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# At First **GLANCE**

By JAY LOVESTONE

"SAVINGS Depositors Hit Top Re-cord in New York"! "Banks Bulging with Deposits"! "Gold Piling Up in Our Country." Such screaming headlines are nowadays common in the employing class press. What does all this mean? What do our financial experts have up their sleeves when they rant this way?

These headlines are far more accurate than the usual run. It is true that the banks have more funds today than in many a summer. However, this is not proof of a healthy state of affairs, as some superficial observers might believe. Nor is the piling up of gold in America's vaults anything else but a harbinger of disastrous days ahead. The basic industries of the country are in such an unsound position that the banks don't dare invest in them. The sources of profits are drying up so rapidly in this country that the banks are becoming increasing-ly dependent upon government securities for the investment of their funds. In New York, for instance, sixteen of the nineteen Clearing House banks report (for the first quarter of 1935) nearly 40% of their deposits and one-third of their assets invested in government securities.

This growing scarcity of outlet for bank funds indicates the organically serious condition of even the world's most powerful capitalist machine. this situation are rooted many social and political consequences of paramount significance-none boding well for the present system. Hence the cries of the financiers about "the profitless business of banking." Coming months will witness quite a number of "voluntary dissolutions" among banking houses. Concentration of capital at an accelerated pace is the order of the day. Coincident with this is its opposite—the extension and diffusion of misery. Likewise the flight of capital from Europe (thru gold shipments) to our shores is bound to aggravate the brewing difficulties here. This trend serves only to accentuate the speculative and unstable factors inherent in American capitalist enterprise. This was the effect in 1929. It will be much

worse in its consequences the next time.

In the present world situation capitalist rainbows are only signs of oncoming devastating storms.

ON a silver platter goes our sympathy to the select folks who will be guests at Buckingham Palace on May 6th. At this State banquet in honor of the King's jubilee the famous gold dinner service, valued at \$16,000,000 will not be used. More prosaic china will be offered to the disappointed celebrators. What a sacrifice! What a spirit of selfdenial! This little incident reflects lots of big things. Why should anyone have such a set? The House of Hanover (George V) is amongst the most decadent royalties still plaguing nations. Is this why? Then, why does the Labor this expose the whole costly futility of royalties? Perhaps our communist comrades might do a little more concrete propaganda work and raise the issue of abolishing the monarchy all-together. What about Comrade Maxton proposing in the House of Commons that on the oc-casion of this Jubilee, "His Majesty" sell the dinner set and have the proceeds go to the clearance of slums, to the wiping out of depressed areas?

Surely, our comrades and brothers in England can see the organic connection between this splendor, luxury, and debauchery on top and the poverty, misery and degradation at the bottom of society. instability to the world currency sys-Such dinner sets are symbolic of the tems. China operating on a silver basis class relations in British society. If we is soon to pay for this American patent are not too presumptious, may we promedicine with all the hardships for the pose to our class brothers and comrades masses attendant to currency reorganin our "mother country" that it wouldn't ization, to installing some form of the be a bad idea at all to pounce on their



DEMONSTRATE: MAY FIRST

Brothers and sisters, fellow working men and women! We call upon you this day to gather to demonstrate your solidarity and power.

Fifty years ago, in their fight for the eight-hour day, the American workers established May Day as the occasion for such a demonstration. The workers abroad followed their example, and today workers in every corner of the globe rally in masses to proclaim their revolt against starvation and want and their determination to struggle for a better world.

Throughout the world this May Day of 1935 dawns upon untold millions of workers living in misery and need. In the United States at least 12,000,000 are victims of hunger and idleness. With their wives and children they constitute more than a third of our entire population.

In a world where abundance exists millions are depending on private and public charity, with their meagre doles being steadily reduced. Those who are employed receive scarcely a living wage, with the cost of life's necessities constantly rising. Producing much, they receive little. With millions unemployed in the streets no worker with a job is secure in his employment.

### LABOR AND THE GOVERNMENT

May Day of 1935 finds chaos in government policy and collapse in its economic program. After the glittering promises of the National Recovery Act, disillusionment has set in. Under Section 7-A the workers were entitled to the fullest benefit of collective bargaining, but its administration was put in the hands of agents of the employers. The result has been a denial of workers' rights and an increase of employers' power—in raising the cost of living and

royalty for such an insulting display of loot to the hungry, jobless millions.

TT doesn't take much talent in prophecy L to forecast that China is due for a serious worsening of its economic crisis The precipitating factor will be the Roosevelt monetary policy boosting artificial-

ly the price of silver. Few will today defend the thesis that the New Deal's policy of buying up silver has helped economic conditions in the U.S. But one achievement must be credited to this Roosevelt remedy: It has certainly helped to lend still more (Continued on Page 5)

UROPE TODAY | LAW SLAMS PRISON

By August Thalheimer Our European Correspondent

AFTER STRESA

The pressure exerted by France and Italy succeeded in making Stresa go beyond the "exploratory" stage though it fell short of concluding pacts. The total results of the Stresa conference are reflected in the retreat by Germany on the question of the Eastern pact. Berlin negotiations with the English ministers Hitler had rejected the participa-tion of Germany in any Eastern pact which called for a mutual military assistance pledge even if Germany were exempt from this pledge. Germany has retreated on this point. This step of course does not preclude any future ma-

neuvers against a real Eastern pact;

nevertheless it represents a retreat. This retreat was made by Hitler Germany to avoid its complete diplomatic and foreign political isolation. Germany was threatened by isolation since Stresa meant the beginning of a united front of defense against Germany. This beginning consists in the fact

that England and Italy have voiced no objections to the French-Soviet pact, established in principle, though they are not participating themselves. The Gentleman's Agreement reached between Laval and the Paris Soviet Ambassador (Continued on Page 6)

strengthening the monopolists' hold on the necessities of life. Whatever gains the workers have made are due to their own organized strength.

The right of profit remains sacred, sanctioned and perpetuated by the government, but the rights of the workers to enjoy collective bargaining-to receive decent wages, to improve their conditions—these rights are violated every day. Backed by the government, the masters of industry are not only not content with their monopolies, their high prices and greedy profits, but they are determined to crush the organizations of the workers. They maintain child labor, they form company unions, they spend millions to influence legis-

#### THE MENACE OF FASCISM

Fascist barbarism has spread like a plague over Europe. Workers recognize that fascism is but a new name for bloody terroristic capitalism. In order to keep the workers divided, Fascism sets up barriers of race and religious prejudices, establishes terrors, crushes freedom, raises the bloody spectre of

In America, the ruling class has already planted the seeds of Fascism. In framing up Sacco and Vanzetti, in imprisoning Tom Mooney, in keeping the Negro Scottsboro boys in jail, in the use of police brutality in strikes, in discrimination against the colored people generally, the ruling class is growing bolder every day. At the same time, a flock of demagogues and potential Fascists are offering a Utopian promised land, but they say nothing about destroying the profit system or increasing the power of the workers over their own destinies. The Huey Long's and the Father Coughlin's, well financed, mouth radical phrases after the fashion of the German Butcher Hitler, but theirs is the hunger for individual dictatorships and a continuation of capitalist exploitation.

#### THE DANGER OF WAR

Capitalism continues to rush headlong into war. Commercial rivalries of powerful capitalist groups are pulling at the strings of diplomacy in search of foreign markets. The munition makers gloat over the intensification of nationalism. They watch the process by which fascism quickens the armament race all over the world. The "Statesmen" of the nations scurry from capital to capital, prepare their pacts and treaties and arrange the alignment of international hatreds. The scene of 1914 is being repeated. Only united action by the toiling masses can make the world safe from a new orgy of blood.

#### WORKING MEN AND WORKING WOMEN!

Let us turn the MAY DAY CELEBRATION into powerful demonstration of working class unity against war and fascism. Let us raise the banner of international brotherhood and peace. Let us proclaim our eternal opposition to a system of capitalism, a system which throws millions into discard and starvation. Let us prepare the way for a workers' world of plenty for all who toil!

Let us demonstrate our solidarity with the workers of Italy, Germany, Austria and Spain, temporarily under the heel of Fascism, but who are heroically struggling for its overthrow; with the workers of England, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and Sweden, who are marching steadfastly toward Socialism; and with the workers and peasants of Soviet Russia who, amidst the greatest difficulties are building a new Social Order.

INTERNATIONAL DAY, 1935

On INTERNATIONAL MAY DAY, 1935, we call upon the workers of this, the greatest metropolis in the world, to come out in the streets in hundreds of thousands, to close their ranks and march in one powerful United Labor

AGAINST COMPANY UNIONISM AND THE OPEN SHOP AGAINST STARVATION AND DEGRADATION

AGAINST CHILD LABOR AND RACE DISCRIMINATION

AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

FOR THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK

FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE

FOR ADEQUATE RELIEF FOR THE NEEDY

FOR BREAD, FOR WORK, FOR PEACE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF THE WORKERS

FOR A WORKERS' WORLD!

# DOORS ON BRESLOW

Conference Plans Further Fight For Canadian Labor Leader

MONTREAL, QUE.—The petition for "Leave of Appeal" to the Supreme Court of Canada, presented on behalf of Comrade Frank Breslow and W. Rudin, serving a six month sentence on a charge of "conspiracy to intimidate," was dismissed on Thursday, May 18. Therefore the channels for legal procedure in this case are now practically closed.

Immediately after the result of the appeal became known Bernard Shane, (Continued on Page 5)

#### THE MAY DAY LABOR CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONS IN

International Ladies Garment Workers and All New York Locals

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of

America and All New York Locals Socialist Party of N. Y. and All Locals United Hebrew Trades Jewish Daily Forward

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Workmen Circle Schools Communist Party (Opposition) Workers Party of U. S. Jewish Workers Party Radio Factory Workers Celluloid Workers Young Circle League Student L.I.D. Teachers Union Unemployed Workers Union Civil Works Employees Socialist Consumers League

United Hebrew Actors New Workers School Spartacus Youth League Metal and Machinery Workers Maritime Transport Workers Wood Workers Ind. Union Local 802, Musicians Union N. Y. Sign Writers, L. 230 Paper Plate and Bag Makers Inside Bakery Workers (striking workers of the National Biscuit Company) Communist Youth Opposition

International Ladies Garment Workers Union

MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM THE

# MAY DAY IS A LIVING SYMBOL FOR LABOR proletariat that its struggle for emancipation is one and the same in all countries. Today, at the head of the army

The Workers Age Reprints Rosa Luxemburg's Analysis Of tariat, the proletariat of the land of Two Fascist Groups Vie For Power In Another Vaunted Labor's Great Day As A Reflection Of The Direction of the Labor Movement

phases, all the factors of the class strug- working class. As long as the class the factors of the class strug- bed the least bit of demogratic phases, all the factors of the class struggle. From an external viewpoint it seems to be the same monotonous repetition of the same speeches and articles, of the same demands and resolutions. And those glance cannot penetrate behind whose glance cannot penetrate behind preculiarities of its national surroundings, the meaningless surface of things and grasp their essence, believe that thru constant repetition the celebration of May Day has lost its entire significance, that it has become practically an "empty the struggle throws the masses sharply up against the ruling powers, then the least bit of democratic struggles and to final victors of the factors of the class struggle had the least bit of democratic elbow-room and as long as the class struggle had the least bit of democratic elbow-room and as long as the class tion and the joy of battle. From the two factors of the special mental demonstration and demonstration and demonstration of democratic elbow-room and as long as the class tion and the joy of battle. From the two factors of the cight hour day and against two for the eight hour day and against two for the eight hour day and against two for the eight hour day and against two for the cight hour day and against two for the cight hour day and against two for the cight hour day and against war, it has gradually become a demonstration for the proletarian revolution. Not the decline but the tremendous rise by its national dispersal. But as soon as the fluid the struggle arise for the decline but the tremendous rise by its national dispersal. But as soon as the fluid the least bit of democratic elbow-room and as long as the day of positive parliamentary work lasted, the surfice all fluid the proletarian demonstration for the peledian feeling of the National Bank, Dr. Englis speaking before the general meet-to a feeling of the National Bank, Dr. Englis speaking before the general meet-to a feeling of the National Bank, Dr. Englis speaking before the general meet-to a feeling of the National Bank, Dr. Englis s demonstration." But under the apparently similar external circumstances May idea of the world proletariat, one and in-Day reveals within itself the constantly changing pulse of the proletarian struggle! It is part of the life of the labor movement, therefore changes with it and reflects, in its spiritual content, in ing situation of the class struggle.

#### Phases of May Day

The inner history of May Day has passed thru three great phases. In its early years, when it had to force the way open before it, it was greeted with the tense expectations and elevated sentiments of the proletarians of all counevoked in the bourgeoisie of all coun-per. tries the deepest hatred and fear. The idea of an international Socialist demonstration appeared to it as the returning ghost of the old International and the eager response to a simultaneous world celebration of labor, as the death-knell of the entire rule of capital. This accounts for the insane preparations made in the early years to overcome the dangers of May Day with the most Negroes-three fourths of all the colored brutal police and military violence. And of course the place of vanguard

in the armed battalions of the terrified bourgeoisie was taken by the "free republic" of France-only second to Czart absolutism. The first blood shed by the proletariat in the name of Mav Dav flowed in 1891 in Fourmies (France) and in 1892 in Lodz, Russian Poland. But it did not take long before the rulers grew calmer and began to recognize the purely demonstrative character of May Day. Of course this was associated with the long period of primarily parliamentary struggle and the quiet development of political and trade union organizations, that now set in in the labor movement. In Germany the first May Day was marked by the collapse of

And thereby May Day enters upon a new phase. As the immediate demonpolitical action hitherto outside of elections, it becomes filled with a new content, with a new spirit, to the degree that the sharpening of the class struggle again pushed to the foreground the role of the proletarian masses. The more that reaction, that the rule of naked violence of the bourgeoise contests every step forward in the interests of the proletariat upon the economic and political fields, the more do we approach the time in which the masses will take masses will take masses will take masses will take masses will to be matters into their own person the interests of their the more proposed that the role of the proletariat upon the economic and political fields, the more do we approach the time in which the masses will take masses will take matters into their own person the interests of their the more down person the interests of the time in which the masses will take matters into their own person the interests of the time in which the masses will take matters into their own person the interests of the time in which the masses will take matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into the matters into the own hands, in which the masses will be called upon to defend in their own person the interests of their class of the matters into the own hands, in which the masses will be called upon to defend in the interests of their class of the matters into their own person the interests of their class of the matters into the own hands, in which the masses will be called upon to defend in the interests of their class of the matters and onto relief. These taken the however them on the class ti to meet these inevitable times, to arm the proletariat—and May Day, as the abominable by the racial situation. Al- pendent farm population.

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tries. Today, at the head of the army of world labor stands the Russian prolerevolution. And the revolutionary struggles of the proletariat of this country its experiences, its problems, constitute the great historical school for our coming great struggles. May Day this

# divisible, again revives. The preparations of the bourgeoisie of all countries for May Day this year recalls to the proletariat that its struggle for emanci-THE ROAD TO FASCISM

Stronghold Of Socialism; CP Fails To Raise **Immediate Demands Of Workers** 

The immediate objectives of the repeated references to Italy and Ger-May Day is a living historical element of the international proletarian class struggle and therefore it has faithfully reflected for almost twenty years all the phases, all the factors of the class struggle.

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onsidering the general sentiment this might prove the beginning of the destruction of the old bourgeois parliamentary system as a whole, all under the guise of "disciplined democracy." The Social Democracy—which is part of the government—is still supporting these moves but already with apprehensions. An attempt is being made in Czechoslovakia to carry out the fascist program of the bourgeoisie within the framework of bourgeois democracy without the extra expense of a counter-revolution. It is now obvious that the bourgeoisie is definitely orientated towards fascism and that bourgeois democ-

#### Two Camps Of

In the German section of the country all former bourgeois parties have be-come part of the Sudetendeutsche Home Front under Henlein. The most recent municipal councils' elections indicate dissatisfaction of Communist voters with the CP and a considerable loss of votes n former strongholds of the Party.

In the Czechoslovakian section the 'National Front" is growing. This novement may be compared to the socalled Harzburg Front in Germany with Gajda, the military hero from Bruenn, playing somewhat the same role as did The most important bourgeois party

the labor movement. In Germany then its dates of the Sacialist "exception law." In 1893 the Belgian proletariat won access to parliament; in 1896, the Austrian. At any rate, the ninetics were a decade of active trade union work and irresistible growth of the parliamentary representation of labor. The demonstration of labor. The demonstration of labor. The demonstration of labor the idea of the international community of the proletariat retreated before the action of the workers have seen on the workers' parties in every country. Gradually May Day became a peaceful folk-festival, regarded with considerable equanimity by bourgeois society.

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# Starvation Is the Only Road for The 'Cropper Under the New Deal

White, Negro Alike Thrown Off Land To Wander The Roads Of The South

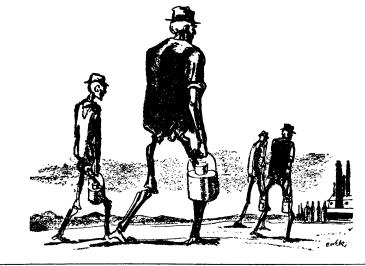
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> The masses of rural workers in the South have never been farmers in any proper sense of the word. Two million amilies-eight and a half million perons-are merely attached to the soil as tenants or share croppers or otherwise dependent upon owners and bosses. This huge population includes three million farm population of the South—and near ly twice as great a number—five and a half million-of white workers.

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In recent years a noticeable change in the situation of the labor movement has set in. A fresh wind blows over the fields of battle. In the East the great Russian Revolution. In Germany a sharpening and intensification of the political and economic struggle: extenpolitical economic supplies—cnerity salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt meat, corn bread, and molasses. The owner is entitled to a share—usually salt the cause of white and the cause of their insistence upon the degrading of their insistence upon the cause of white and the owners have been careful to see th

According to the extensive studies of ers in industry and the consolidation of Dr. Rupert P. Vance, of the University Enter; The New Deal! 



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The plantation system, which enslaved though there are five and a half million. This depopulation of the farms seems The plantation system, which enslaved the Negroes before the Civil War, has continued to exploit both Negroes and the poorer whites ever since. Virtual peonage, which shows itself to some extent in the tobacco and sugar plantations, spread like an evil poison over the whole of the great cotton industry. King tions, spread like an evil poison over the whole of the great cotton industry. King Cotton has ruled the South for generations and as a benevolent despot but as a ruthless tyrant ravaging the lives of the peons and blighting the economy of the region.

man need respect or does respect. The set pattern both of race relations and of masters and serfs. Because of his economic condition and because of his race, color, and previous condition of servitude, the Negro is helpless before the white master. Every kind of exploitation and abuse is

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category.

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MAY DAY GREETINGS TO On May First, Cloak Operators Union Local One of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union greets the Workers Age in the name of the solidarity and progress of the workers of the world. Let this May First | For the International Solidarity of the mark the beginning of a new era in the history of labor, an era in which labor shall go For a Workers' World! forward to a world without oppression, in-

justice or exploitation.

Louis Levy, Manager Local 1

### MAY DAY GREETINGS

For the Thirty Hour Week! For Bread, for Work, for Peace! Workers!

Joint Council Knitgoods Workers Union of the ILGWU and the UTA Affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Rubin Zuckerman, Chairman Local 1 | HARRY SPINDEL, Pres. LOUIS NELSON, Manage

# MAY DAY 1935

We greet the workers of the world and affirm our abiding faith in the International Labor Movement. Let us join together in a mighty outpouring for the liberation of our Brothers and Sisters in the Fascist-ridden countries,

for peace, for the coming classless society where toilers will not be hounded by oppression, unemployment and hunger. JOINT BOARD OF THE DRESS AND WAISTMAKERS' UNION Julius Hochman, General Manager Nathan Margolis, President

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Workers Age

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THE WORKERS AGE

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Workmen's Circle No. 546

B. Feltman, Sec'y

**FURRIER'S FRACTION** 

Communist Party

(Opposition)

MAY DAY GREETINGS

For Progressive, Militant

Unionism and a

Workers' World

KNIT GOODS WORKERS OF THE

JOINT COUNCIL

GIVE FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO THE WORKERS AGE

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S. Stieglitz; J. Kassoff; Molly Brooks

Elias Levy; Adam Bayer; Ben Brown Isidore Dittersdorf; Jack Bernstein

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Buffalo Unit of the

Communist Party

(Opposition)

COMMUNIST WISHES

to the

Workers Age

Philadelphia Unit, CPO

Greets the

REVOLUTIONARY

Workers Progressive Circle

The Amalgamated Clothing

Comradely Greetings from

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MAY DAY GREETINGS to the Workers Age from

A Friend of Communism

MAY DAY GREETINGS from the Liberal Press

From the black depths of the SOUTHERN VOICE

sends its hope for the solidarity of all workers and farmers.

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The New York District of the CPO

Miscellaneous Branch Cutters' Union, Local No. 10

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WORKERS AGE

# MAY DAY GREETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS JOINT COMMITTEE

INTERNATIONAL LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS' UNION

Composed of

Waterproof Garment Workers' Union, Local No. 20 Blouse & Waistmakers' Union, Local No. 25 Designers Guild of Ladies' Apparel, Local No. 30 Corset & Brassiere Workers' Union, Local No. 32 Ladies' Tailors Workers' Union, Local No. 38 Whitegoods Workers' Union, Local No. 62 Bonnaz Embroiderers' Union, Local No. 66 Children's Dressmakers' & Housedress Union, Local No. 91 Cloak & Suit Truck Drivers' Union, Local No. 102 Button & Novelty Workers' Union, Local No. 132 Ladies' Neckwear Workers' Union, Local No. 142 Joint Council Knitgoods' Workers' Union, Local No. 155 Ladies' Tailors Alteration Workers' Union, Local No. 177 Out of Town and Department

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WORKERS OF LOCAL 1, ILGWU GIVE MAY DAY GREETING TO

GREETINGS TO THE "WORKERS AGE"

DOWNTOWN UNIT, NEW YORK C. P. O.

# May Day on Labor's Fighting Front

### **NEW YORK** On May Day The Cloakmakers organized the last two years, particu-Look Forward To A Year Of Struggles

By SAMUEL ZELDIN The past two years of the Cloakmakers were very far from being splendid on the economic field. Thousands of Cloakmakers are still applying for relief. they will continue to listen to "Ma" Per-The short seasons and the long slack kins, Roosevelt, and other spellbinders of periods, and the cut in earnings because of the rising cost of living surely did Labor Day granted to them by the bossnot improve the conditions of the Cloakes. It is our duty to revive within the makers. This proves that we were cormakers when we told the Cloakmakers not May Day by putting forth slogans holdto depend on the N.R.A. because the ing the most appeal for the organized workers. Only by drawing in the largtions, altho a many labor leaders hoped est numbers of the organized workers, and believed that the Blue Eagle would in that way bringing them closer to the help the American Workers.

The Union did make an attempt to enforce the agreement in the Cloak-industry and succeeded a great deal bettering the standards of the Cloak Makers in the short time that we were working in Deepening Crisis In The South the shops. However, the shortcoming of the part of a number of officials was that they failed to prove to the workers that they bettered their economic conditions thru the strength of the Union and not thru the N.R.A. Hence many Cloak-makers look first to the NRA and then

Now we are on the eve of the renewal of our agreement. It seems that the manufacturers and the jobbers are determined to weaken the Union and exploit the Cloakmakers to an ever greater extent. They are dreaming of the years of 1931 and 1932, but they are forgetting that the cloakmakers are a trained army and our Union is well equipped and we are ready for struggle. The cloakmakers will not give up an inch of their hard-won gains. Not only are we not content with the present agreement but we are going to fight for additional demands put forward by Local 1, such as the 30 hour week, the 6 hour day, Unemployment Insurance paid by the employers and a good many others. We all stand united against the exploiters in the Cloak Industry to hurl back any attempt made by them against the Union.

#### DETROIT

#### United May Day Is A Vital Need Of The Workers Of The Motor City

May Day is still considered by the Detroit workers as an occasion for the "reds" to fight among themselves. To many radicals May Day is a sort of religious holiday when they are given the opportunity to wash away all the sins committed since the last celebration of May Day. The "radicals," the Socialist Party and the Communist Partry, appear to completely forget the American origin of May Day. Indeed in their preparations for May Day they treat the mass trade union movement as a non-existent factor. They are primarily interested in putting on a show to advertise their own particular sect, instead of setting in motion wide sections of the organized labor movement.

In Detroit the Socialist Party, of re-

formist brand, (Thomas "militants") and the Communist Party, of "pure revolutionary hue, send out "all embracing" calls, (with reservations) to their affiliated organizations and the few friendly unions. When some innocent worker speaks up with the question why approached, or serious efforts made to approach it, the seers of the "red age" with us?" Then turning to their "commovement, comrades." Never forget that!"
From now on 'till dooms day, if the C.P. has its way, there will be "one united May Day." Until every Socialist lands a seat in Congress and long after the S.P. will call for "one united May Day".

And until such time they will continue to have their separate family renunions on May Day—with the trade union work—

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TOWARD A

GENERAL STRIKE

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### Fraternal Greetings

WORKERS OF THE MILL DRESS CO.

made here in Detroit, by the new locals. larly in the automobile industry, who, although not understanding the full implications and significance, realize that, f May Day will focus the attention of large numbers of workers on their de-

If we don't succeed in getting the workers to demonstrate on May Day, the American Workers.
am not saying this of our Union.
revolutionary workers,—then—and then only—will May Day assume its real sig-

## THE SOUTH

makers look first to the NRA and then growing by leaps and bounds. Small logical perspectives. Consequently into the Union. Such a situation is detri- "deep" South towns formerly dependent stead of cementing organizational power Progressive forces and unions mu

ZIMMERMAN WILL

SPEAK ON WEVD With its tested program of "big time" opera vying with the current events features, the "Voice of Local 89," Saturday's popular morning feature over WEVD (1300 KC.) will take on an extra fifteen minutes to week. The time now is from 10 to

The extra time will be used to broaden the interest of the program by the addition of a speaker who will use English. This Saturday the guest speaker will be Charles S. Zimmerman, Manager of Local 22. Luigi Antonini, Acting President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and General Secretary of Italian Dressmakers Union Local 89, gram, will continue his weekly talks on union and labor problems.

through reliance on their own unity, the send to area many more politically maworkers too often see their organizers ture and tactically correct organizers. assuring Chamber of Commerce groups Their task must be to further union or-

ganization, strengthen the bond between The next great wave of union organ- white workers and the Negro people, ization will find the South in the fore- champion the abolition of the peonage front. Progressive forces must no over- and serf conditions of the Negro and look nor underestimate the possibilities.

Already in a great many cities and towns

barriers against Negroes in trade unions, in the deep south and the southwest, fight against lynching, jim-crowism and take on an extra fifteen minutes to unionism is rampant. For instance, in discrimination, and educate the Negro become a full hour beginning this Kilgore Texas, the organized bakery workers went on strike. The bakery to the necessity of independent working truck drivers joined them. The organized class political action. The task is a different moving picture operators refused to throw bakery advertisements on the screen. In five days the strike was won. In Longview Texas, a union labor man on a Labor Ticket. True, he was beaten, but it is an indication of which way the A Progressive Center Seen As wind is blowing. It is also a sign that with the application of a correct tactical line. progressive forces can make great headway in leading the politically and educationally backward workers in gradual steps towards true Communist prin-selves what are we going to do during ciples. The stupid tactic of "self-deter-the coming year. Are we going to go on



by saying that we are too few, because, if we look around us, we find that the are plenty of forces in many a Local Union to be gotten together, if we only go the right way. If we have been un able, up to present time, to do any effective work it is because we have disregarded the forces that we have; have acted in a scattered fashion, without any Center, separately, without getting anywhere. Thus we have wasted our energy and then blamed the workers for not esponding our calls. What should be our perspective?

First. We must put to the front the necessity of organizing the millions who

Third. The necessity of independent political action thru a Labor Party based n the trade unions and other working lass organizations together with all exsting working class political parties. Let us not wait any longer! Let us ot wait till it may be too late!

# THE BASIS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE MOVEMENT IN HARTFORD

faced with the problems that must be throw him a glance of dismissal, crying, settled by the entire American Labor "What do you mean? Don't you realize movement—the very existence of unions, that this is our holiday and you are not the preservation of the most elementary of the workers to organize in-

here an experienced strike-smashing LABOR FACES ITS

By Bosses

By ART STONE

machine has refused to even discuss the TEST OF POWER could belong, the greatest immediate issue of union recognition. The NRA After six weeks of striking and picket task for the workers. And only in this Labor Board machinery in this strike is ing, the illusions about cooperation from once more holding off a final settlement of issues. And in this case, because Colt's does most of its business with their own resources and the issue has their own resources and the issue has to the workers. And only in this way, through the Labor Party, will the workers and their unions be able to lay a permanent foundation for the free existence of the working class.

Communist Greetings a permanent foundation for the free existence of the working class.

has an understanding of this developed among the Hartford workers, that they the employers.

whose work consisted of eliminating on May Day—with the trade union workers still wondering what it is all about.
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May Day shall not sully their draperies.
May Day is one of the violations of the sacred cannons of the capitalist class.

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The trade union movement should utilize every opportunity, particularly on the shops by the unions. Without recognition, without enforcement of statement saying that their contracts power in the shops can the unions are out a Union leadership which is rapidly developing into class-conscious, militant ment of improved conditions on the job. Secondly, the preparations for the properties of the very opportunity opportunity of the very opportunity opport courts." This farce continued to the ment in furnishing police to protect conception of the labor movement, are

BALTIMORE

### Great Need For Trade Union Militants

On this May Day we Progressives Deepening Crisis In The South
Lays A Base For Work
Of Militants

It is difficult in a brief article to give an accurate picture of conditions in the South. The industrialization process is of the A. F. L. leadership and their ideological perspectives. Consequently in
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ciples. The stupid tactic of "self-determination in the black belt," used for the past five and a half years by the official Communist Party, will greatly increase the hardship of the real progressive elements in the work of breaking down the barriers between the Negro and white orders and hounds. Small logical perspectives. Consequently inourselves lay down a plan of action there can be no question of moving the top leadership.

The question arises: Is there a possibility for a concerted effort on the part of the progressives to do any constructive work for the improvement of the trade union movement? Of course there is. But first and foremost we ourselves must get together, form a progressive center discuss plans of action and systematically carry out work in order to get the support of the general

Let us not evade the issue any longer

Second. The necessity of industrial form of unionism must be brought home to all the workers. This of course must be done by propagating the idea of amalgamation of existing unions into powerful fighting instruments of strug

#### **NEW YORK** Progressive Policies In Knit Goods Union Have Won Gains For Workers BY LOUIS NELSON

The First of May, 1935, finds the knit-goods workers in the Joint Council Knit-The workers in Hartford are to-day colt Strike Is Vanguard of acced with the problems that must be settled by the entire American Labor Union Smashing Drive become clarified. A defeat for the Colt's strike means a defeat for every union in the city and in the country. So far mands the confidence of all the knitgoods workers in the joint Council American by strike means a defeat for every union in the city and in the country. So far mands the confidence of all the knitgoods workers in the joint Council American by the confidence of all the knitgoods workers in the joint Council American by the city and in the country. So far mands the confidence of all the knitgoods workers in the joint Council American by the city and in the country.

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DRESS UNIT

# Parties Under Workers' Rule by WILL HERBERG

Some months ago the Workers Age published Will Herberg's first article on Hook's concept of Worker's Democracy.

A Dietotouship A Dictatorship The gap between this and the third a

ticle in the series will be much shorter In my first article, which appeared in demoralizing pressure of alien class in these columns some time ago, I examin- fluence.

terring primarily, of course, to bourgeois class societies, "the dictatorship of a class is rately expressed in the rule of a single party (Usually a condition of particle party (Strength and Weakness of Motor coalition of parties, all of whom re present, despite their special diferences, the same fundamental interests, constitute the government. The Militant Action Forced Concessions From Auto Barons But identity of the fundamental interest is brought out particularly when the exploited class bestirs itself and threatens by its militant action the stability of the social order. At crucial times a single party exercises the dicother parties of the same class, the Motor Car Co. retreated on the question same terrorism with which it sup- of the group bonus system of pay bepresses the class enemy. In the past, cause it saw that it would not have to when this has taken place, there was no nonsense talked about the rule of vital importance to the workers in esthe party being the expression of tablishing decent working conditions so 4 class democracy or the means by necessary in the auto industry. which class democracy was realized."

In these few sentences, a number of problems are posed, of whose real nature Hook appears to have not the slightest international solidarity in the struggle as important achievements, the union, including the president who istence of many parties for one class is had worked for the company fourteen was in a very favorable position to se-

in the nineteenth century. But among the contributed to the early settlement. One cult for the men to go out on strike again projetariat such deep-going divisions of the most important factors which was with the peak of production reached. along the lines of economic interest are completely overlooked by the general ornot to be found; the separation of the ganizers' office, as well as the strike MR. DILLON skilled from the unskilled, the most committee, was that the Hupp Motor IS VERY HAPPY

## NEW WORKERS SCHOOL LECTURE JAY LOVESTONE

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On Thursday, April 11th, the Hupp

The walkout had been called for these

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More Could Have Been Gained Had The Union

Leaders Acted Decisively

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points of the settlement?:

working conditions.

A Workers State?

It is now obvious enough that for the article. This is a gross error. To con- fact, it was only thru this ruthless dicthese columns some time ago, I examinfluence.

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the "natural" condition, each party reship of one (of the many) "regular" ed certain aspects of the conception of "workers democracy" presented by Sidney Hook in the October 1934 issue of the Modern Monthly. I attempted to show that, despite the appearance of daring and original thought, Hook's views on these questions, and especially his much emphasized contrast between class dictarborship and party dictatorship, were at bottom not very different from the reformism we find in Kautsky and his like. In the following paragraphs, I want to In the following paragraphs, I want to conclude my criticism by examining Hook's argument for the many-party system under the proletarian dictators with some classes, built upon the various forms of capital, in a word, the scramble of the provention had reached its highsystem under the protection of the system under the protection of the ship together with some closely ship together with some closely ship together with some closely as exploiters for the booty (the surplus aiming at!

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failure to grasp the historical role of

# At First Glance-Unions Revealed in Hupp Strike

so-called "managed currency" system The imperialist powers, and the giant British, Japanese, French and American program Mr. Dillon will agree with us banks can of course be counted upon to that, long before the production season suffer little or nothing thru such "restarted, a call on the behalf of the auto-organization." Also, Chiang Kai-shek

lent opponents of unionism, a living wage, and tolerable working conditions. Furthermore, we are told that in the

manager of the local I.L.G.W.U. called

workers on the program of establishing hours, wages and conditions. Or will you, the Breslow case. The parliamentary the 30 hour week, an annual wage, and Mr. Dillon, accept the challenge on the no discrimination for trade union activ- behalf of the auto workers for a fight tions and meetings of the trade union ity? To even begin to accomplish this to the finish?

them are frequently so great that they may even appear as independent classes the difficult situation in which the comprogressive trade unionists and instead omenal rise. But it is just these bosses call three or four mass meetings in the who have been cutting wages recently. high schools to which there was little or no response. Rightly so. The automo- whom the NRA authorities have been bile workers sensed that there was no helping with persistive constancy and serious effort made to organize them with typical New Deal vigor against the around sound economic demands that unions. they would readily accept as their own. Could any one ask for more glaring

skilled from the unskilled, the most serious breach in its ranks, is merely temporary and superficial in contrast. Any "special" groups that may arise in the proletariat will, under close examination, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation, be found to be the result of the nation and the nation of the strikers.

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In connection with the holding of national conferences of the automobile workers, don't you think, Mr. Dillon, that you should have wound up with government is securely in the mitt of our employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employer and employer.

WHERE THE
UNION FAILED
It is our opinion that the union failed to take advantage of these favorable factors to gain major concessions in the part of the management and represents a fundamental change in employer and employer and employer reached? Why did dustry of America. This has been achieved through the exercise of loyalty, intelligence, and diplomacy, both upon the part of the management and represents a fundamental change in employers and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employers and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employer and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employers and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employers and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employers and employers. To boot, it is as clear as fundamental change in employers. To boot, it is as out and solidarity displayed on the picket cil of the A. F. of L.

out and sondarity displayed on the picket line, plus the other factors mentioned above.

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The conference of representatives of the convicted union leaders. lustry, does Mr. Dillon mean to imply up in March 1934 when the workers were day, April 20 with Professor Scott of that, because of the action in this strike prepared to fight for conditions in the the C.C.F., representatives of the Trades of the Hupp Motor Car Co. which at the auto industry. Furthermore the auto and Labor Council, the I.L.G.W.U., very most produces less than 1% of all manufacturers have utilized this board Workers' League of Canada and the dethe cars and is on the verge of bankruptcy, the three giant, Ford Chrysler,
and General Motors, two of which are
completely dominated by Wall Street,
plants. The automobile manufacturers workers League of Canada and the dethin board
workers League of Canada and the defense, present. After discussing all
collective bargaining agencies recently phases of the case the following two
decision were adopted:

1. To work for commuting the senare going to accept the example set by have gone a step further still by issuing tence (no parole to be involved), to be the Hupp settlement? Probably Mr. Dillon is only wishing that these rapathem to follow their policy in dealing every trade union local in Canada to the cious auto monarchs would accept his formula of peaceful relationship to be arrived at between the auto manufacturers and the organized labor movement. Is it Mr. Dillon's philosophy of arriving at peaceful relationship with the stead the trade union movement received will be allowed to stand as it is. Wall Street owners of the auto industry that has prevented him from conducting a decisive struggle for the building of a lon's and Green's peaceful conference ta
2. To have the C.C.F. members of declaration of war in answer to Mr. DilParliament present at the forthcoming lon's and Green's peaceful conference tasession of this body an amendment to

mobile workers union should have been sent to every local affiliated with the A. F. of L. for a huge organizational and strike fund of at least 2 to 3 million. The second important step would have been to see that every local in the sents to us a classic example of the in-United Automobile Workers Union should solubility of the contradictions inherent Abolition of the group bonus system set up a strong and active organizational in capitalism as a socio-economic system. The "remedies" of one country are for the purpose of discussing ways and at the expense of other countries. And gaining agency for the Hupp employes, the company to deal with the union in all matters of wages and union in all countries the owning classes seek to shift the costs on to the backs of the exploited and poor. International sufficient in the union in all matters of wages and union in all countries the owning classes seek and union in all matters of wages and union in all wages are wages and union in all wages are wages and union in all wages ar Union in the local centers. And third ferings should beget from world labor

But the matter lies just a little bit deeper!

Marx and many after him have noted the significant fact that the proletariatis, in its very nature, a much more uniform, homogeneous class than the bourgeoisie; the very possibility of international consolidation should indicate that. The bourgeoisie has, as a matter of fact, been traditionally divided into many sections, primarily along the lines of economic interest. Thus, in addition to the petty bourgeoisie, the very lowest distinguish the merchant capitalists, the interchant capitalists, the finance capitalists, and of thers, as definite social groups, each

others, as definite social groups, each who still remained inside the plant for fect) should have been negotiated as the DO-NOTHING POLICY with its own special interests within the general framework of the capitalistic on several occasions with the scabs as strike, instead of leaving this matter to system. Indeed, the differences among well as the police. The fighting spirit the discretion of the company. There and their clashes as class struggles, sometimes culminating in violent collisions, examples of which are common squandering of some \$23,000,000, partially be adjusted, it will be much more diffi-

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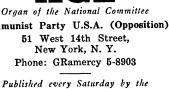
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## MARCH WITH THE CPO ON THE FIRST OF MAY

The Communist Party (Opposition) asks comrades, friends and sympathizers to join its ranks in the May Day Labor Parade. Assemble at 11 A. M. on Wednesday May 1, at the headquarters of the CPO, 51 West 14th St.

Half of Europe has already succumbed to the Beast of Fascism. Its onward march has chained workers to starvation and degradation, has smashed the painfully built organizations of labor, has killed, tortured and imprisoned the bravest

The nations prepare the new Armageddon. Every capitalist country builds its armies, fills the skies with a flotilla of death, compounds fiendish new chemical deaths for the workers who will fight the war of the masters. Conferences, pacts and treaties are only masks for these activities.

America is not free from the haunting spectres of War and Fascism. Our government builds it war machine both openly and under cover. Our country has its incipient Hitlers and Mussolinis, its Longs and Coughlins, only waiting for the critical moment when they shall be called as the shield of capitalism against a rising working class.

In the midst of this raging sea of reaction, standing like a beacon light vastly big and important and dramatic. pointing the way to a better world, is the Soviet Union. Here in spite of tremendous difficulties, there is no economic crisis, no unemployment, no starvation, sufficiently, and to a deficiency in the no oppression, but, on the contrary, the steady improvement of the conditions self-critical faculty adds the handicap of the masses and the systematic building of a new social order of, by and for of a deficiency in humor. His attempts the working people. The existence of the Soviet Union is a bone in the throat at humor make heavy-footed clumsy cari of the big imperialistic powers, who are always striving to form a united front cature— caricature that is trivial and against it. The workers of all countries must rally to the support of the Soviet dull because the things and people cari-Union and defeat all attacks of the imperialists against it, whether these attacks are in the form of armed intervention, of economic blockade or of diplomatic

The severe economic crisis and the victories of Fascism have uncovered the weaknesses of both the Second (Socialist) and the Third (Communist) Internationals-the betrayal of the former, the sectarian isolation of the latter. Both have suffered severe defeats.

Germany and Austria have proven that the Socialism of the Second International had decayed in the putrid air of the bourgeois republican cabinet chambers. Its theory of class peace, its revulsion to socialism thru revolution, and its holy veneration of the dogma of democracy, had destroyed the substance of socialism leaving but the shell, the name.

The burning need of the hour is the unification of all genuinely revolutionary forces around the program of the Communist International and a continuation of the struggle to change the tactical line of the Communist International.

Many difficult tasks lie ahead for the working masses. These can be realized only thru the united efforts of all political tendencies, of the trade unions and other working class organizations—thru a united labor front and a Labor Party.

The Communist Party (Opposition) extends its revolutionary greetings to the communists and all other working class fighters suffering the hell of Fascism in the concentration camps. Our fraternal greetings to our comrade, the valiant Indian fighter, M. N. Roy, who, from the Indian jails of British Imperialism, continues to lead and inspire the oppressed colonial masses of India in their struggle for emancipation.

We express our solidarity with and demand the release of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys and all other political prisoners in the jails of the "democratic"

This May First we raise our voice

AGAINST Fascism!

AGAINST Imperialist War!

AGAINST Company unionism and the open shop!

AGAINST Capitalist reaction!

FOR the 6-hour 5-day week!

FOR unemployment relief and insurance!

FOR full Social and Racial Equality for the Negro!

FOR International United Action against Fascism and War! FOR the defense of the Soviet Union!

FOR the unity of the Communist and revolutionary labor movement!

FOR a Soviet America!

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## THE ECONOMIC WEEK

THE past few months' record of the business index consists mainly of a fluctuating trend. The flux, however, has revolved about an average that is downward. This has made for great uncertainty and hesitation in the business world. As a result, predictions for the future vary from extreme pessimism to the heights of optimism as revealed in the predictions of Charles G. Dawes who sees a new prosperity period in the making that will exceed the 1923-29 period. In truth, there is nothing on the horizon that indicates any drastic upturn or any new catastrophic decline. The slow, contradictory and hesitating decline of the business index will continue, in all probability, right down to the summer and up to the fall. By then, the huge, new government appropriations will begin to effect some new turn in the business index. labor discontent and the new and growing problems of the NRA will multiply to add to the headaches of the present administration, intensifying the contradictions of the New Deal policies.

In speaking of the New Deal, it is well to mention that the Industrial Advisory Committee of the Dep't of Commerce has submitted a petition to Congress requesting that the NRA be continued. Lest anyone think that this is another red plot, it is important to know that the outstanding members of the committee are Myron Taylor, Alfred Sloan, Gerard Swope, H. I. Harriman and others of the same stripe. Big business certainly knows where its interests lie!

In spite of the fact that rental and benefit payments are twice as large this year over the past, the farmers' cash income for the first half of 1935 is only slightly higher than for the corresponding period of 1934. ECONOMIST

# Books of the Age

by Bertram D. Wolfe

as Wolfe. Scribners, 912 pp. \$3.00.

Great writers and artists have an incredible fecundity about them, a creative abundance like the prodigality of plant capacity); and budget production Nature. Rivera has painted his miles of wall, as Lope has created his thousandodd dramas and Balzac begotten his whole shelves of novels. Here for the first time America has produced a novelist that seems to possess that boundless exuberance, and amazing uncritical prodigality of creative impulse. It is not merely that this novel covers 900-odd pages and that it is but a link in an already planned series of six such novels to be known also as "Of Time and the River". Nor is it, as detractors who have not yielded to its spell would have it, a mere attempt to keep pace with Joyce and Proust and so invite comparison and attention. Nor is it padded and stuffed out with straw, though its uncritical vastness could have profited by excisions which would still leave it more than three ordinary novels. No, there is a great river of energy in Thomas Wolfe that keeps bursting over and break-ing loose, and he could not hold it back if he tried. There is a vast, insatiable, gargantuan hunger of life in him, an impossible intensity of longing and desire, a greed to catch every floating mote in the sunshine, every beat of the pulse in the heart, every tumbling drop of water in the river, and every tick of the great clock of time, and make each of them into something clear and permanent and everlasting by catching it in the web of his words.

Wolfe is more poet than novelist. A his best a marvelous virtuoso of language who can make the most impalpable sensations and obscurest shadows of longings into something that seems catured are themselves trivial and dull. Great satire can only come of the satirizing of important aspects of life. Moreover, his caricature like his characteriza tion, depends upon the insistent, nagging overemphasis ond and repetition of external traits-a snuffle, a lisp, an accent, a mannerism, a snigger, a stutter, a roar, the exaggerated bigness of a nose, the moist chewing of a cigar or the clasping and unclasping of insistently knotted hands—the author notes them with persistent reiteration as if he were drilling an impression into unyielding granite. At such times the violin music of his poetic prose dwindles to the nagging hum of a mosquito. But just as the reader is ready to give up in despair and ask himself, "Who has time to read and who has the right to compose books that size?" the mosquito hum enlarges imperceptibly again into the music of the violin.

The scheme of the six novels is an ambitious one. Into it Wolfe wants to put America, and our times and all his ensations and the sweep of human life. But he lacks the social-mindedness of a Balzac or a Zola or a Shakespeare. Thus far his work gives no promise of being a new Comedie Humaine. It reveals rather the social isolation and loneliness of the modern bourgeois writer or artist in the time of the social system's decay. It is personal, subjective, auto-biographical and full of the anguish of loneliness and social incomprehension. It may be that the third and fifth novels of the series planned to cover the of the Saar plebiscite and thus give their period from 1925 to 1933 with their imperialist-chauvinist propaganda a new gradual maturing of the central character, may come closer to catching the two-thirds majority in the Danzig parnance was made public in Germany. jected fourth novel planned to cover the suppress the non-national socialist parperiod from 1838 to 1926 may catch more ties legally. of the development of America. Yet it seems unlikely. The limitations of this novel seem to be the limitations of Wolfe himself.

The theme thus far is simple enough -Thomas Wolfe's boyhood and youth and all that it felt and knew and desired and sensed and dreamed. It has no real characters in it, even the youth who is its autobiographical hero is never integrated and felt as a whole—there is only the stream of sensations and meditations and the external features of the people and regions and institutions and thoughts with which the boy collides and on which he tries to satisfy his hunger. Through it all runs a sense of the tragedy and loneliness of the life of this detached atom, and the intolerable conflict between the boundlessness of his hunger for life and the brevity of man's days on earth." Youth is something which only young men have and only old men know how to use." "Time haunts us with the bitter briefness of our days.' Such is the simple theme that tortured "Of Time and the River" from the au-

Despite his limitations, and even if he show no further capacity for develophas already revealed himself in his firstnovelists of our times.

OF TIME AND THE RIVER, by Thom- THE CHART OF PLENTY, by Harold Loeb and Associates

The study is divided into three parts, namely the actual production of the system; the possible production (that is, (i.e. desired production). Within these categories they are able to prove that "the American plant is equipped to meet a consumer budget which will provide a standard of life for the whole people comparable only to the living standard of the privileged few in other epochs." In other terms, it means a guarantee to every American family of a supply of goods and services equivalent to \$4,370, without any increase whatsoever in the present facilities of the country. This leads the investigators to conclude that 'the research of the National Survey of Potential product Capacity clearly shows that poverty prevails in the United States, and always has, but that it need not exist in the future because an economy of abundance would result if production were directed toward the satisfaction of human needs and reasonable wants and restrained only by physical factors and the state of our knowledge."

## Dear Comrade **Editor**

April 20, 1935.

To the Editor:

WHEREAS: The Hearst newspapers are carrying on a vicious Campaign against the Labor movement and the Soviet Union, and, WHEREAS: Wm. Randolph Hearst has

a long record of Anti-Labor Strike breaking and open shop activities and is known as Labor Enemy No. 1, and, WHEREAS: Harry Lang, a member of the Socialist Party and the Labor Editor of the Jewish Daily Forward has sold a series of slanderous articles about the Soviet Union to the Yellow Hearst gutter press. Therefore be it RESOLVED: That we condemn Harry Lang for the support that hs is giving to the enemies of Labor, and we demand his expulsion from all working class organizations. Be it further

RESOLVED: To send a copy of this resolution to the National Committee of the Socialist Party, to the Jewish Daily Forward, and to the Labor Press. Paperhangers Union Local 306

Meyer Kramer

Secretary.

# EUROPE TODAY

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Potemkin proved to be the first definite action resulting from the various nego-A similar agreement between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia is practically concluded. Hitler-Germany which confronts the world with one fait accompli after another was forced to witness other states doing the same thing. Poland followed Germany in its retreat automatically.

Secondly, the Stresa conference laid the basis for a corresponding agreement safeguarding the integrity of Austria in case of an attack by Hitler Germany. Another conference will be called in May for this purpose.

This chain of security pacts now in preparation creates a buffer along the Eastern and Southern boundaries of Germany which she will not be able to overcome easily in a political and military sense. The military forces of the Soviet Union once these pacts are concluded will find it possible even without Poland's participation to march to the German border if necessary over Rumania and Czechoslovakia.

The guarantees which France demanded against further unilateral treaty violations by Hitler Germany aimed primarily against the penetration of German military forces into the demilitarized zones were so emasculated by England that they are of no direct, practical value but only of moral significance. Actual guarantees would have resulted in a practical blockade of Germany in case of future treaty violations. England rejected this in the interest of its foreign trade with Germany and because there are but few steps between a blockade and a real war. What remained was the possible pledge of the League of Nations to refuse Germany loans and credits but this was out of the question anyway because Germany's credit has been torpedoed by Schacht.

The air pact for the West will be furthered by future negotiations.

A delicate questions presented itself when Italy demanded that Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria be permitted to rearm. This problem was postponed.

#### THE ELECTIONS IN DANZIG

The Nazis tried to make the elections to the Danzig Volkstag a second edition social life of our time. Perhaps the pro- liament in order to be able to completely

This plan plailed. Despite the ruthless terror exercised by the Nazi govern finished. This indicates that Germany ment of Danzig with the knowledge of the League of Nations commissar, despite the actual suppression of agitational rights of the non-Nazi parties the Nazis received only 60% of the votes. They did not get a two-thirds majority and certainly not the 90% that their leaders had expected. The gain of votes of the Nazis in comparison with 1933 is explained by the 10,000 voters who were brought in from Germany, by the election frauds as confirmed by foreign correspondents and the terror which, however, was unable to frighten a considerable section of the population.

Unfortunately, the Communist Party suffered heavy losses as compared to 1933 while the Social Democrats and the Center kept its vote at the same level. The losses of the Communist Party of Germany are due to the fact that the C.P. is exposed to the Nazi terror more than the others and also due to political errors of the CP of Danzig. The CP as shown by an article in the "Rundschau" has recently made crude opportunist errors for example, by asking the leaders of the Centrist party to form a "Peoples Front." This opportunist ment in the rest of his huge work, Wolfe policy which aimed at an alliance with bourgeois, non-fascist parties caused the two novels as one of the most important CPG to lose prestige as compared with the Social democracy.

THE SHARPENING OF CLASS ANTAGONISMS IN FRANCE

The Party conference of the Radical Socialists in Lyons had as its main task the determination of tactics to be used in the municipal elections in May. It is characteristic of the state of disintegration in which this Party finds that the Party leader Herriot avoided talking about this question at all and that no resolution was passed on this. The conflicts within the Party on this question were so bitter that no resolution was

formulated and in the future every dis-

trict will decide upon its own tactics. Many Radical-Socialist municipal councils and mayors were voted into office with the aid of the Socialists. The Radical-Socialist Party is the biggest lest bourgeois Party of France embracing large sections of the petty bourgeoisie, primarily peasants and also a considerable section of workers. condition of the Radical Socialist Party therefore reflects above all the vacillations and antagonisms of the petty bourgeois masses of France. On the other hand, fascist propaganda is having its effect, on the other the proletarian united front. Herriot had to literally beg his followers to let the Radical ministers remain in the government because the situation demands a a strong regime.

On the other hand, the speech of General Weygand the former General-in-Chief who recently retired because he had reached the age limit, recently delivered to a meeting of the Reserve officers is characteristic of the present situation in France. Weygand declared that the two year period of military service could only be given up under special circumstances even after the so-called lean years (by lean years are meant those years which call for those recruits born during the war and which are naturally weaker than the normal years). These special circumstances include the suppression of any anti-national and pacificist propaganda in schools, the education of youth in a national spirit, and the introduction of compulsory pro-military education. At present, pro-military education in France is voluntary, now the demand is for compulsory training. It is obvious that General Weygand is expressing the demands of the military.

## FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Recently a most peculiar law of fiempowers the Minister of iFnance to make expenditures in accordance with the demands of individual ministerswithout a budget which has not yet been is in extreme financial difficulties.

The law likewise provides for the expenditure of great sums for state guarantees for foreign trade, i.e. for dumping supported by the state. Such dumping has already been going on for some time. Apparently, it will be put on a much larger scale now. The law further contains provisions that the income from social insurance will be confiscated for the needs of the state.

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