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tions of the Post Office Department and

Courts of Appeal has inflicted severe losses on the REVOLUTIONARY AGE

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friend and shopmate to do the same. Buy

us out of the severe financial crisis?

THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS

### The A to Z of It

Union Passes Resolution; Atheists Ask for Same Rights to Teach

NEW YORK CITY-The Teachers practically ceased coming in. If this condition doesn't change right the decisions of the District and Federal Union sent a formal protest on June 14 to George J. Ryan, president of the Board of Education, against the better immediately, there will be no use permission given by the Board of Education to introduce religious We are not making any threats. Then teaching in two New York high schools, to be followed by extension to all institutions later on: At the same time the American near fifty percent of the quota. To date, Association for the Advancement of Atheism demanded the right to teach This means that we have only about 30% Bible classes among school children on equal terms with Catholies, Protestants and Jews. The Association very vigorously declared that it had

a special viewpoint on religion and the Bible and that it was entitled to exactly the same privileges in spreading it as the religious organizations.

The Board of Education has not yet Only about 120 out of the 12,000 pupils of the two city high schools in which religious teaching is now permitted have filled in blanks in-dicating their intention of enrolling

### VERA CRUZ FIXES KRESEL INDICTED FOR PERJURY **CURB ON PRIESTS**

Grows Out of Bank of U. S.

ment of Isidore Kresel for perjury.

The indictment of Mr. Kresel, who is a man of high standing before the bar and of considerable influence in New York financial and political cir-

United Progressive League of Local 1

Under the title "We Call to Unity!" the United Progressive League of Local I. (Cloakmakers), I.L.G.W.U., has isaied a leaflet opening as follows: "The United Progressive League, a left group in Local 1, already in existence for about income taxes and the other systematic violation of the prohibition law.

The sentencing of Capone is set for TUUL group.—Editor), to the offi-

The leaflet then proceeds to describe pected that his sentence will not exty and confusion must not be permitted in the ranks of the workers. "It is the duty of each and everyone of us to declare to the workers so clearly that there belief that only when the left and progressive groups and elements are united

which he directed and organized conditions (2) For one union in the inrackets, etc.) will now come under lagains class collaboration. (4) For a strugthe control of another master rac-keteer with more fortunate political connections. For, it must be remem-bered, all the loud talk of the Federal tem. (7) For complete proportional of present social conditions and have with the correct tactics must we merge

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1931.

Four Big Blocs in Running Judge Hawkins Rejects Plea Communists, Divided, to Run 53 Candidates

Latest reports from Madrid indicate hat Major Ramon Franco, well known republican revolutionist and Director Seneral of Aeronautics under the new regime, was removed from his office and placed under arrest by the Zamora government because of Franco's revolutionary propaganda on the eve of the election. Franco is declared to be sympathetic to Communism.

MADRID—Final preparations are trial that resembled a lynching bee in all respects. During the trial, and

Twenty-five parties are in the field the extreme right are the open monput up ten candidates, so discredited is their cause among the masses. Next comes the "Republican right" bloc, consisting of the bulk of the former monarchists (who still remain monarchist in sentiment altho they do not A to Z of it all is that the REVO dare to appear so openly) as well as gro hoys from the electric chair, LUTIONARY AGE must have quick relief—AND MUCH MORE OF IT.

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But even the smallest donation will be of real help. So here is your chance. Buy now a Workers' Press Defense Fund Stamp. It's only 25 cents. Get your fixed and changes to do the arms. Rev. between the struction. Together these two latter groups have friend and changes to do the arms. Rev. between the structure results as the leading group in the situation. Together these two latter groups have between them the overwhelming maat least one stamp. Speedy action and jority of the candidates. At the explenty of it is what we need—and right beened left are the scattered and divided Communists who have not been Will you do your duty to your class? ahle, unfortunately, to put forward Will you get on the job to get more than 53 candidates. The Communists?

Will you telegraph some money to help and the Catalan Communist Federation, recently expelled by the leader-

of Scottsboro Victims; I.L.D. Pushes Case

(Majority Group)

Judge A. E. Hawkins has denied new trials to the eight Scottsboro Negro boys who were recenly sentenced to death by a legal lynch-court for an alleged attack upon two white girls. The attorneys of the International Labor. Defense immediately filed notice of an appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court.

The eight Negro boys were sentenced

to death by the Alabama Court after a the Constituent Cortes to take place even before it, it become obvious to every fair-minded person that all evidence Twenty-five parties are in the field with over 1,100 candidates for the 470 seats in the Cortes. These parties are grouped in four main blocs. At the extreme right are the open monand organized a country-wide campaign archists who have only been able to in defense of these victims of racial prejudice and lynch law. From the very he ginning it was clear that only a powerful united protest movement, embracing the masses of the white workers and farmers, the Negro people, and all liberty-lov

# CORTES ELECTION DENY NEW TRIAL 2 Killed, Many Wounded As Coal on June 28 to negro boys 2 Killed, Many Wounded As Coal & Iron Police Attack Miners

Ohio Miners Demonstrate Solidarity by March to Penn. Coal Fields; Troopers Rush from Wilkes Barre to Strike Areas; "Deportation" Doak Steps In

Pinchot's Coal and Iron Police and the hired gunmen of coal companies are running wild in the West Pennsylvania strike area. Several workers have been murdered and a number have been seriously wounded after an attack by the coal and iron police and the Fayette county deputies on the highway at Arnold City.

This terror is not breaking the fighting morale of the striking miners who are lattling with great militancy. The Ohio miners are preparing to demonstrate their solidarity with the starving Pennsylvania coal diggers by marching to the coal fields of Allegheny and Washington counties. Pinenot is showing his hand openly now. He has just declared:

"I have ordered additional State police into Western Pennsylvania to protect lives and property . . . Yesterday I signed two anti-strike

injunction bills which represent one of the greatest forward move-ments in labor legislation yet ta-ken and they put Pennsylvania at the head of all States in this mat-

From Wilkes Barre there just de-parted sixteen state troopers from the headquarters of Troop B, State Police at Wyoming, Pa. The troopers are being rushed by automobile.

Horses are being transfered in motor driven horse cars in order to speed up their arrival to the strike zone, In Ohio the terror against the strikers is being intensified. In the ranks of the workers there is a growing feel-ing and demand for unity and cooperation of all workers and their organizations in the strike in order to present a common front against the operators, Governor Pinchot and the Lewis machine.

Secretry of Labor Bill Doak, called Deportation Doak, is preparing to step into the strike zone to arrange a sellout settlement.

FRANCE BALKS ON

HOOVER PLAN

Chamber Backs Laval; U. S. **Declares French Changes** 

To Be Unacceptable

PARIS.-By 386 to 189, the French Chamber of Deputies, at 6:30 A. M.

on June 27, approved the reply of the

French Government to President

Hoover's debt postponement propo-

sal. The victory of the Laval cabinet

was made possible thru the swing of

the 101 Socialist votes in favor of the

WASHINGTON.-The French reply to President Hoover's debt moratorium proposal is unacceptable to the United States, semi-official information here indicates. The chief unacceptable

feature of the French reply is the in-

postponable annuities by Germany within a year of the moratorium.

WASHINGTON—The proposal that Pres. Hoover's "debt holiday" plan be

o altered as to provide for the payment,

during the year of moratorium, of the so-

called unconditional annuities by Germany into the World Bank, was the main

feature of the reply submitted by French Premier Laval to President Hoover on

June 24 and made public simultaneously

with its discussion in the French Parlia-

ment. Germany announced its full acceptance of the Hoover Plan almost im-

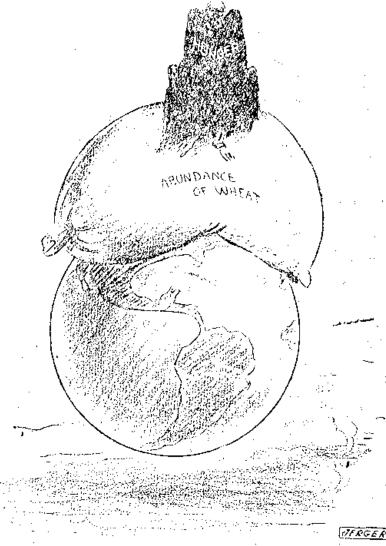
mediately, while Great Britain and Italy

did the same after a short interval. Bel-

sistence on the payment of

government.

### BELIEVE IT OR NOT!



# Socialist Party Members in Sharp Protest Against Hillquit's Anti-Soviet Activities

PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE Circle No. 1, Y. P. S. L., Bronx, Unanimously Condemns S. P. Leader; Indignation Grows As Extent of Hillquit Scandal Becomes Known

> American courts declare the Russian capitalist owners; and Revolution "illegal"! The resolution, passed at the meeting of June 25, fol-

the Socialist Party and one of our most

By a unanimous vote Senier Cir-influential leaders, has accepted the po-cle No. 1 (Bronx) of the Young Peo-sition as counsel for reactionary Russian ples Socialist League adopted a strong interests who are sning the Standard Oil resolution condemning the conduct of and Vacuum Oil on the ground that these Morris Hillquit in accepting the position as lawyer for monarchist Russian Union which has "unlawfully" taken interests in an attempt to have the away the oil properties from the former

WHEREAS, the fact that Comrade Hillquit has accepted this case, as champion of the expropriated Czarist exploit WHEREAS, Morris Hillquit, chairman ers, puts both Hillquit and the Socialist (Concluded on page 2)

## Racketeering and Sell-Out Agreements

# Hillmanism in Amalgamated

by Ben Gitlow

THE CONDITIONS IN THE

INDUSTRY

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of New York, the union organization of the men's clothing industry of the city, is today receiving plenty of publi-city in the press. Sidney Hillman, the president of the Amalgamated, is now endeavoring to establish a reputation as the courageous fighter against the racketeers in the industry. The president of the Amalgamated is the double-faced man of the labor movement. To the outside public at large, he appears as the progressive honest, force in the labor move-To the workers the rank and

vile, passive instrument of the bosses,

recking with gangsterism, racketeering

and corruption.

Workers receive starvation wages. crowded with men destitute, penniless and starving. The unemployment insurance fund is used for gratting purposes. Shops file he is a crafty, unscrupulous, schemare reorganized. Workers are thrown out ing hoss of the organization, whose poliat will. The army of the unemployed is steadily being increased. Wages are con-tinually being reduced. The union, thru a staff of efficiency engineers helps the cies, and burocratic machine are responsible for converting the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America into a ser-

reign supreme. Workers who criticize the administration are intimidated, ex-Today the conditions for the workers pelled, discriminated against and depriv n the industry, especially in New York, ed of their jobs. The situation can be best ire such that they could not be worse. understood by the glaring fact that since The 1917 the union has not called out one speed-up is terrific. Unemployment is general strike in the New York market very acute. There are no standards, no Fourteen years of inaction, of allowing fourteen years of inaction, of allowing prices, no conditions for the workers. The the very foundation of the organization union is dominated by a most vicious to be undermined, typifies the policies of the following of corrupt officials in league with the Hillman administration. The latest the underworld. The labor buros are developments in the Amalgamated prove conclusively that the conditions prevailing in the Amalgamated are due to the policies of the Hillman administration.

> THE FORTY-FOUR HOUR WEEK of Directors of the Bank of U. S.

ave gone on record for the 40-hour victed and sentenced for from three the economic collapse of Germany not exepnse of the workers. In the union week. (Continued on page 3)

## **DEMAND OUSTING** OF BRODERICK

W. K. Macy Asks Official's Removal in Connection With Bank of U.S.

W. K. Macy, chairman of the Re-ublican State Committee has made n official formal request on Governor posevelt for the immediate removal Joseph A. Broderick, State Superntendent of Banks.

The complaint of Mr. Macy definitely charges Mr. Broderick with full would receive from Germany and what responsibility for the swind! and they would have to pay out in war debts fraud in the Bank of U. S. erash. As to the United States are: France—\$86, reported some months ago in the 150,000: Great Britan—\$19,963,700; Revolutionary Age, it was indicated that Broderick would be the final target in the hig steal put over by Kresel as chief manipulator for the Board

Already Marcus and Singer, pres-Three conventions of the Amalgamated the Bank of U.S., have been con-(Continued on page 2)

ium, it is generally believed, will soliarize itself with France. The unconditional or non-postponable innuities under the Young Plan amount to about 42% of Germany's total reparaons payment so that the French proposal amounts to a virtual rejection of Hoover's moratorium suggestion. It is unofficially declared in France that if Hoover's plan goes thru without modification it will deal a death blow to

the Young Plan and to the German, reparation system as at present constituted. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is already in Paris and has arranged a series of conferences with American Amhassa-dor Edge and Premier Laval. Secretary of State Stimson is leaving for Europe to take general charge of the moratorium Under the terms of the Hoover pro-

posal of a one-year moratorium, the "saci.e. the difference between what they Italy-\$9,138,695. The amount in Allied war debts and small German payments that would be withheld from the United States thru the moratorium would be about \$246,000,000. Hovere, American investments in Germany amount to dent and executive vice-president of well over two and a half billion, a great deal or all of which would be lost thru The rank and file workers thru to six years. They are now out on to speak of the possibility of a complete overthrow of capitalism in that country.

# Picnic and Dance, Saturday, July 25, Clinton Park, Maspeth, L. I.

bosses to reorganize their plants, reduce

overhead and increase profits--all at the

organization gangsterism and terrorism

replied to this request.

Legislature Puts Quota on Number; Clericals To Resist Law

MEXICO CITY.-The recent law of the Vera Cruz state legislature limiting the number of Roman Catholic priests to one per 100,000 of the population is to be delied by the Roman Catholic priests,

according to reports on June 22. The law was passed in an attempt to put a curb upon the reactionary influence of the clericals who constitute a strong support of the landowners. The law is very popular with the peasant masses.

The priests have appealed to the Federal government which seems anxious to help them. No steps have been taken as yet, however.

CAPONE PLEADS **GUILTY IN CHI.** 

Expects 3 Years Sentence; End Foreshadowed by Thompson Fall

CHICAGO-Al Capone has pleaded guilty to the three Federal indict-ments raised against him. Two of these indictments charge evasion of The sentencing of Capone is set for the near future. Altho Capone is liable to over thirty years in prison and to fines totalling tens of thousands of dollars, it is generally ex-

tend beyond three years.

The check in the astonishing career of Alphonse (Scarface) Capone, a check that may well lead to his can be no misunderstanding that our task ultimate downfall, is everywhere is to build up the union to which the great closely associated with the recent defeat of the Thompson forces in Chicago municipal politics. Capone and his organization constituted an in-tegral part of the Thompson political machine in Chicago and derived its win back our lost conditions . . . and to political power and protection from this connection. But apparently even Capone's efforts could not save Thompson from defeat—and now Ca-

is reaping the consequences.

With Capone temporarily out of the picture, the far-reaching enterprises (bootlegging, gambling and racing rackets; labor rackets, "protection" agencies about "smashing" racketeering and "ending" bootlegging is neither sincerely meant nor possible of execution. Both racketeering and bootlegging are inevitable outgrowths and 17. ist development. Only a radical transformation of the social system can them.

"Are you ready to do this?

"We, on our part, are ready!" their roots deep in American capital- [and unite all left groups and progressive

Boost and Build the Weekly Age

Well, things are not at all well. For working class press. The weaker we are the moment, it seems the bottom has fall- in this fight, the less support we have en out of the subscription drive. Except the greater the likelihood of the Suprem for the coal fields of Western Pennsyl- Court putting over such a drastic anti-vania and for Philadelphia, subs have working class decision. Already, the ac-

away, if things don't take a turn for the there will be no use talking any more. ... The campaign is now more than half we have secured only over 1,300 points. of our quota so far. With such resultswhich are no results-it is impossible for us to get anywhere or anything. Such activity or rather lack of activities can only doom the REVOLUTIONARY

Apparently the comrades and workers have not yet realized the gravity of the crisis the REVOLUTIONARY AGE is in today. Obviously not enough of our supporters appreciate sufficiently the im-portance of the REVOLUTIONARY AGE case in the U. S. Supreme Court, One of these days you'll wake up and find a decision handed down which will strike a mortal blow against the whole

Financial Scandal

The grand jury in New York County has just handed down an indict-The indictment grows out of the Bank of U. S. scandal. Mr. Kresel was the this means that there will happen what the above mentioned bloes and dishonesty, and irregularity in New York courts.

The indictment of Mr. Kresel who is severe innuclar crisis?

If you don't, nobody else will. And the ship of the Comintern. In addition to the above mentioned bloes and groups there are numbers of small parties and associations in the electric case very plainly to you. Now to work!

ies, has created a profound impres-

sion.

The trial on the perjury indictment will very likely precede the trial on Mr. Kresel's indictment growing out of the crocked work in the Bank of

Issues Declaration on Unity

cial left wing movement and to every left wing worker for unity,"

he conditions in the trade emphasizing mass of the workers belong. It is our on the basis of a constructive program of remove the leadership of the right wing clique and its harmful policies . . . "

The leaflet concludes: "We therefore propose the following points as a basis for unity between all left and progressive groups and elements: (1) For an immediate struggle to win back the lost union dustry. (3) For a struggle against the hosses, a struggle based upon a class line, representation to joint boards and conventions. (8) For reunification of the clock and dress joint boards. (9) For the reunification of Operators Locals 1. "Around such a program and

### Left Wing Struggle Develops || CHARGES G.O.P. IS In the Anthracite

by Frank Vrataric

Comrade Vraturio is the best known lost in manouvers. They must take and most influential Communist in the definite stand with program and policy Anthracite mining fields. He has just been elected by unanimous vote vicechairman of Local 466, United Mine all progressive elements to take the fol Workers of America, the largest mi-ners tocal in the Anthracite. I. Concentrate all for

Wilkes Barre, Pa. When nominations for the District Executive Board opened in March 1931 the present regime of Lewis and Boylan must be cut down to the average wage got on the job and had many local office of the miner for working days lost at the cials send in nominations for their administration even before nominations organize its forces to put up a full pro-gressive slate in the election. Dissatisfaction is general among the miners, dissatisfaction against unbearable conditions and against the policies of the District Executive Board which has become the open tool of the coal operators. This dissatisfaction broke out into open revolt in the Glen Alden case, etc. After the Glen Alden strike the anticadministration forces started to speak of the formation of an opposition slate, to form one united slate against the present regime.

Some of the strike leaders, such Maloney, altho they expressed themselves in favor of such an idea, did not do anything in that direction. Of course this hindered the work of the progressive group. Obstacles also came from the of-ficial Communist Party and National Min-ers Union leadership who, at the last minute, came up forward and declared that they were going to put up a slate, calling it the "left wing" opposition. But noth ing was done in that direction; only a declaration was issued in the Daily Worker to keep the membership quiet. Finally, nominations were closed and the district officials came out and announced that no one had received sufficient nominations from locals to have their names placed on the ballot, except the nominees of the Boylan administration!

ment. If the officials would not grant such a convention, it was declared, then it would have to be a tump convention. Naturally, the officials would not permit a tri-district convention and so the move ment for a rump convention grew. Then, at its height, some of the leading men decided to give up the movement and to go to court to compel the District Board to put Maloney's name on the ballot. Of course the progressive group criticized such tactics which can only bring demoralization to the rank and file.

Finally, the court decided that Mal-

On the day of the elections the gangsterism of the Lewis Boylan regime appeared in full bloom. The rank and file vere prevented from casting their votes for Maloney and Herman (president and) vice-president). In spite of this, about 80% of the returns gave Maloney about 1st and workers organizations. In this 55% and Boylan about 25%. In spite of these figures, Boylan insisted that he had the majority by 20,000! The final announcement of the elections will be made at the convention in July-which gives sufficient time to Boylan to make We've mounted your unseaworthy ships himself a majority by stealing votes.

This month there will take place elections of officers in the locals. Here too We would return again. the terror tactics of Lewis and Boylan are being employed. However, anti-ad The angry billows roll. ministration sentiment is growing and If sacrifice, be freedom's price there is good possibility that a good pro Well, then, we've paid the toll. portion of the anti-administration delegates will be elected.

The progressive group must take a der Tomorrow frigid parts. cisive hand in this convention so that the anti-administration elements will not be

#### DEMAND REMOVAL OF Newfoundland's foggy banks. BRODERICK

(Continued from page 1) appeal. Kresel is trying to secure a delay in his trial and in all probability his case will not come up till late in the fall. In the meanwhile it is very likely that new sensational revelations Only to find, we're thrown behind will be made to show the game played On reaching forty-five? by Broderick in the administration of the office as State Superintendent of Your days are numbered now, Banking. His predecessor is now We see the light of serving a long jail term for his role Upon our union bow.

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To accomplish this it is necessary for

1. Concentrate all forces for electing as many delegates as possible. A delegate should be elected for every vote to which the local is entitled. To accomplish this corruptible, high-salary paid delegates of the miner for working days lost at the convention and for expenses. 2. The convention must oust the pres-

were declared open. The progressive ent officials and must elect temporary offi- dard Oil's contribution was \$92, group, organizationally weak, started to cers in their place from the floor of the contribution was \$99,000, convention. 3. The present constitution must be re

placed by one that will defend the interests of the rank and file miners.

4. The new Executive Board must by instructed to take the initiative in callconsider the present working agreement. big business.

# **OWNED BY RICH**

Dill Gives List of Campaign Donors; Both Parties

Serve Bosses

WASHINGTON—In a challenge to the Communist International as published in the International Press Correspondence, vol. II, Democratic party is "mortgaged" to John J. Raskob, Senator Dill, Democrat, of Washington, asserted that a small group of rich men furnished about one-half of the \$6,541,000 Republican campaign fund in 1928. At the same time Senator Dill appointed. the same time Senator Dill announced that 239 contributors had furnished \$2,580,000, of which nearly two millions had come from 113. The Stanent officials and must elect temporary offi- dard Oil's contribution was \$92,500 auto manufacturers' was \$225,000, the utility operators' was \$68,000.

For once, both the Republicans and Democrats are right! Both parties are mortgaged to Wall Street, both ing a special tri-district convention to re- parties are owned body and soul by

### In the Communist Party

### Lithuanian Opposition Organized

Tauros) were conferring to work out a was rejected by the Conference which deplan to open a principled fight against cided to organize itself definitely as a Liththe burocratic regime of the Party. But unnian Communist Opposition and to when it came to an actual struggle they capitulated. The last one to capitulate first issue of the Bulletin has just apwas Comrade Pruseika who, tho he had the majority of the Lithuanian workers and delegates to the Vilnis Conference, refused to assume any responsibility and re fused to fight for his position against the adventurist line of the official Party lead ership. In spite of his refusal to fight at the time when he had the chance to deal telling blows for his principles, the Party burderats managed to capture the Vilnis Conference by a vote of only 262 against 201. However, since the Vilnis fiasco there has started a movement amongst the rank and file members of the, Lithuanian fraction of the Communist Party to resist the destructive ultra-left line and to crystalize a definite Lithuanian Communist Opposition.

Recently there was held a conference of these commudes at which there were 42 oney's name must be put on the ballot. Program and policy were dropped by Maloney and a Maloney versus Boylan fight was substituted for a rank and file struggle against the reactionary burocracy. crystallization of a principled opposition to the Party wrecking line failed, verwhelming majority of the delegates flatly rejected the Pruscika manouver. The policy of Pruseka and those who are with him is the following:

Let the Bimbas destroy the Commun-

### Eight Bells

by N. J. McKENNA

That you might profit gain. We've sailed from home, not knowing

Above a million wat'ry graves

You sent us o'er uncharted seas In July the convention will take place. In quest of newer marts, Today somewhere in torrid zones, And oft for you faced instant death From oil exploding tanks, And ran the risk of icebergs, by

> Whom do you depend upon When blows the fierce typhoon, And seas run high, 'neath clouddimmed sley,

Conceuling stars and moon? Who is it gives their worthwhile years You callous-hearted human drone. We see the light of truth at last Nor do we need your Institutes To cleanse us from our sin. You hypocrite, its with thyself, That thou must first begin.

From towboats, barges, ships and docks All quarters maritime,

And at the proper time We've learned a lesson from the past We know now how to win, Its not by trades we're organized BUT BY THE CLASS WE'RE IN.

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Some months ago the leadership of the [way they will expose themselves. Then thuanian Buro of the Communist Pare the workers will come to us asking us to (Mizera, Bimba, Pruscika, Androulis, save them. This non-Communist attitude cause it was not based on the course publish an organ called the Bulletin. The

### Startling Evidence Of Bankruptcy

The Party autocrats have been conducting a sort of secret membership drive. It lasted for the last half year. It was the weakest spots in the world rev-taunched on Lenin Memorial Day and olutionary movement." Well, well— was supposed to end on Paris Commune so the C.P. U.S.A. is one of the two Day but it has since then been extended indefinitely. The results to date have world. What has happened in three been so dismal that the Central Committee didn't even date to attempt the same bluff which was perpetrated a year ago when more than 6,000 workers were allegated by the committee of the committee of fierce class battles" and as a "able to the committee of the workers are a member of the Party and as a communist parties in the Comrade Lovestone and others I remained in the Party thinking that some day the Committee its mistake and see the results of its ruinous tactics. I tried hard to work to the committee of the workers are a member of the Party and as a committee of the workers are a member of the Party and as a committee of the workers are a member of the Party and as a committee of the workers.

drawn the working masses into the Party anks. We quote:

"We have failed completely to draw Negro workers into the Party. Especially did our Units 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 28, who are concentrate ing in Negro territories and are sup-posed to be active in organizing LSNR groups, neglect this very important work of recruiting Negro workers in

"The lone and single Negro worker ent Lenin Drive came up himself to Unemployment "New the section headquarters and made out Turn" in Chicago an application.

Only 1 out of every 2 units have secued new members. Of the 10 units, 7

membership than most of the other or less independent organization!!! ed in securing a single member."

### New Member of the Secretariat

The Party Secretariat has again been reorganized with Weinstone finally having reached another stage in his ambition. He is now on the Party Secretariand say that we are changing our former (continued from page 1) iat in place of Bedacht, who has been policy. We don't talk about it, but take Party (of which he is the head) as being assigned to specialize in fraternal organization matters.

### New Struggle Among Canadian Finns

Despite the desperate efforts of the munist Party, trouble is again brewing cessful meetings. in the ranks of the Finnish Communists

### Two Pertinent Questions

Manuilsky Reports at the XI Plenum

We call the attention of all our readers to the report of Manuilsky at the XI Plenum of the Executive Com-mittee of the Communist Interna-tional as published in the Interna-

the following two gems: 1. Declares Manuilsky, in the name of the E.C.C.I.:

"We have accomplished little since the X Plenum in the matter of independent leadership in class battles, but it is stupid to wail, as the opportunists in our ranks do, about the alleged narrowing of the base of Communist influence resulting from the Communists having begun to assume independent leadership in class battles. Had the Communists given independent leadership to movements like the General Strike in Great Britain or the Northern Expedition in China, it would have implied that they had won the majority of the working class and toiling masses and this would have resulted in the immediate victory of the proletarian

Let us realize what his means! The policy of the Cominteen in the British General Strike and in the Chinese Northern Expedition was fundamentally false, Manuilsky contends, beof "independent leadership"! But who proposed the "independent leadercourse at the time of the General Strike and Northern Expedition? None other than that the Trotskyite Opposition. The criticism Manuilsky makes today is 100% in the spirit of Trotskyism. Why does not Manuil-sky admit this openly? Why does he keep on abusing the Trotskyites in the very same breath that he takes over their views?

2. "The Communist Parties of the U. S. A. and Great Britain are now We now quote from Bulletin No. 2, favorable situation, with a "correct line," with the expulsion of the "renhis mysterious membership drive has cgades," with "successes" piled upon "successes"—how come?

> An official statement of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Canada just issued declares:

"The struggle against the oppor-tunists of the Tenhunen clique is especially sharp in Sudbury where the right wing established its headquar-

Expulsions have started again.

was present. There he presented the "new" C. I. line on unemployment. A secured only one each. Ifve have sedetailed discussion took place on unemployment. A cured three each. Two units got four playment and the sun total of the "new cach. Two units got five each.

"It is interesting to note the fact that the ten units who have not secured a single applicant have a bigger on the firequently and frequently must build up a more or less independent promisation!!!

posing that the unemployed be an inde-pendent organization." He turned to Phil Frankfield for verification and the whole D. C. looked very much embarass ed and upset.

So when Statchel answered, what he said was this: "Of course we don't come out openly

such actions that will gradually put the present policy into effect."

A very successful meeting was held last Thursday, June 1 on the Waterfront, with over 490 scamen present. The speakers were Eddie Welsh, Jack Soderberg

This meeting is one of a series of meetlomintern thru its representatives (Zack ing to be held on South Street. In Bittleman and Mrs. Kuusinen) to patch the future at least one weekly meeting up some sort of deal between the unprin- will be held. The response of these cipled burocracy in the Finnish fraction seamen was very encouraging. We are at work building a new society of, and and what is left of the Canadian Com- looking forward to a series of very suc-

Forty-live copies of the Revolutionary Age were sold.

### BANQUET--RECEPTION--DANCE

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# HONOR WALKER

#### Businessmen League Toasts Mayor: Moton Boasts of Negro Democratic Aid

Tammany Mayor Walker was guest of honor on June 24 at the annual dinner of the National Negro Business League at the Broadway Central Hotel. Nearly 200 members of the organization from thirty states were present.

Mr. Walker was introduced by Alder-

man Fred R. Moore.

Speaking on behalf of the convention,
Dr. Robert R. Moton, president of the National Negro Business League and principal of Tuskegee Institute, declared that "Negroes could no longer be counted as the members of one political party. Many of them are now members of ty. Many of them are now members of the Democratic party in Alabama," he

And so the conservative, "old-style"

Negro leaders are busy at their age old game: trading on the confidence of the Negro masses in them in order to sell them to their worst enemies, the Repub lican and Democratic politicians who represent white lynch-supremacy in its worst forms. So shameless are these conservative leaders that they make a Democratic politician their guest of honor and actually boast of the support misled sections of the Negro people are giving to the Democratic party, the traditional political symbol of lynch law, disenfranchisement, discrimination and jim-crowism!

### NEGRO LEADERS The Real Condition of the TUUL-Marine Union

by Jack Soderberg

the total membership of the union as about 300 or less. Scemingly, however, this figure was a little liberal. Taking the official bulletin (The National Organizer) as a guide, we find (according to their own figures) that during the month of May, 40 new members lined up and a total of 36 paid dues. Among the 40 lined up is undoubtedly included the needle workers and others that were made members to get a majority to put over my expulsion. According, therefore, to these official figures, the membership is today about 76 at the most.

What a tragedy! This union, once so promising, has today fallen to nothing but an empty shell and a lit-tic clique of fanatics masquerading as an industrial union. This is the inevitable result of a wrong policy and criminal mishandling of union

In the same bulletin we note that

In my recent article on the Marine any price obtainable. Yet we find Workers Industrial Union I estimated the bulletin speaks of the "favorable the total membership of the union sentiment" in New Orleans. Perhaps they have realized that "favorable sentiment" will not pay rent.

> Despite the above lesson the bulletin speaks of opening a new hall in Newport News, Va. Why open a new hall when they can't keep the old one going passes comprehension.

The inconsistency of their reports is shown by another news item in the bulletin. It states that on May 24th headquarters were opened in Brook-lyn. We remember distinctly having had reports of Brooklyn headquarters for the last six months at least. Which is which? Were these reports for the last six months phoney, or are they merely speaking of opening these headquarters to counteract the other pessimistic reports such as "the hall in San Pedro may have to close down," that "no reports have been received from Frisco"? Why not tell us the straight dope? State that due New Orleans is going forward with to the incorrect line, the incompegreat guns, but somehow in the same toney of the leadership and the lack paragraph we also note that "very little organizational results are shown." This must have been a slip of the pen. Or was it perhaps to prepare the members for what has the head of the union, the branches in Pedro, Frisco, New Orleans and other places have closed down and the places have closed down and the places are now York happened since? The hall is now being closed and the furniture sold at and Norfolk which is kept open at the rate of 36 dues paying members per month?

That's the only kind of self-criticism that would do any good altho, if they persist in the present line, that would not do them any good

The same bulletin states that "Philadelphia is understood to have a membership of 150 in the unemployed council." Last summer we had a dues-paying membership of over 1000 in this port and not in the unemployed council but in the union, until the Party leadership forced us into a criminal adventure that destroyed every thing we had built thru pa-A year ago, 1,000 dues-paying mem-

bers in the union, today 150 non dues-paying members of an imaginary council. Yes! it is a tragedy.

We learn that the convention of the union this year will be held jointly with the T.U.U.L. convention in Chirecommendations concerning the future cago. Sure, it would be pretty hard conduct of Morris Hillquit in this case to hold a convention of a union with There is considerable and growing distributed to the decisions of the conventions-the decisions arrived at by the metal, needle trades workers, etc.; Undoubtedly these trades will be in a wonderful position to deal with the problems of the seamen and the longshoremen.

The bulletin states naively that "the membership of the New York,

not a single longshoreman is now on the books of the union. However, this is a small matter as the needle trades workers will undoubtedly be brought in to make all the decisions necessary tion.

We also read in the bulletin that Duluth has twelve members. seem to recollect only a few weeks ago thousands of waterfront workers in an effort to get at the hottom of the coming out on strike-led by none

Congress of the Second (Socialist) In pass our union has come today. We have no union in the Marine Workers The Revolutionary Age has, therefore Industrial Union. Only a label—a addressed a series of questions to Mr. rubber stamp. The wrong line and Hillquit about this incident. Todate tactics have brought us to this. What these questions have not yet been an is left is at most only a debating so-swered. They follow: is left is at most only a debating so-ciety of the Communist Party. The every day problems of our industry are forgotten in the reckless political manouvering and coniving. Miners are on strike and yet not

a step is taken by the union to pre-3. Are you in favor of Russian recognitent the handling of seab coal on \$50 a month. Nothing is done about this. Are we going to continue this you consider the effect on American or are we going to get into the various unions, form a strong left group that will eventually drive out the burocrats and bring about amalgamation of all the waterfront unions into one mighty powerful industrial union of all marine workers of the country. It is up to the rank and file. What shall our answer be?

### SOVIET-GERMAN PACT IS RENEWED

MOSCOW-A protocol renewing the Soviet-Corman neutrality agreement of 1926 was signed at noon on June 24 by Ambassador von Dirksen and Assistant Commissar Krestinsky. It now requires ratification by both governments.

The agreement contains two new oints: First, the term of the treaty is indefinite and may be ended by either government on one year's notice but not before June 30, 1933. Secondly, the existing Soviet-German arbitration agreement for settling minor conflicts is to hinge on the Berlin treaty and be valid as long as the latter remains in force.

Auspices: Needle Trades Section, Communist Party (Maj. Group)

## Statement of a Party Member When I joined the Communist Parto continue my membership in the ty in June 1929 I did so because I Union irrespective of my political realized that as a Communist my place opinions and convictions. The Union

For Communist Unity

should be in the Party. Being a mashould and must be an economical rine worker I also joined the Marine organization and not a political sect. Workers League and later when the League became the Union I continued to be active there.

Comrade Lovestone and others I reary monarchist capitalist elements whose mained in the Party thinking that Communist but gradually the leader-We have already cited facts to show the campaign in the Chicago district did in this drive.

for political struggle." Today, the Communist but gradually the leader-campaign in the Chicago district did in the Comintern. How come? With a changed their tactics with regards to ship of the Party and the Union conduct of saletts time and 36 dues-paying members so it is dechanged their tactics with regards to as a prerequisite to his leadership of and 36 dues-paying members so it is decided to hold it in conjunction with comrades who dared to ask questions on certain policies. As a result, the Marine Workers Industrial Union, like most other T.U.U.L. unlons, is today only a shadow of its former strength.

> those of us that dared to oppose this and vote against it are today being persecuted. I am still a member of the Party

and of the Union; yet I find, when attending a membership meeting of the Union, that I am attacked and physical violence is being used against me on an excuse that I am "a stoolpigeon for Soderborg." I voted against the expulsion of Soderborg against the expulsion of Soderborg as ubstantial proportion of it is going to the mean that a substantial proportion of it is going to the mean that a substantial proportion of it is going to the mean that there is also much disgust with Hillquit's the pen must have supped again and not only the head but the whole dammed cat is coming out of the bag with a crash admitting that these are the only three branches now open. pigeon for Soderborg." I voted Hillquit got a terrific retainer and that against the expulsion of Soderborg and I am still of the opinion that a the Socialist party campaign fund for the professional longshoreman, In the Chicago District Buro Statchel serious error was committed when this command was present. There he presented the command was expelled, but I am not command was expelled, but I am not command was expelled. comrade was expelled, but I am not a stool-pigeon for him nor do I think

that he needs or desires one. I disagree with the line of the line" was that the unemployed must have a separate office from the T. U. U. L. result of it in the unions as well as among the workers everywhere and as long as this line is persisted in we membership than most of the other or less independent organization!!! will remain an isolated sect or cult units. There certainly is something steve Rubicki could not "understand" and our "unions" will remain what radically wrong with their work, or this new manner so in his speech be they are today—Communist nuclei their method of work, which is the said:

with no mass basis. If I was to consame thing, if they have not succeed. "What are you proposing? Why a tinue to support this line I feel that month or so ago we expelled Min Lurye I would not be helping to pave the from the Unemployed Councils for pro- way for the revolution but would on the contrary hinder it. However, as a marine worker, I demand the right

### S.P. MEMBERS PROTEST HILLQUIT'S ACTS

(continued from page 1) opposed to the historical right of the working people to take over the means into their own possession which is the basis? very foundation of Socialism and

WHEREAS, this action of Comrade nition? If yes, then aren't you in your the ships. Two watch systems are Hillquit puts both the Socialist Purty suit hurting Soviet-American trade and back and the Munson Line is down to and himself in a position of open alliance with the hitterest reactionary elements of old Czarist Russia against the workers and farmers of New-Russia who are hard

for the producers; and WHEREAS, for these reasons, the the Czar or a Kerensky capitalist governconduct of Comrade Hillquit places a shameful stigma upon every Socialist and Socialist organization in the country and serves to discredit the cause of Socialism among the workers of the United States ad in other ways does great political and moral damage to the Socialist and la-

bor movement of this country: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of Circle No. 1, Y. P. S. L. unreservedly and indignantly condemn the conduct of Morris Hillquit as being absolutely unworthy of a So cialist and of any one associated with the cause of labor: and BE IT RESOLVED, that we demand:

mittee in the name of the Socialist Party officially repudiate the action of Morris

(2) that Morris Hillquit he himself Can the president of American Tele-called upon to repudiate his anti-Social phone and Telegraph be referring to the ist and anti-labor conduct and to break imemployed?

Sven Strandberg. At the time of the expulsion of his relations with the counter-revolution

> fore the grievance committee of the Party to explain his flagrant anti-Socialist action with a view towards bringing in

(3) That Morris Hillquit be called be

satisfaction and unrest in the Socialist party ranks in New York City over Hillquit's becoming the lawyer for the Czar-In our Union, the best comrades and old, known fighters have all been expelled on the flimsiest excuses and ist agencies in the United States in their ing oil from the Soviet Union. In some branches sharp resolutions of

protest and condemnation have already been presented and are meeting a fav. Norfolk and New Orleans has aporable response from workers. In the proved this decision."

orable response from workers. In the proved this decision."

Yes! All 36 of them! Incidentally, circles sympathetic to the Socialist party there is also much disgust with Hillquit's the pen must have slipped again and

One report has it that Mr. Norman Thomas, "who next to Chairman Hillquit, is the leading figure in the Socialist party," was at first against Hillquit becoming for the longshoremen at the convencounsel for the Romanoff family but then he was swung into line by Hillquit. The Revolutionary Age is investigating this report for further details or confirmation. In the meantime the Revolutionary Age has tried to get in touch with Mr. Hillquit

whole deal between the Czarist organizar other than the Marine Workers Intions and certain American oil interests dustrial Union. How come that it Hillquit could not be reached. His of fice has informed us that Mr. Hillquit has sailed for Europe to attend the World Congress of the Second (2000). So far Mr. how can only boast twelve members? What is it? Another slip of the Pellow marine market world Congress of the Second (2000). ternational at Vienna!

Hillquit about this incident. 1. Why did you take the case?

2. Do you think your clients are enof production and industrial resources titled to the oil property? If so, on what

> especially recognition? 4. When you took the case, didn't workers and their attitude?

5. Are you in favor of restoration of

ment? 6. What do you mean "revolution in the U.S.S.R. is illegal?" 7. How much do you get for your ser-

vices to the White Guardists in the Unit-

ed States 8. What connection is there between your being chairman of the Socialist par ty and your taking this case? 9. What connections is there between

Socialist Party policy towards the U. S. S. R.? 10. Did you take the case in order to strike at growing pro-Soviet and Com-

munist sympathies in the United States?

your policy in taking this case and the

(1) that the National Executive Com- Wanted: More Faith and Less Intelligence "In this depression some folk of intel-; ligence but little faith have been calling Hillquit and make this repudiation public: for immediate remedies." Walter S. Gif-

### Racketeering and Sell-Out Agreements

# Hillmanism in Amalgamated

by Ben Gitlow

(Continued from page 1)

out the organization have demanded it. Nothing was done to establish the 40hour week. The will of the workers was ignored. The issue could no longer be kept merely in archives of convention decisions. Agreements were expiring in Rochester, Cincinnati, Chicago, New York and elsewhere. The 40-hour issue had to be met. How was it met by the Hillman now claims to fight the rackets Hillman administration?

The Rochester agreement was renewed in March of this year. It established the man's skirts are not so clean as he would precedent for all the other markets. It have us imagine. He is surrounded by continued the existing agreement for an a gang of racketeers as corrupt as viother three years. This Rochester agree cious as those surrounding Abe Becker ment is the most flagrant betrayal of the man and Philip Orlofsky. It was Hillworkers and a wonderful instrument of man himself who foited Beckerman and the hosses. It is a Hillman, "golden-rule" his gang upon the organization in order stroke of strategy that wins the applause to destroy and smash the growing miliof the bosses and begets the groans of tant and progressive rank and file move-

does away with the proposition in this has known it for years. Nevertheless he dainty manner. I quote from the agree had no qualms of conscience in using

"It is agreed that the demand for the "It is agreed that the demand for the 40-hour week, which the manufacturers find themselves unable to accept at the present time, be referred to the representatives of the parties to this agreement with instructions to consider the feasibility of introducting the 40-hour week in the industry."

That ended the 40-hour week. It is very clear from the organ of the manufacturers, the Daily News Record, that there was considerable sentiment among manufacturers to grant the 40-hour week and that, had the Hillman administration been interested in the welfare of the workers, the demand would have been won not only for Rochester but for

of March 9, 1931 states:

"It is quite certain that the Chicago employers would not grant, nor Mr. Hillman demand, the change for the one market after having waived it in the other (Rochester). In fact the 40-hour week is unlikely ever to become effective until the entire organized industry can be swing into it, not until perhaps industry generally is more nearly tipe for it."

The starving, unemployed Amalgamat ed workers must wait until "industry generally throout the country is ripe for the 40-hour week" before Hillman will demand that the clothing bosses grant the demand. Hillman can wait; his fat salary goes on. He has nothing to fear. His family won't starve.

This same writer of the Daily News Record praises Hillman for his 40-hour stands as follows:

"However, as he matteres, Mr. Hillman becomes less and less doctrinaire and more and more pragmatic."

He means: As Mr. Hillman continues to give more and more service to the hosses he becomes more and more practical in this respect and less and less representative of the interests of the work

AND MORE!

But this is not all there is to the Rochester agreement. Not one single demand for some improvements of condi-tions was presented by Hillman to the manufacturers! The negotiations were started, the parties met and in less than twenty four hours the new agreement was the Party, had a dominant influence in signed. Mr. Hillman is typical of the modern age, a true apostle of speed and efficiency in negotiating and signing agreements.

The Rochester agreement is one of the blackest sell-outs of the workers inter-I quote from the agreement: (Point IV):

"The power to hire shall remain with the employers but in time of unemploy-ment it is understood that consideration shall first he given to persons who have been employed in local shops doing work for members of the clothiers exchange.

The bosses have the right to hire, given full power of discrimination in hiring Now let us proceed to Point V: "The full power to discharge and disc-

line lies with the employer. It is agreed that this power shall be exercised with justice and with regard to the reasonable justice and with regard in the reasonance rights of the employee. The power of discharge shall be exercised only thru the duly authorized and responsible respresentative of the management."

The bosses are given full power to fire. How easily Hillman disposes of the right of hire and fire! But that is not all. Let us take Point VI:

changes in sloop management and meth-ods of manufacturing is recognized; such changes to be made without loss to the employees directly affected."

The bosses are further granted the right to reorganize, speed-up and throw workers out by the hundreds. But Hillman doesn't stop there in protecting the bosses. Point VII provides:

"This agreement provides for an orderly adjustment of differences and there is no provocation for direct action. If, however, a sloppage shall occur, the union shall immediately order the people to return to work and in the event of their failure to do so, any or all of the participants, in or instigators shall be liable to discipline."

strike and to punish militant workers who not correct to send a letter to the Cen resort to direct action to settle prievances. The bosses can hire, fire, reorganize at will. The workers, according to the slave pact signed by Hillman, must submit or suffer the consequences. But this is not all there is to this remarkable Hillman document: Point XI provides:

"Piece rates, standards of production, wages of week workers in effect May 1, 1922 cannot be reduced or raised during the term of this agreement inless by mutual consent of the parties to this agreement."

lished in 1922 when the Rochester mar- its dominance due to its sectarian policy, ket was first organized! No wonder as to its looking at all workers thru the Hillman matures he becomes mellow and spectacles of "social fascism," and to its soft, pragmatic, practical, constructive rejection of a united front with the pro-and an upright leading figure whose gressives.

leadership, the Daily News says, the the Hillman administration and its poli-manufacturers should welcome and fol-Leies. low. But how about the workers? They after all are only the under dogs. Why worry about them!

RACKETEERING IN THE A. C. W.

The racketeer business in the Amalgamated is not new. It is strange that eers in New York, but is mum about his own pet racketeers in Chicago. Mr. Hillment in the Amalgamated. The situation On the 40- hour week this agreement in the cutters local is not new. Hillman the cutters officials and gangsters against the workers, the rank and file.

When Orlofsky stole elections, when the corruption of his administration was called to Hillman's attention, when he knew workers were being intimidated, thrown out of employment and their lives threatened, Hillman, the president of the organization, kept quiet and did not raise a finger or wink an eye.

### THE "ANTI-RACKETEERING

Now there is being prepared a war against racketeers and Hillman leads the union and the manufacturers. The district attorney, the chief of police and No wonder George J. Hexter writing Mayor Walker are enlisted in the fight. for the bosses in the Daily News Record For what purposes:

1. To eliminate Beckerman by sending some of his boys and aids to prison. 2. To distract the attention of the vorkers from the new agreement which is to be fastened around the necks of the

The elimination of Beckerman will

THE NEW YORK MARKET

As far as the New York market is conterned, that matter Hillman thinks he has settled. He has definitely come to an agreement with the manufacturers. They work together today on all points.

Hasn't Mr. Jaffee, president of the New York Clothing Manufacturers Exhange, gone hand in glove with Mr. Hillman in a common cause before Mayor

And when Mayor Walker, turning to Hillman declared: "Promise me that there won't be a strike". Mr. Hillman replied: 'If there is, the racketeers will call it." What will the new agreement provide? Nothing for the workers except one new point the check-off, so that Hallman can get the bosses to collect the dues from

#### THE TASKS OF THE WORKERS

What must the rank and file do? Organize a genuine opposition movement of all honest, progressive, militant, left wing forces, on the following pro-

- I. For the 40-hour week and no re-
- 2. For week work.
- 4. For a rank and file union controlled by the rank and file with full democracy in the organization.
- 5, For a minimum scale of wages that] shall be a living scale of wages.
- 6. Against all gangsters, racketeers, corruptionists, whether they are Hillmanites or Beckermanites. To drive them out of the union.

Only thru such a broad genuine rank and file movement, not based upon trickery, manouvers, and hidden intentions can a mighty rank and file opposition naintain as corrupt, as vicious, a gang be developed that will sweep out the dirof racketeers in the Amalgamated-with ty mess and make the Amalgamated this exception that they will at least for again a militant fighting organization of the present be satisfied with supporting the workers.

Our Course

Comrade Cox. a left wing carnenter

The developments took on such a turn,

U. U. L. that it would be in the

nterest of the trade union movement

minimum program which would rally to-

gether all forces to the militant section

of the union. Again, the T. U. U. L.

U. L. decided to run its own candidates.

At the union meeting, when nomina-

ions for chairman were called for, a can-

didate was nominated by the T. U. U. L.

with the throwing open of nominations

for this office, there arose a spontan-

e would not challenge the T. U. U. L.,

cous demand for Cox to run.

Consequently the T. U.

because of the pressure of the workers,

on the situation.

he left wing be?

meet the present situation.

### The Carpenters Election in Los Angeles

### TWO POLICIES IN TRADE UNION WORK

by A. Schaap

ca for unity and independent activity is correct is borne out by recent events in Los Angeles, particularly in relation to trade union work. The Old T. U. E. L.

That the policy of the .C.P.:Majority

Group of the Communist Party of Ameri-

For some time the T. U. E. L. funcioning under that name and guided by the policies laid down during the years that the Ruthenberg-Lovestone group led This is as it should have been for in

Los Angeles there was and still is a most vicious struggle carried on by the open shoppers to crush the trade union move-That the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce prides itself for keeping this city as the "white spot" of America is well known to the many workers who have felt the iron heel of the bosses in their desire to smash every vestige of the rade union movement.

In this situation the workers in many unions looked to the T.U.E.L. for leaderhip in the struggle for better conditions. And at that time, with the exception of ome mistaken policies now and then, the T. U. E. L. carried on the struggle in n effective manner. Its influence was felt and registered

n the Central Labor Union and at one time carried a very substantial following. In the carpenters union the left wing and a dominant influence and it was the union that was the spearhead in the strug gle against the hosses and the trad union hurocracy, in the building trades in the Central Labor body and in the trade union movement as a whole,

In every section in the carpenters unfor he workers registered their unfailing conlidence in the left wing and generally always elected a full left wing slate.

The Change of Line Comes
But with the change of line of the Parly policies, the left wing movement in

os Angeles collapsed.

Its substantial following in the Cen tral Labor Union has been reduced to zero. In fact to show the Party's present attitude in relation to this body, we need only refer to the "discussion" in the Party in Los Angeles, where the "burn-This is a victous guarantee not to ing question is whether it is correct or iral Labor body to invite it to a united front conference on free speech! The "great" discussion revolves around the question as to whether this would con stitute a united front "from below"

from above." The influence the left wing previously held in the Central Labor body has been further drained by the withdrawal of left wingers into the new unions which today in Los Angeles (as everywhere else.-

Editor) merely appears on paper. In the carpenters union we find that No changes in wages from those established. U. U. L. is isolated, having lost

### Horner on Way To Expulsion

The British Daily Worker of June 9 arries an article by Harry Pollitt giving will remember that towards the end of 1930 Arthur Horner, once head of the British Minority Movement and acknowledged left wing leader of the South Wales miners came into sharp conflict with the leadership of the Communist Party of Great Britain and of the C. I. over trade union tactics. He refused to declare his agreement with, or to carry thru the sectarian splitting tactics of the and a bitter "enlightenment campaign" was launched against him.

Committee, of which Pollitt writes, Horner was present and made a long twoour declaration. Altho it was frequentunclear in content and certainly coniliatory in tone, this declaration only made Comrade Horner's divergence from the official line clearer than before. The Central Committee replied to his declaraion with another attack declaring that "it is necessary that the campaign against the errors of Comrade Horner be continued because they are deep-seated in many circles of our Party, particularly mongst comrades with long trade union Finally against one abstention, the following resolution was passed:

the conviction that this speech shows 3. For an adequate unemployment responding of 'Class Against Class' and the position to the line of the Party.

"The C. C. notes the refusal of Comthe resolution of the Political Buro on the So. Wales strike, and instructs the Political Buro to publish the discussion in this session of the Central Committee on the Horner question, and to carry forward the fight against opportunism in all its forms, especially the trade union legalism typified by Comrade Horner. Without this fight it will be impossible for the Party to organize and lead the great economic struggles now develop-

The question of Comrade Horner's the International."

their policies, at the same time orging the workers to vote for the T. U. U. L. candidate. Had Comrade Cox not done this the T. U. U. L. would have received an insignificant vote. The T. U. U. L candidate was opposed by a regular right wing machine man. Comrade Cox was nominated for vice-chairman and against him ran the candidate of the right wing

During the week which preceded the elections, the T. U. U. L. failed to make its platform known. It didn't have any. Faced with this situation in a union It did not carry on any propaganda for its program nor its candidates. On the once known for its militancy, some of the workers felt a need for a revival of other hand Comrade Cox, who had a the left wing in this union, considering platform and program of action, found at the same time the possibility of put workers ever ready to distribute them and workers ever ready to distribute them and ting the T.U.U.L. here on a real funcmilitantly agitate for their adoption.

tioning basis, with a corrected outlook The program called for the 5-day, 40hour week, maintenance of the union Blections for officials of the union were scale, provision for the unemployed workapproaching. What should the policy of ers, struggle against the open shop, an organization program, readmission of workers expelled for varying political refused admission into the T. U. U. L. opinions, the unity of all workers, amalgbecause he wouldn't approve its narrow amation of the building trades unions, and sectarian line, grouped around him against the war danger, for the defence many members of this union in an effort and recognition of the Soviet Union and to bring to the fore correct policies to endorsement of the 5-year plan.

Elections showed the following results: for chaiman: T.U.U.L. candidate 27 votes; right wing candidate 41 votes. For vicethat it was rumored by the T. U. U. L. chairman, Cox 36 votes; right wing canthat Cox would be nominated and endidate 34 votes. The T. U. U. L. failed dorsed by the T. U. U. L. as candidate to elect any one. It must be repeated for chairmanship of the local. Comrade that due to Comrade Cox's campaign Cox immediately got contact with the the T. U. U. L. was given the vote it T. U. U. L. and told them clearly that received, for the T. U. U. L. made no he would run on their slate only upon effort whatsoever for election of its own a platform consistent with the needs of candidates:

The policy followed by our group was Here the T. U. U. L. sensed that to do correct. As a result of this election and so would bring a reprimand from the Fost the policies pursued by us we have won ters and Stachels, for who ever heard of many new sympathizers. The members the T. U. U. L. running a "Lovestoneite" of the T. U. U. L. have been made to on its ticket? So the T. U. U. L. backed realize that our independent activity and unity is not mere talk. They see now, Again, Cox, in an effort to present a as well as the members of the union, united front of all progressive forces in the that where the constituted T. U. U. L. carpenters union, told the leaders of the bas failed to serve the interests of the workers, that we have filled the gap and made possible a genuine victory for the and the left wing, to put up a united left wing.

Our tasks in this union do not cease with this election. We must continue on with the best traditions of the left wing to fight, on the basis of our program, against the bosses and the reactionary trade union burocracy. We must work more than ever for the unity of the left wing forces in the union. Upon us is wing to a virile, healthy and influential movement.

We call upon all workers to line up owever giving constructive criticism of will not shirk our task.

# The Marxian Theory of Crises

the recent developments in the Horner case. Readers of the Revolutionary Age opment of capitalism from the standpoint of an unreal assumption, i.e., asuming the existence of a purely capitalistic society, consisting wholly of capi-C. P. in the South Wales miners strike talists and workers. As a matter of fact leads to a pronounced modification and on the basis of his experiences in t must be recognized that even now, this strike he also rejected the anti-union when capitalism has passed its apex and 'independent leadership" course of the has ceased to prevail on one-sixth of the cause the separate phases of the cycle to He was removed from his position earth's surface, the majority of the population of the bourgeois world consists of ndependent producers, viz., peasants.

At the recent meeting of the Central The transformation of these independent producers (still mainly engaged in natural economy) into elements of the apitalist order of society, i.e., the transormation of the typical "peasants" (still producing for their own household and economy) into "farmers", on the one hand, and "wage workers" on the other, is one of the most important processes in concrete capitalism. The successive transformation of the ndependent producers into elements of capitalist society is a lengthy but single

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The Role of the Peasantry

We have so far described the devel-

process in the development of capitals

sm. In comparison with pure capitalism

t represents a supplementary expansion

production, the periodical crises being

partly overcome by the extension of the

canitalist market. Once they have been

transformed into elements of capitalist so-

ciety, the peasants come to be producers

and consumers of capitalist commodities.

The consumptive capacity of the capi-

talist market is lastingly greater than pri-

or to this transformation but in the most

highly developed capitalist countries there

is no further possibility of a rapid expan-

sion of the consumptive capacity of the

internal market, simply because the peas-

ants are already constituent parts of capi-

In spite of the process of transforma-

tion of the peasants into small capitalists

or wage-workers, agriculture in general

lags behind industry in its development.

simply because agriculture is predomi-

nantly carried on in small, scattered en-

terprises, seeing that the monopoly of land

presents obstacles to the investment of

capital, this being one of the most es-

talist society.

The Central Committee notes the neech of Comrade Horner, and records pursuance of an opportunist line in op-

ade Horner to accept unconditionally

position is referred to the Political Burn with the instruction to apply disciplinary action if necessary, in conjunction with

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by A. P.

(Concluded from last issue) 3. Should the allied powers attempt o graduate the reparations income on a sliding scale on the basis of the declining world prices, it would promote considerable instability in the international economic situation and would reduce the total income thru reparations for these powers. This would interfere with the capacity of the victorious powers to meet heir debt payments to the United States since they would be getting less money

from Germany. But the United States roling class is in very difficult position now to consider any further reduction of debt payments. Already the economic crisis has reduced the income of the government. The danger of a tax rise stares the bourgeoisie in the face as a way to meet the huge deficit of one billion dollars already incurred by the budget this year. Should he Washington Treasury Department receive less from the payment of debts it would mean an automatic increase in the deficit of the Federal budget. Nevertheless, the nearly two and a half hillion in make an economic collapse of Germany (as a result of the reparation burdens) a very serious matter to Wall Street.

It is easy to see that these sharp differences and deep-going antagonisms among the powers over the debt and reparations questions greatly impede any coordinated effort that might consciously be made by the imperialist powers to tackle the still deepening world crisis.

III. REPARATIONS AND THE WORKING CLASS

That the reparation payments place the greatest burdens upon Germany is clear. But this "Germany" is not the Germany of the big banks and trust capital; it is the Germany of the toiling masses. The broadest strata of the German people feel the iron heef of the Young Plan-the industrial workers, the poor and middle farmers, the bulk of the white collar workor the office of chairman. Coincident placed the task of reestablishing the left ers and officials, vast sections of small fraders and other elements of the petty The German big bourhourgeoisie. geoisie, with the effective help of the Comrade Cox felt that for this office in this struggle and help put the left Social-democrats, has very successfully wing movement back on its feet. We managed to shift almost the entire burden of the Young Plan on to the lower

strata of the population.

But it is not the German working class alone that feels the affects of the whole system of reparation payments and war debts. Every form of hurdening Germany has immediate international repercussions. The rapid deterioration of the standard of living of the German works ers as a result of the extraction of reparation payments is transformed thru the mechanism of international competition on the world market into pressure upon constantly out of work. the living standards of the workers of other countries, even those countries re ceiving the reparation payments, (incloding the U.S.A.).

Marxism and the Crisis of Capitalism

by Eugene Varga

National States and Imperialism

So far we have been presuming a capi

alist society embracing the whole world.

In reality, however, the bourgeois world

of the cyclical course of capitalist pro

appear at different moments in the var

ons countries, in which connection, more

over, there is a constant reciprocal ac

tion among the individual "national econ-

ot simultaneous cyclical development for

The hourgeois world, however, is not

omposed of individual states of the same

degree of capitalist development. Besides

ism, there are others which are on a fai-

lower, partly even on a pre-capitalistic level. This state of affairs forms the

basis of that exportation of capital which

Lenin considered one of the most char-

acteristic symptoms of imperialism. The

most highly developed states with a great

for foreign markets by means of capital exportation as a means of promoting the

exportation of goods and the acquisition

of super-profits; they wage it by means

of subjugating foreign countries and turn-

ing them into colonies and semi-colonial

regions with an eye to monopolizing the

The exploitation of the colonies, and

the super-profits derived therefrom enable

the bourgeoisie of the imperialist countries

to corrupt certain sections of the work-

Even under monopoly capitalism an

n the period of general crisis the pro-

cess of centralization continues, an ever-

ncreasing portion of production falls to

the share of the gigantic enterprises and

he control of capital and therefore also

of the entire working population, lies in

All this means that the contradiction

between the desire of capital for an un-

the hands of an ever-smaller group of

sale of goods and the supply of raw ma-

the entire capitalist economy of the world

Innumerable concrete factors

is divided into individual states.

sentiai etenomia tion in capitalism.

duction.

of the capitalist market. This process in surplus of capital wage their struggle fluences the cyclical course of capitalist for foreign markets by means of capital

ing class.

leading capitalists.

At the same time the intrigues and manouvers of the various powers connected with the reparation and war debt payments become a big factor in the crystallization and recrystallization of rival groups of imperialist powers and thus in the political preparation of a new world

The interests of the international working class require a joint international struggle against the whole imperialist system of reparations and war debts. This struggle directly implies a fight against Young Plan and war debts payments, including the tortuous manouvers of the German bourgeoisie in the tradition of Stresemann. As against the imperialist revision of the Versailles Treaty, as against the imperialist regulation of the Young Plan and the war debts, the proletariat must raise the slogan of the annullment of the Versailles Treaty, the realization of the right of self-determination of peoples, the cancellation of all war debts and of all reparation payments. It is clear that a program such as this can only be accomplished thru the struggle of the international working class for the overthrow of capitalism.

This general program does not exclude, it rather involves, a concrete program of action for the working class (particulary the German proletariat) as long as the eparation and war debt system continues to exist. The transference of the burdens of the Young Plan from the backs of the toilers on to the possessing classes is the central axis of this struggle. True to its ultra-left line the Com-

munist Party of Germany failed to appreciate in time the significance of the whole raparations question and to work out a concrete program of struggle for the German masses. Later on, when it attempted to face the question, it well-nigh fell into the swamp of "national Bolshevism" (the notorious "Declaration on the National and Social Emancipation of the German People"). It was the German Communist Opposition that took the initiative in the struggle against the Versailles Treaty and the Young Plan, that, as far back as February 1929. elaborated its "Proletarian Fighting Program", that later put forward an "Emergency Program", and that finally claborated an extremely popular "Anti-Fascist Fighting Program." In spite of its meager forces the Communist Opposition have already succeeded in drawing large masses of workers into the struggle and in esablishing its role of leadership.

sential elements of the lack of propor-[limited expansion of output and the strictly limited consumptive capacity of capireach a point at which it can only be pvercome by incans of a crisis, and therefore, that the crises must follow more speedily upon one another, attain a great-This er depth and shake bourgeois class-rule

more violently than before.

The same fundamental contradiction between social production and private appropriation, the development of which necessarily leads, in cyclical movements, from industrial to monopoly capitalism, also leads from imperialism to the general crisis of capitalism,

#### The Decay of Capitalism

The decay of capitalism is inseparable om its monopolistic character. Its most ssential form is the deliberate restriction states which have already attained the highest degree of monopolised capitalf production and of the development of productive forces.

Tho, in comparison with former meth-

ods of production, capitalism develops the orces of production with incredible rapdity-in this, indeed, lies its historic mission—it is at the same time an obstacle to the full development of the productive orces such as would be possible at each particular stage of technical progress. ince the object of capitalist production is not the satisfaction of social requirements but the appropriation of surplusvalue, a machine is employed not whereever labor-time can thereby be saved but

only where paid labor-time can be saved Monopoly capitalism still further im-pedes the full development of the proluctive forces. The monopolies follow he aim of acquiring as great as possible share at the expense of the unorganized capitalists, the independent producers, and the proletariat. They attain this end y reducing the supply of their goods on he world market, which enables them so to regulate the price that they can make a maximum of profit out of the pro-

This naturally does not mean a stand-till in the development of the forces of roduction; Competition-in so far as it not eliminated by monopoly but exists ongside of it, resulting in a series of particularly serious and far reaching con-licts—stimulates the development of profuctive forces even in the period of finance capital and of the general crisis of capitalism. The decay of capitalism s not only apparent in the retardation of the development of productive forces but ilso particularly in the reduced exploitaion of the productive forces already exsting, a development which has become ronouncedly apparent in the period of he general crisis of capitalism.

The other aspect of decay is the nonexploitation of great sections of human abor-power, the most decisive of all productive forces. There arises a large number of rentiers, who lead a parasitical life without doing any work; added to these there is a tremendous growth in the number of such workers as perform work not resulting in any values in administrative, commercial, clerical and mental vocations. In the period of the general talism takes the form in the first place of means of production constantly at a standstill and of millions of the proletariat

### The General Crisis of Capitalism

The fight for the world markets, for he raw material sources, for the possibilities of capital investment, and for the subjugation and redistribution of colonies, leads to wars among the imperialist powets. The world war formed a bridge from imperialism to the general crisis of capitalism, from the "dying stage" of capitalism to a stage in which capitalism was in part already overthrown.

The world war, which we may look upon as a particularly virulent crisis, ledto the overthrow of the bourgeoisie in one of the most powerful states of the world.

Capitalist world economy, i.e. the class rule of the bourgeoisic over the world in its entirety, thereby came to an end. Two fundamentally opposed and altogether incompatible social systems now face one another. This fact most drastically characterises the general crisis of capitalism. The second very significant factor in

he general crisis of capitalism lies in the colonial revolution, the development of which is accelerated by the existence of he Soviet Union. Socialist construction in the Soviet Inion and the colonial revolution com-

sine to accelerate revolutionary development in the capitalist states themselves; n this respect the greatest progress has een made on the European continent. Apart from their split of world cconomy into two hostile systems, some rapid changes have come about in the capitalist section of the world during the war and

dready originated in pre-war times. The most important of these changes are: 1. The rapid development of the Unitd States, which since the beginning of he war has become the foremost imperialist , power

jost war periods, some of them having

2. The marked decline of Great Briain, whose production and foreign trade have till the present day not managed to regain their pre-war level and which has been definitely ousted from its erstwhile position of the "industrial workship of

the world. 3. The rapid development of industry in a number of agrarian countries, 4. The reparations burden borne by Germany and the war indebtedness of the European allies to the United States of

America, The serious shake-up caused to capitalst economy in and immediately after the war, led to an acceleration of centralizaion. The monopolist character of capialism has risen to its greatest height in the period of the general crisis. This

means a simultaneous relative diminution (Continued on page 4)

**ESPITE** some improvement is speculative market, due to the Hoover deht delay, there is no visible sign of any improvement. The price decline has stopped in the last week but there is no definite upturn in the trend evident.

optimism is becoming increasingly restrained. Steel production continues to decline. Bank clearweek. Auto production is falling, Cotton mill activity is again down-

gun to increase again. While the Hoover debt proposal has check-'ed, for the moment, the flight consequences are bound to flow from the Reichbank's loss of near-

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sentiment, especially in the

cial centers the recent spurt of England memployment has beings have fallen sharply in the of the Mark, yet serious financial ward. The business index has ly 1,500,000,000 gold Marks dur-In the more authoritative finan- thus fallen to a new low. In ing the last month,

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#### AND AFTER THE "HOOVER PLAN" . . . .

THE entire capitalist world is astir over the proposal of Hoover to have a moratorium of debt and reparation payments. The stock markets of New York, the American Working Class" called Berlin, London and Paris have thrilled to the Hoover announcement. A Berlin banker is reported to have waxed so enthusiastic at the "Hoover Plan" as to have

"It should not merely be the signal for the recovery of trade among European nations and between America and Europe, but for the history of private capitalism it is decisive. It constitutes, one may say, the first really important move toward the solidarity of the members of the system in which we believe as against the system in which Moscow believes. It is the greatest blow to Communist hopes for the world revolution that has yet been

We have heard such boasting before from capitalist statesmen and captains of finance and industry. This line of talk was peddled in the corridors and alleys a test of the maturity of the working class of the capitalist ruling class after Versailles, Locarno, the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan. But what has happened to these plans as effective "solutions" and stabilizers? The "Hoover Plan" is not a symbol of capitalist success. It is a sym- written in 1897, concerns itself with this was generally wanting in the advocates bol of the very desperate plight and failure of capitalism today. The fact that a very question. It is entitled: "What In- of royal government." moratorium was proposed is not a surprise. For months it had been expected. heritance Do We Reject." The Young Plan itself provides the possibilities and machinery for a moratorium. heritance from past bourgeois revolution-Perhaps to some it came as a surprise that Hoover should have been the one to arics. "We are definitely more consistent and truer guardians of the inheritance than the Narradniki (Populists)," he the tor country and the strongest center of international capitalism, was the primary clares, and he then adds . . . "to keep the reason for this. The economic situation in Germany has become so desperate that inheritance by no means signifies that the heavy investments of Wall Street bankers in Germany were endangered and inherited." eleventh-hour efforts just had to be made to ease the German payments to governments so as to insure the payments to private bankers first of all. These payments, after all, are the basis of capitalist credit, of the whole capitalist circulatory system.

The desperate efforts of the Republican party in its plans for the re-election of Hoover, the move to "humanize" the "Great Engineer" as the savior of civilization, and particularly of Germany, also played their part here. The game of Wall Street will be to have Hoover play in the present crisis the role of Wilson at the end of the War. American hypocrisy-labelled humanitarianism-is again running amuck, Already Under-Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills has somewhat carelessly shaken Uncle Shylock's mask when he said: "If it does turn the tide, it will be a

Will the "Hoover Plan" serve to weaken or sharpen the antagonisms among the imperialist powers? What will be its effect on the world crisis, particularly on

The "Hoover Plan," assuming even that full agreement is arrived at with France, will, at most, grant a very brief and slight breathing spell in the present extremely tense situation. Fundamentally it opens up a vista of new and sharpened antagonisms and conflicts among the leading imperialist countries. Every financial centre is very nervous at heart. The very declaration of a moratorium with its probability that time of the Revolution of 1776 held to plore. it won't end at the set time really undermines confidence and increases uneasiness the increantilist economic theory that coland instability, despite the momentary and first flush of enthusiasm.

This very uncertainity further hampers the possibility of even the slightest reduction in armaments. Already, there is little talk of any "disarmament". Very likely the latter part of the colonial period a the much-heralded "Geneva Disarmament" Conference of 1932, will be postponed whole series of laws were adopted by Parfor a much later date. In fact, all talk of "disarmament"-even on the fraudulent basis of capitalism-is now drowned out in the noise about the moratorium.

To the very extent to which German capitalism may be helped by the newest move, precisely to that extent is German imperialism a more effective and dangerous competitor in the ever-more crowded world market and in a better position to make and enforce still more demands for concessions from the other imperialist powers. Besides, the key question facing the existing German government is not the continuation of the transfer of reparation annuities but rather the problem of balancing the dget and staving off bankruptcy. What is the limit of terrific taxation, drastic "retrenchment" and onslaughts on the workers' standards before the masses revolt? The highly authoritative LONDON ECONOMIST sizes up the situation very cor-

"In relation to the acute industrial depression and the diminished incomes of the taxpayers, there can be little doubt that fiscally the German Treasury has come perilously near to the end of its tether . . . . In this crisis, after all, the dominating factor, whose application is by no means confined to the increase in the real burden of Germany's reparation annuities since the Young Committee presented its report two years ago, is the question of the catastrophic fall of prices."

This problem the Hoover "solution" doesn't touch at all. Bruening himself, tho welcoming the breathing spell, was quick to admit that the conditions of the masses in Germany will not be helped by the Trojan horse from Hoover's stable. Scarcely has the ink died on "Hoover's Plan" and new plans are already talked of to succeed this "successful" plan. Apparently the clouds of gloom to be lifted are many,

The noted British economist Maynard Keynes expressed this feeling when he said: "I see no hope of a recovery except in a revival of the high level of invest-

What a prospect! It is precisely this "high level of investment" which has proved so fertile a soil for the germs of the great crisis to flourish in. "The contradictions and antagonisms inseparable from the capitalist use of machinery remain"-inherent in capitalism. No Clemenceaus, no Wilsons, no Lloyd Georges, no Daweses, no Youngs, no Hoovets, Mellons or Stitusons have a solution for the crisis. Only the international working class following the banner of Lenin and Marx —the program of the Communist International—can really end the terrible crisis and build a society free from crises, suffering, hunger, misery and war.

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### The American Revolution and the Workers

REVOLUTIONARY AGE

# Our Heritage from 1776

by Bertram D. Wolfe

pression of the revolutionary tradi- come-and it came. ions in the life of the American people. This tradition originated in the war of liberation against the English in the eighteenth and the civil war in the nineteenth century." In these words, Lenin, in his famous "Letter to attention to the living historical contuct between the revolutionary American proletariat of today and the teroic revolutionary traditions in the life of the American people. It is to recall to the American working class and to the Communist movement that we are still faced with the great task of claiming our heritage that we refrom the article by Bertram D. Wolfe chants, manufacturers and speculators in in the July, 1926, "Workers Monthly" western land, backed by the small farm-"Our Heritage of 1776."

When a child comes of age, he has the right to claim his inheritance. And it is dependence. when it begins to claim its inheritance from past revolutions.

One of the carliest articles of Lenin. It disputes

### We Claim Our Inheritance

not claim its heritage. It does not dispute with the bourgeoisie, and particularly the petty bourgeoisie (the "back to 1776-) for its share in the inheritance of the first American revolution.

Now, in the year 1926, on the occasion of the 150 anniversary of the first son in winning alliances for a revolution. American revolution, it is appropriate that the American working class should 'grow up" sufficiently to debunk the history of 1776, throw away the chalf of chauvinism, mystification and reaction and keep and use the wheat of revolutionary traditions and methods and les-

Causes of the Revolution The dominant class in England at the onies exist to produce raw materials for the mother country and to provide markets for its manufactured goods. During liament regulating the shipping trade and manufactures of the colonies in such

business interests of England. The evolution was in the first place revolt against a whole series of laws facture what they pleased, to buy where delegate bodies called Congresses. The they could buy most cheaply, to sell where Committees of Correspondence were produce, ship and trade without restrict tionaries, formed to develop and unite tion. As in all revolutions the existing resistance on an all-colonial scale against class of today rejects it. They shud-framework of government and social objectionable British measures. They der at its revolutionary methods and comdevelopment of the productive forces of Soviets of the Russian Revolution. From methods and its traditions. the new world and the fetters had to be another standpoint, they correspond to broken if social progress was to continue. A second cause of the American revolution was the limitation on western land sales. The thin strip of coastal settlements that made up the thirteen colonies was destined to spread over a whole continent. But the British king, backed by certain interests in America, was for limiting the settlements to the coast where they could be more easily controlled, more easily taxed and regulated, and whereby a cheap supply of labor would be assured (since laborers could not leave for unoccupied lands) and whereby the price of coast lands would go up in value

since the supply of land was limited. A third cause of the revolution was the paper money question. During the French and Indian wars British merchants had sent over large quantities of goods on credit and rich planters, importers and merchants in America were all

debtors to British merchants. All of these classes had been fighting against the issue of cheap paper money as means of settling on easy terms the debts of the colonial poor but now that they were debtors they united to issue large quantities of paper currency. The British merchants succeeded in passing a law limiting and prohibiting this practice. This was one of the prime causes land issue, united rich and poor alike in a

objection to British taxation, "Taxation without representation" was undoubtedly a fraudulent slogan. It was not the intention of those who raised it to give representation to everybody who paid tax-What they objected to was the size in placing restrictions on trade in "nigand other commodities, and the purpose of the taxes-to make the royal governors independent of the colonial legisroyal taxes in place of legislative grants. the governing of the colonies and their exploitation in the interest of certain British wealthy and ruling classes hamper-

"The best representatives of the industrial evolution was impossible with proached, they chose delegates to nation American proletariat . . . are an ex- out revolution. So revolution had to al "congresses." Of the first of these Con-

#### A Minority Revolution All the available evidence tends to

prove that the revolutionaries were minority of the population. Most of the the germ of a government which in time to face it. "aristocracy," the large land-owners of the coast with the exception of the plantation owners of the South, almost all of fice-holders, the clergy of the Church o England, the more eminent lawyers and physicians, and the "legitimate" merchants who did no smuggling-these were the active Tories or royalists. With them was a great indifferent mass having no great interest in change. The active revolutionists were the smuggling merers, frontiersmen and artisans, who were won to their cause by such issues as paper money and thru the glittering and vague promises of the Declaration of In-

Dr. Ramsay, a contemporary of the revolution, writing of North Carolina, says: "There was an ardor and an en thusiasm in the friends of Congress that class whose victory means social progress step by step with the Populists the in always has "an ardor and enthusiasm" generally lacking in the counter-revolu-

This in part explains the victory of the

If the American colonists were dividd, the inhabitants of the mother country were also. The Whigs (party of the new were fighting against King George and Soviet has practiced."

his system of government.

During the latter years of the revolu-Judged by this test, the American tion, France, Spain and Holland came working class is still immature. It does to the aid of the American forces, the revolutionists having managed to utilize not only differences in the British relwell in the strategy of the revolting colonials. There is a little "Leninist" les-

#### A Revolutionary Revolution

Finally, the revolution succeeded above all because it was truly "revolutionary" n its methods. The truth of the matter accompaniments of force and revolutionany terror that the ruling class historians of today attack in the case of Soviet Russia and that the polite liberals de-

### Dictatorship

All revolutions create alongside of the regularly constituted government their own unconstitutional, extra-legal revolutionary authority that unites the revolutionists, mobilizes their forces for resist did not even free the chattel slaves. a way as to foster the commercial and the germ of the luture government if the revolution succeeds.

In the American revolution of 1776 which limited the productivity of the cold be found first in the Committees of Cormies, denied them the right to manu respondence and then in their national ney could sell most profitably, and to small, local, unofficial groups of revolustructure in the interest of certain British are analogous to the provincial clubs of ceal them. They reject its revolutions classes had become a fetter upon further the French Revolution or to the local ary traditions. They are ashamed of its litical party. They acted as the unifying of today is the inheritor of all past ages, vanguard of the revolutionary forces. It does not reject the past. It takes what

oped and the day of open revolt ap-1 the future.

## Marxism and the Crisis of Capitalism

by Eugene Varga

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Following on financial stabilization.

All the internal contradictions of capiof the American revolution and, like the talism are extraordinarily accontuated. The most pronounced contradiction in tive capacity of capitalist society, occain periodically recurring economic crises. is permanently idle.

The reverse aspect of this phenomenon ed the industrial life of the colonies and is to be seen in the fact that the confettered the further development of the sumptive capacity of the capitalist market productive forces of America. Further does not suffice to provide work for the single time when our club refused to

George III. in the colonies." of letting anybody vote for these committees of correspondence and congresses

was to supersede the government of

except revolutionaries, just as exploiters and counter-revolutionaries were not permitted to vote for delegates to the Sovict congresses. The committees of correspondence and

Congresses also "passed laws" and the committees executed them by a sort of summary or revolutionary justice which is technically known as "revolutionary Every one of the "horrors" of the Rus-

sistant Commissioner of Education of the and fortune. A rising social State of New York:

own committees of correspondence dury pleasure of watching a desirable thing, ing the Revolution were almost counter a needed sofa, or a tempting auto-type parts of the present Russian system. . . for practically two-thirds of the revolutionary period our Soviets ruled with lingly keen worship of private property, much the same cruelty, rigor and summerchant-manufacturer class) in England many justice that the modern Russian

#### The Results of the Revolution The revolution freed the colonies from

England, freed the western land for setof living of the colonials, broke the feet be something which we can without too ing classes but also conflicts of interest ters upon the expansion of production between England and other countries as and released the gigantic productive for ces that are now at hand for social use when the workers take them, lessened to a limited extent the area of slavery, nade the first weak steps in lightening the toleration in many of the colonies, efis that our revolution of 1776 was cartied distribution of the land than had existed out as a class dictatorship with all the previously, extended the suffrage slightly dtho the property qualification for vot ing was not finally abolished in all states until after 1840, forced the Bill of Rights into the American Constitution, set up a epublican form of government which for its day was the most advanced, and served as a revolutionary inspiration to the European bourgeoisie in the French revo-

Of course, it did not do what a bour good revolution can not be expected to do. It did not free the ware slaves. ance to the legal authority and forms did not keep all its fine promises. It did Liberal "by nature and necessity." nge introduce even "complete" geois democracy (there is no such thing as complete bourgeois democracy). It the dual or revolutionary authority was to did not aholish classes. It did not in troduce Socialism. It was only the first the expected position. "Every sword that American revolution.

### Whose Revolution Is It?

Whose revolution is it? I maintain that locals or sections of a revolutionary polit is our revolution. The working class As the revolutionary movement devel- is good from the past and upon it builds

# THE MARXIAN THEORY OF CRISES

of the consumptive capacity of capitalist

there was a rapid extension of the produclive apparatus in most capitalist countries. This technical development was connected with capitalist rationalization effected in the most highly developed countries, especially in the United States and Ger-

this period of general crisis is that be-A fourth cause of the revolution was tween the capitalist desire (born of competition) for an unlimited expansion of production despite monopolist decay, and the increasing restriction of the consumpsioned by the internal laws governing the capitalist method of production. of the taxes, the articles on which they Whereas in former period of capitalism, were levied, the objectives of the taxes this contradiction only found expression gers," rush, molasses, indentured servants it shows a tendency to become chronically pronounced in the present period of general crisis. The consumptive capacity of the capitalist market does not suflatures by paying their salaries out of fice, even in the marked beom phases, ryal taxes in place of legislative grants to ensure a full exploitation of the pro-Taken all together the British laws for ductive apparatus, a great part of which

entire proleturiat. In the general crisis of capitalism there is a fresh release of immediate producers from the means of production; they are not released as owners of the productive apparatus (for that process is long completed), but they are released by being deprived of the possibility of earning a livelihood with the productive apparatus which is the proprty of the capitalists.

Unutilized apparatus of production and unexploited labor-power; "superfluous capital and superfluous population", as warx says--this is in our opinion the the general crisis of capitalism. This re-fers not only to industry but also to agriculture where it finds expression in the agrarian crisis that has prevailed thruout the last decade.

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On Friday, June 17, a debate was held between two members of our club, the Boro Park Workers Youth Club. The question at issue was: Should our club upport only the official Communist Party or also the Communist Party (Majority Group)? The defender of the first

member of the club I don't remember a ours!



H. G. WELLS, by Geoffrey West, W W. Norton and Company, \$2. New York, 1930.

One closes the pages of this dull biography with the feeling that Wells might have encouraged a more scintillating Boswell but it would have been difficult gresses the historian Beard rightly says: to find a more unconsciously penetrat-"The Stamp Act Congress was more ing one. Geoffrey West has drawn a tolthan an assembly of protest. It marked enable portrait of this middle class Brithe rise of a new agency of Government tisher who has "glimpsed the light" but to express the will of America. It was who, all his life, has been too frightened

We follow Wells's struggling days in London where he found the "contrasts of this country would only decide that As to suffrage, there was no pretense between poverty more profound, and a wealth more ostentatious than any hi had ever realized in his previous experience." Speaking of the eighties in Englang Wells characterizes them as "a time when the general structure of social and political life ran on with the deadweight imperturability of a steam roller whose driver has gone gently but decisively

During those years Wells witnessed a period of profound trade depression, unsian revolution was repeated, including to the conclusion that the cure is "sosome of which the Russian revolution was innocent.

Could responsibility." That became his innocent. In this connection it is interesting to conscience satisfied—he could proceed through the patient will be a new with unbounded vigor, to build himself man. tive historian. Dr. James Sullivan, As- a career which was to include both fame

West tells us what glee and energy he "Just as at present we are wont to went after "things". Quoting from speak with a kind of horror of the Sov. Wells's letter to Milne: "I never imaginspeak with a kind of horror of the Sov letter to Milne: "I never imaginates of Gormany, has projects of Rossia without realizing that our own committees of correspondence durable pleasure of manufactures of correspondence durable pleasure of correspondence dur swim into reach of the landing net." From the entire book we sense his startespecially in his boast that "we never begged nor borrowed . . . we worked and paid our way first into a position of security and then to real prosperity. Prosperity—that was the important thing in life. As for "social responsibility and a better world" he calmed his consicence tlement and thereby raised the standard with the soothing words: "Let the Ideal

serious exertion attain."

In the days of "social responsibility and his keen sympathy for the struggling solini and the Pope in Madison Square men", Wells joined the Fabian Society, Garden with Hitler and Bruening as but that soon proved too "revolutionaty" laws against debtors, disestablished the Church and introduced greater religious gage himself from it. The following year there was a by-election in northern feeted a much wider and more democratic Manchester and we find Wells orging all the constituents not to vote for the Socialist candidate because he stood no chance of winning, but rather to throw their strength to the Liberal candidate who was elected. West says: "He wanted above all things

to keep Socialism free from taints and limitations of party politics. He didn't place August 12. Picture for yourwant even a single Socialist party, believe self the realism of a pot-bellied shoping that its existence would mean substitution of ballot-box expediency for like a pioneer. creative thought. Righteousness must be acknowledged wherever it appeared."

is a far deeper and essential thing in

is drawn against Cermany, is a sword drawn for peace"—fundamental proof that he had listened and talked for half century

that Wells's protagonist by preference is the thwarted personality crippled by the defects of our contemporary civilization —protagonists who frequently attempt — Moreover it may interest our readthat Wells has been too timid to do. He ikes to let his characters act for him. The biographer, in a tender mood, accepts Well's own explanation for his coward-ice: "Fundamentally I am outside of life, receiving experiences I like, and want to do things with life; but I am not of the ubstance of life,"

Those, however, who are given to less fantastic and less apologetic explanations have described Wells differently. Lenin's comment after Wells's interview with What a bourgeois he is! What a Phil-

relp out the Communist Party in its campaigns. On the contrary, whenever we offered our cooperation to the Communist that all cabinet ministers should be Party it flatly rejected our support be painted and hung—"to the end that cause not all the members of our club the requirements of history, of good agree fully with the present line of the order and good taste shall be pro-Communist Party. On the other hand, I knew it for a fact that whenever we are range any lectures, or classes, or openair meetings, or affairs, the C.P.-Majoriaost important economic characteristic of ty Group always sends us speakers and paintings and statues, especially the

How then could Diamond demand of the club that we should support the of into the river and Benton into jail. ficial C. P. only, in the face of such facts? Thus we will free America from the Especially when Comrade Diamond had dangers of art and develop a culture to admit himself that Comrade Lovestone, PARK YOUTH CLUB

Girlow, Wolfe, etc. etc. are capable leaders. The "only trouble", he said, is that they are "outside the Party." But he forgot to mention that they are outside not because they want to be outside but because the present burgeratic leadership of the Party expelled them for disagreement with the present splitting tactics of the Party.

Comrade Bernie was absolutely correct in stating that our club is a non-partisan workers organization and, as such, position was Comrade L. Diamond; the is willing to support every workers organichampion of the latter was Comrade zation, whether "Lovestoneite" or "loyal ite", and if the official C. P. refuses to To tell the truth, since I have been a accept our support it is their fault, not

BETWEEN

Quack Doctors and the Remedy Capitalism is sick. Damned sick. Science can hold out no cure but that of a radical and major operation. So science is rejected-and the quacks

Dr. Wm, T. Foster, Pollack Foundation of Economic Research, pronounces the depression purely mental. "It is not only mental," says the Doc, "but it is a silly depression and would be over in two months if the people it should end."

Julius H. Barnes, chairman, U. S. Chamber of Commerce, suggests 'tonics for the nation." And Professor Duffis announces that what the nation needs is an injection of vita-

All we can say is: Not even goat glands can save the capitalist system. What it needs is a major operationthe extraction of its parasitic appendix, its rent tonsils, its interest adeemployment with its consequent untest noids and its profit cancer, and after and rioting. All this misery moved him that a systematic course of upbuilding of Socialism. And the only specialist capable of handling the job is Doc Communism. When he gets

#### Progress of Fascism

Prince August Wilhelm, son of the wahne has gone into agriculture with the classification of the Reichstag as a "wholesale and retail cattle market," Chancellor Bruening as "the holy lamb of God" and the leader of the People's party as "a blown-out egg."

Mussolini bashfully announces to the world: "Religion is for the priests. The rest is politics, and politicsthat's me." The Pope retorts-"Everything is of God and God's representative on earth-that's me. The Chair of Peter is the sacred depositary of all truth." Rome is not room enough for two such men. We offer a tip to Tex Rickard (or his ghost) to arrange a championship bout for Mus-· preliminaries.

### City Council Orders Beards

From Centralia, Wash, comes the news that a city ordinance has ordered the entire male population of Centralia to grow whiskers between the dates of July 8 and August 12. That is supposed to "provide realism' for the twentieth annual Southwest Washington pioneer picnic to take keeper with a beard trying to look

Pretty tough on the barbers who will swell the army of the unemployed By 1913, when Wells officially joined for realism's sake. They might add the Liberal pasty, he declared himself a color to the scene by shooting up the "It town council.

But best of all would be an oldme than the Socialism of my dreams or fashioned jail break to free the Centhe collectivism of my economics." fashioned jail break to free the Centralia I.W.W. prisoners who have been When the Great War broke he took rotting in jail since Armistice Day.

### Secrets of Greatness

Cautious Cal is a fraud. He is not reports that he talks to his dog. Like seeks like. 'He sleeps after dinner, West discusses the works of Wells in wearisonae detail. He picks Tono Bungay, Mr. Brittling, and Mr. Polly as his three greatest creations. He points out takes a bath, speezes after shaking the conference is eats candy between meals and smokes

> Moreover, it may interest our readers to know that he hasn't as much hair as he used to have and doesn't

### Protect Our Art!

The immigration barriers will now be raised high enough to exclude foreign art, if the American Federation of Arts has its way. It has petitioned Hoover and his cabinet to submit their glorious faces only to the him is the best summary of the man: flattering skill of native born painters. The result may not be good painting, nor dare be truthful (the task is tantamount to making a pig look like an angel) but at least it will be home-home.

The "artists" also petition that the paintings shall be of uniform size,

While we're at it, wouldn't it be a good idea to deport all the foreign subversive ones-ship the pacifistic Veratschagins back to Russia, the Communistic Riveras and Orozcos back to Mexico, throw the Meuniers unparalleled in human history!

### Fellow Citizens

No one joins a Democratic Club ex-cept in expectation of being a jobholder or graft-grabber. Vice versa, no one joins the Communist Party unless he has no such expectations or desires. Hence when Mayor Walker poke to 800 members of the women's livision of the Flatbush Democratic Club he addressed them as "Fellow numbers of the payroll." That is, fellow pork-barrel swillers, fellow nose-bag sniffers, sister crooks grafters or (to speak in Jimmy's native gaelic) fellow-goneven!