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At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

SECRETARY of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr. has at last come forward with the long expected and equally overdue announcement that the was ready to discuss currency stabilization. Many superficial observ ers will hail this as the beginning of world prosperity. Actually such an interpretation is just plain tommyrot.

It appears that the Wall Street gov-

ernment in Washington feels that now i the best moment in which it can bargain to its own advantage in negotiations with other capitalist powers over the question of currency relations. If the other countries are prepared to accept terms suitable to the U.S., then all will be going well for the U. S. If not, let the merry conflict go on!

To us, the fact of Morgenthau's decla-

ration rests not in its possibilities as a momentary stabilizing force, but rather in its emphasis of the very critical condition in which international exchange now finds itself. Sir Percy Bates of the Cunard Co. put the issue very clearly when he characterized the present situation in the following fashion:

"There is a war today—a universal war—and the weapons are not navies, armies, or airplanes, but tariffs, quotas, and shifting currencies. There is no authorized standard of international money exchange and every change in a tariff quota, or currency is nothing other than a move-a hostile move-in this war. The worst of it is that the situation is no officially recognized as a war."

At best Mr. Morgenthau's radio ad dress is recognition of this war. It does not by the largest stretch of the imagination mean instant cessation of this war or the conclusion of any lasting peace. Lasting peace is just as impossible in capitalist world trade as in the wars fought over this trade.

NOT every Congressman in Washington is devoid of all sense. At least some have not lost their sense of humor and realism. Listen to Representative Hoeppel, Democrat, of Arcadia, Califor-

nia:
"Too many Democrats walk sadly in the had no minds of line, just as the they had no minds of their own, guided and controlled as most of us are, by a jerk-line from the White House to Congress. . . . We are as docile and compliant as a superannuated ox or a petted house kitten."

To the conclusions made here should be added a few words of explanation telling whose superannuated ox or house kitten Congress is. Judging Congress on the basis of its record, Labor has very little difficulty in answering this ques-tion. Every worker knows that the address of the owner of ox and kitten is

T has been said that thru statistics Thas been said that the satisfaction anything can be proven to the satisfaction and the satisfaction of th faction of the statistics producers. Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchecquer of England produced some statistics the other day to show that Great Britain has already achieved "a substantial advance towards recovery.' The most telling figures he presented to bear out his conclusions indicated that "the people of this country (England) sweetened their lives with 80,000 tons of sugar more than in the previous year.'

The limits of folly for bourgeois statesmen are obviously immeasurable. Mr. Chamberlain might have asked the millions of unemployed in England whether the Means Test was any sweeter for them last year than in the preceding year. British workers might well tell Mr. Chamberlain that if his satistics show that living in the depressed areas was sweeter last year, then, the Chancellor of the Exchequer might well move into these sections and enjoy this sweet ness and prosperity.

FINAL results in the French Municipal elections of pal elections show a marked gain for the Communist Party. Analysis of the results indicate, beyond dispute, that this gain is entirely due to the fact that the CP had a united front with the Socialist Party in certain cases on the first ballot and in all cases wherever a runoff election was necessary for the choice of Municipal Counsellors.

This result is to be hailed by every worker, and particularly by every revo-lutionist. We greet this result not because the piling up of votes will serve as a steel ring around the onrushing Fascist forces in France, as the reformists maintain or as the Official CP of Germany once interpreted its rising votes. Rather we hail the achievements of the French CP because it is proof of the correctness of united front tactics. In the previous elections in France the CP secured a (Continued on Page 4)

Don't Fawn, Fight!

RGANIZED labor is faced with a momentous decision— and opportunity. Desperate efforts are being made by the Roosevelt administration to win the support of all workers-and particularly of organized labor-for a renewal of the NRA. Similar efforts are being made by the White House to line up the farmers for the extension of the NRA. Once again we are being asked to back Roosevelt against the "reactionaries". Once more they are trying to sell us the NRA with its sterile section 7A as the Magna Charta of Labor.

What's all the noise about? Why this sudden call from the President for help from labor? What do Roosevelt and Farley have up their sleeves? What shall labor answer? And what should organized labor do?

WALL STREET'S CHANGE OF FRONT

First of all, let's set some facts straight. A very reactionary section of the boss class is now against NRA. Some of these industrial overlords, today resisting the renewal of the NRA, were its fathers and founders. For example, Mr. Harriman, while he was head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, virtually drafted the NRA bill. Today, he is the driving force among the employers demanding its speediest end. Why is this? In view of the great help the NRA has been to the big trust magnates, one might expect all the monopolists in finance and industry to be for its renewal.

Here's the reason for a large group in Wall Street changing front. Many big businessmen recognize the great service the NRA has rendered them in time of their need and distress—some two years ago. But these same NRA proponents of yesterday have now become its opponents because they feel they have already gotten all they could get out of

it. They feel they no longer need it. The recovery attained thus far in the country has, in large measure, brought back to them the confidence they were once losing. These giant employers feel that further monkeying with the NRA is useless to them and can only complicate matters for them in a situation somewhat improved but still far from good or

Of course, the capitalist class is not unanimous in its attitude towards the NRA. Some of the worst open-shoppers in the steel and tobacco industries are at least as much as ever in favor of it. Many of the basses are for extending the NRA another two years. They understand very well the oft-repeated assertion of Secretary of Commerce Roper that; The government is with business and wishes to encourage it.' Certainly no cabinet member has ever dared make such pledges in behalf of labor!

ADMINISTRATION FIGHTS BACK

The Roosevelt administration is fighting back vigorously and cleverly. First of all, the administration organized a Business Advisory Council consisting of big fellows in the business world who are still for the NRA. It has even organized a march of businessmen on Washington to demand the NRA. Secondly, it has organized farmers' delegations to come to Washington as Pullman paraders for the same purpose. Thirdly, it is now trying to mobilize trade unions and to tie up the A. F. of L. leadership in a fight for the extension of the NRA.

Roosevelt's primary agent in this cheap maneuver (which is also part of Farley's preparations for the 1936 elections) is Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. In line with this strategy the A.C.W. and the I.L.G.W.U., as well as a number of unions, have arranged a mass meeting in New York City's biggest hall, Madison Square Garden, to ballyhoo for the NRA, to sing praises to the savior Roosevelt and to hitch labor to the Democratic Party's machine in 1936. The Democratic Party and that section of the ruling class, which still finds the NRA useful are simply trying to make labor the tail to the Roosevelt kite, are trying to play labor and the farmer for suckers. Let no one be fooled.

LABOR'S "SHARE" IN NRA

Labor hasn't gotten half a penny out of the NRA as such Labor has made gains only where it was strong enough to force the bosses to give some concessions, only thru reliance on its own power and not on the good nature of corrupt politicians posing as friends. Where labor couldn't fight and hit hard, the bosses, with the very help of the NRA, rode roughshod over the workers. Under the New Deal company unionism has grown tremendously. Who of us can forget the Weirton case, the Houde case, the dirty deal handed the steel workers by Hugh S. (Strikebreaker) Johnson, the double-cross administered the textile workers by Roosevelt's Winant Board? And what worker doesn't feel hot under the collar

when he thinks of Roosevelt's Wolman Board dedicated to fostering company unionism, breaking up strikes, and paralysing genuine unionism, the A. F. of L., among the auto Who was it but Roosevelt who put over a 30% wage cut in the huge emergency work relief plant? Thus the president has vitiated the gains achieved by labor in 23 states having laws providing for the payment of prevailing wage rates on public works projects. And wasn't it the self-appointed crew of "friends of labor" in the Senate, the "progressives" indorsed by the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. (Wagner, LaFollette, etc.) who backed down on the Mc-Carran amendment for paying workers on federal projects

the prevailing wage scale?

As a friend of labor Roosevelt and his New Dealers have been as reliable as hailstones in the sunshine. Since F. D. R. came, into the White House more National Guardsmen have been used in strikebreaking than in many a moon. Not in years has there been as much talk of incorporating unions as today under the NRA. What magnanimity to labor under the New Deal in the tobacco code fixing \$10 a week for 40 hours work in this most profitable industry! How happy the hundreds of thousands of homeless, hungry sharecrop pers in the South must be because of the New Deal! Small wonder that even labor's most reactionary official, Matthew Woll, was at one time compelled to brand the NRA as downright slavery.

ROOSEVELT DESERVES NO LABOR SUPPORT Labor has been very patient, all too patient, with the half-

baked economists and the hard-boiled politicians of the NRA. We have seen wealth becoming ever more concentrated, the cost of living mounting skyward while wages were sinking fast.

On what basis, therefore, does the Roosevelt administration have the brass to ask for labor's support today? And why are some prominent officials of our unions making such a costly blunder, at the expense of labor, as to organize monster mass meetings for boosting the NRA? At best, it's a case (with some of these union leaders) of trusting the promises of the President and his lickspittles. Now, we are being treated to all sorts of yarns about the Wagner bill outlawing company unionism. None other than Senator Wagner himself assured Wall Street the other day that: ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH THESE LAWS WILL REC OGNIZE AT ONCE THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE PRESENT BILL WHICH PROMOTES A UNION MON-OPOLY, WHICH PLACES THE STAMP OF GOVERN-MENTAL FAVOR UPON ANY PARTICULAR TYPE OF UNION, OR WHICH OUTLAWS THE SO-CALLED COM-PANY UNION...." In reality, the Wagner bill gives first class legal status to company unions. This bill is full of dynamite for labor, tho it be chocolate covered. It lays the broadest foundations for the government encroachment upon the very right of the unions to exist as free organizations Witness Moley's not too gentle hints about getting some "higher ideals" for labor!

LABOR MUST FIGHT NOT FAWN

It's high time that we stopped putting faith in such straw friends as the New Dealers and in such patent frauds as the NRA. It's highest time that Labor stopped fawning on the very feet that kick it about when even lying low. Let there be an end to all this kow-towing. Let's fight against the bosses instead of fawn before them and their government lackeys. Labor should fight for an unvarnished, straightfrom the shoulder law to outlaw company unionism in any shape, manner or form. Labor must wage an energetic fight for a 30 hour week law, for social insurance, for a decent minimum wage, for the unrestricted right to organize. Such must be labor's concrete legislative demands.

Instead of ballyhooing for the extension of the NRA, Labor should rather fight for these concrete legislative demands. We must once and for all stop putting any faith in the New Dealer's promises. Promise-breakers deserve only our hate and not our confidence. To preserve our gains, to extend our achievements we must fight and not fawn, we must strike and strike swiftly and not engage in servile truckling at the behest of the White House.

We must be on guard lest we land on the threshold of disaster. Our most urgent job is to break with the suicidal policy of "non-partisan political action" and to organize a powerful Labor Party, a mighty political party battling determinedly, for the interests of the workers in the legislative halls and in the factories. The closed ranks of the workers from coast to coast, thruout all industries, under the banner of a fighting labor party is the road we must choose,

There is no time to lose. Let's act promptly and planfully to ward off calamity and chaos.

Central Trades Protest F.D. Wage Cuts; Hear Coughlin, NRA Hit As Anti-Labor

The Progressives led the fight for militant policies at the last meeting of the New York Central Trades & Labor cracy, against the Father Coughlin move-

Charles S. Zimmerman representing Local 22 I.L.G.W.U. proposed that the meeting for the continuance of NRA in Madison Square Garden on Thursday, May 23rd should be converted instead into a meeting for labor legislation: for the 30-hour week, for unemployment insurance, old age pensions and against company unionism. The conservative delegates such as Miller of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers made speeches glorifying NRA and the blessings it brought to the workers in their indus-Brandon representing the Typographical Union No. 6 made an eloquent denunciation of the NRA as the instrument of the employers and pointed out tral Trades. that it had fostered company unionism, not trade unionism. He called upon the delegates to advocate a policy of reliance on strike action and the strength of the workers organizations, not that of de- Central Trades to instruct all the work- enforce the agreement.

pending upon NRA which had proven so harmful to the labor movement. Brandon's speech received great applause Council on May 16, 1935 against the NRA-worshipping policy of the buroposition.

C. T. & L. C. Condemns Roosevelt Wage-Cutting Policy

Another proposal of Zimmerman to protest against the wage-cutting policy of Roosevelt on the building relief projects met with the approval of the maj ority of the delegates. One reactionary delegate from the building trades had the audacity to state that he had no objec tions to Roosevelt's 30% wage cut if union men were not employed on the projects. He was afraid that unskilled workers might be hired and trained to become skilled workers in the building industry. However, this was too raw even for the conservatives in the Cen-

Another progressive, Murray Gross of Local 22 proposed a motion condemning the Father Coughlin movement as a

not to attend Father Coughlin's meeting on May 22nd. The conservative wing of the Central Trades refused to entertain this proposal. Moe Holland the chair-man of the meeting declared that it was none other than William Green who had sent a telegram to Collins, the New York organizer of the A. F. of L., to rush to Detroit to attend Father Coughlin's meeting there when the National Union for Social Justice was launched, show ing the close tie-up between the A. F of L. burocracy and this dangerous antilabor movement.

Nabisco Boycott Still On

A proposal to lift the boycott on the N. B. C. made by the representative of the Teamsters Union which has settled with the N.B.C. was referred to the Executive Board of the Central Trades when the representative of the Inside Bakery Workers Federal Local pointed out that the company was not living up to the agreement and that the workers and to lead them to believe that no de-Fascist tendency and called upon the are considering a re-strike in order to monstration was being held.

N.Y. Unions in Garden Meet

Leaders Ask NRA Extension: Green, Wagner, Lewis, **Among Speakers**

Apparently in exchange for Roosevelt's neutrality on the Wagner Bill, labor leaders have thrown themselves into the fight for a two year extension of N.R.A. The vicious anti-labor character of NRA has been forgotten over night. The smashing defeats in textiles, the direct insult to organized labor in the automobile industry all are forgotten and forgiven by the reactionary leaders of labor. Hillman, Roosevelt's labor-man Friday, is burning up the wires lining up the unions behind Roosevelt.

It was under his guidance that a conference of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and the Millinery Workers Union was held in New York and a demonstration in Madison Square Garden agreed upon for Thursday May 23. Tho a number of economic demands are put forward the main issue is the one for the two year extension of N.R.A. The call for the Garden meeting calls

GREATER AND "FOR STRONGER NRA; for the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill, for the 30 hour week . .

To make it doubly certain that the true meaning of the demonstration in the Madison Square Garden is not lost, David Dubinsky of the I.L.G.W.U. declared that

"Organized labor stands unequivocally behind the demand that the NRA be extended for another two years. The scheme to extend it for ten months only has already created uncertainty and demoralization in the entire code machinery."

Within the Central Labor Union this demonstration of C.L.U. leaders supporting it caused a sharp attack to be launched by the progressive delegates. Among the outstanding fighters against NRA, demanding that the Central Labor Union convert this meeting into a demonstration for economic demands was Charles Zimmerman of Local 22 I.L.G.W.U. and Brandon of the Typographers. (See report on Central Labor Union meeting this page).

The New York trade unionists gathered in the Madison Square Garden can make themselves heard against the strike-breaking NRA and for such demands as the 30 hour week, unempoyment insurance, old age pensions and against company unionism.

Illinois Workers Parade for Relief

Thousands Demand Relief; Police Keeps Parade From Loop District

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Democratic adninistration in Illinois is bringing tremendous pressure to bear on the state legislature to boost the sales tax from 2% to 3%, supposedy for the purpose of raising Illinois' share of the expense of caring for the state unemployed. It is being stubbornly resisted by the Republican minority in the state legislature in order to put the relief graft back into the hands of the county commission, many of which are controlled by the Republican party. Some conception of the Democratic "heat" that is being applied can be gained from the opposition which the Kelly administration has raised in Chicago to an unemployed march planned for May 15th.

Broad United Front Set Up

The march was sponsored by a united front of the Workers' Committe on Unemployment, the Unemployment Councils, several organizations of white col-lar work relief employees, and all important political tendencies, including the Socialist and Communist parties. The principal demands were for the reopening of relief stations, defeat of the sales tax, and a relief appropriation from the state treasury. A permit for the march
—which was to culminate at the city hall—was requested six days ahead of the scheduled date. Up until the night before the march all the pressure that could be organized produced no permit. Finally the Park Commission gave a verbal permit to assemble about two blocks from the place announced. Several hundred police were mobilized to intimidate those coming to the assembly point

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BRITISH I. L. P. SWINGS SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT

ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF EXPULSIONS

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE Many people are astonished, even alienated, by the sharp controversies that go on in the radical movement. But a ittle reflection will convince you that revolutionary leader can live on his past, AS TO TROTSKY such controversy, within certain limits, is but must win afresh each day his right Now a word as to Tratsky. It would be was in the main overwhelmingly right I am prepared to admit then, that perinevitable and necessary. All living organizations attempting to adapt themness of his views. When he goes off the
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Lenin, who differed both temperamentally and consciously from Stalin in this matter, summed up his view on the correction of errors in unforgettable words:

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Expulsions only become a sign of ill health when they are used to prevent analysis of realities and discussion of analysis of realities and discussion of tactical questions, when expulsion is used against those who are loyal to the principles of Communism and willing to carry out the will of the majority after a fair discussion has been held, till another opportunity for discussion shall come.

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The Two Five Year Plans by Maxim Gorki

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In spite of this intimidation five or six thousand workers gathered in Grant Park and several thousand more milled around in the loop near the city hall. No permit was issued to march into the loop march into the loop and the loop march into the (Continued from Page 1) and the police were well prepared to club down any attempt to march without a permit. Mayor Kelly, just returned from a trip to Hawaii and a visit mith Will a trip to Hawaii and a visit with Wil- which speaks for the small merchants. a trip to mawaii and a visit with will speaks for the shall metallian Randolph Hearst in southern Cali-Moreover, the denial by the city authoritories forging the instruments for its fornia, refused to hear the demands of ties of the right to protest has brought own destruction and the destruction of the demonstration. The temper of the unemployed was such that a permit to march would have produced one of the march would have produced one of the are responsible to organizations of the largest demonstrations in the history of workers. the Chicago working class. But the Nash Democratic machine was not willing to let the loop noon crowds know that the unemployed workers of Chicago were manding relief from some other source than the sales tax. In this whole starvation maneuver to make the workers pay for relief, Governor Horner and Mayor Kelly have had the staunch support of the Hopkins-Roosevelt relief machinery in Washington. Men, women and children in Illinois must go hungry and be evicted from their homes while the Democrats try to force the new tax burdens on the workers and the Republicans fight for a share of the rich spoils of relief distribution.

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> become a hundred times stronger. Not only must every Red Soldier but every youth down to the pioneer know—and they do know-what he is fighting for,

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The International Position of the Independent Labor Party

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It was quite natural and inevitable tions (war, fascism, etc.) and relations (attitude of the ILP towards Soviet Rusheat were generated in the discussion of ization." these basic questions. What resulted was in essential respects the same political I.L.P. Retreats stalemate as last year, with the major- On Russia ity of the Party behind the centrist tionary Policy Committee (critical af filiationists to CI.) The latter two forces, tho numerically very weak, presented the basic polar political positions at the Conference around and between which the discussion centered. The success of the strategy of the National Administrative Council was marvellous to behold. That the overwhelming majority of the conference swung into line on all the basic international questions without Maxton or Brockway having to speak once on

> last, dramatizes clearly this difficulty. The Conference Agenda

These decisive international questions and relationships came up for discussion by the conference in connection with the

Union and the CI this year as against

ist Party of Great Britain by its secretary Harry Pollitt.

tance of the recent joint activity of the ILP and CP. He urged its extension and proposed the hammering out of joint trade union palicy and cardidates; joint electoral activity and candidates; joint unemployment work and finally proposed a joint conference to consider the question of organic unity between the CP and ILP. How lone and still a voice in proposed and knowledge and thus ad-

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A Possible Program

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Among the progressive needle trades workers a lively discussion is now going on set to the possibilities of organizing comes clear that the struggle for trade Labor Party to the fore.

4. When we look at some unions in the parties of capitalism are beginning to show themselves, is it necessary for progressives to place the question of a comes clear that the struggle for trade Labor Party to the fore.

8. The organization of the unorgan

Working Class. Comrade Lee hasn't

union democracy has not yet been won.

It still remains a vital issue. It still remains a vital issue.

5. The progressives have time and needle trades there are still plenty of again gone on record against N.R.A. It sweat-shops and open shop centers. Outbecomes even more necessary to resist side of the needle trades there are whole and fight the N.R.A. when the needle industries that are practically untouched trades unions in New York become the by unionism.

extension of N.R.A. 6. A struggle against gangsterism and only in one industry but nationally and tionary Socialist (all inclusive). Brockracketeering must be waged. It is difficult to estimate accurately its hold on the trade union movement. But what ever its influence no one will done this ever its influence no one will deny this national.

menace or the necessity to destroy it.

10. And in this period of crisis no pro-

7. Now, as a result of the crisis, when gressive program can fail to call for tional or unity outside of the Third Inthe feintest signs of disattisfaction with

The **ECONOMIC WEEK**

The answer to Pollitt came soon and with dramatic sharpness. In his report center is not difficult to determine. It is, on "Working Class Movement in of course, taken for granted that such Britain," McGovern, speaking for the center will not differ materially in its still probably downward despite an up-Britain," McGovern, speaking for the a center will not differ materially in its still probably downward despite an upforces in the needle trades is bound to Let the ILP recognize the only two said:
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The CP is becoming more and make its choice. sections of the trade union movement.

national organization it is composed class-peace policies, as they expressed only of the Russian CP with its paid agents in every part of the world. I agents in every part of the world. The supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy ments on debts and mortgages with which the agricultural groups are burlit was high time that the progressives of the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burlit was high time that the progressives with which the agricultural groups are burlit was high time that the progressives with the rounded up everywhere. To the needle which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the agricultural groups are burling the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the supposed bogey of Moscow mand for a militant class struggle policy which the supposed bogey of Moscow mand trades' progressives goes the credit for In the next article Comrade Cork takes up

CP here gets its money, and in return carries out the orders of the inscribe in its program, in capital let-

war, that the workers of that country would conclude peace with its bourgeoisie. On the contrary it continues to strengthen herself as well as gaining time for the working classes of the world pursue its main objective, as always, i.e. the overthrow of its own capitalist government. Capitalist governments, tho Japan. Both of these have left the League of Nations. On the other hand, objective historical class interests of the capitalist power, to become a temporary international proletariat. the tactical skill of revolutionists to utilize such a situation to mobilize the Now, Comrade Lee, purports to agree masses for the overthrow of their own (more or less) with the essentials of the bourgeoisie. Further, in order to protect Politically unoriginal, eclectically taking tion of the Defense of the Soviet Union the purpose of utilizing these contradic- above, and to disagree with the extreme and defend the Soviet Union the workfrom every direction, the obvious strategy of the centrist leadership was withdraw a section of the NAC's own "Betrayed"! yells the Social-Democratic ries" and it is no accident that these the bourgeoisie because this bourgeoisie to balance itself between and play off previously prepared Policy statement, (curious, isn't it, from these original worries have their Trotskyite source. would only be a most unreliable ally of

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"Suppose there is a war" runs the second and the interests of the international

confusion and nevertheless quite wrong. defense of the Soviet Union is not merely

do? Must workers take part in a capital- I.L.P. Still Woos Finally came the report and discus ternational made up of the Left Socialist Parties, the Third International, revolutionary elements in the Second, Fourth, Labor Parties, etc. Importance here was the place of emphasis. The Third Inter-national was nominally included as a necessary contributing factor in one breath. In another breath Stephen open ly solidarized himself with all the reactionary remarks of McGovern against the CI and Soviet Russia. The real emphasis lay in the direction of the Left Parties. This grandiloquent phrase "new

all inclusive international" in words only

hides indecision in action.

Its clearest expression is apparent in Brockway's article on the Conference (New Leader, May 3). He speaks of three independent international lines, the needle trades unions and locals there spear head in Roosevelt's drive for the spea unity of interests of the workers not ist (i.e. RPC.-the Third) and the Revoluunity in and around the Third International, the only revolutionary Internaternational. Internationals are not made like grab bags. The other "independent" alternative is a figment of the imagina tion, insofar as its possible realization is The formation of such a progressive center will be an event of outstanding concerned. It is a useful phrase behind significance. This is the first time that which lies vacillation and temporising the progressives will emerge as an or- which can not but objectively retard the ganized force, since the progressive actual process of unification. Further movement of the '20's was disrupted by

For a healthy Third International as the

having taken the first step to realize the decisions of the Conference on trade

Toy Workers Battle Racketeers

means that the cost of living is 6.1% higher than a year ago and 16.4% higher than April, 1933, when the low point had than April, 1933, when the low point had and a point was reached where workers with the treasury. But the mass of the will the treasury. But the mass of the will the treasury. been reached during the present depresbegin to realize the need for organizaworkers who have built the union will
workers who have built the union will begin to realize the need for organization.

Raymond Moley who is close to the New Deal heads has the following to say about the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill: "Possibly it is one step in the road to the Federation's (AFL) becoming that quasi-public, semi-governmental agency which Lewis Lorwin suspected was coming into existence when he wrote his book on the A. F. of L. two years ago." For labor to support this bill is to play with fire!

begin to realize the need for organization. The union was established two years ago after sharp fights with thugs, and racketeers who tried to take over the union, and dual unionists, when the Communist Party tried to split the workers who have built the union will give them even a stronger answer than the reasury. But the mass of the workers who have built the union will give them even a stronger answer than they did in the past.

Even under such difficult circumstances the Communist Party members do not support the progressives who lead the union. They rather work with the opposition among whom are to be found many fascists. But even this unprincipled alliance will not help them. The union is now strong enough to weather these storms. union won a general strike of stuffed toy storms. workers and signed an agreement calling for recognition of the union, closed shop, 10% increased pay, week work and a minimum wage. In this way has the union become an important factor in the union become an important factor in the great terms of the progressives are Busy.

The progressives are Busy are working in an area.

Nevertheless the union succeeded in organizing the shop and in practically For many years the conditions of the abolishing the contract system. The key LERMAN BROS, Inc. trial Conference Board reports that for the month of April there has been a one percent increase over March. This one percent in

ago the union tackled this shop, the of loyalty and devotion to the union. workers issued a statement against the union and organized a company union. build our union we are sure.

gressive Group and are working in an organized manner to defend the union. Now that the union is stronger and Fearlessly the progressives expose the more firmly established, the racketeers, racketeers and resist all disrupters. The once defeated, are again trying to stage bulk of the union members being young a comeback. In this attempt they have and inexperienced both the union and the secured the assistance of the so-called revolutionists of the Ideal shop, of whom most are contractors. When about a year labor problems, thus developing a spirit

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EUROPE TODAY

By August Thalheimer

MEANING OF THE FRANCO-SOVIET PACT

The Franco-Soviet pact was signed or May 2nd in Paris and its text immediately made public. The pressure exerted on France from the outside and inside failed in an attempt to prevent the conclusion of the treaty.

The pact is not a military alliance in the sense that the alliance between Czarist Russia and the French republic was altho it will undoubtedly result in military collaboration of the two powers. The role of the Soviet Union differs from that of Czarist Russia. The role of France has also changed. The Soviet Union does not pursue imperialist aims as did Czarist Russia. To the Soviet Union this treaty signifies a measure of revolutionary defense. As far as French imperialism is concerned it was primarily interested in so adjusting the machinery of the League of Nations as to retain greater freedom than it had in alliance with Czarist Russia. This expresses the contrast in class structure of these two powers-the attitude of reserve on the part of the bourgeois state towards the Soviet republic.

The pact provides that both powers consult in case of the danger of an at-tack and that they pledge immediate aid means (approximately half a billion tack and that they pledge immediate aid in such a case. The appeal to the League of Nations in case of an attack is obligatory; the necessary military help, however, will not be delayed by such an appeal. The pledges hold good only for attacks made on French or Soviet territory. It is very clearly stated that in the case of an attack by Poland on the Soviet Union France is not obliged to help Poland. England, on its side, has made it very clear, thru Foreign Minister Si mon in the House of Commons, that it does not feel obliged by the Locarno treaty to come to the aid of Germany in case France declares war on Germany in accordance with the guarantees given in the Franco-Soviet pact.

The pact expressly provides for draw ing in Germany and Poland so that it can be transformed into a regional Eastern pact.

The next step will be the conclusion of analogous pacts with the Little Entente. The history of the Franco-Sov iet treaty has clearly shown to the international working class that bourgeois France can enter an alliance with the revolutionary workers' state only with reservations and with such vacillations that the possible aid given to the Sov iet Union in case of an attack bears a relative and unstable significance. The Soviet Union, however, was duty bound to make use of even an unstable and vacillating factor to maintain peace in its own interest and in the interest of the At First international working class. The international working class must understand, however, that in the final analysis it can only rely on its own independent revolutionary actions in the defense of the Soviet Union and the prevent of imperialist wars.

ENGLAND STILL SEEKS COMPROMISE

The most recent debate on foreign policy in the House of Commons led to sharp criticism of Germany. Nevertheless there has not yet come a funda-mental turn in English foreign policy. Even now England is not ready to take over further obligations on the continent. England's doors are still open to Germany, except that England is now trying to reach a compromise with Germany by harsh instead of mild methods. It has, therefore, informed Germany that it must not think of increasing its air force beyond that of England's. Austin Chamberlain tried to intimidate Germany by threatening to defeat it once more. These threats, however, should not be taken too seriously because England is still trying to reach a compromise with Hitler Germany. Hitler is quite aware of this and encourages Germany to com

mit new provocations. The confusion of public opinion created by the Liberals and the Labor Party tends to uphold this attitude. The erroneous idea that by taking over new obligations on the continent England is diminishing the chance for war and especially the chance of being drawn into such a war rather than aggraviting it is especially widespread. It seems that in the elections, but in fields infinitely public opinion in America also lacks more decisive and important,—on the clarity on this subject.

England has changed her position only against capitalist and fascist reaction.

inasmuch as she is proceeding with increased armaments and that she en-courages the conclusion of pacts for mutual assistance of those states interested in the preservation of peace. The latter is a small step ahead but as yet inadequate.

GERMANY BEATING WAR DRUMS

Hitler Germany is utilizing this situation for military, economic and psychological preparations for a war of con quest and revenge.

The next thing on the order of the day is the reinforcement and military occupa tion of the demilitarized zones on the Rhine river. News reports confirm the fact that these preparations are for the time being proceeding in secret and are being introduced gradually.

Economically and financially the problem of the supply of raw materials and the necessary monies for increased rearmament is up. Another compulsory loan will be made. The first one, not of-Another compulsory ficially announced as such, was made by borrowing half a billion marks from the savings banks, i.e. from the petty bourgeoisie. Schacht has furthermore anmarks) in order to make extensive dumping on foreign markets possible. The industrialists are groaning. This accounts for the fact that Schacht has not yet dared to carry out this venture. The in-dustrialist, on the other hand, are more and more openly demanding inflation. Inflation in a concealed fashion already exists. Its extent is estimated at ap proximately 13 billion marks.

A new means of war propaganda in Germany is the reference Hitler made to the "poverty" of Germany and the "riches" of the victorious powers in his speech of May 1st. The Nazis are thus trying to divert the bitter feeling of the workers over increased exploitation toward foreign countries and thus arouse their instincts of conquest and plunder.

This is having its effects only on a minority which profits directly from fascism, the great majority composed of the working class and the petty bourgeoisie, which are its victims remains uneffected. Fear and hatred for war is increasing amongst these masses and so is the will to turn the weapons, which they will get, against the Nazi regime.

In Danzig the Gulden has been devaluated to the Polish currency, the zloty. It is not improbable that Danzig is being used as a guinea pig for Germany.

Glance

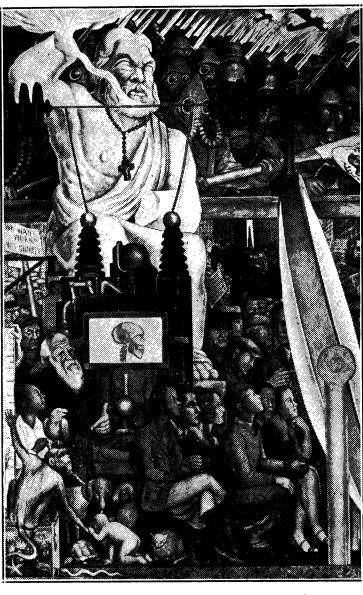
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huge vote, but failed to elect a corre sponding proportional number of representatives, either to the Chamber of Deputies or to the Municipal Councils.

In the previous elections the CP was committed to the suicidal and sectarian tactics of opposition to the united front. This anti-united front strategy was then dramatized by the silly slogan of "Class Against Clas." In a fundamental sense, of course, class against class is basic in all Communist principles and tactics. But as it was offered in 1928 and 1929 in France it meant centering the fire on the SP as the main source of bourgeois strength in France and, therefore, a rejection of all election blocs with it. 1928 the Comintern and the French CP viigorously condemned "the inadequacy of the demarkation between the SP and CP thru tactics of joint lists of candidates, for unity pourparlers, etc."

This so-called pure approach netted disastrous results. Dropping this anti united front line and returning to united front tactics; the CP scored big gains We are convinced that if the Comintern and the French CP had changed their tactics thru honest, self-critical discus sion, and had avoided certain fatal er rors, then, the gains achieved by French Communists would be bigger, not only field of extra-parliamentary struggle

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Gregory. Covici Friede. 127pp. \$2.00.

It is curious to hear the cadences of Greek song, the imagery of the 17th century metaphysical poets and the compressed obscurities of the school of T. S. Eliot cross-bred with those of the Con cord Transcendentalists, all employed to grapple with the problem of living in a dying era. These poems are like a badly combined cocktail, good ingredients all or for the most part, but they don't fuse into a single, satisfying drink.

There are fine lines, even a few unforgettable ones, haunting patches of beauty, shreds of annihilating satire (but you can't annihilate with shreds!), loose ends of American tradition (and you can't stir with loose ends), packets of classic erudition, a handful of little explosions of social protest (about enough to blow up one stone lion on the subtreasury building), but the poet is too much at war with himself, his manner with his matter and his thoughts and feelings with each other, and perhaps the times with such poetry, for him to succeed in fusing his manners into a single style and his matters into a unified

It is a confused chorus crying in a wilderness of steel and stone and flying debris. Survival requires more surety of plan and mastery of purpose. The ringing eloquence that occasionally breaks out in these lines is the eloquent cry of despair, and the poet's last words reach beyond himself to the next genera-

"Only the young Shall outlive this dark hour."

A SAINT IN THE SLAVE TRADE: PETER CLAVER. By Arnold Lunn

Sheed and Ward. 256pp. \$2.50. This is the saint that Catholicism of fers to Negroes as their very own, in its drive to win the colored people into a church that doesn't Jim crow them. wish every Negro who is tempted by the offer of equality in heaven and a special patron saint as intercessor, might read this book. Published by a Catholic firm, and sponsored by the church, it is a damning indictment, all the more powerful because unwitting, of the Church's attitude toward the Negro, toward slavery, and toward social organization.

Let the book speak for itself.

"Chapter I. The Man Who Liked
Negroes." (The heading makes one uneasy!) "His face beams as he approaches

the Negroes. . . He spoke to them not of the wrongs which they had suffered. but of the wrongs which they had in flicted. . . . He urged upon these slaves the duty of thankfulness for the very sufferings of which they were victims . Suffering, he told them, was a blessing. . . . The world, St. Peter Claver continued, could offer them nothing. No remission and no relief from their fetthe sons of God. . . . The poor outcasts to Roosevelt to Browder.

CHORUS FOR SURVIVAL, by Horace fell on their knees, and through a mist of tears worshipped the God who had made the slave-trader in his image, the God of the white man who had torn hem from their homes.... God was all this, but he was also the God of Father

All this in the first chapter! Could the ole of religion, could the role of the Church as the preacher of "hug your chains and rejoice," could the role of Father Claver, be more clearly expressed? The chapter ends:

"Father Claver accepted slavery as an ntegral part of the social system; it was the slave, not slavery, whom he wished to reform."

It is not necessary to go on with the insavory mess: the chapters which explain that "slavery is not necessarily in ompatible with Christianity"; that Father Claver's miraculous powers are proved, among other things, by the fact hat "he seems never to have touched meat, green vegetables or fruit, and our moderns who cannot exist without vitamins, may explain, if they can, why Father Claver never once contracted scurvy"; the degrading of the intellect with which the book ends; "we who live in a society servile (a new use for the word!-B.D.W.) in its worship of cleverness, have much to learn from a saint wisdom of this world is foolishness with having enough workers.

The book should be required reading for every intelligent, self-respecting Negro who is inclined to be impressed by the blandishments of the Catholic Church.

THE POPE FROM THE GHETTO, by Gertrude von LeFort. Sheed and Ward 330pp., \$2.50.

The story of a rich Jew's conversion to Christianity, and return to Judaism on his deathbed, and how his son be came a schismatic Pope, and drove Innocent, "the true Pope," out of Rome.

The tale is told alternately from sup posed fragments of medieval church his tory, Roman city records, and Jewish traditions of the period. The atmosphere of the medieval chronicle with its naive thirst for wonders and miracles and its inability to grasp the fundamental sign ificance of the historical events it por trays, is reproduced with marvellous faithfulness. In the genuine chronicle there is at least the charm of naive faith and there is insight into an age long all of Soviet Russia in which new men past. But when a writer of the twentieth and women are being educated. century studies to be naive and uncomprehending of historical forces, it has an effect like that of an adult trying to play the child. A skillfull tour de force but boring none the less.

BASEBALL NEWS

We are reliably informed that Manters. But in the world to come he could ager Heywood Broun is perfecting promise them the glorious freedom of fine double-play combination—Thomas

TRADE UNION **NOTES**

By GEORGE F. MILES

If the labor press had a Walter Winchell he'd have an interest-blessed event to announce. We are referring to the birth of JUCITUGNYV offspring of the T.U.U.L. And hearing loud cries of 'translation please" we hasten to advise that the full name of the youngster is Joint Unity Committee of Independent Trade Unions of Greater New York and

Good Old Days Gone

Time was when this event would have been heralded with the blaring of trumpets and the beating of drums, for would this not have indicated a tremendous stride forward for the revolutionary working class breaking away from the reactionary Green? Certainly it would! And writers in the Daily Worker as well as the corespondent for Pravda would need no shot in the arm to jack up the membership of this body into the hundreds of thousands. Why not give the Russian comrades a thrill?

But alas, 'tis not so now. You can't very well shout, at one and the same time, Join the A. F. of L. and Build the JUCITUGNYV. If you don't believe us try it some times when no one is around. So the Daily Worker is very conservative and reserved. It claims a measly 41,000 membership and the heroic leader of the revolutionary unions is metamorphosed into a mere humdrum "Mr. Nessin."

An Ace In The Hole

With the "changed situation" or as Mingulin would have it, with the "essential changes" in the situation, a lot of fond hopes went glimmering. Among these a not unimportant one was that of the Independent Federation of Labor. You will recall that the Earl of 13th Street even had nightmares about it, for fear that the uncouth working class might rape his darling when he wasn't looking. So he rose at a C. P. plenum and warned the comrades of this menace. There is a danger, said he, that masses will sweep into the Federation in such numbers that its revolutionary purity may be lost and it may become yet another A. F. of L. The comrades took this to heart and worked so diligently that all such danger was avoided by its failure even to secure an earthly exist-

For the time being all are agreed that the Independent Federation is untimely. But you never can tell. It's always well to have an extra trick up your sleeve. So if we can't have a national federation why not have little federations on a greater city and vicinity scale. The first chance that presents itself-maybe somebody gets expelled or secedes from the A. F. of L.—you send out special deliveries to all the "Mr. Nessins" who secretarize over all the Joint "Unity" Committees and presto you have your Indepéndent Federation of Labor in ten days, less if need be.

This may sound far-fetched to some but our experiences with the Communist Party members in the mine fields convince us that the feline instinct of rushing out every time the door opens is still strong within them.

We note that the "Carpet Workers Club of Yonkers" was there in full force. This raises a question—why admit clubs? Or if it's a union why not use the customary monicker—Carpet Workers Industrial Union? We hope no one will step up and whisper that being very modest people they consider that they haven't enough workers to call them-selves a union. We have seen some of the Industrial Unions and are convinced who never faltered in his belief that the that there are is no such thing as not

> The Empire State Motion Picture Operators Unions also took its place at the conference. Maybe our memory serves us wrong, but isn't the dualpardon me, Jack,-the parallel union organized by a group of racketeers?

> And what, we'd like to know, happened to the Circus Workers Industrial Union, which the Daily Worker reported as having been organized a couple of months Where were their delegates? Honestly, if they had only come and brought some trained seals with them, he picture would have been complete.

TWO FIVE YEAR PLANS

(Continued from Page 2) producing artificial rubber in Yaroslawl, animal breeding, the introduction of new species of plants, the work of the scientific institutions and hundreds of other enterprises and achievements must all be depicted as one huge school embracing

The fact that this school embraces all of Soviet Russia must be stressed because the men and women of every republic are participating in this tremendous work. Every reader must find in our book an expression of his participation in this new, heroic task.

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