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At First **GLANCE**

By JAY LOVESTONE

HE notion that England has attained substantial economic recovery found surprisingly wide currency. An examination of the MacDonald remedies and their consequences reveals the very contrary. Even the governors of the Bank for International Settlements now entertain serious doubts about the solidity of British recovery. In the Orient, British steel interests have been worsted by German. Some big corporations have been smothered by the pepper and shellac debacle, and some outstanding bankers will soon go down as a result of these shady deals. The Daily Mail has pertinently hinted about "surprising revelations" involving "certain personages regarded as staid custodians of investment virtues. British capitalism continues to lack the key to its substantial recovery—a real revival of its foreign trade. Balancing the budget and boosting taxes, exchange equalization and "managed" currency, high tariffs and Ottawa pacts, intensive rationalization and extensive subsidies to ship-building magnates-all these cures are steadily unfolding themselves as helpful as witches' ointments and high priests' prayers. In January the jobless army gained 239,558 recruits. Let no one confuse the recent rise of profits for the biggest exploiters with fundamental recovery or economic stability. The increase of 32.9% in profits registered by 468 of the largest British firms during the last quarter of 1934 only betrays and emphasizes the tragic mess of English economy.

is in such a setting and in such It is in such a setting and in such dark soil that deepgoing political changes are now maturing in Great Britain. When so astute a demagogue as Lloyd George pops up with a "New Deal" and his talk about vigor and vision for British policy arouse such a hearty response there's something Mosley is reorganizing his blackguards on a more openly military basis and brazenly declares: "Germany, in her great world mission, is the natural bulwark of European civilization against | fense. the Asiatic barbarian (U.S.S.R.) . . . which is now the chief menace to European culture." Labor moves for a tives of the Socialist Party, Communist vote of censure against the Baldwin Party (Opposition), League for Indus-Government, but its leaders dread betrial Democracy, Joint Board Dressmaing victorious in the coming election. It kers Union and other trade unions paris as clear as broad and bright daylight ticipating. Plans for broadening the that big things are soon to break in committee and initiating a defense drive Great Britain. The roots of it all are were mapped out. found in the intolerable conditions to which the average British worker has been persistently sentenced. "Merry | adopted a resolution at its last meeting England" is still with us when the latest official Census of England and Wales Housing Report can disclose that: 56,000 families or 331,000 persons are now herded together at a density of four or more persons per room; 183,000 families or 1,071,000 persons at densities of three or more persons per room; and that nearly seven out of every hundred inhabitants were living overcrowdedthat is two or more persons to a room. Now it is easier to understand why they say that the sun never sets on the Bridsh Empire. For hundreds of thousands of workers, especially in the metropolitan area, it never rises. All in all, not too quiet and none too bright surrounding for the syphillitic King George's Silver Jubilee on the preparation of which so many incliions are being squandered. Keep your eye on the British workers. Some rough sailing on an uncharted sea is in store for Lcmbard Street before many a full moon shall have gone.

THE better half of Roosevelt's first administration is now gone. The ers of this International union been clearmoment is not inappropriate for stocktaking. Since the "Bank Holiday" much for a clearer statement and for faster chop suey of worn-out platitudes has been fed to the workers. But what of the balance sheet? Persons on relief on January 1st, 1935, totaled 19,870,000 as against 15,090,000 on the corresponding date of 1934. The average worker's budget has become more unbalanced in of L. the last two years thru food prices reaching a four years peak. A National sales tax is contemplated. Roosevelt takes the lead in depressing the wage levels by having the government act as pace-setter in lowering rates of pay Cutting thru the illusions with which the New Deal has been hedged, we note that Executive Director Witte of the President's Economic Security Committee has assured Congress that:

"We have never contemplated that this cost (3% unemployment insurance tax) should be borne by the employer. . . . It should be regarded as part of the wage bill." Well, well, what is this but less security thru more wage-cuts? Then, every worker has a right and duty (Continued on Page 4)

Conservative Wins in Silk

TUUL Open Door To Williams

PATERSON, N. J.—The results of the elections here have more than justified the fears of the Progressives here that the Rank and File victory a few weeks ago would pave the way for the return of the conservative forces to power.

In the elections for General Manager caused by the protest resignation of Eli Keller, the conservative candidate Alec Williams received 939 votes as against 879 votes for the Rank and File candidate Sarkis Phillian.

Smarting under this defeat the Rank and File seeks to place responsibility for this defeat on the Progressives, claiming that Keller withdrew in order to leave the field clear for the conservative candidate. The truth of the matter is that the Progressive Group of Paterson stood squarely opposed to both Phillian and Alec Williams and placed in nomination for General Organizer-Eli Keller. Both conservative and Rank and File members of the election committee, fearing that Keller would cut into their vote, united in removing Keller from the ballot, just before the elections, under the excuse that he had just resigned and was not entitled to run again.

The Progressives have therefore been proven correct when they insisted that the Progressives thru an unholy alliance himself may grant a revision. with the conservative elements in the union, that this very deed lays the basis for the defeat of the TUUL'crowd itself.

PLAN DEFENSE FOR WARD RODGERS

Committee Formed To Fight For Tenant Farm Leader **Under Indictment**

NEW YORK, N. Y .- The case of Ward Rodgers, revolutionary socialist of Arkansas being tried for criminal syndical-ism because of his efforts to organize the share croppers, is assuming national importance and is arousing various sections of the labor movement to his de

A Ward Rodgers defense committee was set up last week with representa-

The New View Club of Brooklyn, consisting of young workers and students, pledging its assistance and calling for a broad united front in the defense cam-The organization also sent a financial contribution towards the de-

PROGRESSIVES ASK **ACTION IN FORMING AUTO INTERNATIONAL**

DETROIT, Mich .- Under the pressure of the mass of auto workers a number of important developments have taken direct hand. A series of giant meetings have been arranged in all auto centers. The first of these held in Cleveland turned out many thousands of

At the same time the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has decided to set up a national organization in the Auto industry thru merging the federal locals into one International Union. No date or place has been set nor have the powly defined. The progressives are pressing action to organize this national union.

The announcement of the plans to or ganize the union has led the Detroit organization to issue a call to all existing independent unions in the Auto industry to consider their merging with the A. F.

A number of factory strikes and lockouts in the Detroit area are lagging primarily due to the vacillation and lack of support from the leading officials and

The Forum of the

NEW WORKERS SCHOOL will be held on Friday Nights. Prof. DONALD W. McCONNELL New York University Will speak on Yankee Imperialism in Latin America On March 1st at 8:30 o'clock

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ROOSEVELT RULES THE ROOST IN CAPITAL BUT GREEN IS BALKING

Wagner Invents New Board; Anti-Red Law Planned

Back in the old days before Roose velt sat on the throne in the White House people wrote books called "Washngton Kaleidescope" or "Capitol Merry-Go-Round." But under the dispensation of the New Deal these slow mechanical comparisons must be discarded for such titles as "Congressional Tornados" and the acute observer needs an extremely accurate stop watch to keep track of the twists and swirls of NRAmerica.

Last week a new current came to the surface—one that will bear careful watching by the labor movement. The week began with Roosevelt holding only a pair of deuces and William Green raising the ante. The Senate Appropriation Committee had rejected the President's proposal to pay fifty dollars a month on public works in favor of the amendment sponsored by the AF of L for prevailing rates. But the President pulled a couple of aces from his sleeve, the committee reconsidered the question and finally adopted the Russell compromise. The amendment grants Roosevelt's point with the meaningless addition that in cases where prevailing rates while the TUUL crowd may have ousted are being "undermined" the President

> LOST—FAITH IN F.D.R. FINDER RETURN TO WM. GREEN It is an interesting sidelight on the

Senators Shift on PWA Wage; change in Green's attitude in the past this compromise with some slushy expression of faith in our peerless leader, promised to carry the fight to the floor ago by Dollfuss, still stands, the proleof the Senate.

There is a very slight chance that the tack on living standards. It means in effect that a relief wage is going to become the accepted standard—that Amerca will be turned into a paradise for industrialists and a slave state for work-

But in the minor revolt in the Senate Appropriation Committee and in the increasing hostility of the American Federation of Labor Roosevelt forsees he end of the honeymoon. So the New Deal has broken up its united front. Its slogan is no longer "United we stand" but "Divide and conquer." Labor is to get a couple of new idols in the hope that the New Deal system will be entrenched beyond attack before the workers discover that these too have feet of

One of these is Madame Perkins, secretary of labor, who felt very, very introduced a new Labor Disputes Bill

bad about the extension of the auto code. The other is Senator Wagner who (Continued on Page 4)

TODAY EUROPE

by August Thalheimer

SACRIFICIAL LAMB

As a result of an understanding between England and France, Abyssinia has been given over to Italy to do with as she likes. The question was not discussed at the sessions of the League of Nations. Abyssinia was referred to Italy for a direct "agreement"! What this agreement will result in can be judged from the fact that Do Bono was appointed the leader of the Italian colonies on the boundaries of Abyssinia. Bono is the organizer of the Fascist march on Rome, of the murder of Matteotti, and was the leader of the Lybian

Mussolini is evidently preparing for his "Mexican" battle.

NAZI TERROR RISES IN SAAR

The Saar will officially become a part of Hitler Germany on March 1st according to the decision of the League of Nations. In the meantime the responsibility for what happens in the Saar rests on the Governing Commission of the League of Nations supported by international troops.

The League of Nations has solemnly pledged itself to safeguard the anti-fascist minority from Nazi terror. Nevertheless Nazi terror has become so great that thousands of Saarlanders are Heeing, among them many women and children. The "guarantees" of the League of Nations proved to be nothing but hypocritical cynicism.

mass ities of the Nazis consist in systematical- its success in the Saar will cast lo ers against the "national traitors," in threatening and slandering the anti-fascists so that after the official seizure of power they may release a bloody wave of terror. The anti-fascist press has been almost completely silenced.

The gentlemen on the governing com mission and their troops have actually given all power to the Nazis. It is understood that this is the result of direct instructions of their governments.

The international working class must protest against the miserable conduct of the League of Nations and its organs and must give its moral and material support to the Saar workers.

STATUS QUO" AND "LESSER EVIL"

The leaders of the German Social Democracy in Prague now denounce the slogan of the status quo as a slogan "lesser evil" and oppose the united front with the Communists. This comes from the very ones who invented the slogan of the "lesser evil" and practiced it up to the moment of the debacle. During the struggle in the Saar these brave heroes were absolutely silent.

The leadership of the C.P.G., surprized by this defeat in the Saar is now completely disorientated and confused. It calls on the workers to continue the English diplomatic representatives have united front on a basis which in reality was Social-Democratic and the failure the diplomatic representative of the of which has been proven by facts. To Soviet Union of the "permanent love"

"Workers of the Saar must resist the annexation of the Saar to Hitler fascism. The workers of the Saar have other weapons besides the bal-The C. P. will make all efforts to apply also these weapons . . . and if Hitler fascism cannot be prevented from establishing its bloody rule,

Yes, then what?

Everyone who knows the situation in the Saar today knows that these are empty phrases. Events have strikingly confirmed the

criticism and tactical proposals of the Communist Opposition. The C.P.G.O. opposed the decision of the C.P. to accept the Social Democratic slogan for the status quo and stood for the acceptance of the clear revolutionary slogan of a Soviet Saar which would have demonstrated to the workers that the Saar question could not be solved by either German, French or League of Nations imperialism and that the main emphasis should have been laid not on the plebiscite itself but on the mass actions of the workers. Events have brutally refuted the supposedly "realistic policy' of the official Party line in the Saar.

MARCH AND COUNTER MARCH

Directly following the Saar plebiscite Hitler again made a proposal to France and for this purpose again solemnly gave place here. The resolutions for a general strike have caused the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to take a ported. In general, however, the activity of the Marie consist in systematicality success in the Saar will cast longing ly inciting the passions of their follow- glances towards the South and East, that is, towards Austria and the territory of the Little Entente. An imperialist compromise of France with Hitler Germany therefore means the giving up of the Little Entente and finally the giving up of the position that France holds in Europe today as the greatest power on the continent. The Nazis in Austria are already becoming more lively. Herr von Papen quickly returned to Vienna from the Saar in order to intrigue in the old manner. The German press considers the giving up of Alsace Lorraine as a great sacrifice to France. German diplomats are desperately trying to ditch the Eastern Pact and England

is more or less obliging. Due to the pressure of the Little Entente, which realizes the menace of Hitler more directly and has learned to appreciate the value of the Soviet Union as a counter force, France declared in Geneva thru Laval that the Eastern Pact would be concluded even without the signatures of Germany and Poland; that it had by no means become unnecessary because of the Rome agreement. The Little Entente had demanded that the Eastern pact should be concluded first before the Rome agreement was signed. England also accepted this line. According to French press reports received instructions recently to assure quote from an official appeal of the C.P. of England for the Eastern pact.

Red Austria Still Fights

February Tradition Not Lost

The first anniversary of the proletarian revolt in Austria has passed, and tho he denounced it for the fraud it is and the Fasc st government, set up a year tariat of Austria has spoken loudly and has made it known to the working class Senate will break with the President, of the world that the beaten one year The fifty dollar a month rate will go ago it is not defeated nor crushed, that through but it is up to labor to stop it is strengthening itself and awaiting it. Viewed from any angle this is the the moment when it can once again take New Deal's rawest and most direct at-The demonstrative action of the Austrian proletariat on the first anniversary of the February revolt is most encouraging and will strengthen the fighting spirit of the proletariat in Germany and Spain, under the rule of fascism, and of the proletariat in other countries as well.

> Despite the most desperate measures of the Austrian police, assisted by Fascist troops, Austrian workers carried thru street demonstrations in the working class centers; held mass meetings in the woods, outwitting the spies and police; demonstratively doused lights in all proletarian homes for three hours; placed wreaths on the graves of the victims of the February insurrection and covered Austria with leaflets calling for intensified organization and resistance to Fascism.

> We may well be proud of the fighting qualities of our Austrian class brothers. The most crafty wiles of the Fascist government directed at winning the support of the proletariat have been proven to be of no avail. The working class of Austria remains true to its revolutionary mission.

> Another welcome development to be noted is that these effective actions were carried out thru united front action of the Communist Party and Social Democratic organizations. Under the heavy hand of fascist oppression the common battle lines of the working class are being forged and the prerequisites for sucproletarian revolt are being created.

> These actions demonstrate the burning need of financial assistance to tnese working class fighters in Austria and Germany, Spain and Italy. More than that—the need of united front action before the advent of fascism is something we must learn and very quickly

ABYSSINIA PREY TO DUCE'S IMPERIALSM

Italy Mobilizes For Clean-Up Campaign To Add African **Possessions**

ABYSSINIA

-is the remnant of a once large nation. Successively France, Italy and England have bitten off large chunks. Now Italy plans to swallow the rest of it with its 10,000,000 people.

-is a feudal nation, poorly equipped in munitions and war supplies. It threatens to mobilize a million men who fighting a guerilla war in a hill country could cause Italy plenty of trouble.

ITALY

-in a feverish desire to establish a new "Roman Empire" will mobilize 250,000 men and \$850,000,000 to gobble up Abyssinia.

—has by the January 7th agreement with Laval received the "All clear, go ahead" signal from France.

has completely silenced the League of Nations which has not even breathed the word "Abyssinia" since the shooting started.

The coming of the rainy season to Abyssinia and the looming threat of Hitler and Austrian "anschluss" united to give a temporary check to Mussolini's imperialism.

That it was only temporary, that in the spring Abyssinia will be the prey of Italy is shown by the continuance of Italian mobilization all during the negotiations with the Abyssinian envoys at

Il Duce needs some reassurance on the nome front. He has been searching for the right formula, attempting to make the skirmish at Afdub an insult to Roman prestige to give his imperialist adventure the proper flavor of a holy war. But Abyssinia has been embarrassingly prompt in granting his demands for a neutral zone, etc. In all likelihood before the actual mopping up starts we may expect to see another "provocative" act carefully engineered by Italian provocateurs which will so blacken Italy's honor that only rivers of Abyssianian blood can wipe it clean.

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The Elections in Local 22, I.L.G.W.U.

Dressmakers Union Local 22 of the I.L.G.W.U. has made for itself in the ranks American labor. It is not merely that this local union is one of the strongest and most effective in the world, embracing more than thirty thousand workers and exercising complete control over its section of the dress trade of New York. Much rather is it that in Local 22 we have the kind of union so much talked about I was white from Boston town but rarely seen—a really progressive, class conscious organization, a revolutionary union in the genuine sense of the term! For this reason the coming elections in Local 22 are of extraordinary importance, of significance far beyond the issue But now it is no more,

The progressive tendency, responsible for the administration of Local 22, is I am not Aryan nor are you Jew; a noteworthy example of really effective collaboration of elements of varying I know not whence I came political views, united on a program of militant, class conscious unionism. In its ranks are to be found adherents of the Communist Opposition, left Socialists, Your mother struggled Anarchists and, overwhelmingly, just plain, "non-partisan" progressive unionists. And in pain gave birth to you. To a degree unattained in any other organization, the progressive group marks the concentration of the great masses of the healthy, constructive forces in the We have earned our bread;

Arrayed against the progressives, characteristically enough, are the two "extremes"—on the one side, the "Left" group, the agency of the official Communist Party in the union, and, on the other, the old, discredited, reactionary We have fought our masters; munist Party in the union, and, on the other, the old, discrement, restricted, and in our masters; "Club," now miraculously resurrected for the elections. The relations of these two tendencies to the progressive movement offer the clearest possible indication of their real character as revealed not in their phrases and programs but in their Your songs and mine.

Altho numerically perhaps stronger in Local 22 than in most other locals of the I.L.G.W.U., the "Left" group has there already reached the end of its rope politically; its moral and ideological bankruptcy are plain for all to see. Its years And how you live, of open dual unionism and undisguised union smashing inevitably drove it into a hopeless blind-alley, where it found itself compelled to dissolve the Industrial Union on the outside and ousted from every position of trust by vote of the membership inside of Local 22. And then came the "new turn"—under cover of a formal disavowal of dual unionism, a new campaign of coldly calculated disruption and demoralization. Having nothing to say for themselves, entirely without any constructive program, the leaders of this group confine themselves to the arrange of demoralization. Having nothing to say for themselves, entirely without any constructive program, the leaders of this group confine themselves to the group confine themselves to the large of the group confine themselves to the group confin any constructive program, the leaders of this group confine themselves to the I greet you as flesh of my flesh rankest demagogy; they have even sunk so low as to attempt to excite racial and And blood of my blood, national prejudice to be exploited against the union! The guiding principle of the And if like me you seek

national prejudice to be exploited against the union! The guiding principle of the "Left" group is the lack of principle; its great slogan, the old maxim: "The worse (for the union and the dressmakers), the better (for the 'Lefts')!"

This group reached its lowest depths, the logical culmination of its whole unscrupulous course, on the eve of the present election campaign. Incredible as it may seem, these ultra-"revolutionary" heroes, for whom Zimmerman is not radical enough, found it possible to conclude publicly a formal alliance with the ultra-right wing "Club," with the most outlived, reactionary, shady elements in the union! This is not mere rumor or presumption. The block is open and avowed; joint meetings are held, joint programs drawn up, joint actions planned!

Against the united progressive movement, a united front of the ultra-left disrun-Against the united progressive movement, a united front of the ultra-left disrupionists and the unwholesome elements of the extreme right!

The calculations of the reactionaries in this curious alliance are not hard to THE BIG BATTLE! The calculations of the reactionaries in this curious affinite are not lard to see thru. The "Lefts" are to serve them as a cat's-paw to pull their chestnuts out of the fire! Alone, they can never dream of capturing the organization. By backing the "Left" group, they hope against hope to bring it to power, understanding full well that, with its orientation, it could never retain its hold for pushover and he certainly lost a lot of very long and would have to give way sooner or later to its erstwhile partner.
Such "clever" strategy has been successful before and the intriguers of the "Club" hope it may prove successful again. Fortunately they are reckoning without their host—the masses of the dressmakers—who will never allow their union to become the prey of such unscrupulous trickery.

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But what of the "Left" group, that is, of the official C.P.? What can it hope for from this unholy alliance? Exactly what it has been after all along—the disruption and weakening of the union! For, in spite of all turns and twists, in spite of all fair-sounding resolutions, the old underlying philosophy of dual unionism still remains intact for all practical purposes! In deed and in practise, the official C.P. still looks upon the A. F. of L. unions with profound scepticism, as something inherently alien and hostile. At the moment it may, indeed, be official C.P. still looks upon the A. F. of L. unions with profound scepticism, as something inherently alien and hostile. At the moment it may, indeed, be official C.P. still looks upon the A. F. of L. unions with profound scepticism, as something inherently alien and hostile. At the moment it may, indeed, be official C.P.? What can it hope taking so many nosedives.

"And in the opposite corner, ladies and gents, is Smiling Frankie, the Hyde Park terror, the Groton Gorrilla, the champeen of the woild.

"This is a fight to a finish, ladies and gents, or at least I hope it is. Fouls are OK but I can't give no guarantee that Battling Bill won't fold up and dive in necessary to work in them since dual Red unions can no longer be maintained; Battling Bill won't fold up and dive in but they cannot really be regarded as the most basic organizations of the workers, the tank about Round Tree. to be accepted as such loyally and without reservation. As a result, everything "The purse, I be C.P. attempts in the trade union movement is inevitably branded with this fatal Billion Dollars. duplicity, with this hopelessly conflicting outlook—accepting the A. F. of L. unions in form but keeping aim and orientation still fixed fundamentally upon the old Red dual unionism to which it is "not now advisable" to give organizational shape! ROUND ONE. The tactics of the "Left" group in Local 22 then follow naturally. At bottom, the union, as an A. F. of L. organization, can never find any real place in the class struggle of the proletariat anyway; why, then, need there be any scruple, comes back with a loud cheer. Then any regard for its interests, in the "holy war" to oust the progressives? Every- Frankie puts across a hard sock to the

thing is permitted—"the worse, the better!" The clash in Local 22 is thus of far-reaching significance. We are confident that the progressives will emerge from the test with flying colors. We are confident, too, that the indecent adventures of the "Left" leaders in recent months will open the eyes of many of their followers, will rouse them to revolt against being used as pawns in the tricky manouvers of the reactionaries and will prove offers an amendment to pay the prevail-

TRADE UNION

And Now TUUL Convenes

The Daily Worker announces that the by Zausner's machine. . . " TUUL is to meet in national conven- So that's the fascist trend. And what, tion in New York on March 16. The if you please, is honest to goodness purpose of the convention is "to take up burocracy? the next steps of the TUUL organizations in the fight against the increasing (Co

Between HAMMER And ANVIL

TO MY BROTHERS

You are the same, yet altered much, Because the point from which I look Is changed? Once I listened as you spoke

February 23, 1935. And noted every tone, every differing That told of English recently acquired I did not feel myself akin to you, You were something strange and fa

> was American and proud of my And you had come from Europe's soil: I was Gentile, you were Jew, And you black folk from Alabama.

I am not white nor are you black,

"The purse, ladies and gents, is Five

to them that their rightful place is in the ranks of the progressive movement!

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Since it's pretty certain that we wont e a delegate we haten to give our adunification of the trade union move- But Frankie's too old a scrapper to be a delegate we hasten to give our ad- sider. Battling Bill takes it. It hurt but

end recess.

Honesty Does Not Pay

Mike Gold has discovered that, In a moment of unguarded candor he wrote in the Daily Worker (Saturday, February 9): "Does anyone believe the Communist Party actually ran the Portland or San Francisco strikes? It would be a fine thing if this had been true, showing that the American workers were at last learning to be true to their own class interests. But unfortunately it was not true." Whereupon the editorial committee decided to stop changing the world for one day and instead inserted a statement of its own (February II) which tried to change some of Gold's ""In Local 3 of the United Hutton."

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Hereafter please address all mail to the WORKERS AGE, the COM-MUNIST PARTY' (OPPOSITION) and the NEW WORKERS SCHOOL

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Whose Recovery Is It?

The Rich Get Richer

cularly, less than five thousand decreasrevealed by the New Dealers as an achievement in price-fixing shows that the dollar of the worker becomes less that the dollar of the worker becomes less that the dollar of the worker becomes less than the dollar of the worker becomes less than the same report continues. In less than the same report continues to house furnishings 16.5% less was spent; on clothing; 16.3% less; on fuel and light 12.3%. And this money, taken from the and less valuable in terms of food barest essentials of existence, was not clothing and rent. And it is for these spent elsewhere, at least by the workthat he is forced to sell his labor power!

He sells more and more of it and gets less. Today of course, Roosevelt can afford to stop speaking about price-fixing; the hear bord deput the or the basic work has been done; the essentials of the fraud to impoverish the ers! It represents the intensified plunder

6, 1934, reported that wages had declin-ed 60% during the crisis. But the com-Deal. modity index of retail prices shows an Conservative estimates, from the index for Feb. 7 of 79.1. A decrease in Methodist Federation of Social Service prices of approximately 20%! The index and the National Industrial Conference was even lower in Sept. 1933, since Board, report a decline in real weekly which time, the beginning of the opera- wages (and remember that 22 million

Labor statistics has shown that the ex- tion levels (if they are levels) penditures of the wage earners for death! only forgotten man is a dead man.

January 1935 was 118.5, a still greater tain it. An examination of these two rise than had been previously recorded. processes, unemployment and unioniza-What food could be bought with a dol-tion, will conclude the series in the next

By M. S. MAUTNER

Twenty-six new millionaires were formed by the New Deal, according to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. But those who were earning less than twenty five thousand and more particularly, less than five thousand decreasmillion families, 22 million were at the ed—but by the hundreds of thousands, minimum comfort and subsistence level, ed—but by the hundreds of thousands, not by twenty-six. There is only one thing "progressive" about the New Deal, and that is its progressive drive against the living standards of the masses. It is not enough to understand that wages decreased, that less people are getting them; each and every figure revealed by the New Dealers as an

asses has already been achieved. of the masses that has been the policy The Wall Street Journal of August of the bourgeoisie in the crisis, and that

necessities have appreciably decreased since 1928. Argument is not necessary to Deal, of the "recovery." A capitalist the bosses press on to lower the stand

Books of the Age

by Bertram D. Wolfe

In the shadow cast by Liberty's illuminated torch lies Ellis Island receive ward turned. He sees the shadow that ing station for America's immigrant Liberty's torch casts over Ellis Island, poor. To it Edward Corsi came in 1907 but he does not see the shadow that the as a little boy, with dimming memories sky-scrapers of the financial district of his Italian republican revolutionary have cast over Liberty herself. liberal Commissioner of Immigration for the New York District.

So deeply has Corsi immersed himself in the anecdotes, the legends, the tragi-comedies and unadulterated tragedies that cluster around the gateway to this land that the reader gets the illusion that all of its little dramas were enacted with the author as participant

"misconceptions."

Thereby Mike Gold learns the lesson that, while writing in the Daily Worker, it is much more convenient to be colorful than truthful.

"In Local 3 of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers, six men, who accepted nominations to run against the auto strike. Is the stalling? is he auto strike. Is the stalling? is the craving of the 'reds' for publicity. The other . . . is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries the 's still on his feet.—Blacksmith the mediately removed from the nomination to run against the Finkelstein administration, were immediately removed from the nominations to run against the stalling? Is the auto strike. Is the stalling? The other . . . is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries the strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." Then the reactionaries is a strong desire for martyrdom." The strong desire for martyrdom. of liberalism for giving the reds what

> they want! Obviously, however fascinating the necdotes on immigration that fill its pages, we cannot look to this book for an analysis of the underlying forces which have changed America from a Vienna Diary, by Naomi Mitchison. naven for all the poor and oppressed Smith and Haas, (Review by E. M.)

IN THE SHADOW OF LIBERTY. By and for all fighters for freedom from Edward Corsi. The MacMillan Co. other lands, into a country that makes an especial point of excluding the poor and the fleeing revolutionary.

COST OF GOVERNMENT, 1923-1934.

National Conference Board. 46pp., paper. \$1.00.

Time was (in capitalism's "idyllic" pre-war days) when a "billion-dollar Congress" merited a scarehead on the first page of every daily paper. But work, the autobiography of Edward reveals a rise from the staggering total Corsi becomes at the same time the of almost nine billions in 1923 to fifteen and one half billions in 1934. The Amer-Corsi is a liberal. He condemns the ican people are now paying over nine and sider. Battling Bill takes it. It hurt but he's game. They spar in the center of the ring as the gong rings for the week-end recess. and sufficient evidence of law violation, itself violates the law. He questions

BOOKS RECEIVED

Autocracy of Class, by Merritt M. Sherman. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$3.00. (Review by Economist) Since 1914, by J. H. Landman. Barnes & Noble. 288pp. \$1.50. (Review later)

THE SPANISH REVOLUTION

THE INSURRECTION IN THE ASTURIAS The business index continued to climb

This is the third of five articles on the ferent routes. At the same time regi-Spanish revolution, written by one of its outments of Morrocan troops and continamusing to note that in one of the standing organizers and participants. The gents of the Foreign Legion were emfirst article considered the swing to the right barked on war ships and proceeded with reporting economist attempts to explain is now approaching its second general is now approaching its second general reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist attempts to explain is now approaching its second general reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist. The legion of the recent issues of the Daily Worker their reporting economist. part article considered the swing to the replan of the Lerroux government; the inclusion of the left of the swing class and the replan of the general strike and of the general strike and the replan to the board's statistics are tampered to the general strike and the replan is now approaching its second general is now approaching its second general strike and the replan and proceeded with all haste to the port of Gijon.

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cannon at Trubia. The region, very for attack. mountainous and picturesque, is concentrated around the mines and includes

Strike Develops Revolt Quickly On October 5 the workers of Asturias

With the aid of machine guns and can- taining any serious losses. non the workers attacked the police forces concentrated at Oviedo and Gijon and speedily put them to route. The armed workers stormed the arms fac-

were set up to direct the armed struggle close to 3,000. food supply. Women were often found October 19) the Lerroux government DONE . . ." at the head of these shock troops. When on the evening of October 6, TSF (radio station) broadcast the glad tidings that Catalonia was in revolt, mass enthusiasm

Asturias In Workers Hands

Catalonia, is not in a strategic position.

Battleships steamed into the port of compared to 50% for 1926.

Its importance lies in the fact that it is Gijon and while the city was being bom- 1932, 47% for 1930, and 42% for 1926. the center of the munitions industry. Gion and while the cross and Foreign Legion

> "gratitude" by "pacifying" the rebellious proletariat of Asturias.

Proletariat Resists Heroically The armed proletariat fought back strike to assume insurrectionary propor- machine guns and dynamite. It was not tions in Catalonia, this was not true in until October 12 that the government Asturias. The general strike there passed could consider itself master of Oviedo over very quickly into armed insurrectory. The workers retreated into the mining basin in good order and without sus-

Asturias "Pacified" Little by little "peace" was reestablished everywhere. One can well imagine tories of Oviedo and Gijon and became at what cost. A letter published in the masters also of Oviedo, the capital of reactionary paper, A.B.C. of Madrid, the province. The capture of Oviedo said that the Foreign Legion and the

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past issues of the column. It is most in Asturias. Discouragement began to seeing that the general rise is due to have not been realized—amalgamation After five months of starvation and in government appropriations, they blame is not complete, uniform prices have proletarial.

In the next issue Juan Antonio discusses the general strike throut Spain, which preceded the armed rising of the proletarial.

By JUAN ANTONIO

Asturias, situated in the north of Spain, is the mining basin of the country. Normally it employs 30,000 miners and almost as many in the mills and transport industry. Asturias, unlike Catalonia, is not in a strategic position. Its importance lies in the fact that it is in the mining down and the protection of banking continues what are usual statistical devices even during the decline periods! Perhaps, this is not complete, uniform prices have not complete, uniformed and the unorganized lie what are usual statistical devices even during the decline periods! Perhaps, this is not complete, uniformed and the unorganized lie what are usual statistical devices even during the decl

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issued its last communique that the following day the workers returned to reestablished. "Beaten But Not Vanquished"

the province. The capture of Oviedo Morrocan troops "have been very exmeant much for the workers since they of the workers since the workers since they of the workers since the workers s Troletariat.

Everywhere revolutionary committees and the number of political prisoners is QUISHED. WE MUST RECOVER QUICKLY FROM THIS DEFEAT AND At the end of two weeks (On Friday BEGIN AGAIN, SINCE IT MUST BE

THE UNITED SHOE AND LEATHER WORKERS

ONE YEAR AFTER **AMALGAMATION**

By M. YABLON

dustry had their effect on the union The United Shoe and Leather Work- Increased unemployment thru loss of

Speaking of concentration, the Busi- to the belief that prices of all com- occurred. Instead the officials took a Guns are manufactured at Oviedo and troops landed and took up their position at Trubia. The region, very for attack.

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This conclusion was not realized. The drift. Despite this lack of leadership that "chain store organizations" in 1933 price of most products did rise but not did 25% of the retail business in 1933 price of most products did rise but not reject a 71% cut proposed. trated around the mines and includes two large cities—Oviedo and Gijon, the latter close to the sea. This is the region which the insurgent workers held for "Weekly earnings, due to short hours, cases even dropped. This was made up Granting that the Constitution limits were less in Aug. 1934 than in Aug. 1933, and no higher for men than before the code went into effect. Furthermore, due to a 5% increase in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in a number of sitter and 20% are in the cost of living in the shoet and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. The chaos existing in the shoet conceptions of local autonomy are necessary and poorer raw materials. in a short time the miners were the ground a battle front. For four days, masters of the situation in the mountain villages as well as in the valleys While armed covernment for a short time the miners were the ground a battle front. For four days, despite a tremendous concentration of villages as well as in the valleys While armed covernment for a short time the miners were the ground a battle front. For four days, in Southern towns, the real average ganized centers; the differentials set up by in the districts for granting higher remasters of the situation in the mountain despite a tremendous concentration of villages as well as in the valleys. While armed government forces, the workers it took several days for the general held Oviedo using artillery, bombs, North and 25% smaller in the South." by the giant shoe manufacturers with and failed to assert its leadership. This land states.

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buildings, made possible by weekly deductions from pay-rolls, tax exemptions, thing new, it has been in existence for cheaper light and power and free mov- years. The amalgamation movement The working class of Asturias had finally called off any further resistance to the small scale producer who took primary aim of doing away with these cern these owners of factories on wheels.

Situation In The Union

News Czars and Catholics Unite in Killing Child Labor Amendment

"Little ragged girls peddling papers Crocodile Tears Shed While in its dealings with socially-conscious been unanimous. All the workers engaged in it—Socialists, Communists, Syndicalists, Anarchists—each rivalled the other in heroism displayed. Enthusiasm was general. Railway communication, telegraph and telephone service were suspended. Had the government forces struck then they would have been badly defeated for the proletariat was well armed and well disciplined and could have resisted indefinitely.

"Little ragged girls peddling papers of this story. The little ragged girls peddling papers of gaged in it—Socialists, Communists, gin mills and streets at midnight, and of tiny newsboys sleep-thing of tiny newsboys sleep-thing on bundles of papers at Brooklyn Bridge entrance and similar city hot spots. Don't tell me—I've seen that spots in gain, following the year of witness it again, following the year of garce 1935." Marlen Pew, Editor of "Editor and Publisher" delivered these heart-rending words on January 5, 1935, which is the probably wielded the dagger that did the probably wielded the dagger that did the job. with the Catholics and sweat-like convention, grouped around I.

Senate Committee Chokes
N. Y. Bill In Secret Vote

School Tears Sneu Witnes of their real opinions and position.

Yellow Press
Does It's Bit

The newspaper publishers always staunch defenders of Child Labor have not been asleep on this matter. They probably wielded the dagger that did the individual terms of the Amendment?

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MEXICAN FASCISTS BACKED BY NAZIS BEGIN

one more hue to the multi-colored "shirt bassy here. movement". This latest manifestation financed by the Nazis here.

shops owned by sews, a guarder of a crothes-line array or a crowned facility of a crowne ing all true and patriotic Mexicans to buy only from their fellow-Mexicans and

The fascist forces in Mexico City are is an established fact that this group tion of the National Conference of becoming bolder every day and now have the questionable honor of adding from leading Nazis in the German eming in Cincinnati, October 7-10, was

One day, several weeks ago, there appeared before each of the stores and shops owned by Jews, a golden shirted shops owned by Jews, a golden shirted of a clothes-line array of "colored shirt" forces here are trying to terrorize and

The Asturians had won their battle.

divide the people.

of, were here once again attributed to the Jews and Marxists, who are supposed to be in collusion to ruin the country.

Nazis Support Gold Shirts

The Mexican section of the international state of the New York State Catholic Which these to say, the enormous number politan says of this study—"a careful Committee, however, with which these great deal to consolidate the anti-fascist forces in Mexico City. They have held very successful mass-meetings and blast against the Amendment at the blast against th Nazis Support Gold Shirts

The fountain-head of this vicious movement has been very cleverly concealed and it is given a complete semblance of arising from native soil. Every lance of arising from native soil. Every "golden shirter" who appeared on the support for the winting of Nazi tar.

held very successful mass-meetings and forums gaining wide support from the public hearing. This State Council has been one of the most potent forces in the knifing of the Amendment at the public hearing. This State Council has been one of the most potent forces in the knifing of the Amendment. (Replace the support from the vicious workers and middle class. In token of solidarity with all anti-fascist forces they have raised a considerable amount of month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the support for the vicious distribution of the first month, it is necessary to go the first month and been proper in all respects."

More attention to maternal question, upon closer study. To save the lives of infants especially in the extra-hazardous period of the first month, it is necessary to go the first month and the control of the first month and the contro lance of arising from native soil. Every they have raised a considerable amount member now Al Smith reversed his position editorially a few months ago on streets that day was a Mexican, but it ror abroad.

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Catholic Duplicity

INTENSE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE JEWS ber 1934: "An exhibit of the Nationa Child Labor Committee, sent on invitaordered removed by the President of the

There is an interesting division of labor amongst the Catholics on social legislation. Holies of the type of Mrs. Dorothy Day and Father John A. Ryan, Director of Department of Social Action, National Catholic Welfare Conference, National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the second amongst the case of the insurance companies—the actuation of birth injuries. And these three aries and statisticians—tell us that: "It causes account for the greater part of is now possible to compare the facts for National Catholic Welfare Conference, contrast between the great improvement."

How little has been done in this contrast between the great improvement.

workingmen poses as anti-child labor; but read their more high-brow press

have a free hand in New York they gave not a hang for the welfare of the union as a whole. This reactionary and hypocritical role, played by the "revolutionists" of the former Industrial

CAPITALISM, THE UNSEEN KIDNAPPER TAKES ENORMOUS TOLL OF BABY LIVES

By ALBERT EPSTEIN secure better care of women in preg-It is not kidnapping that concerns us nancy and at confinement. now. Kidnapping is a sensational but not The Bulletin makes clear that if savsubstantial cause for the loss of infants. ings are to be accomplished in reducing Much has been made of late about the deaths from premature births and con Conference after it had been on display for two days."

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NOTES

tions list and brought up on charges... ful than truthful. "After 65 years of existence, the Ger-

vice: Liquidate, Jack, liquidate.

"Fascist Trends"

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My stomach like yours has ached

MARTHA STEVENSON

Smiling Frankie feints with a public father, and to it he returned in 1931 as breadbasket with a clause to pay fifty

capitalist attacks and the fight for the thought he had the referree fixed.

tions of the New Deal in the price field, families were at minimum comfort or at there has been a rise of 10%. Who is poverty levels) of 2% for the year of gaining from the rise in prices, chief our lord 1934 and of our New Deal II. slogan of the New Deal? Hardly the This has shifted vast masses from minimum comfort to poverty, and from As a matter of fact, the Bureau of poverty and starvation to super-starva-

convince workers that they spend less on recovery for the capitalists, which can food, clothing and rent because they have show a rise in profit of 70% in the same less. The Bureau reports that 25.7% less period which shows a decline in real was spent on food in 1934 than in 1928. wages of 2%! Greater and greater Keep in mind the calm admissions of the numbers have been torn out of the NRAers that food rose 28% from the process of production, and therefore of 1933 low! These two figures mean that living, in the course of the Recovery Adworkers spent a quarter less in dollars, ministration. Approximately a 5% inand got a quarter less food for that crease in the cost of living has shoved amount of money—an absolute decline workers onto the breadlines for food. in food consumption of 50% for the and the alleys for shelter. But it has vorking-class! Such mass privation will done something else. It has caused the ventually teach the New Dealers that the workers as a class to fight back; while The commodity index for all foods in ard of livings the workers fight to main-

rose for victory seemed assured.

The proletariat was complete master of the situation. The revolution had been unanimous. All the workers en-

The Asturians had won their battle. All now depended on the rest of Spain. The enemies of the proletariat were imprisoned but treated humanely despite the atrocity stories broadcast by the government. Robbery was severely punished. The priests and nuns were punished to the proletariat were imprisoned but treated humanely despite the atrocity stories broadcast by the atrocity stories broadcast by the punished. The priests and nuns were punished to the priests and provided the politics of this story. The Catholics and Associate the politics of this story. The Catholics and Associate the politics of this story. The Catholics and Associate the politics of this story. The chairmen of both the Senate and Associate the proposition of the proletariat were in ratification movement for the Child sembly Committees are Catholics and Associate the proletariat were in ratification movement for the Child sembly Committees are Catholics and Associate the proletariat were in ratification movement for the Child sembly Committees are Catholics and Associate the publisher's profits have for decades been piled-up on the brutal exploitation of likewise. On the one hand, as Democrats, likewise. On the one hand, as Democrats, likewise on the form of both the Senate and Associate the publisher's profits have for decades been piled-up on the brutal exploitation of ship properties willing accomplices. Publisher's profits have for decades been piled-up on the brutal exploitation of ship properties willing accomplicate. The catholics and Associate the politics of this story. The chair man and the properties willing accomplicate.

Three military expeditions were equipped and sent to Asturias by three dif-

There are also influential national forof terror is known as the "Gold Shirts", ces that attempt to utilize such movean organization which has been directly ments for their own political ends and thus further confuse the issues.

and still loval Democrats!

An interesting and significant item from the "American Child" of Novem-

National Catholic Welfare Conference, contrast between the great improvement respect can be seen from a study of the engaged in spreading the gospel amongst workers have been assigned the job of coming forth as opponents of child labor. buy only from their fellow-mexicans and to drive the "Christ killers" out of their fair land. All the social and economic evils that the peasants are the victims of, were here once again attributed to

Talk of inflation about a year ago led formation these things would not have

the object of driving out of business the criticism applies with equal force to small shoe producers in the New Eng- the district leaderships since it was they who used local autonomy in a way that The situation has been further ag- weakened the whole organization. Sectionalism, craft ideology and com-

meant much for the workers since they captured 18,000 guns, great quantities of ammunition, machine guns and cannon, which were distributed among the proletariat.

Morrocan troops "have been very expeditious." The workers estimate 1,000 can be seen from a leaflet distributed can be seen fro of establishing a centralized organization the convention produced a decentralized one. Curiously enough it was the so-called New York "rank and file" group, which for factional purposes of its own, became the champion of local autonomy. As long as they were to

> Union, is in a large measure responsible for the demoralization in the Union. The conscious and constructive forces

OVERDEAD HOGS AND STARVED CATTLE TESTIFY TO WASTE OF AAA METHODS

Terrific Spoilage of Relief Meat In Handling Indicts Administration By JOHN FARMER

I am in a good position to diagnose in this section of the country in regard to its efficiency and practicability. Be-yond a shadow of a doubt the manner in which this part of the country operates the relief work is typical throughout the nation.

Making Relief Pork

I will take relief pork to begin with. In this country they butchered all the hogs that contract signers had over their allowed swine herd. On the morning o the slaughter, some of the relief work ers went out with a truck and started killing hogs from one farm to the next By the time they reached the truck's limit for dead hogs some of them were extremely dead for this was in hot weather. This meat if properly handled could have been very nourishing, but the way it was butchered was not conducive to a good appetite unless one was very hungry. Also I am sure that the methods of meat curing would not comply with the Pure Food Laws.

The hogs above thirty pounds were prepared in this slip-shod fashion, for what is considered to be edible meat for the unemployed. The hogs under thirty pounds were buried in a deep hole in

Burying The Dead

discipline was carried out by one of the ment not only editorially but through tools of the boss class in the person of mishandling of news. Here was the a county commissioner. The men who were burying these hogs were on relief and consequently in need. So they cleaned five or six of the largest of these little pigs and laid them by to take home with them—but the commissioner appeared on the scene and compelled the laborers to "lay these little swine to rest with their brethren and sisters."

Cold Comfort

Our county paper carried the following statement: "About one-third of approximately 11,000 pounds of pork which was placed in cold storage in the ice-plant, when excess pigs in the county were slaughtered, is a loss because of spoilage."

The paper then goes on to say that The paper then goes on to say that the meat was packed too close together for proper ventilation before cooling. Any ten-year old farm youth with a speck of judgment would not pile fresh meat in excessive piles even if the temperature were sixty degrees below zero.
The county also pats itself on the back because some counties have had as large as a total loss. Still promoting that threadbare idea that you should be happy if you can see some one worse off than yourself.

Each of these individual cases of spoiled meat doesn't sound so large but total all the ninety-three counties of our state and add the amount spoiled in other states, due to improper care—the sum would surprise even a person wise to the graft and waste of this foolish system.

And The Same With Cattle

The cattle buying department of the the cattle buying department of the drought relief was managed with about the same degree of efficiency. The proof of this efficiency was well emphasized by the type of men who handled the pasturing and marketing of nearly three thousand head of relief cattle on an island in this county. This island was fit for taking care of about three hundred head of the same kind of cattle. The cattle were all shipped in from drought counties where they had become half starved and in this locality they were also half starved (the last half). When the cattle first started arriving

there was plenty of grass, even if the hay had been cut off, but after the first thousand or two hungry cattle started eating the surely was exhausted and the foliage was stripped from the trees as high as the cattle could reach.

The man that put up the hay had many difficulties collecting for his labor as he had to deal with men who were entirely ignorant of the subject of hay measurement. Other proofs of inefficiency that are too numerous to mention were displayed by these managers.

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The aforesaid drew good wages for their efforts and were acquainted with this work about as well as some of the Workers Age staff would be.

Not To Mention

Digesting The Meat

The cattle were shipped to certain markets and slaughtered for the poor.

A large portion of the relief money will be, necessarily, for dental work because an ordinary person's teeth will not be sharp enough to penetrate this meat.

Why Not Make The

How long will it be until people un-derstand this system of forcing the working class to support the masses crowded out of employment by the exploiting group, and also leaving all the channels of graft open so that the same exploiting group may prosper by the said "Poor Relief."

If we must rob the poor to feed the starving, let us---the poor people--that the starving are really fed.

CHILD LABOR-

N. Y. Rejects Amendment

(Continued on Page 3)

the Amendment in 1933, before the question of regulating the use of newsboys arose under the code, have turned against it editorially since then. The pressure was most persuasive. Tooth pressure was most persuasive. An interesting and destructive bit of and nail the press has fought the Amendmost powerful of the opposition forces. Press profits were endangered.

Employers' Associations Aid Sweatshops

An analysis of the occupations in which children work today will reveal that Big Business is not threatened in any competitive fashion by their exis-However, Big Business will aid the sweatshop owners whenever worthy social legislation is on the order of the day. Here, in addition, they did have a stake-press profits! Thus all the energies of the State Economic Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and Associated Industries, was thrown into the battle against ratification. Big Business and the tiny sweatshops united in this campaign and no one can deny them the fact that they possess peculiar and unique powers in persuading legislators of the righteousness of their practices. These two forces constitute the third party involved in the murder. They worked overtime to defeat ratification. Letter No. 24 issued by the New York State Economic Council on February 1, 1935, declares:

"SO-CALLED 'CHILD' LABOR AMENDMENT KILLED. No Council Amendment is dead—overwhelmingly defeated in Senate Judiciary Commit tee. CREDIT TO LEGISLATURE. Refusal (thus far) of Legislature to pass these ill-conceived, half-baked measures, even under guise of reform, or whatever the pretext, is a credit to members of both parties in both houses. Shows how responsive our legislators are when the folks at home speak out. Shows how effective the letters, telegrams, telephone calls really are when they come from earnest citizens. Probably you find it an effort to respond to our requests to get after your legislators. Takes time to do it intelligently. Yet it is nearly always the only method that will cause a member of legislature to vote against something a blatant noisy minority wants."

Child Labor Still Rampant

In homework, in street trades, and in agriculture, child labor flourishes as never before. A study made in March 1934 at the request of Mr. Robert Straus of the New York Compliance Board of the N.R.A. revealed the horrors of child labor in homework. Hundreds of children working at midnight, in the early hours of morning, for a few cents an hour. Diseases of every type flourishing in these hell-holes. Similar studies in Connecticut and Pennsylvania point to the imperative need of the Federal Child Labor Amendment. Not that under our present system we can hope for a solution of the problems, but the tangle of issues obscuring the heart of our economic chaos can be more clearly seen by the working class.

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WORKERS WIN COMPLETE VICTORY BISCUITS-TOY WORKERS WIN

NEW YORK, N.Y .- The general strike of Stuffed Toy Workers, led by A. F. of L. federal local 18230, ended with a complete victory of the 600 workers involved. The agreement signed calls for union recognition; closed shop; 10% increase for those making \$25 or less; 71/2% increase for those earning over \$25: time and one third for overtime manufacturers agree not to move firms during life of this agreement. Special provisions were also made raising the wages of learners. Employers further agreed to make no discriminations what ever against those who were active in the course of the strike.

Sub-Getters Rewarded

Prizes to Age Boosters were awarded at a gala party staged in Rivera Hall on Feb. 16.

Copies of "Portrait of America" were awarded to star sub-getters including B. Herman, Anna Fox, Eva Shlecter and Sam Tiger.

Washington-

New Deal in Old Double-Cross

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Wagner is best known for his introduction of the wholly fraudulent Roose velt Social Security bill. But now he has "broken" with the President. He is going to be the new champion of labor, this time by setting up a Supreme Court of Labor to replace the National Labor Relation Board.

In speaking of his Supreme Court which is to have the power to issue stop orders and to take cases directly to law powers not possessed by the NLRB Wagner says it "will make the worker a free man." He fails to remark, however, on the double edged nature of this new weapon; that a board which can hale the employer into court can also hale the union, and if past experience is any guide, will hale the unions much more often than the employer. Senator Wagner's particular bit of freedom looks very much like an anti-strike move and no matter how loudly the Senator and the President proclaim that they have come to the parting of the ways, labor will do well to consider them the two faces of the same coin.

DICKSTEIN COMMITTEE VERSUS NAZIS

In another corner of the capitol the long awaited Dickstein committee report was delivered to the House, on subversive influences undermining our sacred American institutions of home, mother, the flag and profits. In 15,000 words the report presented facts pretty

known by this time. It vouched for General Smedley Butler's testimony that he had been offered the leadership of a leaflets this week—but lot's to tell you. So-called Federal 'Child' Labor denials of the broker's clerk Maguire. It definitely indicted the Friends of New Germany as a Nazi group directed and financed by Hitler. It linked the German Embassy and the late super-press agent. Ivy Lee, to this Nazi propaganda.

The report, after dealing with the activities of Communists in the United States, ended up with a series of vicious proposals to be made into law. These include a strengthening of the deportation laws, a Sedition act directed against propaganda among the armed forces and a sort of a national criminal-syndicalism law, providing that it be made unlawful "to advocate changes in a manner that incites to the overthrow or destruction by force or violence of the Government of the United States or any State. These repressive measures, reminiscient of the Palmer raid days after the world war, are going to be very, very inef-fective in combatting Nazism but extremely useful in an ardent persecution of Communists-and, let it be added, alists and militant trade unionists. They are part and parcel of the New Deal machine with its fifty dollar a month wage scales, its Supreme Court of Labor, its big navy policy and its elaborate war mobilization plans. The face is the face of Democratic Liberties but the voice is the voice of Fascist Slavery

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Boycott Winning For Strikers

"You Doneeda Biscuit 'till the strike is over" is the attitude of organized labor in New York in supporting the sucdessful consumers boycott started by the striking employees of the National Biscuit Company.

Entering the seventh week of the strike the three thousand New York workers led by the Inside Bakery Workers Union were in fighting form with high hopes of a victory and union recognition. Two thousand more workers are on strike in four other plants throughout the country. Some material aid to the militant spirit of the strikers was in prospect as the Central Trades and Labor Council considered their plea that a strike relief organization be set up to solicit funds from the unions of New York.

Effective picketing of grocery stores has resulted in a terrific drop in orders for National biscuits. Practically all instores have stopped displaying or advertising NBC products. Scab trucks are still running from the plant but they run three-quarters empty in a vain effort to convince the strikers that business is going on as usual.

"The ranks have held solid," said Bill Galvin, youthful leader of the New York federal local. "The only people at work in the plant are the bosses, their wives sons, daughters, nephews and a few unemployed friends who don't know any better. Despite the efforts of the NBC to approach individual workers and force them back by threats no union members are scabbing.'

AT FIRST GLANCE-

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to be suspicious over the fact that the latest issue of the Monthly Labor Review of the U.S. Dept. of Labor features the problem of trade union incorporation and stresses "the possibility the reappearance of the question of rade union incorporation as a phase of the changing status of labor organizations." Lastly, no more fitting marker ould be chosen by Roosevelt for his grand midway than his tobacco code. Ten dollars for a 40 hour week! This is the latest version of the N.R.A., the highest spectacle of the Blue Eagle! In the country's most prosperous industry is decreed the lowest minimum wage of any important industry in the U.S. And what a fitting cap for this climax The head of the N.R.A., (S. Clay Williams), is a dominant figure in this latest codified industry. Who was it who said: Thieves for their robbery have authorty, when judges steal themselves." He said it. And said it well. This must be uppermost in every worker's second thoughts on Roosevelt's first two years.

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WAGE CUTS

DOOSEVELT proposed in his latest K "relief" scheme to have the government employ workers at wages far below the too-low scales prevailing in private industry. This is very serious, Generally the government standards are models for wage payments by private industry Thus, Roosevelt has given the signal for wage cutting thruout all industry. Who asked the question: Whose democracy is this anyhow?

F things keep up as they have been I going in the last few years the astronomers in the White House will have to draw inspiration from other planets in order to secure some balance in the Federal budget, let alone balance in private industry. From 1929 to 1933 the Federal Government's yearly deficit averaged \$1,400,000,000. It is now clear that from 1933 to 1936 the Federal age at least \$4,000,000,000. By the time Roosevelt will begin thinking of starting tional organization. Simultaneously the Government's yearly deficit will avera second term in the White House the total Federal debt will be at least \$35,000,000,000 or more than double what it was on Christmas eve of 1930.

Who is going to pay for all of this? The answer is simple. The workers and poorer farmers, the lower middle classes will foot the bill in the last resort un less they wake up, kick up a lot of dust and kick out a lot of parasites.

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NEW YORK, N. Y .-- The strike of the building service employees is assuming a serious turn. The threatened general strike has brought representatives of the Department of Labor rushing to New York, in an attempt to forestall action. At the same time Mayor LaGuardia, the famous "friend of labor" has announced that police and firemen will be gotten to replace the strikers.

UNION NOTES--

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Zackass Trade Unionism

It would be a dull world indeed if the picturesque swashbuckling of the C.P.'s dual unionist line at its "best" were to disappear from the American trade union scene. But in thumbing thru the pages dependent stores and even the chain of the Jewish Day (thereby betraying our non-aryan ancestry) I find that such is not to be. Here is an article by Joseph Zack, the recently discovered trade union specialist of the Workers Party, in which the crassest type of dual unionism is found in full flower. The most characteristic expression in the article is the one in which Zack insists that to send workers to the A.F. of L. is like sending a healthy person to a bad doctor with the result that he is bound to become diseased.

> So, while the Communist Party moves, in its own devious ways, in the direction of a saner tactical approach the Workers Party of Muste and Cannon reverses the process and moves into the vacated premises of dual unionism.

Strike Figures

The Department of Labor reports that during the month of November there were in progress 195 strikes involving 100,712 workers. Industrial disputes accounted for 1,310,613 man-days lost during the same month.

SHOES--

Too Much Faith In New Code?

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misinforming the National Office on prices, have aggravated and complicated this task even more. The districts do not yet think in terms of the union as a whole but in terms of their own districts or towns. The establishment of a centralized organization, a progressive union leadership and an energetic campaign against sectionalism, is indispensable if the present demoralized situation is to be overcome.

The Boot and Shoe Code

The provisions of the Code in the Boot and Shoe Industry are almost identical with the President's blanket code. The absence of a single powerful union made it impossible to force the adoption of a better code. Without a powerful union even the best of codes will not improve the conditions of the workers.

Judging by the experiences of other unions with Codes and Code Authorities it appears that our union is holding out too much hope for the reopening of the code. Unless the fight for the reopening of the code is accompanied by an intensive organization drive and preparations for a general strike we will secure little if anything.

Our union has made some progress in organizing some locals in Maine and in the middle West. But it would be a mistake to believe that these open shop centers can be organized without a general strike. The preparation for a general strike is a life and death question union must do everything in its power to complete amalgamation.

These important tasks can be accomplished, if and when the serious minded, constructive forces in our union will organize themselves into a progressive group and become the driving force.

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