# At First **GLANCE**

By JAY LOVESTONE

seriously working on a bill prohibiting strikes on Government projects. Ostensibly, this bill has as its aim the speeding up of public works as a measure of relief. Actually we must turn to the

National Association of Manufacturers

cronies in Congress prepare a bill

modeled on the British Trades Dispute Act of 1927. This bill would outlaw strikes "If the purpose is other than in

furtherance of a trade dispute in the industry in which the strikers are en-gaged," or if the strike were "design-

ed to coerce the Government directly or

by inflicting hardships on the commun

ity."

The best immediate answer the work-

ers could give to these planned attacks

is the organization of a labor party-

a genuine labor party based on the bona

We hope all Liberal-Socialists and So-

words to the business magnates of the

country in your message of January 13th: "The Administration is trying to

save the country from socialism... The Government is with business and wishes

to encourage it. The bugaboo that the

vious announcement by the Secretary of Commerce that "Business is to have

a pipeline for its opinions directly into

the White House and it will operate without publicity." To all of which we

can only say that the workers had better recall an appropriate adage: "God save us from our saviors!" Such saving

UR contemporary, the Socialist Par-

ty's New Leader, is an organ dedi-

that express its purpose. Screams a

thing." This is Oneal's estimate of Roose-

dent Roosevelt to Congress last week

revealed a puzzled man"! Pity our poor

bewildered President who doesn't know

what to do, whom to do, and for whom to do it! We reckon that's why the stock-market thrilled skyward in res-

ponse to this message. Finally, here is the prize piece of anti-socialism, as of-fered boastfully by this loudest mouth-

piece of American constitutionalism and industrial democracy: "Since the organization of the Socialist Party thirty-four

years ago, it has urged such legislation."

No wonder the New Leader poses the question in italics: "Is our struggle at

an end?" The Democratic Party is

stealing the Socialist Party's "social-

Ahem! Now everyone can see what

this paper means by its statement:

"Socialists makes their power felt in

Senate where they helped the Republican

Party get control of the legislative

machinery. In the same strain and vein

gems should serve as a signal for every

of such travesties on socialism deserve

WITH but a few days gone in 1935
we are prepared to prophesy
that the nonpareil of follies of the year

will be the money policy of the New

Deal. We are not among those who

shudder at "the momentous possibilities

of the coming Supreme Court decision"

determining the constitutionality of

Roosevelt's chiselling some gold off the

dollar. No matter what the decision

will be, the general trend, in one form or

another, will continue towards more in-

flation. Gold will continue to pile up

in the banks and misery in the work-

ing class homes. Last year the U.S. gold

supply increased by more than a billion

dollars net. This was a greater increase

than in any year except 1921. This in-

crease plus the additional sum added by

the revaluation of the dollar doubled

the country's monetary gold supply. At

the same time the number of destitute

was greater than ever. The capitalists'

gold bullion and the working men's

misery are mounting. It is not only a

neck and neck race. There is also an

organic connection between the two,

rooted in the very vitals of the present

the capitalist, system. How well did

Marx see then this magic road to misery

sewage "socialism."

the worst upbraiding.

The perpetrators

is the surest road to crucifixion.

fide trade unions.

relief.

WO items should impress themselves rather gravely on every worker First of all, the administration is

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# **What Is American Leninism?**

# (N.A.M.) for the real purpose of this contemplated legislation. The N.A.M., a notorious open shop outfit, is having its FDR INSURANCE HAS **CRUMB FOR JOBLESS**

SOCIAL SECURITY MUST MARK ONLY START OF LIVELIHOOD FIGHT

Several weeks ago the Workers Age published an article on unemployment insurance which began with the sentence, "But that the Seventy-Fourth Congress will be forced to unemployment insurance measures of some sort is a foregone conclusion" and ended with the sentence "Desperate as is the HANK you Mr. Roper. You are a plight of the unemployed they must gentleman and a scholar-and a keep up the battle rejecting any and all good judge on New Deals. And we like sugar coated schemes of insurance that your plain talking and straight-shooting. fail to insure, of relief that throws added burdens on the already overladen shouldcialist-Liberals will ponder the timely ers of the workers."

### WHAT DOES SOCIAL SECURITY SECURE?

In the light of President Roosevelt's Social Security message to Congress and Government is opposed to the profit motive is gone." Add to this the pre-That the present Social Security plan is a tremendous gain over Hoover's "American plan," which meant the right to starve in splendid isolation, there is no doubt. That it is a full answer to the needs of American workers is best re-futed by studying the factors which forced it into Congress.

First must be cited the tremendous popular demand for social legislationa demand so overwhelming that numerous AF of L locals endorsed the Lundeen bill despite a vicious attack on it from the red baiting bureaucrats of the trade unions. Also the glowingly uncated to mumbling genuine democratic shibboleths. Here are some of its words realistic Townsend plan for Old Age front-page headline in its January 12th issue: "Roosevelt avoids some stark facts of crisis but promises to give somepensions (\$200 a month to everyone over sixty) was making great headway even in the halls of Congress itself. Both of these measures were to be financed by almost confiscatory income taxes. In velt's wage-cutting and war-boosting message to Congress. The New Leader pleads further in behalf of the chief New Dealer: "The message of President Peacewill to Congress leat usel." contrast to them the Roosevelt plan seems, and is, reactionary. Its merit is that it will be passed whereas the chances of the Lundeen and Townsend plans were slight indeed.

Secondly is the recognition of the relief problem as a permanent factor in national life. The Roosevelt program classifies relief and thereby spreads the discontent of the unemployed into various channels which may even become antagonistic each to each. One group will be receiving old age pensions of a maximum of \$30 a month. Another group will come under an unemployment insurance plan, with the costs borne by workers and employers, paying benfits of half regular wages. Still another category will be those now unemployed who remain jobless or almost jobless for years to come-the class Roosevelt lightly dismisses as the "unemployables." These will be foisted back on local and state relief—a prospect even legislature," in evaluating the action of the three Socialists in the Connecticut less pleasant in the present bankrupt ments.

Unemployment insurance, old age pensions, mother's pensions, etc., once in-Tchernavin, White Guard anti-Soviet propagandist, as an authoress occupying "a position of international fame." These gems should some as a sixth of the continuance. The benefits collect for the continuance of the continua worker in the S.P. to rebel against this arial basis far too cautious to constitute anything approaching a full guarantee against the rigors of the capitalist sys-

> The worker's fight must have three planks. First, a demand for Federal junds from income taxes to increase benefits to an actual living standard. Secondly, the lowering of the age limit for old age pensions (it is now sixty rive) to the age where a worker actual ly becomes industrially obsolete-forty rive or, at a maximum, fifty. Third, the extension of benefits to cover all unemployment, not merely a mechanically selected period of fifteen weeks. The workers have something to fight for on the political field. Their need now is an organization to do the fighting-a labor

hominum able to withstand this alchemy." And wasn't it Columbus, who, more than four centuries ago, saw that: "By means of gold one can even get souls into Paradise." No wonder Shakespeare put it this way: "This yellow slave will knit and break religions, . . . place thieves, and give them title, knee and approbation, with senators on the bench. . Come damned earth, thou common whore of mankind."

IN 1926 WOLFE OUTLINED LENIN'S STAND ON THE TASKS OF AMERICAN COMMUNISM; ANALYSIS CAN STILL SERVE AS GUIDE.

party—all questions that have since become matters of acute controversy between the of-

ficial Party and the Communist Opposition.
The article is remarkable for the long-range perspective as to America's development, programmatic statement of the party' needs, since become the program of the Com-munist Opposition. It furnishes material which enables the reader to judge the claim of Party leaders that the C.P.O. "has dis- Wall Street by needy industries and

This is a reprint of excerpts from an article creasing productivity, expulsion of Comwritten by Comrade Wolfe in 1926 and published in "The Workers Monthly" in January 1927. It deals with the questions of "American exceptionalism," development of American Marxism. stabilization, the impending crisis of American capitalism, the trade union question, dual unionism, the labor of that identity of purpose which exists between them and the social-democratic of that identity of purpose which exists between them and the social-democratic idealized and parodied by the latter as well.

The courting of the American Federa tion of Labor by Amsterdam; of the American government by the World Court and the League of Nations; of

leadership, are being studiously imitated,

workers must be discussed.

the defeat of the Progressive group in the Silk Workers' Union. It is a fact and it must not be denied. However the claims of the TUUL in this defeat and the significance of this for the silk An Example Of Unprincipled

KELLER EXPLODES

RANK & FILE MYTH

UNPRINCIPLED BLOC

By ELI KELLER

It is not my intention to explain away

OF ANTI-UNIONISTS

MEANS DISRUPTION

In the first place, the majority which the progressives had in the last Plain Goods Executive Board, was 8 to 6. The ticket proposed by the progressive consisted of those forces who had been the most militant fighters in building up the strong union we now have. On the other hand the Trade Union Unity League slate, so heartly endorsed by the Daily Worker, included such outstanding anti-Communists and reactionaries as Joseph Brooks and Henry Stutz, among others. How long will it be before these two equally harmful elements clash and help to destroy the union which faces such difficult problems? Stutz and Brooks will be among the first in the drive to expel the Communists, yet the revolutionary T.U.U.L. united with them.

The progressives had consistently fought against dual unionism and the union-smashing policies of the T.U.U.L. and because of this were considered by the T.U.U.L. as its greatest enemy. The logic of their position led them to unite with the most reactionary elements in order to defeat the progressives. The whole character of the campaign was not that of union members honestly trying to help the union. They let loose all the dirt, slander and lies which characterizes the T.U.U.L. in its present stage of decay.

The Record Of The Progressives

What is the record of the last Executive Board? It took hold of the union immediately after the 1933 strike. The last year was the worst in the history of the silk workers. During the biggest part of the year there was hardly any work at all. Yet with all the hardships and difficulties the union fought militantly against any attempt to break down rences on China and the like; the Bank- conditions. In fact there are many ers' Manifesto; the petty bourgeois achievements to record which will have slogan of the "United States of Europe," a lasting effect on the progress of the

It was the progressives who initiated and successfully carried out the amalgamation of all locals then existing aimost as independent unions. A center for common action of all silk workers was thereby created. The central headquarters and meeting halls became the rallying point of all silk workers. The presents the most advanced forms of Silk and Dye Worker, a weekly newstechnique and organization of industry paper, was established during the same (standardization, trustification, etc.) and period. We also turned our attention to unifying the ranks of the workers. Dual organizations such as the Fixers, Twisters and Warpers Clubs were dissolved and the workers drawn into the union. Even the members of the National Textile Workers Union were drawn in until (Continued on Page 4)

> SOCIALISTS START **EXPULSION OF LEFT**

EXECUTIVE BUFFALOLOC.1L OUSTS R.P.C., NEII' YORK FOLLOWS

The fruits of the right wing's drive against the Revolutionary Policy Committee have already been harvested in Local Buffalo. At a membership meeting held this week the expulsion of the RPC was sustained by a vote of 45 to 33 with the suspended members not voting. At the close of the meeting 17 of the 33 members resigned from the Socialist Party disgusted with the bureaucracy of the right.

The Socialist Party is moving very rapidly, but not to the left, Calverton notwithstanding. Socialist Party history is not without its irony. primarily uder the administration of Norman Thomas and Maynard Krueger that the S.P. has gone on record against (Continued on Page 3)



covered its issues only since its expulsion." and reveals how much the Party has forgot ten what it once knew.-Editor

### \* \* \* By BERTRAM D. WOLFE

"The United States is an advanced country of present-day capitalism. all these testify to the dominant role of The United States has no rival either. America in international policy today. in the rapidity of the development of capitalism at the end of the 19th and commencement of the 20th century, nor in the extremely high state of development it has already achieved. America is also unrivaled in the tremendous area over which its technique applies, . . . which takes into account the remarkable variety of natural-historical conditions."

American financiers and before Amerca had eclipsed in a decade the previous a century. Since then America has risen from two billion (in 1910) to over ten billions with an additional ten billion of funded debts of various governments to the government of the U.S. The rate of expansion of investments is at present increasing and Stuart Chase reports (New York Times, December 12, 1926). that in one fortnight a New York banking house received 100 letters from German firms asking for a total of a half

## Illusion About America

America, with its loans, its relief campaigns, plans (such as the Dawes plan), its investments and its financial experts, is the "stabilizer" of European capitalism. Our Republican institutions become an ideal for social-democration theoreticians in Europe. Our modes of exploitation, standardization, rationalization, Fordization, Taylor system, be come the dream of the European capitalist. Our "worker-employe" relationships: "democracy in industry," the company union, trade union capitalism, labor banking, trade union cooperation in in-

governments; the Washington Conferences, the arms conference. the confethe Communist slogan of "United States of Socialist Europe," all these testify to the dominant role of Unions Were Amalgamated

## America's Role Today

If Marx were alive today, I have no

oubt but that he would be concentrating his attention upon America as once he did upon England, and for the same reason, namely, that today the U.S. wrote Lenin of the United States of the economic and political develop in 1913 before the world war had further ment of capitalism and imperialism. One enormously swollen the wealth of the might ask: then why was Lenin so "un-Marxian" as to give first place to Ger many and England in his study on "Imrapid development of over a quarter of perialism, the Final Stage of Capitalism"? Why did he not give first place to America? The answer is of course to be found in the date on which the book was written. It was written in the pre-war period and although America was already then with "no rival in the rapidity of the development of capitalism" (Lenin), yet Germany and England, and the conflict between them for hegemony, still dominated the world Even so, Lenin had already perceived the "manifest destiny" of the United States and along about 1913 increasingly concerned himself with American problems. It was that period (on the very eve of the World War) that Lenin wrote his study on "Capitalism and Agriculture in the U. S. A.", his study of "Results and Significance of the Presidential Election in the U.S. A.", his study of the incidence of taxation in the United States and other less extensive references to and analysis of American problems. The World War cut short this phase of his work but still we find such matters as his explanation of the stratifi-

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# when he said: "Not even are the bones of saints, and still less are more delicate res sacrosanctae extra commercium Jay Lovestone "Coming Realignments in American Politics" Friday Jan. 25, 8 p. m.—Rivera Hall, 51 W. 14th St., N.Y.C.

**ACTIVITY IN UNION** 

FATHER OF ULTRA LEFT

By M. S. MAUTNER

POLICY NOW REJECTS HIS OWN OFFSPRING.

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# After the "Plebiscite"

T has been a long time since a single event reflected with such brutal clarity the misery that is now Europe. This is the significance of the Saar vote returning to Germany that economic and military asset, the Saarland, occupying

territory a little more than half the size of Rhode Island. To many, the overwhelming vote for the German Front, the Hitler organization, came as a surprise. After nearly two years of Hitler hell in Germany how could nine out of ten Saarlanders cast their ballot for the Nazis? This is the question bothering many people today. But there is really nothing mysterious about the result, which undoubtedly is a tremendous victory for Hitlerism.

Several factors account for the crushing defeat suffered by the anti-Fascist forces. First of all, the German Front had at its disposal all the unlimited resources and forces of the entire Nazi Party machine and Hitler government apparatus. Secondly, the questionable support rendered to the German Front by the Vatican certainly was a big asset to Hitlerism in the Saar with a population at least 73% avowedly Catholic. Besides, there is no doubt that in so far as British influence came into play in the Saar developments, it was ntirely in favor of this area going back to Germany. British imperialism may love France, but not so much as to see it at any time strong enough to stand alone in a conflict with German imperialism. British imperialism finds it necessary for its own interests to be in a position to make France always require some assistance from Lombard Street. Such division and such balancing of power on the continent have been the cornerstones of British politics as played by the Bank of England for many decades.

Incidentally, it is not insignificant to note that even the French ruling class accepted as a foregone conclusion Hitler's swallowing the Saar. The French industrial magnates showed neither anxiety nor energy in their efforts to influence the result of the plebiscite. Obviously, the French bourgeoisie made a football out of the Saar population and figured that they might as well give this prize back to the German robber class and thus perhaps pacify, for a while at least, the Fascist regime across the Rhine.

However, there is much more to it. We must register with regret the fact that nationalism amongst the Saar working people is apparently still a much more vital and decisive force than class-consciousness. The very slogan of preservation of the status quo was in itself a make-shift appeal and did not meet the ringing challenge hurled by the Nazis: "Deutsch ist die Saar." What is more, throughout the campaign waged by the United Front against Hitlerwhich included every section of the organized working class as well as some dissident Catholics, there occured all too often efforts to compete with the pro-Hitler German Front in nationalism. For instance, Max Braun, Socialist leader in the Saar and head of the United Front, stressed with all the power at his command such sentiments: "I am a German, so much a German that I spent two months in prison for publishing an attack on the Allied troops when they

Add to this fact that though the Saar proletariat may have been told bit about the torture and misery to which their brothers in Germany proper have been subjected, yet it is one thing to hear about it and another thing to live through it or face it. As against the atrocity reports and horrible pictures so accurately purveyed and portrayed by the anti-Hitler front, the bright bonfires lit on the Hitler side of the border, the colorful mass demonstrations of Storm Troopers, the eloquence of Goebbels and his henchmen on the radio, and above all the incessant flow of money proved far more effective and stronger.

It is unfortunate that so many Saarland workers should have also been nfluenced by the cowardly and prostituted voices of such Social-democratic leaders as Severing who is still at large and free in Germany. Herr Severing, a most powerful figure in what was once the strongest section of the Labor and Socialist International and still a member in good standing of this august body of reformism, went out of his way at the eleventh hour to make a frantic plea to his comrades and colleagues in the Saar to remember that "Deutsch ist

Painful indeed must be the disillusionment of those anti-Hitler voters, particularly the Social-democratic leaders who had hoped that, come what may, the League of Nations and the French would at least protect their lives after the vote. Naturally, nothing of the sort has happened. The Hitler wave of savagery is yet to be unleashed in its full fury; enough has already happened to show that the Fascist terror in the Saar will at least equal if not exceed the brutality inspired and organized by Nazi friends like Streicher. The League of Nations army is still there, and under its very eyes the Hitler butchery has already begun. While the international army is dancing, while the Italian Carabinieri are parading pompously, and the Dutch and Swedish officers are having the time of their lives, while the British high command is drinking merrily, thousands of anti-Hitler voters are beginning to meet the wrath, and face the abuse and unrestrained violence of the victory-mad Nazis. This is all too bad; we should have learned from Danzig, where the League of Nations many months

ago virtually shoved the Nazis into control of the government administration.

The proletarian united front of the Saar will have to adapt itself to the new and infinitely worsened conditions. It should intensify the bonds of united action, cemented by common suffering, and should serve as a stimulus to and an integral part of the developing united front throughout the Third Reich.

Finally, let no one harbor any illusions as to German imperialism being

atiated even for the briefest spell by its victory in the Saar. The results of the plebiscite will only whet the appetite of the German ruling class, will only encourage the Nazi bandits to further aggression in international relations. The Saar vote is a factor making for war and not peace amongst the imperialist

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# Between HAMMER And ANVIL

CULTURE IN TWO WORLDS

A NEW BASIC INDUSTRY SPRINGS TO MEET THE CRISIS

The new super-super industry to lead us out of the depression was modestly revealed in a little two inch ad in the New York Times a few days ago. Headed "The Right Word in the Right Place" the ad offers this service. "Crossword puzzles solved by experts. Fee, \$1.00 per puzzle. Correct solut guaranteed or your money back."

SEX STORY FROM THE LEFT To the Blacksmith this marks the last OR WHAT KIND OF UNITED FRONT? stage in capitalist decay. A culture where people have nothing to do but solve crossword puzzles might go on for many years through sheer inertia but when crossword puzzle solution goes on ly has passed his prime and whose wife, a mass production basis there is nothing therefore, is pretty miserable. This is left for an idle populace but revolution. really a sad situation. But the Medical

The Blacksmith, however, is going to Advisory Board's advice hardly seems take advantage of this loafing by proxy adequate to the situation. It is "Take while it lasts. We present herewith our very special service for consuming sur-This particular form of sublimation

# **NOTES**

TRADE UNION

By G. F. M. GROWING RESISTANCE TO CRISIS RURDENS

same period of 1933. Not only have the trial concerns has been replaced. onths of 1933 and 1934:

	1933	1934
January	21.169	78.165
February	19,989	115,542
March	47,463	120,715
April	36,874	170,697
May	64,891	224,254
June	61,330	100,882
July	139,099	215,221
August	211,524	114,517
September	298,480	428,000
Oatobor	210 846	109 000

with the first year of the crisis (1930) the number of days lost thru strikes has steadily mounted and that the sharpest ncrease came primarily in 1933 and 1934 uring the life of the N.R.A. Look at BLUM AND LEBAS the figures below and recall that the I.R.A. ("Magna Charta of Labor") was have brought everything that labor wanted and was therefore hailed as an in a discussion on the road to power The agreement reached by Litvinoff

tne ngur	es spe	ak for the	mserves.	
1930		2,730,368	man-days	lo
1931		6,386,183	" "	"
1932		6,462,973	""	"
1933		14,818,846	""	"
1934*	• • • •	18,386,105	""	"

All probably reach the 20 million mark.

The perspectives for 1935 point to ven greater and more bitterly fought abor battles. Economist quotes the An-

### KEEP YOUR EYES ON DETROIT

they did not fall for the company unionst proposal emanating from the mighty ederal Labor Board and the All-mighty Donald Richberg. The proposal to set up a works council based on the proortional vote received by each union in poll of all the workers in the plant, sugar-coated company unionism. By participating in such balloting the the Company Union as a legitimate of the problems of the American workagency for collective bargaining. The decision of the A. F. of L. unions to call on the workers to designate no preference was eminently wise, and if followed by the collective bargaining. The measure, the fate of the world revolution depends. But Lenni is not alive nor ference was eminently wise, and if followed by the collective bargaining. The measure, the fate of the world revolution depends. But Lenni is not alive nor ference was eminently wise, and if followed by the collective bargaining. The measure, the fate of the world revolution depends and sectarianism have been pretty definitely overcome. . . .

tions of continuing the poll in other

throw overboard the agreement secured structure and the dynamics of its devby President Roosevelt and prepare to pit their organized trade union strength elepments. It would be well, on Lenin against the auto magnates.

"The labor movement is the agency pect. through which the masses can bring order and opportunity into all phases of ican Federationist of January 1935. Russia! Or have you something else in ganization of the American working are learning to display a Leninist flex

ounced so hard on the Anvil that it Despite your hubby's chilly coldness

mind?

Don't be tempted into boldness, Though you've naught to do at night but slumber Eschew dalliance with the plumber.

Avoid the iceman's fatal spells In a monologue of Comrade Stachell's. Sublimate your vulgar passions Cut eggs and oysters from your ra-

Come into the CP's fold And thrill to listen to Comrade Gold. Don't get lost on the primrose path-

Sublimate with Comrade Hathway!

Our Weekly European Letter

# EUROPE TODAY

GERMANY IS

The tremendous pace at which Hitler the Socialist Party of France. Labor resistance, to shifting the burden of the crisis to its shoulders, is increasing. Department of Labor statistics steel production. The production of iron the crisis to its shoulders, is increasing. Department of Labor statistics steel production. The production of iron the House of Company Signature of Company Signat

number of strikes increased but the number of workers involved in these strikes have also sky-rocketed. Here are listed

The following incident is indicative of the prevailing sentiment in Germany. In Mainz Nazis threw tear gas and stink

Mainz Nazis threw tear gas and stink he number of workers involved in bombs into a dep't store to frighten the sentatives of the Little Entente answer strikes during each of the first ten customers away. The Nazis received a ed that a revision of the boundary lines beating from the public.

### CRISIS IN FRANCE STILL DEEPENING

greatly increased due to efforts being made to bring about a new upswing of the League of Nations as it is of the It is also significant that beginning made to bring about a new upswing of the League of Indiana. Latent thru further reduction of capitalist costs possible inhabitants of Mars. Latent and prices (wages, social services, conflicts have again been repressed or

# DIVISION OF LABOR-

The Social Democratic attitude is il- REACTION DEMANDS END OF lustrated by the fact that while Lebas FRANCO-RUSSIAN PACT

munists, the other the bourgeoisie . . . .

and these are the leading centrists of

for December 1934 are quite revealing in this respect.

The number of strikes in process during the first ten months of 1934 was "Frankfurter Zeitung" admits not even the normal wear and ten af the narmal wear and ten af the indicate the narmal wear and ten af the narmal wear and the narmal wear a 2,114 as compared to 2,010 during the the normal wear and tear of the industhere was no real solution, that the probwould mean war. The French Foreign minister, Laval, said likewise that any change of the boundaries would result in war. Nevertheless, the territorial conditions created by the peace treaties of In France the crisis has been further the World War are in the long run inaggravated during the past year. The tolerable, resting as they do, merely on index of industrial production has the changing political alliances among declined from 108 of the previous year the world powers. A true solution could to 94 this year (October). Bankruptcies only be brought about by a new division increased from 157 to 173. The fascist of boundaries on the principle of the tendencies of the big bourgeoisie are right of self-determination for each na-

the basis of alliances of the world

powers. They have been stifled for the

nstrument for industrial peace. But let maintains that there are no fundamental and Laval in Geneva that their resdifferences between Social Democracy pective countries would not enter into and Communism, Leon Blum writes a separate negotiations which would inter-series of articles in which he tells the fere with the concluding of the Eastern bourgeois parties how stable govern- Pact is a severe blow to Nazi diploments can be formed within a parlia-mentary republic. Blum's ridiculous that Herr Hess the representative of proposal is that the government ought to the "Fuehrer" has been told to leave \* The first ten months only. Figures for November and December are not yet available. The total man-days lost for the year only to resign when parliament the country for the time being. Never-to-be to the total man-days lost for the year only to resign when parliament that in industrial circles as well as in gives an express yets of no confidence. gives an express vote of no confidence.

Lebas and Blum represent the same tendency in the French Social Democracy.

Lebas and Blum represent the same tendency demanding a rapprochedency in the French Social Democracy. One of them tries to pacify the Com- Soviet Union.

# labor battles. Economist quotes the Annalist in the previous issue of Workers Age, as predicting for 1935 "higher living costs, demands for higher wages wages wages wages wages wages wages was translated as a supplier wages was wages was wages wages wages wages was wages wage

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The trade unions are becoming increasingly alert to the menace of compressingly alert to the menace of compressingly alert to the menace of compressions of the American and America, his determined and American and American determined and pany unionism. The Federal Local Unions in the automobile industry are to be heartily congratulated that the

the newest and strongest..." ces, etc.

If Lenin were alive today, he would nions would have given recognition to be working out for us and with us many

## Tasks Of The Party

to our assets and liabilities in this res- and oppositional blocs we h

ganization the narrow and shrivelled once. sectarian spirit" and we are seriously endeavoring to "adapt ourselves to the theoretically helpless but live, power-

\* "In the United States emigrants from in the worst paid jobs, whilst American those promoted to be foremen and receiving to the primrose path-the best paid jobs. Imperialism has the ten-dency to separate privileged categories among the workers and to cut them off from the wide masses of the proletariat." ("Imperial-ism" is full of such references to America.)

working class written shortly after the Russian revolution, he reminds us:

"The American revolutionary workers are called upon to play a parti- consciousness of the masses and have cularly important role especially now thus worked out special forms for as they are the irreconciliable enemies specific periods, such as the United of American imperialism, which is Labor Tickets, anti-injunction conferen-

ference was eminently wise, and if followed by more energetic measures can lead to the wiping out of company unionism.

The result of the balloting in the Cadillac and Chevrolet plants showed that at least 75% of those voting failed to designate any affiliation. The Federal Labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the motions of continuing the noll in other labor Board may go thru the general labor movement. In this bringing of the unskilled tions of continuing the poll in other plants but the attitude of the A. F. of L. unions has delivered a severe body blow to the company union schemes of the Board.

The resentment against the Board, as an agency of the employers, and the extremely bad conditions under which the workers are now working make it not improbable that the Federal Locals may throw overboard the agreement secured.

Tasks Of The Party

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The primary task before the Workers

Communist Party is to become a mass party. It can only do that if it analyzes properly and solves correctly by its program and tactics, the problems of the American working class. This we can do only on the basis of a thorough knowledge of "our" country, its institutions, its history, its ideology, its class structure and the dynamics of its devorres of the basic industries into the workers of the basic industries into the workers of the basic industries into the trade unions we are developing the forms that should lead to a "new unionism" in America similar to that which developed at the turn of the last century in England. . . . At the same time, amalgament is a the turn of the last century in England. . . . At the same time, amation has passed from the stage of a mere slogan to the stage of its device.

Day, to strike some sort of balance as In the various kinds of progressive covered the specific forms of breaking down our isolation in the trade unions and of rallying broad united fronts for In the first place we can chalk up as the preservation and strengthening of an asset that our party has discovered these unions as fighting instruments. In You said a mouthful, Bill. Look at the general form for the political or- this tactic of the progressive bloc we class-namely, the Labor Party. This ibility and sense for the specific difmeans that we have definitely left the stage when Marx and Engels found it is causing us to develop a multitude of necessary, in the words of Lenin, to special forms in place of trying to "most firmly call up the Anglo-American Socialists to merge with the labor and-dried left wing organizational form movement, and to drive out of their or- and program to all of the unions at

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POLITICIANS SPOKE

### By ALBERT EPSTEIN

and YCL refused to give the Congress a definitely labor character. And in doing so, they helped to sow illusions as to the classlessness of youth which is a notion

Corey's Argument
It would be futile

C.Y.O. proposed that the name be changed to the American Labor Youth Conpolitics of the working class. gress. It was conveniently ruled out of order. It was the C.Y.O. that raised the question of support by the Congress to the American Federation of Labor, as the main stream of the American Labor Movement. The statement also proposed Lewis Corey. Covici, Friede. 622pp. \$4.00 that the Congress favor the formation of a Labor Party. This was the only of a Labor Party. This was the only effective answer to the petty-bourgeois piffle uttered by the various Congressmen. But the YCL had not heard Browder's speech for a Labor Party. And the YPSL had come to the false And the YPSL had come to the false fascism really is was demonstrated by Committee.

And the YPSL had come to the false fascism really is was demonstrated by Committee. the endorsement of the A. F. of L., as of lynching as "an integral part of grow worked, a compromise was reached—no worked, a compromise was reached—no endorsement was given but a representative from the youth congress explainted its stand to the Unemployed Connected its standard its s

mestion was reported to the full session of the Congress, the YCL came around to the position taken by the C.Y.O. originally. This fact was brought out dramatically by Gus Tyler in his PROBLEMS OF THE PROLETARIAN ROAD TO POWER

working youth. Our task is therefore be interrupted by upward movements to build the united front of working but the downward course will persist class youth organizations, limited to Capitalist decline involves, primarily, an the most immediate and generally ac- increase in class-economic, social and ceptable problems facing the young American workers. In this respect towards stagnation simultaneously with the national and regional programs the aggravation of instability, a reaction of the American Youth Congress at against progress in all its forms. Only the present time are burdened with too many issues. It is far better to scious, organized working class can desbuild a movement around a few immediate demands to which the great mass of young workers and students long run, humanity will not forever can respond."

And again when the date and place for the Second American Youth Congress was discussed, a delegate of the

\* Decline of American Capitalism,

mittee report was given, he urged that the Congress try to be realistic in its

POLITICIANS SPOKE & By WILL HERBERG

RESOLUTIONS PASSED
Lewis Corey's Book \*)

Lewis Corey's The Decline of American Capitalism is the first attempt of an American Marriet to make a really and this thousand by a thoroness of an American Marriet to make a really and the socio-political consequences of the socio-political consequences of the sible, in the very words of the author.

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By M. S. MAUTNER

The process of proving that the International was, is, and always will be correct goes on at an increasingly lively period of 1923-1929, especially the movement of profits and wages (Part II), is an independent study—an effort to analyze this concrete American reality. It is an independent study—an effort to analyze this concrete American reality which naturally involves an examination of the movement of profits and wages (Part II), which naturally involves an examination of the contradictions of accumulation and to understand it in terms of the basic Marxist categories. And, despite and to understand it in terms of the basic Marxist categories. And, despite all shortcomings, it is a brilliantly successful effort. For it does provide a sased innumeral. conferences. We are interested in the latest of them which took place in Washington on January 4 and 5. Exactly what this Conference and the Congress witself is supposed to do is still a deep and dark secret. It is true that it has passed innumerable resolutions. It has set itself up as the saviour and general supervisor of all youth! Since it did not clearly define its functions, it is really without any functions. Both the YPSL and YCL refused to give the Congress and YCL refused to th A Summary of most interesting section is the one dealing with monopoly capitalism and imperialism (Part VII) in which the econoperialism (Part VIII) in which the econoperialism (Part VIIII) in which the econoperialism (Part VIIIIIII) in which the econoperialism (Part VIIIIIIIIIII) in which the econoperialism (Part VIIIIIIIIII

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Dep't of Commerce, in one of its reports, states that "the depression seems to have put its greatest burden upon those who, in view of their already low position on the economic scale, could least afford to lose." (Our emphasis)

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But nevertheless, today there are steps towards trade union unity. The effect of years of leftist education must be wiped out, so that this step (decided-loy a forward one) can be carried out with some degree of discipline.

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# SOCIALIST RIGHT WING OPENS ATTACK ON REVOLUTIONARY This, in briefest outline, is the thesis POLICY COMMITTEE WITH FIVE EXPULSIONS IN BUFFALO

(Continued from Page 1) any national united fronts and for an In Expulsions

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A heated discussion took place on the question of the boycott of German and Italian goods. The round-table devoted to the discussion of war and fascism had brought in a resolution to endorse the consumers' boycott, only the delegate from the Communist Youth Opposition and against it although the delegates from the YCL had spoken against such a boycott because it was an injective weapon." They failed to weapon." They failed to move that such a movement can only serve the interest of the bournel serve the interest of the serve the interest of the specialist party. The much advertised democracy, which the principles of the R.P.C. The City Central Committee of New York voted on Wedness day January 16, to expel all supporters of the R.P.C. Buffalo and New York serve the interest was an under-estimated that the it is impossible to capture the Socialist Party has suddenly shriveled to the vanish and the W.Y.—C.C.C. decided not to submit its decision, proscribing the R.P.C. below the s A heated discussion took place on the estimate of the number of people re-

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The supporters of the R.P.C. and other sisted that there was no basic difference between the R.P.C. program and their genuinely revolutionary socialist workers have still another lesson to learn The much advertised democracy, which from these recent expulsions—that it is

> ments in the Socialist Party must make a choice. There is no middle road be-

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# AND FILE VICTORS IN SILK UNION

### Progressive Measures Initiated

The progressives in the Paterson local were directly responsible for the many militant and progressive resolutions adopted at the U.T.W. convention. The motion for a general strike came from a progressive and was carried by the entire convention, resulting in the epochmaking first general strike of textile workers in this country.

### TUUL Demogogy Runs Rampant

Despite the fact that we were still under contract the progressives considered it their duty to strengthen the fighting ranks of the cotton and woolen workers by bringing the silk workers out on general strike. The calling off of the general strike was not in our hands. It was called off by the General Strike Committee in Washington over our most vigorous protests. It was precisely here that the TUUL splitters succeeded in exceeding even themselves in slanderous lies and the cheapest kind of demogogy. Responsibility for calling off the strike was placed by them on the local leadership altho they well knew that it did not belong there. The difficulties with the employers after the strike, unemployment, the chiselling drive of the bosses build unions also cannot fight against the -all were utilized to confuse and be- bosses.

Continued from Page 1, barely a hundred remained in that organization when it finally decided to that the progressives failed to keep the workers fully informed about the machinations of this unscrupulous and un principled bloc.

### What Next For

The Union?

We said in our election program that if the so-called rank and file slate wins the union is in danger. That still stands The TUUL supporters have not given the slightest indication that their unionsmashing policy will be changed. Their activity in the union before the elections and during the elections indicate clearly that they have merely transfered their anti-union policies from the National Textile Workers Union into the Silk Workers Union. If the silk workers will permit these policies to continue our union will be destroyed just as surely as all their industrial unions were des troyed.

The progressives, who have stood by the union in its most difficult days and built it up to become a powerful force are once again called upon to show their militancy and fighting spirit in order to preserve our union as a fighting instrument in the hands of the workers; in order to resist and defeat the policies of the union-smashers. The TUUL supporters have proven that they cannot build unions. We know that those who cannot

# PIATNITSKY APOLOGIZES FOR FIVE YEARS OF RUINOUS TACTICAL LINE

(Continued from Page 3) Cominteen, deeply rooted in the masses, sensitive to every political wind, immediately recognizes the changed objective situation and changes its tactics accordingly. And what is the tremendous change in the objective situation? In 1920 the social-democrats could fool the masses; today the masses are dis-illusioned with reformism!

Is it because of this disillusionment that you now find it necessary to reenter the reformist trade unions? Does this disillusionment drive you into a united front with the Social Democracy, united front with the Social Democracy, even to the point of giving up the right to criticize (France)? Have the scales dropped from the workers' eyes to the extent that they rushed into the "social-fascist," "company-union," A.F. of L., and that the C.P.U.S.A. found it necessary to drop its reams of theses and un in after the masses?

Your premise is false and your con-

Your premise is false, and your conclusions do not follow. It is shot full of contradictions.

### Defending The Unions From Fascism

Here, Piatnitsky informs us, out of a clear blue sky, that "if there is danger of the reformist trade unions being smashed by the bourgeoisie, the Communist Party should come out and de-fend them against Fascism"! It is pre-cisely this confused half-hearted backward-looking concession to Leninism that clouds the issue. What is the class clouds the issue. What is the class struggle but the constant, ceaseless attempt of the bourgeoisie to defeat all, even the most reactionary, organizations of the working class?

Not at all "if there is danger" but

precisely because at all times there exists the imminency of a union-smashing campaign, must the Communist be the best defenders of the trade unions.

Further Piatnitsky tells us that the "Communists in Germany issued the slo-gan 'Defend the Unions! Workers, unite to defend the unions!', during the period when the fascists were 'unifying' the trade unions." After the event! And trade unions." After the event! And when the Opposition pointed out the utter falsity of the line of destruction of the trade unions, we were called renegades. When the Communists should have been defending the unions had ing them and converting them into struments of struggle, as we urged in-ternationally, Lozovsky was saying "There is no need to shout from the housetops 'destroy the unions' as was done in Germany. But that we want to break up the reformist unions, that we want to weaken them, that we want to explode their discipline, that we want to wrest from them the workers, that we want to explode their trade union apparatus and destroy it . . . of that there cannot be the slightest dcubt."

Only one of these two tactics could have been correct. And history has shown that the line of building the mass trade unions was correct; history today forces the German comrades, under the Hitler terror, to change—and change much further, much more profoundly than is indicated by Piatnitsky!

# Piatnitsky's New Theory

Lastly, we must take up the new "theory" that Piatnitsky, fighting those who already, within the C.I., are correctly calling for the liquidation of the R.I.L.U., expresses as follows: "Can the Communist Parties depend only on mere party organizations when great events are unfolding, and be left with-out any strong broad mass organiza-tions which bring the broad masses of the workers under their influence? I do not think so."

of not think so.

To support this fantastic outgrowth
of five years of ultra-leftism, Piatnitsky cites an example from the Russian
Revolution, whereby, due to great in-

the Bolsheviks were able to call a eral strike over the heads of the Men-shevik leaders in the Soviets.

"The Bolsheviki organized a general

strike over the heads of the biggest

mass organization—the Soviets."

But not over the heads of the trade unions! On the contrary, precisely because the Bolsheviki worked correctly for years within the trade unions did then the property of the source of the sourc they have enough influence, did they succeed in building the confidence of the workers in them to the extent where they would support a general strike— the very opposite of Piatnitsky's con-tention! For here the "mere party organization" was one which, in Leninist fashion had its roots in masses, was closely bound up

It is a well known fact, that, not until three years after the Revolution did the Bolsheviks win the support of the railway workers union. This obviously was a mass organization very necessary to the revolution. But the

necessary to the revolution. But the Bolsheviks, as Piatnitsky very well knows, did not set up their own "mass organization"—and were able to carry thru the Revolution without it.

Such a theory is typical of the last stand of ultra-leftism, a theory superficially attractive and revolutionary, but actually unrealistic and obstructive. The Communist Parties of the world must Communist Parties of the world must work within and build the trade unions, and must liquidate the R.I.L.U. For while Piatnitsky hails trade union unity in France, he still maintains that "if Red trade unions exist, then obviously the Communists will recruit into these trade unions."

But it is not at all obvious after his previous remarks. And experience has shown that while the C.P. may "will" to recruit into the red trade unions, the working class does not.

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Comrade Zimmerman declared it was impossible for the C.P.O. to take at face value the demand of the C.P. in its letter to support the policies of the Party, "especially on the trade union field." Supporting the TUUL in one industry, the A. F. of L. in another, and an independent union in a third, the "line" of the Party, was impossible to defend or support, since it did not exist with clarity.

Further problems, especially those concerning the united front and the attitude to Social Democracy, were dealt with by Comrade Lovestone. The develop-ment of the party theory from "social fascist from top to bottom" (tenth

### STATISTICS OF DEATH SHOW NEGRO INCREASE TWICE THAT OF WHITE

By ALBERT EPSTEIN

A recent bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (October 1934) says: "Among the white policy holders the rise in the death rate this year has been only 3.1 per cent; but the increase among the colored was much greater (7.3 per cent). It will be interesting vhen 1934 death rates, by color, become available for the general population of the U.S., to see whether the rise in the mortality rate of the colored race throut the country has also been more than double the increase among the whites These insured Negroes live in the cities and it may be that there is need for more work by relief organizations and health agencies to meet conditions among urban Negroes. If the rise in their death rate this year proves to be greater than that for colored persons in rural sections, it will perhaps indicate that our city Negroes have suffered more than other population groups from the adverse effects of unemployment.

The writer of the above would have changed his "perhaps" to a "most certainly if he had consulted the FERA census of October 1933. Here he would have found that while 10.3% of all persons in the U.S. were on relief, 17.8% all Negroes were on relief during that month. We must conclude that "our city Negroes (nay all Negroes) have suffered more than other population groups from the adverse effects of unemployment."

Altho Negroes constitute but 9.7% of the total U.S. population, they formed 16.7% of the total number of families on relief in the country. In connection with this figure we must also remember that numerous Negro families in the South are kept off the relief rolls thru

the crassest type of discrimination.

In other words the Negro has been hit about twice as hard as the more "fortunate" white worker, which means that the Negro's suffering has been infinite ly greater.

With these conditions prevalent it is not hard to explain "That for every important cause of death, where there has been an increase, the greater rise pre-vailed among the Negroes. Respiratory diseases are a conspicuous example; for the colored death rate has risen 25 per cent as against 10 per cent increase for the whites. Death from diarrheal complaints have increased 17 per cent among the colored and only 6 per cent among the whites; and despite the declining birth rate among both races, the mortality from puerperal (child bearing) diseases has gone up 5.3 per cent this year among insured colored women as compared with a 4.4 per cent drop for white women.

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(Continued from Page 3) socio-economic study and the political sections were then added more or less as an afterthought, for the sake of completeness. Or can it be that the gingerly approach to political problems is due to the author's own inner uncertainty on the basic questions at issue among the various Communist tendencies today?

Reviewing The Reviewers For a work of its significance, The

plenum of the E.C.C.I.) to the recent "class comrade" of Bittelman in the Daily Worker, the result of this theory in the field of united front work from united fronts around the C.P. to bellycrawling towards the leadership of the S.P.,—all this and more was clearly shown by Lovestone to be the basic confusion of the party on these questions.

Two new rumours circulated by the Party were effectively scotched. Lovestone and Zimmerman publicly denied that any differences existed between them in particular, or the C.P.O. as a whole concerning the question of unity. Secondly, Lovestone effectively ended

all Stachel's talk about "hiding the crisis," and "newness of the C.P.O.'s line." Quoting document after document, he showed that already in Feb., 1928, he had forseen the crisis in a Plenum resolution unanimously endorsed.

The discussion which followed was of the most encouraging character; the C.P.O. has promised to organize more meetings of this kind, where the innerproblems of the Communist movement will be threshed out in comradely, democratic discussion.

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singularly unfortunate in its reviews, especially in the liberal and radical press. Berle's trite trivialities (in The Nation) require no comment while Soule's remarks (in The New Republic) are benevolent but not precisely understanding. Felix Morrow's review (in The New International) is full of the pompous verbosity and empty pretentiousness that seem to characterize everything with the brand of Trotskyism; besides Morrow is wrong on every point upon which he takes issue.

Paul Mattick does not even attempt to review the book in The Modern Monthly; he merely takes occasion to indulge in a wearisome reiteration of his pet fad-the Grossman theory of accumulation.

But all this is as nothing in comparison with the incredible reviews of Bittleman in the Daily Worker and Bittleman and Jerome in The Communist. Such narrow obscurantism, such involved irrelevancy, such labored confusion leading nowhere at all, was surely never seen on earth. Even when some feeble spark of intelligence does show itself, it is promptly smothered in a hopeless mass of jumbled crudities. As far as I can make out, Corey's unpardonable crimes in the eyes of these merciless judges are that, "by some peculiar reticence, he totally fails to refer to Stalin, the greatest living theoretical and political leader of the working class," that he writes "communist party" without capital letters, that he speaks of "international communism" instead of the Communist International and that-oh, unpardonable sin!-he actually dares to discuss unemployment without "speaking out boldly" for that thrice-sacred symbol of the American revolution-the Lundeen Bill! And these are the people that have the audacity to speak in the name of Marx!

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