the settlement of the recent general part, and the refusal to differen-

to defeat ultra-left adventurism.

by even the slightest degree. On the Labor Party resolution, Sam Sheber, leading spokesman of the Communist Party's bloc, made a vicious reactionary attack, raising raising the slogan, "No politics in reme reactionaries in the U.T.W. have dared to defend the Gompers-Freen non-partisan political policy. It is left to the C.P.'s "friends' to play such a role. It was still after Sheber had been defeated for were many qualities in Frank Schweitzer that he admired! In running their candidates against liams for Vice-President, (no can-

growing crisis in the union is a more powerful progressive move-

BUILD THE AGE FOR UNITY

The International Front

Socialists Reject World United Front

The attempt of the C.I. to come to terms with the Second International for an immediate united front against Fascism and capitaiist reaction not only in Spain, but on a world scale, has brought about the following situation:

The Second International Executive is dilly-dallying and delaying scale. Great pressure has been brought on the Executive of the Second International, particularly by its Spanish and French sections, for a united front with the C.I. On the other hand, equally great pressure is being brought to bear on the Second International Executive by its Swiss, British, and Swedish sections against unity of action with the Third International. Caught between these two streams the Executive of the Second International has taken a compromise position which is significant and new. The Second International hitherto blocked united front action with the C.I. in the various countries on the ground that such action must not be undertaken on a national scale, but on an international scale only. The Executive of the Second International tried in this fashion to prevent the united front between Socialists and

In its latest decision in relation to the insistent proposals of the Comintern for a united front, the Second Inernational has declared that it leaves the question, of whether such united front is to be entered into, to its various national organizations in the different countries. In this way the Second International has retreated and has sought to avoid conflict over this tion was called in Wilkes-Barre. issue with n its own ranks. This For weeks prior to the convention

Communist Parties.

has now been compelled to reverse slate, headed by Boylan. itself, largely by the pressure of events, the activities of the International Communist Opposition, and, very recently, by the revolt especially in the French Communist Party against the Comintern burocracy's opposition to the united

It is now up to the members of | boards credentials from the loca the various Socialist Parties to secretaries, that is, that the union force their own National Commit- does not have a majority of the tees, which may still be in oppo- miners, second, that the union sition to the united front, as well hadn't provided its officers with as the Executive of the Second In- enough money for extended tours ternational, to come around to the position of favoring a united front with all Communist organizations on an international scale.

Trotskyites Continue On Road To Right

The Trotskyites parading for the last few years as the Bolshevik-Leninist-International Left Communist Oppositionists are continuing their forced march backward. The French Trotsky group has broken up into three factions two have entered the SP of France and immediately thereafter they of the strike was one of the tragedies. have begun to fight each other. The Belgian Trotskyites have just Miners organized all their forces to Trotsky's demand for joining and managed to shut down two colissued a declaration in opposition the Social Democracy. The Trot-skyite "central organ" in France UMWA mobilized their strength is now sort of busily engaged in reviewing history. To them the issues from which the Second International collapsed and around which the C.I. arose (1914-1919) are now merely netty suggests. are now merely petty quarrels. Thus La Verite in its issue of October 19 says: "They (the young called off the strike and took the people) will not fall into the puerile illusion of a quarrel of generalimatter to court.

Maloney's hope for redress of traint in language the resolution tions." The Trotskyites do not grievances through the courts is still approached the problem in a talk much about the united front today. What they are after is unity and real unity with principles owners of coal mining stock. In the auto industry, the issues that

of course not being in question. The same issue of La Verite goes on to say: "And if certain comades, in the provinces, would not admit for example the Soviet form of proletarian power, we do not think that that ought to be an obstacle to unity." Of course, this literary mouthpiece of Trotsky hastens to prepare thus for the future which they fear "might prove" them wrong by excusing

this slogan."

this anti-Communist position with

comparison with Lenin's slo-sants government.

gans of 1914, not in comparison with the Tours Congress but in comparison with the present situation. As such, the merging of both parties would signify the possibility of beginning anew. This is the essence of the entire question.

Dual Unions Dying Out In Anthracite Region

by Frank

cite Miners of Pennsylvania, based possibility was discarded by Cap- Prop to lead a discussion, either on the expelled members of Dis- pellini, and Maloney and even by on a current issue, or on some funwin recognition of the large operatheir new union nearer to their supposed to think the problem out, tors and the NRA and dissatisfaction rose high in the ranks.

the fact that after years of oppo-sition to the united front the C.I. Cappellini slate and the UMWA There is no roval

the Washington maneuvers and must learn. of the rank and file membership that the UMWA had refused to even receive mail from the dual union. Maloney offered two explanations, first, that the union could not show the NRA labor

to the capital. Maloney made three proposals First, the union was to seek remedy and recognition from President Roosevelt. Second, it was to engage an attorney to take the minrievances against the companies to the civil courts, and,

was to be called. Only a week after the convention the union was called upon to test its strike strength. The Susquehanna collieries, under pressures from the UMWA, discharged five men who had begun to organize for the United Anthracite Miners.

"The working class movement

our comrades the correctness of for the freeing of the Mensheviks must be done? who have taken up arms against Another Trotsky organ, La Voix the Soviet Union and who are still mittee of District 2, I have come new line, exactly as the whole unit Communiste in issue no. 235 says: opposed to the Soviet system. This into contact with numerous party had condemned. And automatic-"We, Marxists, must acknowledge that at the given moment the following vagary provided of and likewise to sit in on meetings new line, without a frank statethe merging of the two parties course they "are fundamentally in of various units and unit buros ment that there had been a miswould be progressive not in accord with the workers and pea-

Another dual union in the anthracite, organized to free the

To solve this situation a conven-

With the reconvening of the

third, if the courts failed a strike

operators and the miners.

The course of the United Anminers from the tyranny of the thracite Miners is run. At one there is a discussion. Lewis machine, is ending its days in a welter of confusion, legalism for them to return to the UMWA white the whole rottenness of the in a welter of confusion, legalism for them to return to the UMWA heart's desire.

> Now with the weaknesses of the Anthracite miners becoming ob- all read in the party press. vious the opportunity of an organized return has passed. But it is agreement on any question, the

united front. Objectively, even this is a forward step for the union's president, Maloney asked United Mine Workers of America Committee, the comrade either ac-Second International, although it for a week's recess for further under the domination of the Lewis cepts the line he has been told to is all the more reason why the is far from a satisfactory position. negotiations with Washington and mach ne it is the only road for the It is unfortunate that the Second International has not seen fit to change its position on the United front and thus continues in one equality of the Anthracite union ing out corrupt local officials within form or another its opposition to it. and the UMWA—that is they de- the UMWA, up through the district This is particularly true in view of manded union elections with ballots officialdom and then to the Inter-

> There is no royal road to clean, aggressive fighting unionism. The United Anthracite Miners Union convention the delegates learned is only another of a long series of that nothing had come forth from proofs of this truth that the miners

THE FLINT AUTO CONFERENCE

needs overhauling from spark plugs to differential.

The conference of a group of Federal Auto Locals which held its second meeting in Flint early in

locals were represented. for the United Anthracite Miners. The strike was one of the tragedies of dual unionism. The Anthracite L. San Francisco convention to organize an Automobile Interna-tional. Recognizing this the conference leaders changed their posi-tion considerably. The Cleveland conference was taken up with vituperation of the A.F. of L., the Flint conference presented resolutions couched in much milder language calling for a Constituent convention for the new Interna-tional Union in March, 1935 and insisting on an industrial union.

What's Doing in the Party?

Dist. 2

What is happening in our who are supposed to think alike. Party? What is the inner life They are told something from has been driven into an historical impasse . . . and this be and functionaries think of the sitginning of the impasse, this capitulation is turned into a progressive factor!"

uation in Germany, of the theory only possible correct line, that anyone who disagrees with it is breaking the discipline of our Party, is In the United States the most tactics? These are pressing prob- objectively helping the counterexperienced theoretician of the lems, and only a realistic discus- revolutionists, is capitulating to a definite decision, thus holding up the following closing phrase: "For newly inflated (united) Trotsky sion of the situation will give us Menshevism, is a renegade and united front action on a world experience will very rapidly teach sect, Ludwig Lore, has come out an idea of what is wrong and what what not! And then the next day

> (executive committees). The first thing that strikes you

dull, members who will go out on growing feeling within the Party the picket line will seek all excuse for not attending unit meetings. bers of Party members realize that The meetings themselves consist of nothing but a few organizational matters-sale of the Daily Worker, these courts there can be but one running an affair, collecting money side to any dispute between the for this or that, election of delegates to some conference or other, announcements, etc. Occasionally

When there is a discussion in the as an organized rank and file inner-Party life comes out in sharp and super-bureaucracy.
Only a year ago Rinaldo Cappellini organized the United Anthralic delections in the union. But this elections in the union. But this property to lead a discussion, either on the expelled members of District 1 of the United Mine Workers of America. The union failed to Communists who preferred to build communists who preferred to build supposed to think the problem out. and give an analysis of it. He is expected merely to give a rehash the Party leaders, at this Congress,

If, within the unit, there is disavoius a classi with the British the union leaders kept the tele-Labor Party, which is anti-united front, and with Spanish and French Socialists Parties, which are pro-united front. Objectively, even with the sequentian and sequential support to quell the rank and file. accept, or he is expelled.

> workers into a mass movement behind the building of a single,

Union in the Auto Industry. These struggle. lelegates insisted that the problem facing the militant Auto workers issue of Labor Action by Swabeck was not primarily that of resolving and Muste respectively, interest but of fighting on trade union lines to mobilize the workers behind them in the struggle for a fighting agency. The fellow is introduced In the automobile industry the Communist Party today faces a won so large a minority in the situation where its entire policy conference that after the passage each on the other and finally they of the resolution the Cleveland come to a satisfactory arrange group promised a program on the ment and the date for the great basis of the Progressive proposals.

The leaders of the meet fell into one trap in the course of the continuous transport of the continuous tr November demonstrated this bank-ruptcy. At one time the CP had a strong base in Detroit and other auto centers due partly to the Auto Workers Union, raised questions as to the purpose of the Conference expressing the opinion that the soviet Union. How the dickens the defense of the conference expressing the opinion that the soviet Union. ant activities of the Unemployed the union officials were doing Councils among the starving auto workers. But when it called the set off the fire. The C.P. symtonary organization, passisly only the union officials were doing forming within it, a counter-revolutionary organization, passisly only the union of the union officials were doing forming within it, a counter-revolutionary organization, passisly only the union of the union first conference of Federal Unions in Cleveland only a meager number of delegates responded while at this second session even fewer be entirely rank and file controlled. the present structure can be no-This falling off from the first to The discussion had a bad effect on thing but a counter-revolutionary a union building move.

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What is happening in

As a member of a Section Com- issue of the Daily Worker has the

is the very poor inner life of the unit. The meetings are extremely

in his own words of what we have will examine the line and make

But, unfortunately, there is have a thorough discussion.

must be raised to rally the auto

raised by the delegates from the Detroit Progressive Group for One active participation in the class

The Detroit Progressive Group these two groups in the U.S.A. are emerged as the most constructive concerned, or what is left of them, force in the auto situation. It had I think that the brain child o positive program of action with Muste, Swabeck et al will be a still definite, clear-cut trade union born one anyway. approach which will enable it to Reading Muste's letter I frerally the workers in the auto quently came across the abreviaindustry for the impenid in g struggles.

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by D. seldom any disagreement, any healthy conflict of opinion, within the unit, or in the Section. Our

Party is a Party of Communists they awake and find that the new

formula "changed conditions." And yet, despite this adherence to the line of the C.I., there is a that all is not well. Large numthe united front tactic of the International was incorrect and has been changed, that the Party has a very definite dual unionist line, that the Negro people of America do not constitute a nation and do not aspire to "national libera-They realize that the theory of social-fascism antagonized millions of Social-Democratic work-

take, but with a magic ritual-like

At the present time, they are looking forward to the Seventh World Congress, five years overfive years of defeats and set-backs, a turn towards correct tactics.

A few of us will take advantage of the fact that the pre-Congress such an examination and such dis-cussion? Decidedly, not, and that burning need of the moment is to

A WORKER WRITES

The excerpts printed below are militant, industrial A.F. of L. auto taken from a letter by a comrade who has long been a militant fight-It was on this that criticism was er in the labor movement. He is

> The two letters in the current Union itself. However, in as far as

mittee (POC). It had me confused for a while. You see, here too, we have a POC and it is considered a very important department. It stands for Psychopathic Observation Company. But the POC in Muste's letter could hardly mean that. Or could it?

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A Program for Finance Capital

CORE than half a million dollars of public and private funds More than nail a million usuals of passing have been spent in the preparation of the Hutchins Commission report. This committee headed by the former president of the University of Chicago has at last completed the assignment given it by President Roosevelt and various foundations. The result is a book of solutions for the crisis—and for the relief of finance capital in the United States. It is realistic enough to pose its conclusions in a short of flexible fashion by insinuating and insisting that there are no final solutions. Rather expensive wisdom for college professors. The Germans had a word for it-Brotfressers. Our economists and sociologists of the chair have become realists and internationalists. They admit that some of their "solutions" are bound to hurt some people. Of course, they are selective economists. They have selected the least hurtable ones not to hurt. They break with the proponents of economic, national self-sufficiency. They see further than their noses and have progressed to the point of attaining world dimensions for their vision—the internationalism of American international bankers. We must "restart international trade." Morgan would say; great, but how? What about the competitors? How are our customers to be financed in order to enable them to buy the goods. This question involves exactly these little things which this big commission either looks over cursorily or overlooks completely.

Marvelous insight and expansive foresight bound the achievements of this commission. Thus Hutchins favors the cancellation of war debts, so does France, England and the rest of the war debtors and these war debtors have been practising what they preach. War debts have not been paid for some time and world trade has not been getting any better. Joining the world court is another panacea. This is like filling a morgue with wrestlers in order to show that the morgue is a living institution. Immediate withdrawal from the Philippines is advocated in order to stabilize the situation in the Pacific. What would follow thereafter in so far as Japanese-American relations are concerned the Hutchins commission chooses not to discuss. The fundamental, imperialist antagonism this board of studious sociologists chooses not to see or face.

But the commission isn't only skin deep in its approach. It even dares to plumb the economics of the American and world crisis. The gold standard must be restored; exchange dumping must be replaced by stable gold policy. No restrictions must be placed on foreign lending (export of capital) and on the establishment of branch factories abroad. Restriction of production as a road to raise agricultural prices thru the A.A.A. is to be ended forthwith. Tariffs are to be reduced.

Well, these are the solutions at last. Let the professors learn one thing so that they will then be able to unlearn many things.

If the Hutchins investigators feel satisfied that they have at last worked out a program of stabilization they are harboring crushing illusions. The stabilization that their remedies would produce would at best be stabilization on a see-saw. Sooner rather than later the capitalist economic machine as well as its professors would be coming down to earth with a bang. All of their newly discovered remedies were widely applied for years before the present crisis. It is the flourishing of precisely these practices which have served as strong stimuli and decisive precipitants of the present crisis. The fact that this commission has worked out in great detail the application of some of these specific solutions does not challenge one bit the following conclusions that we arrive at on the basis of its findings. 1. The Hutchins board does not deal with capitalism as a system; does not face or comprehend its organic features and inherent contradictions. 2. It approaches the myriad of difficulties growing out of the very process of capitalist production and accumulation in an eclectic, empirical manner and suggests concrete immediate steps entirely in the interests of finance capital, entirely in the interests of the big bankers in the U.S. whose interests are internationally far flung. In one sense this report does give relief. It does not mince pious words or shed crocodile tears over the fate of sections of society (lower middle class) doomed by capitalist evolution.

The workers should approach this report in an additional sense, recognizing it in its true nature and fight its "solutions" as steps which in their very essence are at the expense of the working class, steps which breed imperialist rivalry, conflict and collision.

In Coming Issues:

Herberg deals with the recently expressed theories of Sidney Hook and proves these to be a continua-

The most recent shift in the trade January 1st.

ers today. In the first article en- tively by Comrade George I titled, Workers Democracy or Miles. The first article appears in Proletarian Dictatorship, comrade the forthcoming issue.

Reviews

NEGRO AMERICANS, WHAT It is significant to note that the NOW?: by James Weldon John- author does not reject force or son. Viking Press, New York.

One picks up this book with a sense of expectation. The very title sounds promising, as if a departure from the narrow outlook of traditional Negro leadership might be forthcoming. But the ties and ideas of the

past hang heavy upon the author. The middle class program stalks triumphantly thruough. Only the old husks are offered us anew. That they are offered by one who has not stood with the most conservative wing of Negro leadership makes all the more painfully manifest the bankruptcy of the old type of leadership.

The author writes with dignity and literary persuasiveness. These commendable qualities are, however, put to the service of convincing the Negro people that the old staid methods of approach still sufice. But literary dignity cannot sleight-of-hand away the stark ous generalities that we get the challenge of Fascism which looms whole system of the traditional as the chief danger for the op- middle class shibboleths: peaceful pressed Negro masses, as well as revolution, legalism, develop our mankind generally. It is the in- own business possibilities, use the ability to understand the disastr- church ("the most powerful agency ous implications for the Negro we command for moving forward masses of a developed Fascism in the race as a mass"), the U.S. that constitutes the de-share-cropperism out of existence, cisive failure of the book, a failure etc. We have heard these things which is not merely literary.

for long years lived in the Fasc- offer. ist South; so it is hardly possible that we could fare worse under a national Fascist gov- WHEN TIDEWATER INVADEL ernment!"

Suicidal innocence! For it folows logically (from the author's viewpoint) that nothing new is therefore needed to combat some-

ems of the Negro.

revolution principled grounds, but on practical ones: "The resort to force remains

country was established upon that right. I condemn physical our case it would be futile." vital question) is not argued—it is simply stated, the implication being that the Negro would stand alone. York Times was able to carry a

what remains? depends principally upon an ment and the bringing about of a change in the national attitude towards us.'

It is in concretizing these nebulbefore, things which have proven Dr. Johnson thinks that the to be snares and delusions for the The play is being directed by Negroes in the U.S. have always Negro masses. In offering them faced Fascism, that there is con- as potent today in the face of adsequently nothing new in it for vancing Fascism, Dr. Johnson has "Most of us, it is true, have For the future he has nothing to from the translation by Keene

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A curious little pamphlet des

and will doubtless always re- Vienna, and USSR. Joseph Schildmain the rightful recourse of kraut played the leading role in oppressed peoples. And our own the Vienna production.

JIM CORK

THE VALLEY, by Lucy Johnston Ambler. Spirit of Jefferson Press, Charlestown, West Va.

hing which has been an old story cribing how the men of lower Virfor the Negro.

And so the radical solution to the menacing challenge of Fascism shed, John Brown" was held there s rejected, as well as Communism and executed. The author doesn't generally as a solution of the prob- know the war is over—that is, the "War between the States."

Stage and Screen Prices: 30c, 45c, 60c, 75c

by Robert Arthur

In "The Children's Hour," at the feelings for Karen and her attitude toward Dr. Cardin are "un-Maxine Elliot Theatre, Lillian natural."
Hellman has made a stirring story of the tragic effect of wiltul and Mary's roommate and Mary forces malicious gossip upon the lives of her to relate what she has heard. two people. It is not, as some of our myopic critics have suggested, a study in abnormality. The stories which little Mary Tilford told her grandmother about Miss Wright and Miss Dobie concerned, it is true, the alleged over affections of these two. The tale Miss Hellman has chosen to tell, however, is not of this affinity, but rather of the terrible results of the dissemination of stories of a relationship,

regardless of their truth. It is no refutation of this point that the playwright gives a cer- not only years of work but also as the apex of a triangle, all the tain ironic credence to the gossip the reputations of Martha and Ka-sides of which are composed of tain ironic credence to the gossip when one of the characters involved finally admits her spiritual guilt. Neither do we contend that that admission is a wayward caprice on the part of an author. It is, rather, the cream of the jest, and affords "The Children's Hour" its major triumph of character over major triumph of character over situation. Literally to fight for one's moral life, and to discover and Karen are left in their desolation.

have skimped and labored side by made her play seem more import- be too clinical. The "unheard side for eight years to build up ant than it is. Being aware, she melody" best succeeds in preservthe forthcoming issue.

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We are quite certain that read
Of a sadistic little miscreant, little deserves salvos of applause. Sensi
deserves salvos of applause. Sensi
a classless society its theme would tion of the reformist denial of ers of Workers Age will welcome Mary Tilford, is their biggest prob- tive direction by Herman Shumlin, have no meaning, altho today it Proletarian Dictatorship. In the news that August Thalheimer, second article Herberg analyzes one of the foremost Marxian think-Hook's plea for a many-party sys
ers, and one of the leaders of the heart attack to escape punishment.

Mary Illiord, is their niggest plootive direction by Herman Shammin, have no meaning, although the direction by Herman Shammin, have no meaning, although the meaning, although the direction by Herman Shammin, have no meaning, although the meaning the meaning that it is importance to those leaders of the leader tem under the proletarian dictator- International Communist Opposi- In the course of a quarrel, Mrs. true, aid in giving a certain versi- used as an example of how to write ship and discusses the real nature of Soviet Democracy.

Lily Mortar, Martha's brainless militude to situations and convince material that does have importance actress cousin, accuses Martha of one that the author is telling a material that does have importance.

Perhaps Miss Hellman article will appear in the issue of January 1st.

| article will appear in the issue of January 1st. | open antagonism to Dr. Joseph | story which has a factual basis. | might even be persuaded one day | to write a revolutionary play.

Karen, and suggests that Martha's

This quarrel is overheard by Angered at her punishment for a "minor" misdeed Mary stirs up illusion is a good one but we need trouble. Possessed of this hap-hazard bit of "information" and a thing to write of characters as did fecund imagination, the malicious M. Bourdet in "the Captive," where little wretch runs away from the he attempted to show the struggle school to her grandmother with stories of "things she has seen" ("unnatural" forces within herself. between Miss Wright and Miss It is quite another to compile, Dobie. The child's amazing devilery is incendiary. Grandmother tion and write of its effect. The Tilford is shocked. All the mothers former develops its conflict thru are informed and within a few the character's own struggle within hours all the children are with- herself, while in "The Children's drawn from the school, destroying Hour" that struggle is only given

Theatre Union Stages "Sailors of Cattaro"

With "Stevedore," its hit of last season, starting out on an extensive tour, the Theatre Union is preparing a new production for December 10. "Sailors of Cattaro" is said to be a classic in European theatres—it has been produced in Berlin, Munich, Dresden, Holland.

The play deals with an historic force because I know that in our case it would be futile" incident—a mutiny of the sailors of the Austrian fleet in 1918 as an attempt to end the World War. As to why it would be futile (the News of the revolt, which accurred Rejecting the radical approach, long account, which began "The London Times correspondent with "The solving of our situation the Italian Army says that news is trickling through to Italy about evolutionary process along two parallel lines: our own development and the bringing about of doubt that the ferment continues in the fleet as well as in the army.'

Friedrich Wolf, exiled German playwright, sticks close to the known facts even to the extent of naming the four leading characters for the men who were court marialled and shot as leaders.

The entire scene of the play is laid on a battleship. Settings have been designed by Mordecai Gorelik and will be among the most sensaand win be among the season. The com-existence, pany, headed by John B. Litel, who played in "First Legion" this year, does not include a single woman. Irving Gordon, of the Theatre Union. Michael Blankfort, who directed "Stevedore" has adapted become a futile voice of the past. the script for American production Wall's.

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August Thalheimer Joins Workers Age Staff

American paper- and we don't exclude the New York Times.

August Thalheimer, one of the leading Communist theoreticians formerly editor of the "Rote Fahne" during its really influential period, will write a column of international news for the weekly. As one of the leaders of the International Communist Opposition, Thatheimers' finger is on the pulse of the Communist and radical movement throughout the world. As a former teacher in the Marx-Lenin School, as the author of the standard work on "Dialectics," as a co-author of the Program of the Communist International he has a wealth of equipment for interpreting the events of these times from a revolutionary standpoint.

The Workers Age greets August Thalheimer with enthusiasm. We are sure that in the course of a few months his column will become one which no class conscious worker can afford to miss.

LOVESTONE JOINS **COLUMNIST RANKS**

to the class struggle?

That's the question that Jay Lovestone will answer week by week in his column "At First Glance," a front page feature in and that demonstration, an assassination in Marseilles and a thousand starving miners in Hungary, in the large picture of the trend of history? Fitting these pieces into the picture will be the func-tion of "At First Glance."

Lovestone is probably better qualified than any other writer in America for such a job of Marxian analysis of current events. As a participant and a leader in the labor movement since 1916 he has had unequesed opportunity to study the main currents and the side drifts of the American and international struggles of the workers. Jay Lovestone's course in Current Events given at the New Workers School, very similar in content to the coming column, has always been the most popular course in the curriculum.

"HAMMER AND ANVIL" TO BE REVIVED

One of the scintillating features of the old "Revolutionary Age" was the column of comment on the lighter features of the class struggle under the title of "Between Hammer and Anvii.

With the advent of the Weekly the Hammer and Anvil makes its reappearance with a new conductor, a heavier hammer and a chromium plated anvil. There will be nothing sissy about the column. It expects to test on its anvil everything from the NRA to its fellow columnist Jay Lovestone.

When last seen a large army Laborites in Minnesota and various headed by Westbrook Pegler, Heyother paper Farmer-Labor groups wood Broun and FPA was heading for exile and oblivion. Marching ers—in other sections. In 1932 it at the tail of the parade trying endorsed Thomas' candidacy

The Weekly Workers Age will very hard to stay out of step with boast the best foreign staff of any everybody else was a pathetic everybody else was a pathetic little figure. It was Mike Gold.

> WOLFE TO REVIEW BOOKS OF THE WEEK

Bertram D. Wolfe, associate editor and reviewer for the Weekly, is a prominent figure in the field of "left" literature. He has written many Marxian commentaries and controversial phamphlets as well as the text to Diego Rivera's "Portrait of America." He has reviewed books for practically all of the radical and liberal journals and is noted as a teacher of Marxian economics.

The policy of the book column follow.

of the new Age will be to cover as fully as possible all books of sociological and economic importance. Arrangements have been made with publishers to receive advanced copies so that the reviews will appear at the same time that the book is published. This will not be a non-partisan column. It has a definite viewpoint— the view point of revolutionary Marxism, applied as a critical criterion but not in the mechanical fashion popularized by the New Masses and the Daily Worker.

Wolfe's first review to be pub lished in the January 1st issue will be a critical review of Max Eastman's "Art and the Life of Action" and John Strachey's "Literature and Dialectical Materialism." In reviewing these works Wolfe will present the program of his column and the policies it will

PAGES FROM PARTY HISTORY

by A. M.

Mr. Oneal, editor of the "New Leader." has been derving about in the dirty clothes hamper of the Socialist Party emerging with a particularly odiferous collection of soiled linen. This smelly collec-What does the week's news mean toon he has hung out on the line the class struggle? Party History."

Mr. Oneal represents the Panken-Waldman-Gerber wing of the S.P. His ideological position is the Weekly Workers Age. What best indicated in the pamphlet is the significance of this strike when he warns of the dangers of when he warns of the dangers of a united front with the Communists because the A.F. of L. leaders are beginning a red scare. That is, the Socialist party of Mr. Oneal would be a tail to the kite of Green and Woll, denouncing Communists when they denounced Communists, selling out strikes when they sold out strikes.

But Oneal's Pages contain little on his own position. He is chiefly engaged in lambasting the "Militants" and doing it in a damning and well doc mented fashion. And though much of it may seem to be kicking the stuffing out of straw men Oneal has unwittingly done service to the radical movement by aiding in demonstrating that the "Militants" are no more fundamentally revolutionary than is his own exploded old guard group.

Oneal flips the pages back to 1928 and the organization of the League for Independent Political Action. The LIPA was organized by a group of liberals—Paul Douglas, John Dewey, Oswald Garrison Villard etc.—and by such leading Socialists as Norman Thomas, Paul Blanshard and Devere Allen. Its function was to foster independent—not class—political groups on a vaguely reformist platform and to give aid to such groups as al-ready existed. Its appeal was chiefly to college students, liberals, cranks and reformers.

The history of the LIPA was

saved from viciousness only by the fact that it was completely ineffectual. It supported Farmer-Laborites in Minnesota and various -lacking both laborers and farm-

This is obviously not a group with which a Marxist could affiliate. Even Oneal wno is far from Marxism points this out. But the Norman Thomas of 1928 or, for that matter, the Norman Inomas of 1932 failed to understand this. Did Thomas and Blanshard contuse this medley of pen pushers and penagogues with a Labor Party? Were they purely opportunistic enough to look for support at any price! Or gid they simply fail to understand the proletarian basis which any party calling itself Marxist must nave?

The answer in the case of Blanshard, now commissioner of accounts in the La Guardia administration, is clear enough. He wanted a job and kept atmnating and reamiliating with every pot-pourri party that emerged until he tound one. One may retain an honest doubt however for Thomas, charging him only with confusion. The implication here is that Thomas, with unparalleled speed, developed from the confused liberal of 1932 to the ideological leader of the "revolutionary" left wing in 1934. Oneal finds this hard to believe.

Oneal takes up several other S.P. phenomena—the congratulatory telegram sent by Shadid, Militant NEC member, to Sinclair on his nomination as Democratic candidate for governor of California, the wanderings of the Militant "American Guardian" which veers from revolutionary socialism to EPICism, from Social Credit to Oklahoma Populism all in the course of a twelvemonth. From all of these he builds his thesis which is that American Socialism is suffering from an influx of "collegiates"—declassed intellectuals who have taken the party away from the proletariat.

All of Mr. Oneal's indictments

together do show the utter lack of ideological clarity in the Socialist Party. The only positive group is Mr. Oneal's old guard who have taken their stand on Parliamentarism and stick there. With a correctly functioning Communist Party in this country we and his cronies to die at their posts, completely cut off from the

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situation until 1929. But since 1929, with the Communist Party lot toward clearing the air in the pursuing a course of ultra-leftism, S.P. The bankruptcy of the old pursuing a course of ultra-leftism, many honest radicals have been driven to the S.P. There they have sought some line of activity floundered about with liberalism, could well afford to leave Oneal with third partyism, with every conceivable philosophy except the ceivership can be established and one they were seeking-that is,

Mr. Oneal's work should do a guard was apparent. If, as a dying gesture, the old guard can de-monstrate the bankruptcy of the Militants to even the most backward elements in the party, a rethe assets disposed of at auction

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