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At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

Hyenas Of Capitalism

N his forthcoming book on the NRA, The Blue Eagle From Egg to Earth", General Hugh S. (Strikebreaker) Johnson pretends to be humble and appears to be modest. This swashbuckler of the New Deal laments that: "If we saw a squirrel starving to death in a knothole in his nut-filled hollow tree, we wouldn't believe it. And yet here are 125 million people, granaries full, factories shut, but with millions of workers idle and hungry and shabby and afraid of the future and of everything and everybody about them, and money galore in the banks and depositories. It just doesn't make Marvelous discovery for a New Dealer! Obviously, in the sphere of so-cial organization, the ordinary squirrel is more intelligent than the nuts parading as economic experts and professors in our universities and Brain Trusts. This author and executor of the conscription law in the last war to make the world safe for Stock Exchange democracy cries that all of this "doesn't make sense." So, what? Well, the General thus groans in his effort at enlightenment: "Any political system has failed when people can no longer live under it by their own efforts." Is it possible that the General is so much in the dark that he mistakes a bush for a bear? We don't believe it. Political systems are reflexes of and organically bound up with economic systems. But about this Johnson doesn't say a word. The economic system, capitalism, begets its own political system—certain forms of state power—to maintain and perpetuate the privileges of the ruling class, the private owners of the means of production and exchange socially used. Anent this unchallenged historic truth the strike-breaking General says not a word. Blame it all on Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover and their Party of the Elephant! Pro-found reasoning! Certainly beneath the capacity of the squirrel! Little respect as we have for the Johnsons and their ilk, we have a hunch they know more and better. They are tireless apologists and persistently militant defenders of the profit system. In the guise of sheep they perform the tasks of the hyenas of the capitalist system. These are the most dangerous enemies of labor.

Let Bad Enough Alone

THANKS to the Brookings Institute, we have more dope to confirm our analysis of the forces of decay gnawing at the vitals of the American social and economic order—capitalism. One-tenth of one percent of the families in the U.S. have an income greater than 42% of all the families. Then, 21% of our families are getting but 41/2% of the total national income. Finally, seventyone out of every hundred American families are getting along on incomes less than the average. In this direction the trend has been moving for some timetowards a greater centralization of operation and higher concentration of control and ownership. Roosevelt's policies have only emphasized and speeded up this trend. All the highly paid "studets of social problems" should pon-der these figures. Dry as they are and threadbare as they may appear to the average communist soapboxer, they can shed considerable light to these students as to why it is that the "consuming power" of the great mass of workers and farmers and urban middle class folk is "congealed in icebergs . . . and in the dead leaves of the worthless securities . . . and our fatuous foreign loans." However, that would be asking too much from such "students"! What would then happen to Roosevelt's new basic industry—the thickly entangled net flagrant provocation to the Soviet Union. of "fact-finding" and study commissions? Besides, why undermine the old pulp and ink and printing industries. Why invite the worst? Let bad enough

Aggravating Remedies

alone.

NIFORMLY all "recognized" observ ers are quite optimistic in their outlook for the economic situation in the coming months. Not being among the "recognized", we dare strike a jarring note to this Pollyanna chorus. The new high record of four and a half billion dollars of bank reserves in the U.S. is a source of infection and not invigoration for the economic system both at home and abroad. Bank deposits zooming upward last year, in the biggest gain in the history of American banking, only emphasize the fundamental weakness of the whole capitalist edifice. The big Chinese people, the U.S.S.R. is its neighproblem of the biggest banks now is bor. The graveyard of Japanese aggres-"earnings"—where to invest money at sion will be prepared with the active and a handsome profit when the gap between decisive aid of the Socialist Republic. and for the petty-bourgeoisie.

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WREES

The sharp clash between the government and labor in the . automobile industry is an event of tremendous significance. In fact, it may well mark a decisive turning point in the attitude of labor to the NRA, thus opening a new chapter in the history of unionism in recent times.

The very manner in which the President renewed the automobile code shows plainly that he intended the act as an affront and challenge to organized labor. He was well aware of the frightful conditions prevailing in this industry, the pride of modern capitalism, as revealed in the sensational report of the NRA division of research and planning. He was

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well aware of the mounting discontent of the auto workers and their protest against the auto code with its notorious "merit clause". He was well aware of the bitter opposition of labor to the openly pro-company Wolman automobile labor board, established under an arrangement explicitly recognizing the company union as a legitimate agency of collective bargaining. The action of the A. F. of L. in withdrawing from this board and in refusing to participate in the farcical "elections" conducted by it, were not lost

upon him. He was well aware of the surely very modest request of the A. F. of L. for a public hearing on the auto code and the setting up of a "neutral" auto board under Public Resolution 44. And yet, in spite of all this, in spite of the adverse vote of the NIRB and the NLRB, he decided to renew the auto code and to continue the Wolman boardand did this in a way that would demonstratively exhibit his contempt for the opinion of the A. F. of L., refusing even to listen to the pleas of its leaders! So that nobody might possibly miss the significance of his act, he made sure to inform the workers, thru his letter to Mr. Ogburn, that the President, had arbitrary authority in the whole matter and would proceed to exercise it as he pleased! The A. F. of L. immediately declared its defiance, proclaiming: "We protest against this code. We will not accept, not recognize it, not yield to it." And so things stand!

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF LABOR UNIONS

It would be a grave error to look upon this breach between the government and the A. F. of L. as limited to the automobile industry or even as brought about by factors peculiar to it. Long ago, at the very time that Socialist party spokesmen were hailing the NRA as a "step to socialism" and Communist party spokesmen were asserting that the A. F. of L. had become a "part of the government apparatus", we pointed out that a head-on collision between organized labor and the government was inevitable, was inherent in the situlation itself. The underlying aim of the New Deal in the field of labor, we pointed out a few months after the recovery act was adopted (Workers Age, October 1, 1933), was to put over the system of "NRA unionism," government controlled "unions" completely deprived of their independent

class character—in substance, nothing very different from Fascist "corporate unions." On Labor Day 1933 General Johnson referred to "a theme which many of us here entertain—overhead control of labor as responsible to govern-ment." In one form or another, the same sentiment was repeatedly expressed in NRA circles until today it is being openly championed by Donald Richberg, who assured the Nation al Association of Manufacturers on December 5, 1934 that "the collective power of the workers associated in labor organizations carries with it a responsibility for the protection of the interests of those by whom they are employed. These

moral responsibilities of today will be written down as the legal responsibilities of to-

Such "government unionism" is poles apart from even the most conservative A. F. of L. unions, which are at bottom working class organiza-tions. The gulf cannot be bridged. If "NRA unionism"

PROFITS NO OVERHEND tack upon the A. F. of L. itself and thus to open collision with organized labor.

A "FASCIST" SET-UP

How this inevitable logic has operated in the automobile industry is described in a penetrating article by Louis Stark in The New York Times of February 3, 1935. With the advent of the Wolman board set-up, declares Mr. Stark, "there is now in existence for the first time in the United States-in embryo at least-what is felt by labor leaders to be a counterpart of the officially fostered and controlled government trade unions of Germany, Italy, Austria . . ." He speaks also of the possibility that "the completion of these rules (of the Wolman board) will usher in a sort of Fascist labor organization virtually deprived of the ability to strike . . ." No wonder that President Green has openly spoken of "Fascism" in connection with the recent actions of the administration!

TASKS OF LABOR

In view of this whole situation, what are the most immediate tasks of labor?

1. The A. F. of L. has already pledged resistance to the automobile code and the Wolman board. This pledge must not remain mere words. It must be implemented by a determined organization drive and by the preparation of general strike action in the industry as soon as possible. In a certain sense, the fate of the whole labor movement may be said to hinge on what is going to happen in the auto industry in the near future. The A. F. of L. leadership must not fail in this crisis as it failed when the auto code was adopted and, later on, when the Wolman board was set up! (Continued on Page 4)

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possibilities continues to widen. Most ominous in our opinion is the reversed trend in international capital dealings. At a time when Wall Street should be exporting capital in bumper fashion, the U. S. is importing capital. Apparently, the foreign bourgeoisie are not over-optimistic about their own countries as investment prospects and lack confidence in their national currencies. The billion and a quarter of gold pumped into the Wall Street vaults this year from oversea banks will plague the pumpers and the pumped disastrously very much sooner than the darkest pessimists believe. It is precisely such "remedies" that aggravate old and breed new ailments.

War Clouds In Far East

THE war clouds over the Pacific are Chinaga tarritary grabbed by Japanese imperialism. The Nipponese invasion of Chahar province is not merely an immediate blow at Chinese national independence. It is a well-calculated part of a long-prepared plan by the Japanese imperialist plunderers in their preparations for war against the Soviet Union. From the point of view of military strategy, in a strictly aggressive and offensive war, the latest Tokio move is more vital than brilliant. It is a blow at Soviet Mongolia and a A significant sidelight of this entire unsavory and tragic situation in the Far East is the complete non-resistance of Chiang-Kai-Shek to these Japanese attacks. But there is no need of calling upon some oracle to enhance our knowledge as to the why and wherefore of this traitor's conduct. Back in 1927 this 'Generalissimo" drew fifteen million dollars from the international bankers to double cross the Chinese people and to betray their national revolutionary liberation movement. Just now we can't state the exact sum Chiang-Kai-Shek got from the Japanese robbers for being busy fighting the Chinese peasantry in the Soviet areas while not even lifting finger to halt the foreign invader. Worse than that. This leader of the Nanking clique has been working overtime drowning in blood all anti-Japanese manifestations. Fortunately for the

The Catalonian Revolt

This is the second of five articles on the | The Catalonian Insurrection Spanish revolution, written by one of the outstanding participants and organizers of the revolution. In the next issue we will print the third article which deals with the effective and bitter resistance of the work ing class of the Asturias, especially the miners, in contrast to the weak-kneed and vacillating policy of the Catalonian bourgeois autonomists .- Editor.

By JUAN ANTONIO

The formation of the Lerroux govern I getting heavier and blacker with ment with the participation of the fascist elements produced a violent reaction among the workers in Catalonia as well panys-Dencas-Badia were willing for the reaction tions, refused to arm the workers. Companys-Dencas-Badia were willing for the reaction tions, refused to arm the workers. Companys-Dencas-Badia were willing for the reaction tions, refused to arm the workers. among the petty-bourgeoisie which led the movement for autonomy.

The Lerroux-Gil Robles cabinet struck both at the workers movement and at Catalonian autonomy. The aims of re action showed themselves with great clarity: to suppress the working class as well as the petty-bourgeois government of the Catalonian "Generalitat."

Approaching Struggles

The first days of the month, in Barcelona as well as in all of Catalonia, were marked by intense excitement. One felt the approach of serious struggles.

Catalonia offered very favorable conditions for revolutionary action. In effect, the workingclass movement, the peasants and the petty-bourgeoisie with the government of the Generalitat, were all bound by the same objective. workers and the peasantry, put into action and aided by the government were a force of great strength.

The armed police was under the direction of the Generalitat (the government of Catalonia). The petty-bourgeoisie also had an armed organization. The Catalonian Youth, 10,000 in Barcelona, and many thousands in the rest of the province, had been equipped with guns, pistols, bombs and even with machine guns.

As for the government of Madrid, it had in Barcelona only some 3000 soldiers. The relation of forces could not be more favorable for the workingclass movement

But the petty-bourgeoisie of the Generalitat, although well aware that the Lerroux-Gil Robles government was its mortal enemy, had a dreadful fear of the working class.

It foresaw that the triumph of the revolution in Spain would mean the victory of the working class and the government of Catalonia would inevitably pass into the hands of the workers.

The Companys-Dencas government always refused the organization of a revolutionary committee into which representatives of workers would enter. The Generalitat having arms and muniactive participation in the insurrection- bitterly denounced by the American Fed-

The General Strike

On Friday, October 5th, the general strike burst through all of Catalonia. From the outset it was a movement of unbelievable energy. The large towns, the cities as well as the villages were mobilized for a complete stoppage. In calcitrant Senators. Within twenty-four the afternoon, trains stopped running hours Senator McAdoo announced that completely.

tacle. Thousands upon thousands of workers jammed the streets. The atmosphere was charged with electricity.

On Saturday, the 6th, the strike was further strengthened. The anarchists who had refused to join the revolutionary movement were thrust into it by the popular wave. The hour of a violent Democratic machine, secondly, because clash was approaching. The workers in gigantic demonstrations were demanding the proclamation of the Catalan Republic.

Catalan Republic Proclaimed

Catalonia) hesitated. It found itself caught between two fires and did not standards. Now whether Roosevelt wins The news from the rest of Spain added gain an object lesson in the purposes fuel to the fire. In Asturias the work- of his administration and catch a glimpse ing class had risen. In Madrid, Valencia, of the sort of nation he envisions be-Bilbao, the general strike was complete. hind the smooth phrases of his fireside (Continued on Page 2)

NRA STRIKE ACTION

Henderson Report Exposes **Speed Up And Skyrocketing** Profits In "Depression"

The extension of the Automobile Code and the Presidential whitewash of the Wolman Board continues to be the issue agitating the mass of the auto workers. Sentiment for strike action is gaining ground, as is shown by the widespread support for the Murray Body strikers and the decisions of the Detroit City Council of all A. F. L. auto unions. After agreeing on minimum scales, the 30-hour week, recognition of the union, outlawing of company unions and other demands, the city council proceeded to set in motion a drive to prepare the workers for a general strike. Discusis to prevail, the genuine sions on the general strike are proceedunions must be smashed. And ing in the locals; organizing committees naturally the determined ef- in all locals are being set up; a demand forts of the administration to was made upon the Executive Council promote and foster "govern- of the A. F. L. for financial assistance ment unionism" must neces-sarily lead to an outright atissued for more organizers to help build the organization. In these developments the members of the Auto Workers Progressive Club are playing an important

Roosevelt Steps In

In the meanwhile the battle of words still rages in Washington. The carefully thought out strategy of centering all A. F. L. fire on Richberg and Wolman, has been shot to pieces by the President. In the midst of the enraged sputtering of Green and the colorful invective of Lewis, Roosevelt stepped forward to tell the labor leaders that he takes full responsibility for the developments in the auto situation. Furthermore, he informed the American Federation of Labor that the functioning of the Wolman Board is none of their business; that he is the sole judge over the functioning of these boards and is quite satisfied with the operation of the Wolman Board.

The letter of Roosevelt served to add insult to injury as far as the auto workers were concerned. It tended to steel their conviction that they must depend only upon their own economic strength and not upon the agent of Wall Street in the White House.

Upon our labor leaders the Roosevelt letter seems to have had a deadening effect. All the fountains of indignant oratory suddenly ran dry. Behind the scenes, however, there is feverish ac-The gigantic legislative lobbies of the A. F. L. are veritable bee-hives,

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SENATE REBELS ON PWA SLAVE WAGE

Administration Turns Heat On Senate Committee Which Rejects \$50 Month Scale

The cracks that began to appear in the cylinders of the New Deal steamroller with the defeat of the world court spread a little further last week when the Senate Appropriations committee reared up on its hind legs and decided that public works should pay the pre-

The Roosevelt proposal had specified workers to let loose the general strike an average wage of fifty dollars a throughout Catalonia but opposed their month. This scabby proposal had been eration of Labor which won at least a temporary victory in the Appropriations committee decision.

The importance of this especial point in the Roosevelt plans for a Utopian America-at fifty dollars a monthmay be judged from the speed with which the heat was turned on to the rehe would move to reconsider and it is Barcelona offered an impressive spec- likely that the New Dealers will bring enough political pressure to swing the committee into line.

Nevertheless even the temporary adoption of the amendment to pay the prevailing rate is of importance, first, because it breaks down the myth of the invulnerability of the Rooseveltian it focusses attention on this particularly vicious section of the new public works bill. The A. F. of L. was quick to declare that the rate of wages prescribed by the Federal government would become a prevailing rate on pri-The "Generalitat" (the Government of vate work as well and to resist actively this attempt at blasting the worker's know which was the more dangerous. or loses this round labor in America can chats.

more out of the masses, must dig them

more deeply into the mud. And so it

The government was outflanked.

It was thus that the Government o

ANTI-NAZI

Whose Recovery Is It?

".. But Liars Will Figure" standard. I am referring here to the question of "real wages." where the est

When the government agencies release another. But when the lightest of the same percentage of the same pe have to be forged in the literal sense capita of 14%, since the wage increase if the word—all one has to do is a amounted to only 19.6% per hour. From little emphasizing, overlooking one detail for another, etc.

What is the basis for the New Dealers,

myth (its naru to ten people who increased by more their wages have increased by more than a third. All one had to do was look than a third. All one had to do was look to see their increases "reflect larger public extended to the federal Reserve Board that increases "reflect larger public extended to the federal Reserve Board that increases "reflect larger public extended to the federal Reserve Board that increases "reflect larger public extended to the Generalitat, in a speech transmitted over TSF (the government radio station) rose against the government of Lerroux-Gil Robles of the government of a little lurther down the line and line penditures on construction. This refers that "labor's share of the national into the government public works, which to the government public works, which the government public works are of the national interpretation. that "labor's share of the national into the government public works, while come rose from 58.3% in 1933 to 62% served to puff the aggregates, while in 1934." That happens to be an increase lowering the actual standards of these or 4.2% not 51%! Mind you, it isn't workers!

necessary for Richberg to have falsified And how do these much heralded The insurrection of the Generalitat furthering the concentration of bank to his own satisfaction that "Commun-

weekly incomes of the working class. It is only, therefore, by pointing joyfully to hourly wage increases, and overlooking the final result of this rise, that hours, it is to their advantage! For any such ballyhoo can be handed out there is either no rise in the hourly begged for arms from the government about the "improved lot of the workers." For example, the Service letter
and with methods of speed up, well
heeded. The answer invariably was—
of the National Industrial Conference of the National Industrial Conference known to every worker, the bosses can there are no arms. In reality they re-Board shows that, taking the year 1929 pay less for more work. of 83 by 1933. But weekly wages had of the income of the breadwinner over consequences. It was that which prodeclined to 61.9! According to the a larger section of the family than duced the catastrophe.

Bureau of Labor Statistics the change before. This certainly is obvious in view About 9 o'clock at night the army

uses subtler methods of depriving the sential problem is not whether the worker is earning as much as he did at lion workers—less than half the salary one or the other time, but what can his to almost the same number of workers! earnings buy him in comparison with when the government agencies release figures on profits, the essence is there. They may, it is true, pare them down or hide their significance in one form or another. But when the figures on wages another. But when the figures on wages of a creased the same percentage. Steel which creased the same percentage. Steel which article. Catalonian Revolt

> May to September 1934, weekly wages dropped \$5,000,000.
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> Industry after industry tells the same story. Employment has decreased, week- Catalonia, carried along by the revolu-

definite and sizable decrease in the for, here it is clear that, when finally rection was unchained. pressed to the wall by a working class suffering from miserably long hours, Autonomists Throttle

Finally, we must consider the spread the Workers Alliance. They feared the from May to Nov. 1934 is a decrease of one and a fifth hours, but an increase in pay of only 4 of a cent!

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Sept. 1933, even the the hourly rates workers have fought for in the great ization of the army. increased 15%; the hours per week had militant history of American labor is The leaders of the military organizaincreased 15%; the hours per week had decreased 23.8%. Textiles had paid 34 milliant history of American labor is the most openly cruel attack of the employing class on the living standard of ploying class on the living standard of the workers. But this class must such the workers. But this class must such the workers of the workers are workers. STAGE AND SCREEN same time he opposed the arming of the

By ROBERT ARTHUR

For some time now he has planned to what would happen. We doubt it.

lip of this reviewer does not curl itself thing, if not derivative.

toward his left ear too readily. Never-

Our Critic Is Only Morose As He Views "Waiting For Lefty" the deploying of the regular army forces. Only 400 soldiers were sufficient to

workers of the capital and permitted

With anguish the workers of Barcelons

fused to arm the workers enrolled in

morose fellow. Torn by doubts as how the logic of the scenes presented not the best to serve the cause of the revolu- direct emotional line of the story as it in a few hours. Artillery was rolled into position tionary theatre he finds himself encounist told. The author has endeavored out tering a maze of complexities. For of the excitement his theme has engenout encountering any resistance, and a out encountering any resistance, and a of the American toiler which should b instance, there is "Waiting for Lefty." dered, to make us believe that that is few shells directed against it, against borne by the wealthy. Here we shall the City Hall and against the Department of Police, put an end to the rebelreview this play which Clifford Odets, "Waiting for Lefty" is the music of wrote and members of the Group words, too, familiar in our bourgeois lion.

Theatre have been playing on various theatre, set to better purpose. But at

of the work, why not he? The upper better. For "Waiting for Lefty" is no- the capitulation, the police of the Genthing, if not derivative.

We say these things in all humility the respect that cought to go to theless, here is his dilemma. He does and with the respect that ought to go to We have been sold out!

mittee while waiting for their chairman communist rany it is a correct. As a play where the revolutionary committees were in order to induce the men to strike get which will take those who are unconvinced principally of workers, they which will take those who are unconvinced principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that their stories. There is the ced and move them toward our cause it had taken power, and the announcement that their stories of the following the committees were given by the committees were and the committees were which will take those who are unconvinced principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that their stories of the following the committees were which will take those who are unconvinced principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that the committees were which will take those who are unconvinced principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power, and the announcement that the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers, they had taken power and the committees were principally of workers.

periments toward finding a new and upon the theatre's deepest sources but more deadly poisonous gas, socks the boss in the nose and is fired; the interne who finally loses his job that descriminable who finally loses his job that descriminable with the second s who finally loses his job thru discrimination and anti-semitism; the starving actor, who, having lost lost all self-respect, while applying for a job is given pect, while applying for a job is given clicked drama, and the response thereto is was defeated.

pect, while applying for a job is given a dollar by the producer's office-girl to buy nine loaves of bread and the Communist Manifesto; the young man and his girl who are forced by responsibilities that the specific producer's office-girl to his girl who are forced by responsibilities that the specific producer's office-girl to his girl who are forced by responsibilities that the specific producer's office-girl to his girl who are forced by responsibilities that the specific producer's office-girl to higher.

Clicke drama, and the response thereto is made defeated. The military masters of the situation announced over TSF every five minutes, the exemplary punishment ment and genuine emotion, then we can which awaited those who opposed the

and the depression to separate altho they not tell the difference between the best orders of the state of siege. and the depression to separate altho they are desperately in love; and the taxi-cab driver who is persuaded by his distraught wife to strike for higher wages or she will leave him.

Examine these stories and you will see that what they tell is not so much why the men strike as how they came to be taxi-cab drivers. When it is discovered

the men strike as now they came to be taxi-cab drivers. When it is discovered that "Lefty," their chairman, has been shot dead and his body thrown in an alley, everyone rises, ready to go out on left to make the begin-ning augured such magnificent perspectives had been betrayed by the revolutionary incapacity of the petty-bourgeosie.

The insurrection which at the beginning augured such magnificent perspectives had been betrayed by the revolutionary incapacity of the petty-bourgeosie.

Books of the Age

by Bertram D. Wolfe

argely of speeches and articles of internal economy in order to obtain the Professor Tugwell defending, interpreting, glorifying the "New Deal." To the viously this meant that the base of na-Federation of Bar Associations of West- tional economy must be shifted from ern New York he seeks to prove the constitutionality of the "New Deal." resources of the Soviet Union did not With the American Farm Economics Association he discusses the land policy of the Federal Government. Before the Women's Democratic Club of Washing-

necessary for Richberg to have falsified either of these figures. It just means that he chose a particular week when this rise was in evidence, and then forgot to compute how many weeks in forgot to compute how many weeks in the rever of which this was represented by this development. The town See the figures on profits and dividends ceded Companys, was still further action and execution of laws enacted by I dealt with in the last article—the ever celerated by this development. The town of laws enacted by faith as applied to religion, which is a the year of which this was true!

Now, have wages risen? To some extent, yes. But in examining this rise we meet one of the prime economic hoaxes of the New Deal statisticians.

I dealt with in the last article—the ever borned standards of the oppressed masses are falsified by tricky statisticians.

I dealt with in the last article—the ever borned to religion, which is a Congress"; 5. The economic theorist of halls, the city halls were captured by the Brain-trust does not understand the revolutionary committees. The work-open; the ever lowered standards of the oppressed masses are falsified by tricky sible. Churches were burned. In places statisticians. There is, for the most part, a rise in hours wages, but a decrease in hours worked per week! This amounts to a of "Less hours, but the same pay"—

of "Less hours, but the sam be"; 6. The N.R.A. "planners" make a is a cult of fervent fanatics so that the virtue of having no plan (except to preserve a tottering social system) and raise "trial and error" (especially the clude in a fit of wish fulfillment that latter) to a system. It is a case of the Communism just as the early religions blind leading the blind.

> RUSSIA'S IRON AGE, by William Henry Chamberlain. Little Brown & Company, Boston. \$4.00.

This book represents a rehashing i tention in this book to concentrate at-

the aid of the Generalitat, but at the Five Year Plan is based on observation

THE BATTLE FOR DEMOCRACY, by of surface trends, without any attempt Rexford Guy Tugwell. Columbia University Press. 330pp. \$3.00.

to view this unprecedented attempt at social planning in its historical and social setting. The Soviets surrounded Cabinet officers have to make many by a hostile capitalist world, were faced eeches. This is a volume made up with the problem of developing their permit the simultaneous expansion of both heavy and light industry. As a con-

sequence light industry was temporarily cheers about increased wages?

When Richberg made his June report he ecstatically announced that weekly wages had increased 37%. Very little research was necessary to combat this myth (it's hard to tell people who insupply (it's hard to tell people who What stands out from the whole series to see their inevitability under the ex-

"Communism," says Mr. Chamberlain,

-which gold never was and never could to the task of proving that Communism cannot in the very nature of things be permanent."

-JESSE LANE

BOOKS RECEIVED

Money: The Human Conflict. University of Oklahoma Press. Norman Oklahoma. (Review later)

Unemployment and Relief, by Robt. G. Elbert. Farrar and Rinehart, New York. 136pp. \$1.00. (Review later)

Tomorrow Comes, by Louis Aaron Reitmeister. The Walden Press, Great Neck, Long Island. 348pp. \$2.00. (Re-

LIE DOWN AND DIE

Little Else Awaits the Man Past Sixty Five in America Today By ALBERT EPSTEIN

The absence of social legislation in the estimate is given us by the Bulletin. U.S. A. places burdens on the shoulders limit ourselves to the problem of the

Theatre have been playing on various theatre, set to better purpose. But at Sunday nights. From many sources have come reports of an important contribution to revolutionary theatre. His appetite is whetted. He is prepared to which in themselves are moving, they which in the morning, they are moving, they which in the morning that the white flag. The Government of the Generalitat surrendered appetite are moving seldem. The proportion of aged in the U. S. is increasing. In 1870 persons 65 years of age and over constituted only 3% of the total population, by 1900 it grew to the total population, by 1900 it grew to appetite are moving. The proportion of aged in the U. S. trot out some choice encomiums, seldom are for the most part the too well re- without conditions. Dencas and Badia 4% and in 1930 it reached 5.4%. It is used. The rest of the radical press has membered cliches of any number of practically spent itself in lavish praise scenes that have been done before and without conditions. Dentas and over will comprise 13% of the total without conditions. Dentas and over will comprise 13% of the total without conditions.

those whose work has been done earnest
Thousands of rifles, bombs, pistols, ployed men 65 and over. In 1890, 26.2% Ask anyone who has seen "Waiting ly and sincerely. For effort they deserve for Lefty" and he will tell you in detail high praise. As an expression of the left streets and at concentration points.

Thousands of rifles, bombs, pistois, ployed men 65 and over. In 1890, 26.2% were abandoned in the middle of the streets and at concentration points. for Lefty" and he will tell you in detail that it is the story of a meeting of members of a taxi-cab union who, while waiting for the chairman of the committee representing those dissatisfied with the testing of the union head decide to the tactics of the union head, decide to strike. In a concoction of disconnected scenes strung together by an excellent scenes strung together by an excellent device, it tells of the perfidy of the capitalist union boss Fatt, of Fatt's attempt to dissuade the men from striking, of how the various members of the committee while waiting for their chairman mittee while waiting for their chairman communist rally it is a corker. As a play which are unconvinging to the communist rally it is a corker. As a play which will take those who are unconvingingly of workers they and along with the Civil Guard were and along with the Civil Guard were specially their sons and daughters. It is perfectly in accord with the supreme laws of capitalism and its ten commandation where the revolutionary committees were where the revolutionary committees were and along with the Civil Guard were specially their sons and daughters. It is perfectly in accord with the supreme laws of capitalism and its ten commandation where the revolutionary committees were where the revolutionary committees were ments. We quote from the "Statistical where the revolutionary committees were which will take those who are unconvingingly of workers they

chemist who, when he is offered preferment by his boss to assist in making experiments toward finding a new and more deadly poisonous gas, socks the control of the capitulation of the Generalization.

In all taken power, and the announcement of the Generalization of the Generalization.

The question is posed thus: "How many men at the age of 40, let us say, or at the age of 50, bear, in addition to the burden of the produced profound demoralization.

"Thus . . . in 3 cases out of 4, among those who have no adequate means of livelihood outside of their earnings, a man at the age of 40 may expect to contribute at least in part to the support of one or both of his parents, assuming that the burden is

distributed among the several mem-

bers of the family. "The figures cited so far apply primarily to those who have little or no income aside from their current earnings, so that they become dependent when age stops their earning capacity. But persons 65 years old who have no adequate personal income and are not receiving relief from organized charity, constitute about one third of all persons of that class. We that while 3 out of every at the age of 40 have a parent living, in about every third case of this kind, the parents who has no adequate source of income, and who is receiving no relief from public charities and who, therefore, looks to his children for support.

The writer of the Bulletin concludes with this hopeful remark:

"The burden of supporting the superannuated naturally becomes lightened automatically as age advances, for beyond the age of 70 people are rapidly gathered in by death." (My emphasis—A. E.)

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League of Nations In Ostrich Act; War Nears

Are Chief Attributes of League Members

By ELLEN HORUP

is there jubilation about? Great events, up and it has been agreed to send into ensure quiet during the voting.

The "Hope Of The World"

ened: There will be no war. And the the covenant by all. world sang hymns and praised the League of Nations for without it there and it is already expected—then the would have been war, if not concern- League of Nations has only gone against ing Jugoslavia then about the Saar.

our heads. No wonder we are pleased it has acknowledged the right of the condid not get war and neither should we have had war had there been no League of Nations. When the Great Powers do not want war, then the

Kept Out Of War

But how does it rescue us? The outcome of the settlement of the Jugoslavian-Hungarian dispute is the resolution unanimously accepted by the League regarding political exiles suspected of over matters about which the American participating in terrorist movements. When this convention comes into force which agitates the revolutionary moveany political refugee might be expelled from his temporary home of refuge at the request of a government. The lot of political exiles is a very hard one. The League of Nations has made it still harder by introducing this resolution. Are not the existing police regulations strong enough to cope with terany political refugee might be expelled lations strong enough to cope with ter-rorist activities in different countries? rorist activities in different countries? revolutionary socialism or communism Thanks to the probable introduction of and reformism and ultra-leftism. The this new convention we may soon con-front the problem of seeing jews in Gerfront the problem of seeing jews in Germany or Social-Democrats in the Saar demn their critics as either incapable or "So it is many or Social-Democrats in the Subhas demn their critics as either incapation quietly massacred. A man like Subhas unwilling to think thru to the basic probability that the subhas are the subhas as the subhas are the subhas Chandra Bose may well find all the frontiers closed to him.

And what happened when Japan atand what happened when Japan attacked China and broke Art. 12, 13 and Too the League's Pact? Did the revolutionary working class movement League then stop Japan by the means laid down in Art. 16 of the Pact? Did Japan as their enemy or did they all, contrary to the wording of the Pact, ex- hop-skip-and jump thru the C.P. resoport war materials equally to the atacked and to the law-breakers?

Janan's Aggression

And when Sir Stafford Cripps questioned Sir John Simon as to how far Communist Party. England would disregard her pledge to "respect and preserve the territorial in- An Historic Document respect and preserve the territorial integrity of China against attack" which according to Art 10 of the Pact they had undertaken to do, England's Foreign Secretary replied word by word as followers.

An Historic Document

There is no doubt that the recent statement represents the furthest advance of the Communist Party in the process of changing its tactical course on consistently. undertaken to do, England's Foreign
Secretary replied word by word as follows: "Art. 10 in the Covenant of the League of Nations does not aim specially at the territorial inviolability of China... What the article states applies quite generally."

As in the case of Japan and China, so it was with Paraguay and Bolivia when it was with Paraguay and Started war.

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sations with the Duce. What actually example of this policy? If so it is a suitranspired in Rome we do not know. cidal example. The policy of existing But about one thing we are pretty sure, independently "temporarily" has led that namely, France wants to have Italy's support in maintaining the present posi- the locals of the Amalgamated Food tion of Austria; and for this purpose Workers to join with the A. F. of L. she must make some concessions to the and the energetic "recruiting of new forces in the Abyssinian frontier.

Short Memories And Myopia equal rights between great and small nations. Consequently, each country should have a vote and all votes should League of Nations the right constantly lies on the side of the might.

Statesmen have short memories. They

Jugoslavia and Hungary has been made already forgotten the story of the three quitted by the courts, calling attention up and it has been agreed to send in- offices which sapan con- to the case of Ernst Torgier, acquitted which caused a scandal about a year avoid such payments or reduce them to left China in the lurch and that the re- Reichstag fire trial and still imprisoned. ago. sult was the failure of the Disarma- Among prisoners held without charges How Law Is Administered ment Conference and the arming of the or trial "for long months" the committee The Workmen's Compensation Law is The League of Nations is the hope of whole world. They have forgotten that mentioned Carl von Ossietsky, former a result of the struggles of organized insurance company is invariably the all. If the world is to be saved from after a year's deliberation they refused editor of Weltbuchne, a pacifist periodilabor to protect their labor power and victor, even though the worker may get war there is nowhere else to turn and to recognize Manchuria in order, how- cal, and Ernst Thaelmann, former Com- keep from starvation, when as a result some compensation. The reason for it therefore we look to it and our hope ever theoretically, to condemn Japan's munist deputy in the Reichstag. has been fulfilled and our faith strength- invasion of conquest, and the breach of

Now when the recognition comes-

depends on the Great Powers", that armaments, thus after the fifteen years was still respected. Great Powers who decide and they do Powers wants war. We have had war in ed. The materials of warfare are ready not want war, either over Jugoslavia's progress for two years' between Para- and the dictatorship of a Great Power The Compensation Fight grievance or over the Saar. Therefore guay and Bolivia and since 1931, the is law in 1934 as it was in 1914.

I think, said a friend, that you people

spend entirely too much time arguing,

quibbling and tearing each others hair

This attitude towards sharp discussi

lems involved in these "quarrels"—prob-

souls who detest quarrels. We could

lution of January 15-18, and say-"we

thank thee, Lord, for our daily turn" but

we are firmly convinced that such an at-

the second anniversary of Chancellor Hitler's accession to the chancellorship by the International Committee for Poliical Prisoners to Freiherr von Neurath

war, it is the majestic guardian of peace between nations, of justice between peoples, of fairness and of truth.' This has been said with flowers, it has been said with flowers and the f

foreign minister at Berlin.

The communication protests especially already forgotten the story of the three quitted by the courts, calling attention to the case of Ernst Torgler, acquitted by the courts of the Workmen's Compensation and the incurence compensation, and the incurence compensation. great victories. The quarrel between who sit in the League of Nations have against the detention of prisoners ac-

Japan in Manchuria. If there is any difference between the

WHAT IS THE LINE OF THE PARTY?

Changed Tactics Fail to Reach The Freiheit

by GEORGE F. MILES

also with the mobs of the "Forward"

statement that: "The tone used in the

press with regard to the A. F. of L.

application of the Party statement?

the whole party out of step. A period of chaotic floundering is inevitable be-

cause the miseducation of almost six

-"Joints" (Furriers Joint Council-

Study In Contrast

both be fought."

titude fails to serve the interests of the without the necessary broad discussion

working class and therefore also of the in the ranks of the Party, has thrown

Worker Has Small Chance **Against Insurance Firms**

Nullified In Hands Of Adjustment Experts

By JACK SMITH

The alleged purpose and intent of this

Like every capitalist institution the

ponents of the Nazi regime without charges or trial was sent yesterday on Compensation Act Practically insurance companies are trying by all means to reduce their expenses and pay out as little as possible, whereas on the other hand, the worker seeks to be fully compensated for the loss of employ

ment and to receive as much in wages Clouds of incense have arisen round the League of Nations. Long live the League of Nations. Long live the League of Nations down by the Lake of Geneva, it has saved the world from war, it is the majestic guardian of peace war, it is the majestic guardian of peace hetween nations, of justice between peoble were nations, of justice between peoble were nations, of justice between have discovered to the Reichstag fire trial, Dr.

Ioreign minister at Berlin.

The signers for the committee, which acted at the instance of the German League for the Rights of Man at Prague, which antagonism and consented in Albany was one dealing with the Workmen's Compensation Law. The bill sought to take away the right from private insurance companies to write workmens compensation insurance and covered the Reichstag fire trial, Dr.

This creates direct antagonism and consented in Albany was one dealing with the Workmen's Compensation Law. The bill sought to take away the right from private insurance companies to write workmens compensation insurance and to concentrate it in the hands of the league of the Reichstag fire trial, Dr. becomes for that purpose the arena of

In this struggle between the insurance company and the injured worker, the of an accident in the shop or place of is the following. The Workmen's Com employment the individual worker is pensation Law is in many respects very constant use of the force of arms by prevented, for some time or permanent- technical, and the referees, no matter ly, from working and earning a liveli- how liberal or sympathetic they may be hood; and to save such workers from to the injured worker, which as a rule situation then and now, it is worse. The becoming charity cases. Pursuant to the is not the case, construe the provisions its pact by giving Japan a free hand in Covenant pledges the members to ap- laws of Workmen's Compensation each of the workmen's compensation law very The war therefore hangs just about China but also given itself the lie. Since peal to the League in every dispute and employer is supposed to insure his strictly. When a worker is injured and "under no circumstances to resort to war workers for accidents arising out of files his claim for compensation and a our heads. No wonder we are pleased with the League of Nations for preserving us; if indeed it was the League. As worker of fact it was a large section when the Disarmament Conference, and t of the world's press that with gigantic in the name of justice, gave Germany war will be a war of aggression. In his injured workers, while they are company, who begin to investigate the headlines told us beforehand that "all the right to take part in the race for 1914 however the declaration of war disabled, or in other words, the insurance matter with one view in mind: how to depends on the Great Powers", that armaments, thus after the fifteen years depends on the Great Powers, that armaments, thus after the fifteen years work of the League of Nations, we are and for once in a while it was the head-lines that spoke the truth. It is the We shall get war when one of the Great Powers, that armaments, thus after the fifteen years was still respected.

Under the leadership of the League of Nations we have war hanging over on Nations we have war hanging over our heads. Alliances have been concluding the would have to be paid by the employer with the rules of workmen's compensation. These would have to be paid by the employer if he would not carry any insurance. tions along the line of trapping the injured worker and his associates or witnesses into statements whereby he could be placed outside the provisions of the workmen's compensation law. For instance, on the question whether the worker was actually employed at the time of the accident, the time lost, the amount of wages, etc., the worker, not being acquainted with the provisions of the workmen's compensation law and not conclusion is possible. It is with this in knowing what facts of the accident to mind that we begin to understand the bring out, often falls into these traps pand of the rank and file workers. Such persistence and doggedness, worthy of a and makes statements which give the tactics will crect insurmountable ob-stacles to affiliation with the A. F. of L. hangs on to the ethercal Independent Federation of Labor, the propogation of that the worker was not employed at which "is now inadvisable". Also to this the time of the accident or on similar The Daily Worker, being close to the must we attribute the failure to so much grounds. When the case comes for a Central Committee, shouts loudly "Build as mention the Trade Union Unity hearing and the worker has no lawyer The A. F. of L." but a different tune League. If the revolutionary unions are with him to help him bring out the emanates from the editorial rooms of the Jewish Daily Freiheit. Four days after the publication of the Central Committee publication of the Central Committee out only "temporarily" what is to all points that are against the interests tee statement, and even while Ben Gold become of the T.U.U.L.? Is it possible of the worker and his case is dismissed s preparing a call for a conference with that the Party leaders have overlooked or the amount he gets is greatly the "social-fascist" Furriers Joint Coun-til, P. Yuditch concludes his article in deliberate? Is it possible, perhaps, that it is that are utilized, and often very the Freiheit (January 26) with the fol- the T.U.U.L. will be closed "temporar- successfully, by the insurance companies ily" and a sign-WILL RETURN SOON to prevent an injured worker from "So it is clear, that as with the lynch-mobs of the steel trust so is it also with the mob of the steel trust so is it also with the steel trust so points brought out. It is a matter of matching the wits of an inexperienced worker against those of an experienced insurance company representative—the latter usually wins unless the worker Gypping The Injured

Where is the admonition of the Party Enter Hyman At this point, as if anticipating our question, Louis Hyman of the Needle must be changed . . .") The first are Trades Workers Industrial Union, rushhands of fascism and the latter of so- es in where even angels like Stachel cial-fascism. But their deeds are one and the same and surely they must in his article in the Jewish Daily Freispokesman for the Party:

> ers of Federation unions but when the burocrats made it impossible to conduct a struggle in the interests of the "evidence," and the insurance comthe workers, within the frame-work of pany is the winner. the Federation, they organized unions

outside of the Federation," and at the Flagrant Abuses

dustries and mass production plants
into the A. F. of L. unions, and the

Dual Unionism Dies Hard unions in character, opening up new and greater possibilities of revolutionary and mass work within them."

have seen, to the superstructure of dual medical side of the administration of the will—the workmen's compensation law, but it is foundation for dual unionism remains sufficient to illustrate somewhat in what Tallan Government and most likely she workers' has led the revolutionary union will condone the action of the Italian into the most disgusting and dangerous cation of the dual unionism of the past exists all tactical turns and changes of tion is placed. She did not mention the united front with outright racketeers— (because, we suppose, the A. F. L. was lines are limited and prescribed. In a various other obstacles the inexperienced Thus do they speak, thus do they act agents of Dutch Shultz—of Local 16 and smaller and possibilities for revolution- fundamental sense the Party line can- worker is faced with when he applies there in the League of Nations to whom 302 of the A. F. of L. A united front ary work did not exist) and a warning not be changed thru an accumulation of for workmen's compensation, unless he all look with trust. The great and ex- with racketeer elements who are being of a recurrence of dual unionism if the turns or reforms, a veritable revolution is given adequate advice and assistance, alted idea of a League of Nations was fought by the A. F. of L. itself and the peace of the world on the basis of whose locals are being reorganized on de- or its membership to decline. No other philosophy of dual unionism.

But even if the insurance company heit of January 30, that the dual union- does not contest the right to compensa-Comment is unnecessary. Is that the upplication of the Party statement?

The rapid and sharp tactical changes which without the processary bread discussion of the I.W.W. Says this and legal advice. Here it becomes a dual unionism of the I.W.W. Says this question of how much compensation the worker is entitled to. The company tries "Who will say that Debs for instance, or Bill Haywood or Foster, has to pay to the injured worker. The did not believe in unifying all the insurance company, thru its doctors, the workers in one union? Or who will aid of the boss and other agents, help doubt their levalty to the workers? Ito reduce the workers claim to "All of these were formerly lead- minimum. The insurance representative

As in the case of Japan and China, so it was with Paraguay and Bolivia when they broke the Pact and started war. Instead of endeavoring to get the war stopped, all the members of the League who manufactured arms, broke the Pact and kept the war going by selling arms to the combatants.

And what happened in Manchuria will probably be repeated in Abyssinia. The Ethiopian Government would like to see the application of Art. 11 of the Pact of the League of Nations for preserving its territorial integrity. But are the League Powers at all interested in this appeal? M. Laval had friendly conversations with the Duce. What actually sample of this relieve? If so it is a suit of the Pact of the Duce we must ask not only what is happening but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in but why are these things happening? Is the Party changing its trade in the provided was at last considering the harms of the party changing its trade in th ability and rendering growing radicalization of the main
mass of its membership, make the A. changes as expressed in the Resolution relationship and the extent of disability." F. L. unions more militant and mass of January 15-18, are confined, as we Mrs. Tulin only referred to the

FAITH IN JAPAN AS PROTECTOR OF DARKER RACES IS ILLUSORY

Western Brutalities To Subject Peoples

By CLARENCE JENKINS

With the shifting of the future world economic conflicts from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the drastic trade competi- and illuminating. tion between capitalist powers is becoming more acute and the danger of war more apparent.

Japan, situated in a strategic position in the Far East and suffering from the virulent ills of capitalism, seeks to stabilize her regime by underselling her Western imperialist rivals in eastern markets and thereby gain a monopoly blood relatives. over Far Eastern trade. Her greatest ambition is to establish a "Monroe Doc-trine" in the Far East and close the doors of Eastern markets to Western imperialism.

Japan seeks to hide her imperialist ambition behind the magnanimous gestures of heralding herself as the champion of the darker races of the Far

Romantic Negro nationalists and reformist leaders are pointing to the triumph of Japan in Asia as the great hope of African liberation and the ultimate liberation of the viciously oppressed Negro masses in the U.S.A.

Much ado is made about Japan's lack of imperialistic brutality (which is luxuriously indulged in by western imperialists) and her cheap commodities in Asiatic markets as the greatest proof of her genuine friendship toward the darker race.

This myth tends to intensify the feeling of race separatism and antipathy toward the American working class among a large section of the exploited and oppressed Negro masses. At the 1919, the Formosans in 1920 and again world.

Nipponese Imperialism Equals present stage of American economic decline, it is criminal folly for Negro leaders to sow such seeds of illusion among the Negro working masses.

> In regard to Japan's lack of imperialistic brutality a cursory review of her relations with darker races is quite timely

in feudal serfdom. Japan reluctantly would be her greatest menace. These opened her doors to Western ideas. Her darker races entertain no fatuous illurise as an imperialistic nation has been meteoric. As paradoxical as it may seem, Japan's success as an imperialist power can be traced primarily to her ing itself for a showdown with its own subjugation of darker races and her

Japan celebrated her entry into the China in 1894. She emerged with Formosa and Korea as the fruit of victory, tense hatred and spirit of rebellion in 1895. In 1900 the starving Chinese peasants joined the Chinese bourgeoisie in an heroic effort to drive out the imperialist bandits. Japan played a lead-

Japan's quarrel over the loot taken | part. Japanese War of 1904. These two wars established Japan's position in the Far East as a world power to be seriously considered.

rean, Chinese and Formosan people have to lead the Negro masses in the proper suffered a brutalizing persecution that direction, the same old pusillanimous can be favorably compared with the obedience to the capitalist overlord and heinous brutality of Germany, Belgium the smug indifference to the plight of and England in Africa. Since the Japthe masses, condemn the present leaderanese occupation of Formosa, the abstract ship among the Negroes as incompetent origines have been denied all civil and bankrupt.
rights and more than 50,000 have been The only he The Koreans have fared miserably under Japanese domination. They revolted in of the enslaved masses all over the

in 1930. The Japanese used every conceivable instrument of torture to put down these rebellions. The Ainu people, of whom the Japanese are the direct descendants, furnish one of the saddest stories in the history of human exploitation. At the approach of a Japanese officer, the Ainu was forced to bow his head in the dust. Refusal meant deca pitation on the spot and refusals were The Japanese regard these frequent. people as dogs and have almost exterminated them.

The phantasy about Japan's desire to unite China, as a strong and independent nation, is a mere attempt to con-When Admiral Perry entered Japan in done Japanese aggression in China. 1854 he found the country deeply rooted Japan realizes well that a strong China sions about Japan's friendship.

The Japanese working class is gird ruling caste. The strike of the tenant farmers and the growth of illegal societies in the schools and universities imperialist arena by a war against presages the coming struggles. Japan China in 1894. She emerged with For- is sitting on a social volcano. The inamong her fifty million colonial slaves is her chief menace.

The liberation of the oppressed Negro masses is inextricably bound up with ing and conspicuous part in brutally the liberation of the American working drowning the rebellion in blood. The over-emphasis of race and from China culminated in the Russo- the lack of class consciousness is the greatest curse of the oppressed and exploited working class.

The inability to interpret contemporary economic developments, the lack of courage and inability to clarify the Under Japanese domination, the Ko- Negro's economic problems, the failure

The only hope of the Negro masses brutally put to death by the Japanese. lies in a common struggle with the op-

DETROIT PREPARES STRIKE PLANS

Lewis or the chagrin of Green. Behind

these rumors lies the fear that the auto

workers will themselves do a little fight-

ing against the oppression of the auto-

mobile empire—the fear of a general

strike. If the automobile workers fall

prey once against to the guile of the

administration they will have lost the

best chance for an effective blow in

their own interest. Nothing must be permitted to stop the developing move-

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wires are being pulled and dozens of face-saving devices are being concocted. From the standpoint of the auto work ers the results of this activity will be as barren and fruitless as they have been in dozens of other such cases.

Henderson Report Embarrassing

The report of the Henderson Commission broke at a rather embarrassing moment for Roosevelt, Richberg and Wolman. In the light of the findings of this Commission the much publicised achievements of Roosevelt in the Auto Code extension and its "gains for labor" appear hollow and inconsequential. The Commission is shocked at the degree of concentration of control which is throttling not only the workers but also the distributors. At a time when every Brain Truster glibly prattles about re employment, the Commission reveals that the auto manufacturers have not been idle since the crisis broke in 1929. There has occurred a tremendous technological advance and numerous laborsaving (unemployment-increasing) de vices have been installed thus closing the door to reemployment for thausands of auto workers. The Commission finds the auto factories honey-combed with spies and stool-pigeons. In the light of these facts "free and unrestricted" plant elections and the right to organize become a farce. The whole system of production is set at a pace such as the Commission itself finds it hard to believe that a human being can endure. Workers contend", says the report that at the present time they cannot go to the toilet and cannot even get a drink of water". It is such beastly conditions that make the industrially "useful" life end at less than 40. In contrast to the findings that the "workers in almost all instances had an inadequate total income" the Commission is amazed at the sky-rocketing profits even during these "lean" years.

The "rather dark picture" in the Henderson Report is the picture of a twentieth century edition of a feudal empire. Here lies the source of the burning and bitter resentment against the Roosevelts and Richmans and Wolmans-it is the resentment of the modern chattel slaves against the modern feudal lords and

their White House agents.

Official Washington Uneasy

In the face of these developments official Washington is uneasy. Secretary of Labor Perkins states she was not even consulted on the extension of the Auto Code-apparently grooming herself for the role of peace-maker. Vague rumors float over Washington that the

Code may even be reopened. Why these rumors now? Surely they

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RPC RANKS HOLD

Copying the methods of the Old Guard of New York the Militants successfully steamrollered the Michigan Socialist Party convention held in Detroit on Jan. 26 and 27.

The National Office sent in its shock troops, Roy Burt, Paul Porter and Ami-Despite this imposing phalcus Most. anx the left wing in the Revolutionary Policy Committee showed a surprising strength and solidarity.

Porter's chief contribution to the pro-Plan", this time to be introduced in American standard of living", a \$2000 minimum for all,etc. He had no hope of such a bill passing but felt it was a valuable propaganda agent.

The RPC delegates pointed out the futility of trying to rally the workers around such a Utopian scheme, warning of the danger of sidetracking Socialism in the blind alleys of Epicism, the Town-They stressed the imsend plan, etc. portance of building a working class movement around trade union work, winning workers for immediate demands.

The timidity of the Militant position was sharply shown on the debate over the expulsion of five RPC members from the Buffalo local. The RPC bloc in the Michigan convention demanded a clear cut condemnation of such bureaucratic stifling of party opinion but the Militants (who had promised support) shied away and adopted a meaningless resolution on the right of all opinions to free expression providing they did not break party discipline.

A similar vagueness was shown on a Labor Party resolution introduced hastily to kill an RPC motion which called for positive Socialist action and a positive Socialist program on the Labor Party question. The Militant counterresolution declared that probably there would be a Labor Party and probably Socialists ought to do something about it but now was not such a good time to decide anything definite.

In the elections for the State Executive Committee eight Militants of wide-ly differing views and one RPC member were chosen. Although the RPC was outvoted it managed to stand out very clearly on principled points and to maintain its solidarity and clarity. This made it unique in the convention which was generally characterized by confusion, lack of ideas and opportunism. If this is the best course a Socialist meeting can steer with three outstanding leaders holding the guiding reins the bankruptcy of the party is an obvious fact which earnest revolutionaries must recognize.

MICH. SP CONVENES | ANSWER THE CHALLENGE!

(Continued from Page 1) 2. Now is the time for a thoro revision of organized labor's policy in regard to the NRA. Who will now dare speak of the NRA as the "great charter" of labor? Who is today so blind cases, is by declaring its political indeas not to see that the NRA functions as an aid and auxiliary of the organized employers in the most important industries, as the champion of the open shop and the protector of the company "Labor," Matthew Woll deunion? clared some months ago, "has rather been disorganized than organized under the NRA." On every side, unionism is fighting a life-and-death struggle with the NRA. And yet the A. F. of L. leadership is still content to mumble the old phrases and talk of the NRA as of some happy mechanism whereby the interests of labor and capital are harmonized and their collaboration assured. It is about ceedings was a discussion of a new form time that organized labor recognized the of his old love the "Commonwealth impossibility of such harmony and such collaboration in principle as it is forced Congress as a bill to provide for "an to recognize it in practise. It is about titudes to the NRA in line with the hard realities of the situation. In a word, it is about time that the trade union movement put an end to all pretence of "collaboration" with the NRA, just as the automobile unions have done with the Wolman board, withdraw its representatives from NRA bodies where such are still to be found and lecide to treat! ganizations, along class struggle lines, tatives, the unions,

> the NRA! 3. The legend of the pro-labor attitude of the New Deal administration is now hopelessly blasted. What is labor to do today on the political field? Which "friends" is it to "reward", in the good old "non-partisan" manner? To pretend that Roosevelt is still "friendly" to labor at heart but is being misled by legislation. But before a labor party is a mere echo of the old servile dogma: sive union to create proper apparatus "The King can do no wrong!" It is for the protection of the workers' rights now as clear as daylight that labor has at the hearings and for the sponsoring nothing to expect from either of the two of adequate legislation.

the interests of mere self-defense,

parties of big capital, as little from the New Deal Democrats as from the Hoov er Republicans! The only way in which organized labor can protect its rights, save itself from extinction in many pendence, by breaking with the two parties of the bosses, by having its own political party-a Labor party. Now is the time for the trade unions and all labor organizations to federate themselves into an independent Labor party, into a party of, by and for labor!

COMPENSATION

Insurance Firms Gyp Injured (Continued from Page 3)

Bill Will Not Pass It was to cover up these scandalous abuses that the recent bill was introduced in the legislature. But even this mild attempt to somewhat lessen the abuses met with strenuous opposition on the part of the insurance companies who would lose a big income if the bill were to be passed. The result is that the bill was not passed and will not pass. The abuses will go on as they did. The worker will continue to be robbed of his right to compensation, by means of doctors, investigators, etc.

Workers Not Yet Aroused

Characteristic of the whole matter is with these NRA bodies as employer or- that the workers and their represenhave not yet The NRA makes no bones about declar- awakened to this problem. Altho the ing itself definitely anti-A. F. of L. In question should interest mainly the workers and their represe A. F. of L. must rally its forces against it is left to capitalist politicians. should be the duty of the workers and their unions to fight both against the abuses in the administration of workmen's compensation as well as for the change of the entire law, which is entirely inadequate.

One of the tasks of a labor party would be to sponsor and fight for such evil advisors in degrading folly; it is established it is the duty of the progres-

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