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N. Y. DRESSMAKERS BLAZE VICTORY TRAIL!

At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

ONE phase of this "debate of the century" carried on by Johnson, Long and Coughlin has been scarcely noticed. Despite the repudiation of fascism by Long, both his and Father Coughlin's movement represent incipient expressions of American Fascism—vague, confused, not yet standing firmly on a complete program, but travelling quickly and definitely in the direction of a specific expression of American fascism. Nor is it insignificant that it is out of the South that such "leaders" as Long, are coming. Here is a tier of States which are the most American, the most Anglo-Saxon. The seat of lynchdom and race bigotry, a section of the country still in the throes of industrialization, and therefore, particularly today, most keenly subject to the painful vicissitudes and contradictions inherent in this process. It is out of such soil that Long and his ilk spring. Louisiana—home of the United States gateway to Latin-America is surely that State most fitted to put on the map of American politics a figure very much akin to some of the bandit mock heroes of Central and South American political conflicts. However in these days of decay and disruption of capitalist civilization it is precisely such performers who have the highest requirements for effective leadership of the ruling class in despair. Here is the real Long menace.

THE Communist Party has recently launched many new trade union projects. One even hears with increasing frequency that the TUUL, only yesterday proclaimed the spearhead of the vanguard of American labor, is to be liquidated. Dual unionism? Well, the C.P. is to have no more of it! Great stuff, eh? But hold your horses. The "projects" may deceive some people. However, new turn or no new turn, the intents of the C.P. bureaucrats seem to be fixed and do not leave them. Here is a typical case in point. The biggest union in the country is the U.M.W. of A. It is industrial in character and has fully fifty times as many members as all the TUUL "unions" in the Western Hemisphere combined ever had at their peak. But a miserable crooked figure, an arch-reactionary of the vilest racketeering type, Maloney by name, has a falling out with the conservative leadership of the Anthracite UMWA. He tries desperately to split the union by organizing his own, "independent union." The faker Maloney seeks to paralyze the job-control of the UMWA. He calls "strikes." Now, what does the C.P. bureaucracy do to show that it is no longer for dual unionism? Lots—too much. It "makes a decision" that Maloney's outfit is a genuine union and that his "strike" to split the UMWA is really a strike. When comrades of the CPO and other union members resist Maloney's drive to split and smash the UMWA they are called "scabs" and "strikebreakers" by that notorious oracle of strangled truth, the Daily Worker. When revolutionists support black reactionaries—as the C.P. has decreed its people must do in the garment, shoe, textile, and mining unions—then there is something rotten in red Denmark. We underscore this inescapable conclusion: The C.P. leaders' latest lances against dual unionism, against union-splitting, are but very, very thin straws. How much use can the working class have for the newest C.P. trade union line? Only as much as a dog has for two tails.

FRANCIS J. Gorman, Vice-president of the United Textile Workers, and leader of the recently betrayed general strike in the spindle industry, shows signs of waking up—and even taking some sand out of his eyes. Of course, he has lots of digging and washing before he will be able to begin to see clearly. Addressing the House Labor Committee a short time ago, Gorman said of the NRA: "We have got what we have been able to take and nothing more. We were supposed to have been given the right to organize, but we have that right only where we are able to compel its observance. To-day a good many of us question whether we did the right thing in urging the membership to stop the strike as the President asked us to do. We had the industry paralyzed and we went back to work because we had faith in the government. Unless con-

CONSCRIPTION PLAN FOR NAZI GERMANY WILL ARM 600,000

Crack Troops Parade Thru
Berlin To Stir The
Spirit Of Empire

The spirit of 1914 stalks again in Europe, unleashed by Hitler in his frantic efforts to stifle the growing misery of Germany in a wave of ecstatic nationalism.

The new German conscription law marks the grave of the Versailles system. From now on, though war in Europe may not be a matter of today or even tomorrow, it is a certainty. The old pacts, the arms conferences, the treaties, are scrapped. Europe will now openly, as it has secretly, engage in an unparalleled arms race.

The conscription law calls for thirty-six divisions. There is doubt about the exact size of the army to be created—but it will run far over 600,000 men. Hitler treated Germany to a sample of this army on Sunday when he staged a parade on Unter den Linden. Expert observers reported that from the point of view of troops, training and equipment this represented one of the world's finest corps.

Simultaneously Hitler moved toward mobilization on the home front. Hundred and perhaps thousands of dissenting Protestant clergymen, who had pledged to read from their pulpits a protest against the new co-ordinated German church, were arrested. A strict censorship kept the number of these arrests from becoming public.

The Protestant clergy in Germany represent the only legal force still fighting Nazism, even though their protest is directed only against certain manifestations of the disease. Their progressive suppression will be only another step in creating a Germany where the only voice publicly heard is that of the Brown Beast.

The War Offices of Europe will work overtime from now on. Hitler has torn away the last veil and Europe knows that it is moving inexorably toward the resurrection of the bloody horrors of the World War.

LABOR LOSES FIGHT AS SENATORS BOLT PREVAILING WAGES

Roosevelt Gets Work Relief
Bill Passed Minus Pay
Rate Guarantee

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Defection of half dozen Senators from the labor to the administration side defeated the McCarran prevailing-wage amendment to the work-relief bill March 15. The amendment was defeated by 50 to 38 votes. Immediately thereafter the Russell substitute, allowing Roosevelt to pay the low wage rates on which he has insisted except on permanent government buildings, was adopted by 83 to 2.

The American Federation of Labor insisted upon there being no compromise on the "very vital principle" embodied in the McCarran amendment, but it was deserted by Senators Wagner, Austin, Black, Gibson, LaFollette and O'Mahoney, all of whom had voted for the McCarran amendment when it was first adopted Feb. 21. Sen. Smith, who did not vote before, added his Nay vote to the defeat of the prevailing rate of wages.

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ditions are changed . . . if we are driven again to strike there will be no calling back the workers until labor dictates the terms of peace." Let no one be in a hurry to say "Bravo." We have a hunch that Gorman is merely a feather for the new winds blowing in the ranks of American labor. At any rate, now is the time to prepare energetically and thoroly to avert the recurrence of such woes. Especially in view of impending struggles by the automobile workers it is necessary for all workers to keep to the sharpest point of remembrance the painful lessons of the dastardly role played by the Roosevelt government and the reactionary trade union officials.

PORTRAIT OF HITLERISM



EUROPE TODAY

by August Thalheimer

AUSTRIAN MONARCHISTS RECEIVE SET-BACK

The proletariat of Paris very dramatically expressed its hatred of Herr Schuschnigg, the Austrian chancellor, on his arrival in Paris. He was forced to enter Paris secretly arriving at a small substation.

The main reasons for his trip seem to have been the following: 1. A new loan. 2. Permission for further armaments in case German re-armament is legalized. 3. Consent to the restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy.

Only the second point found favor in the eye of the French. "Le Temps" states expressly that the return of Empress Zita and the Archduke Otto to Austria is out of the question.

London City is very lukewarm over a new loan to Austria. The Austrians were made to understand, however, that the London agreement is an indivisible whole and that therefore the Danube agreement would only be concluded with the Eastern pact. This represents another blow to German foreign policy.

POLAND EXPLAINS ANTI-SOVIET PLANS

The fantastic and criminal plans of Polish circles friendly to Germany have been exposed with remarkable frankness by the government official, Studnitzky, in a recently published book entitled "The Political System of Europe and Poland."

The alliance of Poland with Germany is justified because it is too dangerous for Poland to have Germany as an enemy. The book contains a detailed plan for dismembering the Soviet Union. The Ukraine, the Caucasus, Turkestan and Eastern Siberia are to be broken away. Japan is to advance as far as Baikal. The whole scheme is based upon a victorious war by Japan against the Workers State.

The ideas expressed in the book constitute the fond hopes of the Polish landlords. Even thru such means does the alliance between Poland, Germany and Japan become evident.

LINES FORM IN ENGLAND

The militancy which the English working class displayed, in its fight against the cut in unemployment doles, indicates the deep resentment among English workers. So strong was this that the government yielded almost im-

mediately. It would be wrong, on the other hand, to regard this as merely an expression of weakness on the part of the government. It is rather an example of the great flexibility of English politics. This tactic prevented the preparations of the workers from coming to a head. The ruling class is preparing attacks on the working class. The by-elections in Wavertree indicate as much. There, young Churchill, as the representative of the diehards, won half the conservative votes. This sentiment is not merely local since the conservative party machine does not dare to oppose the revolt of the diehards.

GERMAN CATHOLICS RENEW OPPOSITION

In Germany the conflict with the Catholic church is flaring up again. Cardinal Faulhaber in a speech at Munich threatened with excommunication all those who carry out measures against confessional schools and for the establishment of a united secular school. This incident shows that the inner effects of the Saar vote are beginning to weaken and that the inner contradictions of the Hitler regime are again manifesting themselves.

ABYSSINIA COMPLICATES EUROPEAN POLITICS

We said that the Italian colonial war would extend far beyond the boundaries of a mere "local war."

This has already become evident. Japan has demanded thru its diplomatic representative in Rome that its interests in Abyssinia be considered and has stated it is opposed to the violation of the integrity of Abyssinia. Thus, for the first time in history Japanese imperialism is openly voicing its claims on Africa and becomes a powerful factor in the struggle for the colonial rule of Africa.

On the other hand, the Abyssinia conflict has led to military consequences in Central Europe. The German government has ordered three divisions to Tyrol, the Italian two divisions to the Austrian-Italian border.

The Italian-Abyssinian war has evidently begun to have certain effects in Italy itself. Mutinies of regular troops in Sicily and Toscana are reported. It is surely no accident that at first fascist troops composed of young volunteers were sent to Africa.

The economic situation in Italy is (Continued on Page 4)

PROGRESSIVES WIN SMASHING VICTORY IN LOCAL 22 TEST

Election Committee Ballot
Shows Administration
Support Solid

A complete victory all along the line for progressives, the supporters of the administration, was the result of the voting held on Thursday, March 14, by Dressmakers Union Local 22, I.L.G.W.U. to choose an election and objection committee to supervise the coming elections in the Local. Not only was the entire progressive slate elected by huge majorities, but the progressives came out ahead in every one of the eight sections, where polling stations were set up. Because of the intensity with which the campaign was waged and the great interest shown by the dressmakers, an extraordinarily large number of workers turned out to vote, reaching 9100. Of this number the progressives slate received 5418 votes and the slate of the combined "Left"—"Active"—"Club" opposition, 3551.

In the contest over the election and objection committee, the progressives were faced by a triple alliance, a combination of the "Left" group with the "Club" (the most reactionary elements in the Union) and the so-called "Active" group. In the course of the campaign this combined opposition resorted to the most unscrupulous and scandalous methods. In desperation, all Communist Party-controlled organizations, the workers clubs, the International Workers Order, the singing societies and even the children's organizations, were openly mobilized for the elections. Crowds of people, many of them having nothing to do with the Union at all, jammed the polling places, attempting obstruction and, in many cases, resorting to violence and assaults to terrorize the dressmakers. In the Harlem and Spanish sections, where the members are mainly women, and enthusiastic supporters of the progressive movement, a number of men were sent out to bulldoze the voters and knives were drawn by these hoodlums in the course of the dis-

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NRA KNIVES SHOE WORKERS REFUSING CODE RE-OPENING

Zimmerman, Gratton, Ford,
Mackesey Contest United
Organizer Post

The reopening of the Boot and Shoe Code which was to take place on April 16th with hearings on suggested amendments, has been cancelled by the Code Authority. This treacherous knifing in the back by the NRA has aroused shoe workers everywhere. In a statement to the press, the Code Authority declares that it will only countenance one change in the present set-up—inclusion on the Code Authority of another party in addition to the National Association of Shoe Manufacturers. After the indictment of the manufacturers and incontestable proof of their code violations, after official statements of code revision, the Code Authority headed by Col. Walter Magnus has knifed in the dirtiest fashion any attempt by the shoe workers to improve their lot. The Blue Eagle as a vulture is becoming more and more of a menace as its talons sink into the body of the shoe workers.

Meanwhile the reactionary President Mara of the A. F. of L. Boot and Shoe Workers Union is throwing up every conceivable obstacle to block the unity of the shoe unions. Playing the employers game with a vengeance, the Labor Advisory Board seems devoted to the task of foisting the chains of compulsory arbitration on the shoe workers in exchange for some beggarly paper promise.

Coming Elections

Elections for the General Executive Board and all union officials will take place on March 19. Candidates for general organizer include, I. Zimmerman, Gratton, Mackesey, and Leonard Ford of Haverhill. The last three have con-

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Let Us Take Heed

NOT every reactionary move made by the Government is fascism. But every reactionary move made by existing capitalist governments objectively aids fascism, helps prepare the soil in which a fascist movement can flourish.

It is in this light that we approach the series of recent developments amongst which the proposed deportation of Strachey is the most spectacular and best publicized. Witness the order of Secretary of the Navy, Swanson, to fire employees because it is suspected that their political beliefs are not sufficiently black. Note the declaration of policy just made by the Department of Labor indicating that a new deportation delirium may soon be sprung on us. Some revolutionists among many liberals who place themselves in the ultra-left wing of the vanguard of the proletariat are now being called fascists. The more moderate and moderate among them say this is a certain-raiser for fascism in the United States. To all of this excited thinking we simply say that such talk is nonsensical and only harms the movement that must be developed to combat fascism successfully.

Strike suppression, deportation of militant workers who happen not to have been born in this country, violent injunctions, beating-up of pickets, enactment of sedition laws, passing of anti-labor legislation—these are concrete and dynamic expressions of capitalist democracy in its very quintessence. In the present work situation, with the foundations of the economic order being undermined, such moves naturally tend to facilitate the most open and brutal suppression of the labor movement; that is, speed up the growth of fascist ranks. But should we brand as fascism every such manifestation of capitalist democracy, bourgeois democracy not in a vacuum, not on constitutional paper, we would really be fostering illusions about capitalist democracy which is very quintessence. In the present work situation, such layoffs are not put into the advertisements. Steel is declining. The railway magnates are crying poverty and talking wage-cuts. The coal operators may soon have a real fight on their hands in the form of a good-sized militant strike. The codes have been falling in pieces and the much vaunted Section 7-A is as dead as General Johnson's dearest cat.

Under these conditions, a new menace must be met. You can't blame it on Hoover anymore. He has already gone down deep in history. Slam the "Reds" down, but don't let them get back. Let the Communist Party be the counterforce. The country must be saved. Obviously this is all Communist. The United States government and Wall Street's other institutions are still quite safe in this country. The Communist Party, with all its new turns, is still suffering from a bad case of infantile paralysis. It is not the "Reds" alone whom the government is trying to crush. Granted that this section of the labor movement, for sundry reasons, is the easiest to crush. Granted that all the Communists still have plenty of "bread-mind" and are the most militant and revolutionary, this is still not enough to reveal the real objective of this hysteria which is only beginning to manifest itself.

Experience affords unchallengeable proof that the attack now being developed against the revolutionaries in the working class is only the prelude to an attack against the entire labor movement, against all organized labor, regardless of how conservative or reactionary its officialdom may be just now. We need not recall the great offensive of the open-shoppers and the Wilson and Harding administrations right after the war. Only if the entire labor movement will hit back right now and hit back hard, can disastrous consequences be avoided by organized labor. Here it is not a question of political opinion or affiliation; here it is a question of worker against employer, of a strike-breaking government against a labor movement, of the exploiting class against the exploited class. We need not waste time to marshal our forces for defense and counter-attack—provided we begin instantly. The Strachey case, the Swanson order, the Perkins declaration, the Roosevelt starvation wage-scale are but alarm signals. Let us take heed.

"Hopeful Poverty" Is New Bankers' Dope for Labor

By ECONOMIST

Recent reports on the "economic well-being" of the American people revealed the utter lack of prosperity for the mass of the workers during the boomdays of 1928-29. Both the Brooding Institute and the Bureau of Labor Statistics presented figures that put 70% of the population below the income level that would provide for an enjoyment of the average American standard of living. The average worked out was \$2,000 per year. This is to be considered as the minimum necessary to insure average well-being to the average family. If the study had covered the whole depression period, the number of persons in this category might be still higher.

"hope" of the "opportunity." As for the actual achieving of the hope, that is relegated to the backgrounds of the past conceded to our "Fathers!" Capitalism has certainly come on evil days when this becomes the last line of defense against the rapidly increasing misery of the working class. Gone are the days of 1925 and the "economic revolution" of Professor Thomas Nixon Carver, which predicted the elimination of the class struggle thru the transmigration of labor power into capital via the route of the "new capitalism." Gone are the days of the prosperity days, the workers did not have more than 1% of the total shares of American industry). Thru such magical incantation the working class was to disappear into the capitalist class.

Looking Backward

The most interesting thing about the reports is not so much the figures, of which most economists and laymen are aware, but rather the reaction of the ruling class to such a black portrayal of the capitalist system. The "American Banker", March 2, 1935, in an editorial on the subject protests against the statistical measurements adopted by the compilers of the reports and with great objectivity to fixing such a high level for the average. Their argument runs as follows: "The real and realistic picture of the average American family is that of a poor man, struggling just to get steps above poverty; but with great hope that he will have the same opportunity which our Fathers had to better his position." Note that there isn't even the usual, former "blarney" about the worker being actually able to rise out of his position. Instead he, now, has the

Stark Reality

The devastating nature of the present capitalist crisis has in effect swept away the propaganda of the "new capitalism." The ever continuing prosperity period that was to be projected into the eternity has now been superseded by a period in which the ruling class preaches contentment and the acceptance of a lowered standard of living that is gradually being institutionalized by the code minimums. In place of the "capitalist worker", we are now assured that the "real and realistic" America is one of poverty and soul-crushing conditions. The capitalist class is preparing the ideological basis for its economic drive on the wage levels and American standard of living in order to avert a falling rate of profits and to recoup some of the losses of the depression. Out of such stuff are Fascist dreams made!

THE THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE

With this issue we begin to print the replies by Bertram D. Wolfe to the questions submitted to us by Stella (printed in the March 12 issue), and by the more modern and more progressive of our readers.

For the greater convenience of our readers we reprint each question before answering it.

—EDITOR

I AM A BOURGEOIS? My father was a laborer and I have an excellent position with a big corporation, which pays me on a salary basis. I own a car and have many minor luxuries. BUT I have nothing except my salary; no invested income—no investments—no real estate work for my living.

1. YOU'RE NO BOURGEOIS!

When you call yourself "bourgeois" you flatter your income and slander your social role. You do not own for a living; you work for a living. You belong neither to the leisure class, nor to the exploiting class. You belong, despite your "adequate salary," your "nice home," and your "luxuries," to the laboring class, and your abilities, their labor, their brains, or brain, to the owners of the means of production in order to live. You, yourself, have stated the case with perfect clarity when you say: "But I have nothing except my salary; no assured income—no investments—no real estate. I work for my living."

It is not we Communists who call "intellectuals" or brain workers "bourgeois." That is just one of the illusions that so many better-paid brain workers like to nourish—that they are not workers but capitalists. (Bourgeois and capitalist, as scientific terms, are roughly interchangeable.) And your own illusions as to your role in society, a bourgeois outlook or ambitions, make you a capitalist, then that is a position you would have to share with a large section of the American working class, since the wide spread of bourgeois ideas among wage workers is one of the signs of the backwardness of the American workers. "Bourgeois ideas with proletarian pocket books" would characterize many Americans who are bourgeois only in prejudices, illusions, and dreams.

If that adequate salary of yours gives you illusions, it should sober you up. Think how the Communist Party would salariedly have seen them become insalariated, even vanishing altogether, during the depression. As you watch them go in endless procession, you can say to yourself: "There, but for the grace of economic accident go I!" And was not your class, or rather group, the intellectuals, who were most desperately ruined by inflation in Germany? In these days of "holoney dollars" and cuts in gold content, do you still think the American dollar means freedom and security when the dollar now bears the legend, "In God We Trust," will it be long before there will be graven in its place "I hope that my Redeemer liveth"? And those salaries without union organization, those fixed incomes of teachers and other vertiginous men and efficiency experts and civil employees, those pensions and insurance policies and savings for "rainy days"—are not they precisely the sums that shrink to nothingness when consolidations and eliminations fly, when bankruptcies descend in torrents, and inflation makes 10,000 marks or dollars insufficient to buy a car ride or a postage stamp?

The size of your income is not decisive. The source of it, your manner of getting it, is. But if size fools you as to your real interests, it will not, in the times in which we live will take care of that. A few may escape. But that is social accident and not a basis for calculation. In times of social cataclysm, for your group as a whole there is no escape, no ivory tower or sheltered nook. Least of all for the obedient and your very worries as raised in your letter "brand" you as one of the more decent and more conscious ones. Else you would not ask such questions. At any rate, we answer your first question pointblank: No, you are not a brain worker, you are not a bourgeois.

2. IS THERE A PLACE FOR ME IN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT? Do you really want me? I am swinging steadily toward the Left, though I am still a long distance away from you. I used to be a Republican. Then I met you, Roosevelt. Last election I voted for Norman Thomas for Senator (my first Socialist ballot). Next time, if I may possibly vote a straight Socialist ticket, I am interested in your program. I read your articles in papers and magazines. I suppose I'm becoming a "liberal bourgeois," but unlike you, I see no stigma in the word "liberal" in any rank.

2. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

Yes, there is a place for you in the Communist movement. We really want you. You can be useful to us, and we can be of use to you. Individuals as "intellectuals" the Communist movement can develop that "intellect" on which your title as a group is based. And socially the victory of the movement can give security, scope, and future to your group, until the complete preparation into "hand work" and "brain work" is no more.

You again state your own case both well and ill: in all when you call yourself "liberal" and "liberal bourgeois," well when you say: "I am swinging steadily towards the left, though I am still a long distance away from you." "Swinging left," suggests movement, development, life. Being "liberal" means vacillating between two fixed points, and both in a void. Historically the liberal was the advocate of laissez faire, of freedom from government interference

with the free development of the still progressive capitalist system. That was "Manchester liberalism": free trade, free competition, freedom of contract, freedom of enrichment and exploitation. In short, "Going left" is moving forward; such liberalism is looking back, and the Biblical parable is not amiss: When the time is come to leave Sodom and Gomorrah, those who look back will turn to . . . "liberals."

Or could you want to be one of those wishy-washy, gaseous vertebrates, not here-not-there, on-the-one-hand-on-the-other-hand? You welcome me, you say, there's-much-to-be-said-on-both-sides, seeing-two-sides-even-if-there's-only-one, liberals that wring their hands at work, and bosses (but especially at work, ers!) that scurry across no-man's land at zero hour and get in the way of both sides. If you especially of the workers, all too often they have more influence there? Read the Nation and the New Republic—then read the Workers Age. If the former give you a mild pain in the neck (to put it politely) and you like it, let us give you more news; if not, then you're insulting yourself to call yourself a "liberal" with or without the "bourgeois."

Of course, I can give you no guarantees. Hoover to Roosevelt, to Thomas, is a line of development. But if you stop there! Thomas is really a liberal thingy clad in ribbons of socialist phrases. If you're not a Communist, stop there, you may turn out to be a liberal after all. How much there will be a place for you in our movement depends largely upon you. There are intellectuals who come to us expecting to teach before they start to learn. Silver tongues and factious pen have not easily won places of leadership for elements unripe and otherwise unfit. The Socialist Party has made lawyers, doctors, preachers, journalists, dentists into its general staff! It has rushed to nominate every "liberal" you meet, and you'll want as spokesman and standard bearer, Charles Edward Russell, Alan Benson,

Norman Thomas—typify men who have been made spokesmen before they knew what they were speaking for! What should have been the fruit of earnest labor, of years of serious study, of years of testing in struggle, was thrust upon them without labor, study, of testing, and Russell and Benson are gone—back where they came—and Thomas will never know beans about social science, about the Marxian foundations on which our movement is based. So you see, such liberalism is looking back, and a healthy instinct. But for those who can really make the grade, prove their devotion, master our theory and practice, cut the navel string that binds them to their old views, connections, and prejudices, and prove themselves worthy of trust and the rights and duties of membership—for them we have a full comradely welcome, are ready to use their abilities to the full, and make no distinction as to origin and "previous condition." Why, Marx, Engels, Lenin (and since the party likes to mention him in the same breath, I might add, Stalin) were all intellectuals in origin! Surely our movement found a place for them. But you must go the whole way—heart and head—loyalty and understanding and action if you want equality (we offer you more or less) with the rest of us.

It is suggested that there may be some outside imperial power interfering with the aiding one or the other of the warring factions. It may be so. But even an outside power must find some basis for its operation within the country, must have allies who expect to gain from its designs. It stands to reason that in analyzing the situation we must base ourselves on the class divisions within the country. Social Forces Behind Government The present government of Greece, which came to power as a result of the general elections three years ago, represents in the main the interests of the big landowners, the well-to-do peasants and the reactionary (we use the term as distinct from conservative) bourgeoisie. Their historical political expression is the institution of the Monarchy. But the Populist Party, which was organized in the government and the Assembly, won the elections not on the issue of Monarchy vs. Republic. That party knew well that it would never have won had the issue been placed so sharply. It was able to win because the masses were dissatisfied with the government of Venizelos—as they must be with any bourgeois government that holds power during this deep crisis—because it could not fulfill its promises. The Populist Party, led by Tsaldaris, made bigger and better promises than we.

Upon the victory of Tsaldaris, Venizelos, leader of the Liberal-Republican Party—the party of the big industrialists, financiers and merchants, declared bluntly that he will not yield governmental power unless the victors pledge to uphold the Republic. That his threat was not an idle one, he proved by Tsaldaris and is borne out by recent events. If today Venizelos can rally the navy and a good section of the army, how much greater was his support three years ago when he suffered electoral defeat? Tsaldaris and the Populists felt the strength of Venizelos and bowed gracefully to the Republic, pledging allegiance to it. Populists Clean Army On assuming the reigns of government the Populists proceeded to strengthen their positions. Republican army and navy officers were replaced by supporters of the government. Tsaldaris also clearly saw the need of broadening his base of support thru winning sections of the Republicans. It was with this in mind that Tsaldaris drew into the cabinet leaders of republican opinion but opposing Venizelos. Among these was the present war minister Kondylis, an ambitious but strongly anti-monarchist army officer. Having thus created the appearance of loyalty to the Republic, the government proceeded to weed out Republican government officials in the provinces—strongholds of Republicanism—and to replace them by royalists. Slowly but systematically the ground was being prepared for the return of the monarchy.

It is this combination of contradictory tasks—patriotism and socialism—which constituted the fatal error of the French Socialists. Already in the Manifesto of the International, September, 1870, the French proletariat had proclaimed its ideal: to be carried away by the false national idea; profound changes had taken place since the time of the Great Revolution, class differences had become more acute, and although at that time the struggle against the reaction of the bourgeoisie was not the central issue, the proletarian movement would have been much more serious than the injury from the losses suffered by the working class in the fight while defending its arms. Great as were the sacrifices of the Communist group, there are reasons for its impotence. The general proletarian struggle: it stirred up the Socialist movement throughout Europe, it demonstrated the value of civil war, it dispersed patriotic illusions and shattered the naive faith in the common national aspirations of the bourgeoisie. The Commune has taught the European proletariat to deal concretely with the problems of the socialist revolution.

And true enough, the idea underlying Versailles "patriotism" was not slow in revealing itself. Having concluded a shameful peace with the Prussians the Versailles Government devoted itself to its direct task—it undertook a raid upon the national honor of the Paris proletariat. The workers replied by proclaiming

THE GREEK REVOLT

By C. CHRISTIE

This article was written before the defeat of the forces led by Venizelos. The defeat and the events following have substantiated in full Comrade Christie's analysis.—EDITOR.

The censored news coming out of Greece these days hardly provides any information on the underlying causes of the present situation. The "Daily Worker" which knows little and learns less, sees nothing but fascism in everything and everybody not in agreement with Communism. It therefore interprets the events as a fight between two fascist groups for supremacy and spoils.

Class Forces Involved.

But one cannot dismiss a situation of this kind by merely shouting fascist groups, even were it so. Politicians, fighting for patronage and a place at the "pork barrel" do not resort to such tactics. When a whole nation is divided into two camps in a struggle of such dimensions, there must be something more than the mere ambitions of the politicians involved. Ambition there certainly must be on both sides but who is backing it? What classes, what economic interests provide the basis for each side?

It is suggested that there may be some outside imperial power interfering with the aiding one or the other of the warring factions. It may be so. But even an outside power must find some basis for its operation within the country, must have allies who expect to gain from its designs. It stands to reason that in analyzing the situation we must base ourselves on the class divisions within the country. Social Forces Behind Government The present government of Greece, which came to power as a result of the general elections three years ago, represents in the main the interests of the big landowners, the well-to-do peasants and the reactionary (we use the term as distinct from conservative) bourgeoisie. Their historical political expression is the institution of the Monarchy. But the Populist Party, which was organized in the government and the Assembly, won the elections not on the issue of Monarchy vs. Republic. That party knew well that it would never have won had the issue been placed so sharply. It was able to win because the masses were dissatisfied with the government of Venizelos—as they must be with any bourgeois government that holds power during this deep crisis—because it could not fulfill its promises. The Populist Party, led by Tsaldaris, made bigger and better promises than we.

Upon the victory of Tsaldaris, Venizelos, leader of the Liberal-Republican Party—the party of the big industrialists, financiers and merchants, declared bluntly that he will not yield governmental power unless the victors pledge to uphold the Republic. That his threat was not an idle one, he proved by Tsaldaris and is borne out by recent events. If today Venizelos can rally the navy and a good section of the army, how much greater was his support three years ago when he suffered electoral defeat? Tsaldaris and the Populists felt the strength of Venizelos and bowed gracefully to the Republic, pledging allegiance to it. Populists Clean Army On assuming the reigns of government the Populists proceeded to strengthen their positions. Republican army and navy officers were replaced by supporters of the government. Tsaldaris also clearly saw the need of broadening his base of support thru winning sections of the Republicans. It was with this in mind that Tsaldaris drew into the cabinet leaders of republican opinion but opposing Venizelos. Among these was the present war minister Kondylis, an ambitious but strongly anti-monarchist army officer. Having thus created the appearance of loyalty to the Republic, the government proceeded to weed out Republican government officials in the provinces—strongholds of Republicanism—and to replace them by royalists. Slowly but systematically the ground was being prepared for the return of the monarchy.

It is this combination of contradictory tasks—patriotism and socialism—which constituted the fatal error of the French Socialists. Already in the Manifesto of the International, September, 1870, the French proletariat had proclaimed its ideal: to be carried away by the false national idea; profound changes had taken place since the time of the Great Revolution, class differences had become more acute, and although at that time the struggle against the reaction of the bourgeoisie was not the central issue, the proletarian movement would have been much more serious than the injury from the losses suffered by the working class in the fight while defending its arms. Great as were the sacrifices of the Communist group, there are reasons for its impotence. The general proletarian struggle: it stirred up the Socialist movement throughout Europe, it demonstrated the value of civil war, it dispersed patriotic illusions and shattered the naive faith in the common national aspirations of the bourgeoisie. The Commune has taught the European proletariat to deal concretely with the problems of the socialist revolution.

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THE STRUGGLE IN INDIA

Bombay, Feb. 9, 1935.

A few words about our activities. Some of us contacted the municipal elections to the Bombay Municipal Corporation (City Council) and one was elected. We made very good use of the elections for the purpose of agitation and propaganda.

In Bombay the voting requirements are very high. Not even 10% of the city's population is entitled to vote and even in predominantly working class localities the workers constitute less than 5% of the electorate. Considering these facts and the period of reaction following the last General Textile Strike, the support we received at the polls was far beyond our expectations and is certainly encouraging.

C.P. Adventurism The official group (C.P.) did not participate in the municipal elections since they had timed the Indian Revolution to begin on the 21st of January—the day before the elections. We are not joking when we say this. The C.P. issued, in all seriousness, a call for a political general strike and a predominantly working class localities campaign to begin on January 21. The stated aim of this movement was the overthrow of imperialism and the establishment of a Workers and Peasants Soviet Republic. Needless to say absolutely nothing happened on January 21.

Though they had no candidates of their own, they lacked the good sense of supporting us. Their audacity in issuing such slogans is a clear indication of the absence of class, and spirit of adventurism and their political bankruptcy. And such things are being done in the name of the C.I. and with its backing and prestige. Is there no way of bringing this nonsense to the attention of the Comintern and of persuading it to adopt a more realistic and sane attitude?

Some Falsehoods On Textile Strike In the fourth issue of the Indian Forum, published in London, there is an article by Bradley on the last textile strike. Towards the end of this article he pointed out the mistakes committed by his friends (C.P.) in Bombay and administered a sound rebuke. But on the whole the article is full of malice and half-truths and malicious lies against us. Here are a few illustrations: 1. The strike was prepared and led by the strike committee of the Bombay Ginni Kamgar Union until the second round-up (arrests) on May 25. It was not until then, when the whole leadership of the union was in jail, that a C.P. man forced himself to the top. This, Bradley "forgets" and claims credit for the whole strike for the C.P. 2. It is true that the Congress (Indian National) and the moderate labor leaders like — and —, did not render any aid to the strikers. But it is absolutely untrue to say that they barked on any strike-breaking activities. Congressmen formed a relief committee and collected and distributed some relief among the strikers. They held sympathetic meetings and tried to bring about the influence of the reformist cooperation of the strike committee. issued press statements and justified the strike. He was even prepared in the later stages to join the strike committee and actively work with it. It is our duty to expose the influence of the reformist leaders but perversion of facts and untrue statements will hardly achieve that task. 3. It is absolutely false to say that our people (C.P.O.) broke away from the strike committee. In fact, the strikers were there till the last. Equally false and malicious is the charge that we conducted a campaign for non-violence. C.P. Disruption In Strike Apart from the repressive measures of the government, the strike-breaking (C.P.) shares a part of the responsibility for the defeat of the strike. It disrupted the strike committee, wasted two weeks in silly wrangling, made wild speeches and issued insurrectionary slogans. This at a time when most of the responsible leaders of the strike were in jail.

The Job Of Rebuilding With such tactics they could of course not maintain themselves in the leadership. Immediately after our release from jail we regained our leadership in the union, the workers ousting the irresponsible official group. We are now busy rebuilding the union shattered as a result of the strike. India Speaks To The Workers Age "We greet the Workers Age as the fearless fighter for the emancipation of the American workers and masses of the toiling masses of the world. We receive guidance and inspiration from the Age in our most difficult task of organizing the toiling masses of India for the overthrow of British imperialism and its allies, the imperialist exploiters, the Landlords and Capitalists. It is a mine of information for us in our day to day struggles against reformism and ultra-leftism. We draw from it valuable lessons in revolutionary tactics and strategy on all the fronts of the struggle. It is very useful to us especially in fighting the ultra-left line here and in bringing about a unification of all the Communist elements in the country in one C.P. built and guided by correct Marxist-Leninist principles. Long live the Workers Age and the Communist Party U. S. A. (Opposition) whose organ it is."

Indian Communist Opposition JOIN the Communist Opposition 61 West 14th Street New York City

Moscow, 1965. This Manifesto promised to grant civil liberties, an extension of universal suffrage to the Imperial Duma, and other democratic reforms.—Ed.

The lesson taught the proletariat will not be forgotten. The working class will make use of it, as was already the case

"I Leave the YCL to Fight for Leninism with the CPO"

By ETHEL POLK

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, I was given a "choice" between stating that I was incorrect in my criticism of the Party on the trade union and other tactical questions, or taking the consequence—expulsion. It was made clear to me that my crime, was especially inexcusable because I was an old League member. The new member of the YCL has not had the experience that will bring him to different or critical conclusions on the tactics of the Party. The old member dare not discuss for fear of expulsion. And, in the "school for Communism"—the YCL—democratic centralism has been outlawed! Phrases, dogma, hero-worship and unhealthy unanimity characterize YCL discussions to-day.

Our "Rights" We have some rights in the YCL. Discussion is tolerated . . . as long as we stick to discussion on how to carry out the line already set down and take no granted the infallibility of our leadership and its line. So far do our "rights" go and no further! This is so, perhaps, because "principles" have also taken on a new meaning. When the Party comes out for a Labor Party, it comes out for it "on principle." Since when, comrades, do we change our principles, do we lay them aside for five years or so? Such confusion cannot be tolerated if we are to work as Communists.

Our United Fronts In my two-and-a-half years of membership in the League, and in my work in the movement for several years before that, I have participated in various types and phases of work. Everywhere have I seen the same sectarianism hindering our work. In the National Student League we have made an "excellent" job in turning it into a "class-struggle, revolutionary organization." Our role of martyrdom in the united front negotiations around ourselves. In the New View club we worked very hard to form a clandestine united front from below with the YPSL's in Brooklyn. Because of this approach, because of our general manner of united front work, we have been discredited and have lost an excellent chance.

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BY V. I. LENIN

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It was able to eradicate "common national" and "patriotic" aberrations in the ranks of the young proletariat, and when, with its direct intervention, it was possible to make the Tsar proclaim the Manifesto of October 30, the proletariat took up energetic preparation for the first inevitable stage of the revolution—armed insurrection. Free from "common national" illusions, it concentrated its class forces in its mass organizations—the Soviets of Workers' Deputies, etc. And, in spite of all the differences between the aims and tasks confronting the Russian Revolution and those of the French Revolution of 1871, the Russian proletariat had to resort to the same means of struggle which the Paris Commune had initiated—civil war. Bearing in mind its lessons, the proletariat knew that it must not disdain peaceful weapons of struggle—they serve its everyday interests, they are essential during the preparing of revolutions—neither must it ever forget to use certain peaceful weapons of the class struggle assumes forms of armed struggle and civil war; there are times when the interests of the proletariat demand ruthless annihilation of its enemies in open battle. The French proletariat was the first to demonstrate this in the Commune and it was brilliantly confirmed by the Russian proletariat in the December insurrection.

These magnificent insurrections of the working class were crushed, but there will be another insurrection in the face of which the forces of the enemies of the proletariat will prove impotent, an insurrection in which the socialist proletariat will be completely victorious.

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THEORY OF SOCIAL FASCISM WITH NEW FRILLS ADDED NOW BLOOMS IN CANADA

Befuddlement Now A Science Of Denouncing Reformists And Trade Unionists

By K. KALMEN

Confusion reigns supreme in the ranks of the C. P. of Canada.

Being one of the last sections of the C. I. to begin changing its methods of work it still persists in its adherence to the discredited concepts and ideas.

The issue of social fascism was considered dead and forgotten. The united front agreement concluded in France, the Saar and Spain put an end to the ill-famed theory of social fascism. The Canadian Party followed suit. It issued appeals to the C.C.F. (Canadian Commonwealth Federation) for united fronts in the struggle against War and Fascism, for Unemployment Insurance, etc. It was begging and complimenting the leaders of the C.C.F., Woodsworth and others, to attend and give their blessing to the campaigns narrowly conducted by the Party. It "danced quadrilles" around Bevan of the British Labour Party, arranging meetings with him without Party speakers participating.

But the C.C.F. leaders refused the Party's offers. They refused to conclude, as did their American colleagues of the S.P., united front agreements with the C.P. So in childish indignation the theory of social fascism is being salvaged.

Two articles under the heading: "The Meaning of Social Fascism and its Role in the Labour Movement" appeared in the Worker of Feb. 20th and 23rd, written by J. Warren.

Trade Union Leaders Are Social Fascists

The first contention of Warren is that because the A. F. L. leaders expelled Communists they are social fascists. Developing the theory, that "in order to introduce Fascism the capitalist class must first of all split the labour movement, weaken it, separate from it the militant, class-conscious element that would lead the workers to fight and defeat the introduction of Fascism" and that "as far back as 1927 the leaders of the A. F. L. started their expulsion drive against Communists", therefore the trade union leaders who are preparing the way to Fascism are social fascists.

So expulsions from unions by bureaucrats make them social fascists!

Democracy And Social Fascism

The second contention of Warren is that because social reformism supports bourgeois democracy it is social fascism. He argues: "The capitalist class must prepare its 'coup' during the period and

with the help of its 'democratic institutions.'" "Social reformist leaders come forth as the champions of democracy," and therefore the natural conclusion—"Isn't the defense of democracy by the social reformist leaders the defense of the preparation of Fascism?"

Warren fails to see that bourgeois democracy is not identical with Fascism; that the whole conception of bourgeois democracy is different from that of Fascism. The confusion is clear. And the writer concludes "So the social reformist leaders are called upon to give their last service. They are called upon to pave the way for Fascism. Then they will either be incorporated into the Fascist system or thrown out as a tool that has been useful in the past, but is no longer needed. That is why the Communists call the present role of social reformism, 'social fascism' and the reformist leaders 'social fascists.'" The theory of social fascism in full bloom again.

"Science" of Social Fascism

What is the purpose of this article? At the beginning of the article he says: "Social Fascism is a harsh term. But it was never intended to be a term of name-calling. It is a scientific phrase to denote the present historical role of social reformism." And at the end of the article "The main purpose of this article has been to clarify the question of social fascism . . . and to sharpen fire against those elements in the revolutionary movement who persist in misusing the term 'social fascism' for phrase mongery and name-calling." No, social fascism is not to be used as merely name-calling or phrase mongery. It is to be a scientifically defined expression for befuddled and confused members of the C.P. of Canada; and that there is room for confusion is shown by the fact that the "Worker" contain an appeal by the C.P. to the C.C.F. for a united May Day demonstration. Will Woodsworth, after he appears on the same platform with I'm Buck, still be a social fascist? Will the C.C.F. leaders become honest working class leaders if they accept the offer of the Party?

The following quotation from an article on the Saar on Page 9, No. 1 of the German "Rundschau" of this year should serve as a warning: "The accomplishment of the unity of action and of trade union unity (in the Saar) shows to many comrades who still believe that the social democratic workers and functionaries are social fascists . . . that it isn't so. Sectarian concepts of this kind, preventing us only from developing the mass struggle against Fascism, and repelling the honest anti-fascist social democratic workers, who want to struggle with us, must be liquidated at last."

Party members and sympathisers must discuss the issues facing them and clearly express themselves whether they are in agreement with the pseudo-theorising of this arch theoretician of J. Warren's type.

LOCAL 22-

Progressive Slate Victor

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turbance. But all in vain! The many thousands of dressmakers came out to the polls and, unintimidated, voted overwhelmingly for the progressive slate. Now, in an attempt to cover up their own unscrupulous activities at the polling places, the leaders of the "Left"—"Club" combination are crying about "terrorism" and are attempting to parade as the victims of "intimidation!"

In spite of the fact that this year they were confronted with a triple alliance, a combination of three opposition groups in the Union, the progressives polled a bigger proportion of the vote than last year in the election of the election and objection committee. The respective figures are: In 1934: progressives 58.5%, "Lefts" 41.5%. In 1935: progressives 60.4%, "Left"-"Club"-"Active" group combination 39.6%.

Especially significant is the extremely good response of the newer elements in the Union and their overwhelming support of the progressive movement. In the Spanish section, the members voted over 7 to 1 for the progressive slate. In the Harlem section, where most of the colored members voted, the proportion was over 3 to 1 for the progressive slate. The enthusiasm of these thousands of newer members of the Union for the progressive administration is due to the great improvement in their conditions that came as a result of the last general strike in which the progressives were the big driving force.

In a very short time there will take place the real elections, the elections to choose the manager, the executive board, business agents and other officers of the Local. On the basis of the results of March 14 voting, it is universally believed that the progressives will score an unprecedented victory in these elections.

The ECONOMIC WEEK

The business index declined under the impact of steel and electric power declines. The New York Times of March 10, 1935 reported that business "executives in various fields . . . expressed the opinion that the Spring peak of activity has been reached and that for the next few months industry can expect a definite letdown. . . ."

The cost of living conditions continues to rise. Food prices have risen over 34% in the past two years. This, by no means, indicates that the farmer secures the full benefit of the rise. Consumers' Guide states that "consumers are now paying an average price of 8.3 cents a pound for bread. The wheat in a pound loaf of bread is worth about 1 1/4 cents at the farm." The remainder of the total is absorbed by the processors and the transportation systems.

Two years of the new deal have resulted in an increase in weekly wages of a little over a \$1.25 and an increase in employment of 4,000,000. This is equivalent, approximately, to an added wage return of \$10,000,000. At the same time, the government has expended \$10,000,000 for its relief work, which leaves you with a zero, as a remainder, as well as an unwieldy and unbalanced budget.

The initial use of the gold profits by the government is very mildly inflationary. Its real import lies in the shift from the national bank notes to the federal bank notes which puts the currency on more of a paper basis. And, also, fits into the evolving monetary system—centralized with a commercial paper standard rather than the old gold standard. —ECONOMIST.

SHOE-

NRA Refuses Code Opening

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concentrated in blaming Zimmerman for all the weaknesses and mistakes of the present G.E.B. Although Zimmerman is not a member of the G.E.B., these individuals are accusing him of being the "power behind the throne." In this they are helped by that howling pack of wolves who are attempting to run down and slaughter Progressivism in the trade unions, the Biglenkapps and their hysterical followers. Despite confusion among shoe workers in this deluge of lies and dirt, Zimmerman forces are consolidating for a victorious finish. Particularly in the face of increasing aggression of the Shoe Manufacturers in partnership with the NRA, is the victory of the Zimmerman Progressive forces the only hope for the shoe workers. The fight against compulsory arbitration, NRA duplicity and aggression, the fight for shoe union unity, the fight against the shoe barons and building of a powerful Union—all this hinges on the election verdict. A victory for the Zimmerman forces will mean a real tackling of these problems.

PREVAILING WAGE LOST

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Voting for the McCarran amendment were 19 Democrats, 18 Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite.

While permitting less than prevailing rates of wages to be paid on public works, the Russell amendment seeks to sugar-coat the wage-cutting drive involved by calling on the president to set such wages "as will in the discretion of the president accomplish the purposes of this act and not affect adversely or otherwise tend to decrease the going rates of wages paid for work of a similar nature."

In view of the fact that Roosevelt has repeatedly and publicly stated that he intends to pay lower wages than those in private employment—and advanced arguments that this will not have a wage-cutting effect—labor men saw little or no defense against lowering of wage standards in this clause.

Building workers won a limited concession, however, in the second part of the amendment, which would make obligatory observance of the Bacon-Davis prevailing wage act, so far as permanent buildings for government use are concerned.

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WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK "EMPROS" COMES OUT A POOR SECOND IN FIGHT

Communist Party's Greek Organ Tries To Smash Workers Group

In last week's issue of "Empros", the official sheet of C.P.U.S.A. in the Greek language, appears a vicious and slanderous attack against certain workers who helped organize the "Greek-American Workers Educational League, with headquarters at 674 - 8th Ave., New York City.

The workers in general and the progressive ones in particular know well that in the last few years the C. P. press has succeeded in becoming the undisputed leader and standard bearer of M.S.I.U. (Mud Slingers' Industrial Union), therefore we are not going to answer their slanders as long as they are turned against us as individuals. If they find comfort and happiness in mire and filth, let them lie there. It is none of our business.

But it is our business as workers to take part in any workers' movement where we can help, especially when its aim is the organization of the workers into trade unions and the advocacy of a labor party. And precisely these are the aims of the G.A.W.E.L., against which the mud slinging of "Empros" is turned, in the disguise of "political" attacks against individual workers.

Purpose Of Our Club

The story of the G.A.W.E.L. is very interesting and instructive at the same time. In local 16 Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Alliance, affiliated with the A. F. of L., there are a good number of Greek workers who have learned from experience that only through organization can the workers gain a decent living. At the same time they see that thousands of other Greek workers in this city remain unorganized thus handicapping the organized workers in their struggle against the bosses. This is very elementary but worth noting because out of this simple observation certain conclusions were drawn with the following results:

First, they decided that it would be a very good thing to help bring home to the unorganized Greek workers the idea of class consciousness and trade unionism.

Second, that there must be a strong trade union organization free from splits and dualism in order to be effective. Therefore, the thing to do was to endorse the A. F. of L. and call upon the Greek workers to join the A. F. of L. unions.

Third, that the working class should have its own political party, an all-inclusive mass Labor Party based upon trade unions, workers' parties and other workers' organizations.

These ideas were agitating the Greek workers in local 16 for quite a time and attempts were made by them to organize an educational group since last September. Although no tangible results had come out for quite a time the idea gained ground gradually. The workers were willing and ready but lacked leadership with organizational experience. They held a few meetings, discussed the problem and finally called in some other workers outside of their union to help along in this work.

Empros Does Its Job

And here is where the "traitors" and "scabs", as they are denounced by the "Empros", come into the picture. They are workers, some of them members of the Socialist Party and some former members of the Communist Party—expelled, not resigned or dropped out, dur-

ing the "enlightenment campaign." Then things began to happen. A provisional committee was elected, a platform was drawn up, based on class struggle, which was submitted to the membership and accepted. Club rooms were rented and furnished, activities started and in a word a healthy and promising organization with about 100 members consolidated itself ready to do things.

And the Party? How about the Communist Party and its Greek section? Why, they were simply "forgotten", or rather the workers knew what they had to expect of its present crazy tactics and—well they forgot it.

The funny part of the story (because there is a funny part to it also) is that our slanders are becoming ridiculous too. This is to be expected. When one throws all decency to the four winds, everything can be expected of him. And in this case we have before us a most ridiculous situation. The prophets of the "enlightened" C.P. turned jugglers. The official Party organ in the Greek language hollers "murder!" and accuses our League as a "dual organization" aiming to "split the ranks of the workers"!!! Because they say there is already in existence a "Greek Workers Educational Club", the "Spartacus", and "according to its constitution all Greek workers irrespective of their political or religious convictions and affiliations can join it."

Bravo, You are inimitable, comrades.

Short On Memory

But maybe you have forgotten the notices of expulsions of workers from "Spartacus", published in your own "Empros"? If you wish to be reminded, we do it with the greatest sorrow. And for what reasons were the expulsions made? If your memory is short, turn to the pages of "Empros." You'll read there with satisfaction the purging of "Spartacus" from "Lovestoneites" and "Trotskyites."

We haven't been in your club rooms lately, but there was once hanging there a beautiful sign with the legend:

"Bourgeois and Trotskyite political discussions not allowed."

Our idea of an organization where "all workers should join, irrespective of their political and religious convictions" is that not only bourgeois politics and Trotskyism with all its implications, but even the Holy-Rollerism of the Post-enlightenment or third period of the C.P. should be freely discussed and exposed for what they are.

For the sake of keeping the records clear we may state here that Kaldes, mentioned by "Empros" as one of the organizers of the League had absolutely nothing to do with its organization and is not even a member of it.

—C. CHRISTIE.

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