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Labor Spying Involves U.S.

Army & Navy Cooperated With Strike - Breaking Agency, Report Shows

Testimony revealing government "co-operation" with labor spy agencies was presented at the hearings of the LaFollette Senate Committee on labor espionage. Further material will be forthcoming when the subpoenas for records are anewered next week by the agency involved, the National Metal Trades Association.

The major connection between the government and the strikebreaking outfi was thru the Army and Navi departments. While the Army denied such activity, the Navy, president Roosevelt's personal pet, simply refused to com-

The association had injected men into construction unions, engaged in factories that had government contracts. All members o the association received information concerning individual workers. In cases of strikes, the Association supplied scabs to continue work. It was in this connection that the Army and Navy Intelligence Departments and the Department of Justice were linked with the agency. Thru the spies in the unions, attempts were made to disrupt the workers' organizations from within, and also to "provoke trouble," so that in the case of union shops the employer could be aided in breaking the union. That is, the Association had a definite program of open-shoppism, and worked against such unions as the Electrical Workers and the International Association of Machinists. The latter announced that a purge was immediately being instituted to rid the union of now exposed company

Reports and documents of the union-smashing outfit showed that it looked with definite suspicion on those employers who signed contracts with unions, and even considered Gerard Swope, of General Electric, a "parlor pink" because of some information it was supposed to possess that Swope wanted to organize the industry!

Move To End Sea

Steps toward ending the maritime strike on the Eastern and Gulf ports were taken this week, when a resolution to end the strike was passed by the Strike Strategy Committee, conditional upon acceptance by Gulf port maritime workers.

Leaders of the committee pointed out that the strike had served to focus public attention on the miserable conditions under which seamen worked. At the same time, the efforts to maintain better conditions would be continued, it was stated, thru the National Labor Relations Board. Hearings are being conducted by that board, and the strikers expect to testify on the illegality of the wage agreement signed by the union officials.

The West Coast strike, nearing its third month, has greater possibilities of settlement now.

UNION DECLARES FOR FINISH FIGHT; PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SHOWS HAND AS HE SNUBS LEWIS' LABOR APPEAL

CONFER ON STRIKE



John L. Lewis seeks federal intervention in the auto strike from Assistant Secretary of Labor McGrady, hoping that this would aid

Soviet Trial Begins As Accused Confess

Radek, Piatakoff and Other Soviet Leaders Implicated With Trotsky; Germany, Japan Specifically **Involved By Testimony In Court**

FOR the second time within six months a group of formerly prominent leaders of the Soviet Government and party have been placed on trial for treasonable activities.

As we go to press Radek, Sokolnikoff, Piatakoff and thirteen others have admitted their guilt in seeking, under Trotsky's inspiration and guidance, collaboration with representatives of German and Japanese imperialism in order to secure a defeat of the U.S.S.R. in war. According to the defendants, this was

only a means to an end: the overthrow of Stalin and his regime. Radek emphasized that he and his partners had arrived at the conclusion that this was the only way left open to them for securing the defeat of Stalin. He said: "We Trotskyites thought war inevitable and that we could obtain power Strike Made Here only after Stalinist Russia had been defeated, but that does not mean I wanted a Russian defeat."

A sensation was sprung in the trial when it was revealed by Piatakoff himself that he had conferred with Trotsky at the close of 1935 and that the latter had negotiated with Rudolph Hess, deputy leader of the Nazi party. Important repercussions from Germany are expected as a result of this flat accusation against Hitler's direct personal representative plotting for the dismemberment of the Soviet Union.

At this writing the Soviet prosecutor Vishinsky has not yet put in the full government case. The present set of defendants, while admitting their guilt, like the Zinoviev-Kamenev group last summer, are pursuing a different strategy mary punishment—death—awaits

Immediately after the completion of the trials we will publish a political evaluation of these events, estimating their significance for the international labor movement as well as for the U.S.S.R.

It is yet too early to state whether this is the last or merely one of a series of similar trials to

Flint Striker Tells Story Of GM Violence Auto Union Will Spread

(The following is a letter received from a worker active in the Auto strike, which gives a vivid description of the situation in the strike area.)

The company saw a fight was inevitable. It based its local strategy on an effort to play Chevrolet and Buick workers against workers in Fisher No. 1 and No. 2, and therefore acted early in an effort to disperse Chevrolet workers to their homes before they could join in work of the union.

December 28, the company provoked workers in Chevrolet, workers were fired for union activity openly, thus challenging the boasts of organizers that the two body plants would go out if a single Chevrolet worker was discriminated against. The union had its bluff called and had to move both nationally and locally to pull body plants if necessary

On December 31st body plants at Fisher No. 1 and No. 2 were pulled.

The strike was now on in the body plants. The company used coercion of every brand to keep Chevrolet workers from joining the union. There was to be no talking in Chevrolet plants on pain of discharge, etc. Foremen were assigned to accompany all men at lunch. Men were now discharged wherever the management thought no

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Blum Offers Olive Branch To Germany

Following the line of England in aiding the Nazi regime, for fear of "internal trouble," Premier Leon Blum, leader of people's front of defense. Their confessions have in France, is holding out the olive been made despite their full real- branch to the Third Reich. While ization that almost certain sum- tens of thousands of Nazi fight against the Spanish workers and neasants the Socialist premier found it very simple last week not to mention the Spanish situation at all. Instead he dealt with vague phrases about economic cooperation, loans from France to Germany. In typical people's front style, Blum "stressed" that such financial aid could only be given if the money were used for something else than armaments. Thus, he conceived the idea of aid to Hitler as a step towards peate!

Perkins Calls New Parley

Strikes If Plants Are Reopened

Invoking a twenty-four year old clause, Secretary of Labor Perkins, in "the interests of industrial peace," scheduled a conference between the United Automobile Workers and General Motors, for Wednesday, January 30th. The Union, thru its president, immediately declared its willingness to negotiate, while the corporation's head, Alfred P. Sloan, stated that: "it will be carefully considered and a reply made promptly." At the same time, it was revea'ed that attempts had been made by the Secretary to arrange such a conference last week, but Sloan blocked the move towards negotiations.

In the face of the patent policy of the General Motors to fight unionization of "its" workers, in principle, John L. Lewis leader of the C.IO., demanded that President Roosevelt intervene in the auto strike. Lewis pointed out that it was the labor movement that had helped to elect Roosevelt, feeling that their interests could be defended by him. Therefore, he now asked Roosevelt to carry out his pledge of struggle against the "economic royalists" such as General Motors, people who had campaigned against him, and were now "defying the law of the land."

However, the rude awakening was much ruder and cruder, and came even sooner than had been foreseen by those who argued against placing the faith of labor in so able a representative of the employers' interests as Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The national press hailed Roosevelt's reply as a "rebuke to Lewis," sensing, correctly, that here were
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Philadelphia Labor **Forms CIO Council**

Ten Philadelphia labor unions have formed a local council of the CIO to push organization in the industries of Philadelphia. Drives are already under way in steel and auto plants there.

One of the affiliated unions is the Battery Workers Union, an A. F. of L. member, which was not supported by that organization in the sit-down strike at the Philadelphia Storage Battery Plant. The newly formed council pledged financial aid to this strike.

The other unions forming the council are: American Federation of Teachers, United Electrical and Radio Workers, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Upholstery Union, Plush Workers' Union, Carpet Workers' Union, and the Amalgamated Association of Steel Workers.

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stoppage would occur as a result. was to get enough organization ers platform. I discovered one of into Chevy to prevent the Chevy workers from simply being dispersed to their homes and sent to leave, and she said, "No, I against the Fisher workers when won't." As I heard someone say their own plant was to be closed

Even as the company dispersed Chevrolet, it had its agents organ-vrolet workers began to move in ize the Flint Alliance, for "job security and decent citizenship," faint response, but it was distinct etc., a vigilante organization which was aimed to be more than a vigilante organization. The Flint Alliance was to be the tool which It was the last chance, because the would mass the Chevrolet workers plant closed with those shifts. against the strikers in the body Nearing our meeting place, we shops. It was also to serve as a were once again attacked by the

night, the day before closing of attackers were foremen of the Chevrolet, we decided to concen- plants, forced by the management trate on broadcasting (amplifiers) into this kind of work. The com at Chevrolet gates, and a series of pany, which was fast organizing large mass meetings, street broad- the Flint Alliance as an antidote casting, etc. I was assigned with against the Fisher body workers, other organizers to Chevrolet and was forced to use foremen for that Buick. We began the work on Chev- work. Apparently no worker, Flint rolet as the day shift went to work, Alliance or not, would take that 5:30 a.m. Several thousand work- job. After that incident we realers packed themselves about our ized that the effort to turn the broadcasting apparatus, often Buick and Chevrolet workers cheering the speakers. We had no against the strikers was already a violence, but the police ordered us flop. to quit. We refused, and the police The company has now thrown were helpless because of the thou- away one instrument after another, sands of workers. This, coming finding each ineffective. It has onin enforcing the injunction against maining, involving the use of heavy the body shops several days pre- details of outside strikebreakers. vious, showed us that the police We have prepared flying squadrons were finished as a weapon of the of volunteer defense men, on call company. The company saw it too, twenty-four hours a day. We do

gangster action next. casting to the day and night shifts broadcast amplifier was on the outbranch office which is directly across the street from the main gates of the shop. Its more delicate apparatus was inside the window also our speakers. Several thousand workers soon clustered around the loudspeaker. Inside the Chevrolet, the management had prepared a squad of thugs, consisting of bosses only, to go out and attack us and break up the apparatus. These men were aided by the police who protected them in their escape. They had also a line of cars at hand, purposely stalled in rested on the outskirts of the crowd the outside. by the police and taken in. They were released twenty-four hours fittingly and disgracefully. later, after a demonstration in front of the police station by several hundred union members. The union members showed excellent

After the smashing of the loudspeaker, union leaders addressed the workers drawing the lessons of that incident to several thousand

who gathered. A rock was thrown toppage would occur as a result.

The problem of the organizers at the time. During this we had a defense squad surround the speakour women comrades there in that later, "The first Flint defense squad was the CPO." This demonstration marked the moment when the Che real mass. You could feel their first

The next day, with broadcast speakers mounted atop cars, we again went to the Chevrolet gates. cover for bringing in strike break-ers.

were once again accepted in driving them off. It is most sig-In an organizers' meeting at mid- nificant that in these incidents the

and we knew they would resort to not fear just strikebreakers.

A well functioning women's aux-At 3:30 p.m. we started broad- iliary is very active in the strike. Every comrade we have is giving of the Chevy workers, the night all waking hours to the strike now, shift on its way into the shops and and sleeping hours are damned the day shift on its way out. The few. The women comrades are on ing of the proposed peace plan on old tactic of talking peace and pre- ing placed with matchless geneentertainment, food, auxiliary, etc. Jan. 16, this sheet says: "The ad- paring for more intensive war. The rosity at the disposal of this great side sill of a window of our Chevy We see each other also "just in passing.'

WALDMAN DEFENDS LABOR RACKETEERS

The trial of union racketeers sucking the blood of the cafeteria turned into a "labor case," Louis Waldman, Old Guard leader and attorney, declared.

Waldman on the side of the rack- munal uprising. . . . "

And now they stand together-

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STILL HOLDING ON!



Sit-in strikers at the Fisher Body plants in Flint receive food from their union brothers and sympathizers.

TRADE UNION NOTES

By George F. Miles

THE responsibility for the collapse of the negotiations beafter the helplessness of the police ly open violence, strikebreaking remust be placed in the lap of General Motors itself. G. M. tried Luigi Antonini expresses his proto pull a fast one but the union showed itself wide awake and found gratitude to the miners in refused to budge when G. M. insisted on including the company-organized "Workers' Alliance" in the negotiations. Any other step by the union would have given union sanction and recognition to this scabby product of the company.

The real game of G. M. is exposed best in the kept press of the strikers. They deprecated the Flint nation, not the least rabid of which | riot. . . . is our own Herald-Tribune. Speakcorporation. Implicit in it is a con- tagem. ession of defeat for the sit-down

This is the first argument, echoed and reechoed by the capitalist press, with the intention of creatworkers of Local 16, is going to be ing panic in the ranks of the groups of labor. The United States ever, one charge—that of selfish strikers.

ttorney, declared.

While we believe that Labor Flint, Mich. "They realize," says bould clean its own hours and which bould clean its own hours and which is articulate and is active."

"And be it known that we are confident that, even with the position of strength which our position of strength which are posi allow the dangerous intervention their strikers were dealing there

what they are-hirelings of General Motors.

its "executives have shown their ing symbol of its energetic work. congratulated for blazing the trail Saturday, January 30, 1937. wisdom in seeking to avoid the This new attitude on the part of to a new solidarity and a greater violent ejection of the sit-down labor can be seen on every side. unity.

vantages of the arrangement, we union is to be congratulated on so missionary drive in steel. auto. can't help thinking, rest with the quickly seeing thru the G. M. stra- rubber and the other basic. mass

THE spirit of activism is not to some particularly advanced self? It falls to the ground. Howat last has a movement of labor ness—we will let Lewis answer. The second argument flows from that is spreading with every day

should clean its own house and not the same G. M. mouthpiece, "that This is an excerpt from an edi- union occupies today, it is torial in the official organ of the but a temperary position of the traffic. Three of us, just from of the suspiciously energetic Mr. with no mere effort at coercion on Amalgamated Clothing Worker strength and that our superithe shop, were standing in front of the loudspeaker when the com- Waldman on the side of the rack- munal uprising..."

(Advance, Jan., 1937). "The spirit of activism" is indeed abroad in assured unless we in turn can of the loudspeaker when the company hirelings attacked the crowd. There was quite a scramble, a company hirelings attacked the crowd. There was quite a scramble, a company hirelings attacked the crowd. There was quite a scramble, a company hirelings attacked the crowd. There was quite a scramble, a company hirelings attacked the crowd. There was quite a scramble, a company hirelings attacked the crowd. These are the men who have for years stifled all progressive movements of the workers in the steel industry and solidarity which recalls the fight-strike. Nothing could possibly be further from the truth. Subsidized agents of G. M. alone could fail agent CIO and especially the miners can a personal and special interest, but The Workers' Alliance is a com-Everyone, who has had anything may be the motive . . . let me say of the leading people in this Alshow their faces—have been identified as company foremen. To cry "minority" in the face of the facts tion, knows how difficult, well nigh country, who have an interest in "minority" in the face of the facts especially in completely unorganmerely exposes these papers for ized fields or industries. Craft country to take advantage of the union leaders simply found it impossible to break thru their thick self, to achieve progress toward How thoroly servile the Herald- crust of self-sufficiency in order to its own destiny." Tribune is, can be seen from its aid groups of less fortunate, un- The realization that no section contradictory position on the Flint organized workers. This attitude of of the labor movement can long riot. On Jan. 13 this paper edi- profound apathy had to be and remain strong while the entire latorialized as follows: "... ap-was destroyed in order that a fight parently it (the riot) had its in-for the organization of the unor-the attempt to remedy this condiof food supplies to the strikers." F. of L. The CIO has revived the ners and the two powerful gar-

Ask G-Men Act In Lynch Case

Citing the swift action of the famous G-men in the Mattson kidnapping case in Tacoma, Washington, the N.A.A.C.P. this week again called upon Attorney General Homer S. Cummings to proceed with the federal investigation of the lynching of Claude Neal by a mob at Marianna, Florida, October 26,

The association's letter pointed out that the federal investigators did not wait for the elapsing of seven days, as provided by the federal kidnaping law, in order to become active in the Mattson case, but rushed in simultaneously with the report of the kidnaping to the Tacoma police.

Theoretically, if a state line is

not crossed, the job of arresting and punishing the kidnapers is supposed to be confined to state officers. In practice, however, the Gmen have ignored this portion of the law and have rushed into every kidnaping-except the Neal kidnap-lynching.

Neal was taken from a jail in Brewton, Alabama, and transported across the state line to Marianna, Florida, where he was lynched.

Last week, Eugene Coeburn, a militant Negro coal miner from Kentucky, told us in Workers Age about representatives from nineteen districts of the miners' union all reporting how busily they were engaged in aiding the organization drives in steel, auto, glass,

And in the current issue of Justice (Jan. 15), Vice President

"We could not escape the recognition that, while other unions were helping to a degree in this monumental drive, it was the miners' organization, which he (Lewis) is heading, that is nurturing these campaigns, that it was the General Motors is pursuing the treasury of the miners that is beproduction in industries."

In the light of Antonini's remarks and the great drives unfolding before our very eyes, what haptoday any longer confined to pens to the bitter and malicious select few in the movement or drive against John L. Lewis him-

"And be it known that we are

LAND OF THE SIX-YEAR PLAN

Mexico," with pictures by Diego National Revolutionary Party tion. Rivera, to be published on Februa- (surely a name no less resonant) ry 26 by Covici-Friede-Editor.) to the presidential platform adopt- Affairs, Licendiado Ramon Beteta, Workers Age, I sketched in out-

By BERTRAM D. WOLFE

AY 1, International Labor surpass by a year the planful pro-Day, is a national holiday in jects of the Soviets, but from the Mexico. Government employees are obliged to march in the great labor demonstration held in the of the electoral platform as a capital, under a colorful medley of "plan" comes from the fact that (the last thing one should ever banners: the red flag of socialism talk of economic planning was in and communism, the red-and-black the air in the early years of the Mexican political phraseology flag of the organized labor move- depression. Readers of better than BDW), one could well imagine that ment, the tricolor, red-white-and- average memory will recall the days this new school is attempting to green. of Mexico's national ensign. when business leaders and econ-I had seen enough of these demon- omists ranging from Herbert of the family and the establishment strations in Mexico City, so last Swope, William G. McAdoo and in Mexico of a classless society in Mayday I motored into a provincial Paul N. Mazur to Charles A. which the right of private property capital to see how the holiday was Beard, Rexford Guy Tugwell, would not be recognized. The plan

government which in public hand- economic planning. Despite its Rusbills invited "you and your distin- sian-sounding name, itself an adguished family to the festival in vantage to Mexican government honor of the Day of Labor." The leaders in impressing their popuprogram included music by the lar following, the Six Year Plan is municipal band, music by the really inspired in and closely commilitary band, recitations, wrest- parable to the platform of the Demling and boxing matches, ocratic National Convention of songs by school children, a 1932 and Roosevelt's subsequent one-act play, speeches by officials "New Deal" electoral campaign. of the Agrarian Department of the If by planned economy is imjamas" and sandals or bare feet, In fact, it begins with a declarathe town middle class men, women property. It promises, as have preand children in "European" clothes. vious, less high-sounding presidenplays, recitations and speeches, of the workers, encourage the deinto by mounted police and sprayed ern neighbor's "New Deal." with machine gun bullets on the First of May; and I rubbed my red banner which filled the stage servatives and red flag to naively | ly, the Socialism of our Revolution | power, the undermining of the thread, and the awesome legend: Education." "Grupo Lenin: Plan Sexenal." (Lenin Group: Six Year Plan.)

The Six Year Plan

dence in Mexico, countless "obser- school system here. vers," flying tourists on the wing and hastily improvised "authori- the husband a little uneasily "The property. . . . ties" on Mexico who belong to the padre told us they are teaching class of writers that run so that evil." others may read, have assured me | "I don't see why we shouldn't hardboiled advocates of military After all, the boy is a man-child intervention, guileless liberals, and and sooner or later he will have to naive newly-baked communists of know how women are formed.... the "People's Front" variety, have all agreed on that score. Especially meant sex education. To ninetythe latter, enthusiastic American nine out of every hundred schools July to attend summer sessions at anything even so "revolutionary" Mexico's Labor University, assured as that. What the government realpublic that Mexico's Six Year Plan is: was the equivalent of Moscow's Five Year Plan with a year of 2. Ultimately universal and amount the rebels owe to Germany. planfulness added for good meas- compulsory education—today there little movie theatre in Cuernavaca that. and I mused on the ease with which State Board of Regents requires the amount of these is not yet directors. In Germany there is a persuaded by a banner and a slo- ized texts in State-supervised pri- sum. gan, by external symbols and empty and resounding phrases till they

4. Absolutely non-sectarian and paying all his debts in gold, Gerlish riches. are blinded to the elementary so- non-religious instruction.

(This is the first of a series of a series of articles by Bertram D. Wolfe on present-day Mexico. They are based on the last two chapters of his high-sounding name given by the fartherming book "Partrait of the last two chapters of his high-sounding name given by the high-sounding name given b forthcoming book, "Portrait of last nominating convention of the ondary and normal school instruc-

years comes not from a desire to

States and speeches by local labor plied the abolition of private ownleaders. On the stage was a huge ership of basic industry and the red banner with hammer and sickle organization of production by the and the words: "Lenin Group-Six government according to estimates Year Plan," The seats and boxes made in advance, then Mexico's were filled with peasants of Indian | Six Year Plan has less than nothtype in huge sombreros, white "py- ing to do with economic planning. a few workingmen in overalls, and tion of the principle of private They talked incessantly during the tial platforms, to improve the lot listened good-naturedly to the mu- velopment of national industry. sic and cheered their heads off at undertake public works, promote I thought of Moscow's great Red relation with foreign countries. Square filled with marching mil- One can look in vain through all lions of laborers and soldiers, of its pages and promises for any sign blood-stained streets in other Eu- of planned economy or socialism. ropean capitals where I had seen It is neither more nor less than prohibited demonstrations ridden Mexico's equivalent of her North-

"Socialist Education"

Another red rag to irate conbackground in this rural town enthusiastic radicals from the cannot be anything but Marxian fascist regime to the point where movie house, decorated with ham- United States is Mexico's Constimer and sickle in gleaming gold tutional amendment for "Socialist

During my many years of resi- of the government "Socialist"

Education by the State.

ed by it in December 1933. Its six put it this way:

"To the foreigner, this name, idea which is not one our legislaof the literal meaning of the word think of in seeking to interpret Stuart Chase and Howard Scott, of the so-called socialistic school The town movie house had been made the welkin ring here in the in Mexico is by no means so amtaken over on the occasion by the United States with their talk of bitious. On the contrary, the government recognizes the existence of a constitution which provides a federal, representive, democratic ment, and which expressly acwould not be possible, therefore. for that government to teach officially a doctrine contrary to its very existence....'

Mexico's "Marxism" nation, we cull the following:

Socialism. . . .

"For many, to speak of Marxism plished thru winning over the is to invoke the disappearance of petty bourgeois and proletarian "Why are you keeping your chil- private property . . . but that is followers of fascism and absorbing dren out of school?" I asked a poor the phantasma of the uninformed. them into the ranks of the anticouple, a portero and his wife par- Neither the Revolution nor the fascist movement, thru forcing a ticipating in the Catholic boycott Government is trying to implant fundamental realignment as becommunism in Mexico. The Revolution includes in its program re-"I don't know, Señor," answered straining, not abolition of private new course of the C.I. is thisto hamper this process of funda-Such is the "Marxism" of Mex-

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The Fight Against Fascism's Program

the triumph of the anti-fascist

cause depends. What does it mean

to call for the "reconciliation" of

fascists and anti-fascists. to urge

the latter to "stretch out a

brotherhood hand" to the former?

fascists as part of the "anti-reac-

tionary, freedom-loving, progres-

the fascist rank and file that it is

quite possible for them to remain

fascists, loyal to fascist aims and

he fascist program, and yet carry

nterests of the workers! Is it not

on a sincere class struggle in the

clear that such an approach is ut-

terly suicidal, that, so far from

winning the masses away from

fascism, it can only confirm the

hold of the fascist demagogues

There is little point in insisting

that the fascist workers, like all

workers, suffer from capitalist ex-

ploitation and resent the arhitrary

must be gotten to take part in

union members be brought about?

The "Original Program'

Of Fascism

How utterly monstrous this

whole conception is can be seen

in the almost incredible proposal

that the communists become the

champions of the "original" pro-

upon their followers?

IN MY article published in the The Under Secretary for Foreign L December 26, 1936 issue of the line form, illustrated by quotations from official documents, the What does it mean to speak of the "Socialist Education," connotes an main features of the new course of the Communist International in the struggle against fascism, a sive forces"? It means to assure course strikingly summarized in the slogan: "Reconciliation of fascists and anti-fascists!" Merely to present this new orientation in its own terms is to condemn it, as far as class conscious workers are concerned. All the more, therefore, is it necessary to examine the problem dispassionately in order to indicate clearly the nature and source of the error and to lay bare its fundamental roots.

The Fundamental Problem

The basic problem seems to be: What should be the attitude of the class conscious workers towards despotism of the economic and the fascist movement and the fasclass conscious workers towards and republican form of govern- cist mass organizations in the these workers remain fascist in course of the struggle against a sutlook and their activities are knowledges the right of private fascist regime that is already in restricted to fascist channels, their property as a social function. It power? It must be admitted that discontent and rebellion are bound this question has hitherto been to come to nothing, to end up in very inedaquately discussed, at frustration and self-defeat. That, least in this country. And yet the precisely, is the chief function of problem is a peculiarly vital one, fascism. Of course, Nazi workers

It is an obvious but nevertheless wage struggles in their shops, but very important fact that the over- not as Nazis, not on the basis of On November 20, 1936 there was throw of the regime today domina- Nazi slogans and Nazi demands, an unusually impressive celebra- ting Germany or Italy is impos- not as the expression of Nazi aims. tion of the twenty-sixth anniver- sible without the active participa- Let us not forget that there are sary of the outbreak of Mexico's tion in the struggle of decisive many auto workers among the Revolution of 1910, from which the sections of the masses now found members of the Black Legion and present self-styled "Regime of the in the ranks of the fascist move- that these workers also suffer Revolution" officially dates the ment and at least the passive from the widespread abuses in the birth of its institutions. The trade neutrality of other sections. But industry. Is that any reason for unions, the revolutionary veterans, the participation of these masses the communists to urge that a the government employees, the mil- in the effort to overthrow the "brotherly hand" be extended to itary garrison, crowded the huge regime becomes possible only to them and that a "reconciliation" Zocalo or public square in the cen- the degree that they cease to be between them and the sincere the wrestling and boxing matches. education, and improve Mexico's ter of Mexico City and spokesmen fascist, only to the degree that of various tendencies including of they free themselves from the inficial representatives of the Mex- fluence of fascist ideas, catchican Congress expressed the views words and confusion. This process of their organizations and bodies of ideological, really political on the great occasion. From the liberation is achieved thru exwords of Niceforo Guerrero, speak- perience in the class struggle ing on behalf of the Senate of the under fascism and is given point and consciousness by propaganda "What is the Socialism of our and agitation. One thing is cer-Revolution? We must say it frank- tainly clear: In terms of mass

gram of fascism: "The C.P. of Italy declares that adopts as its own the fascist program of 1919, which is a proit is ready for overthrow is accomgram of freedom, and is determined to fight for it."

"The appeal of the Communist Party of Germany calls upon the German people to keep together, to take the National-Socia'ist leaders at their word, to enforce the realization of those former demands of the National-Socialist

Party which are in the interests of

the people." This is the type of super-clever strategy that always brings disaster as its natural punishment. Out of the clear sky we are presented with an idealized version of the "original" fascist program (Italy), it is a "program of freedom," that, in the other case (Gercome out in support of it? If Hit-

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of Mexico's radicalism and bolshevism. Frightened conservatives, wife. "With the girls it's different." NAZIS GET IRON ORE FROM SPANISH MINES and are assured that, in one case (Italy), it is a "program of free-

DE CATALUNYA as dated.)

have published an account of the ing sent to Germany.

many thinks they ought to be paid

(Reprinted from the English with minerals. The iron of the Rif "are in the interests of the youngsters who came in droves last in the Republic it does not mean press releases of the GENERALIDAD mines, for example, which used to people!" The question naturally be shipped principally to England, arises: If Mussolini's program of The German press, thinking they France and Holland, now that the 1919 is a "program of freedom," me after three days in the Re- ly means by "Socialist Education" can affect an armistice as discussed mines are at the disposal of the why didn't the Italian communists by French and British diplomats, Burgos Junta dictatorship, is be- make it "their own" then and

tween the two enemy camps.

Now the peculiar danger of the

that, in its very nature, it tends

mental realignment upon which

On the basis of this exportation ler's program of 1920 is at least In bullion. Franco owes the Ger- the fascists formed a society with partly "in the interests of the ure. As I sat in the last row of the are not nearly enough schools for man state 230 million gold marks; the German capital, charged with people," why didn't the German importation of ammunition, cannons bringing Spanish iron to the said communists say so at the time it and gazed at the red banner on the 3. Obligatory use of State-out- and rifles delivered to Spain, more country, shipping it in the name of was promulgated and act accordstage, thoughts of these tourist ex- lined courses and texts in private than 237 aeroplanes remitted di- the society, "Hisma Ltd.," of which ingly? Merely to place these quesperts flashed through my mind, schools, much as the New York rectly from the German factories; Carranza and Bernhardt are the tions is to condemn an orientation great masses of mankind can be the use of its syllabi and standard- known from the above mentioned society of similar character called * These and other quotations are from "Rowak." which is also playing an As Franco has no intention of important role in exploiting Span-

December 21st

author writes, 'For eighteen hun-

CHURCH BAITS JEWS TO AID POSITION IN U. S. dred years has the blood of Christ been upon the Jews. Driven from

By SAUL HELD

THE experience of Catholicism in Italy and Germany has firmtion of both the ideology and or- Catholic State in the Union. ganization of the fascist movements in those countries to become the benefactor rather than the vic- friendly, has now been won over to tim to the goal. The successful execution of this new line of strategy fair-minded supporters'." is entrusted primarily to American Catholicism, the staunchest legions, financially and otherwise, of Mother cism is a debatable question, but and a growing anti-Semitism, pro-Church. For it is upon these shores, substantial headway has been voked by much imprudent behavior where the giant of imperialism resides, that fascism is still in a prenatal, formative stage, and highly susceptible to a superbly organized power with unlimited gold at its command. Should an American fascism arise which ignited the latent anti-Catholicism of the southern bible-belt and other staunch Protestant strongholds, international Catholicism would collapse like a house of cards. From colonial times, when Catholics were denied many social privileges (franchise), to the Native American Party of the early years of the nineteenth century, to the 1928 presidential campaign, anti-Catholicism has been a dominant factor in America's social life. No one is more acutely aware of these facts than the Church itself.

Seeks To Win South

To the established Protestant churches it offers a common front made. Catholic schools, colleges, of many Jews, makes the bouragainst Communism in order "to and churches have enjoyed a mush- geois' world more and more insave the world for Christianity"- room growth in many Southern clined to adopt Fascism. It means with itself in the van. of course, areas. Particularly since 1928 has it con centrated its most subtle propagandists, supplied with plenty of lucre, to undermine the anti-Catholicism of the South.

It was in the twenties that Hiram must hurl to the masses it has in-Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard of furiated, a punching-bag, on which the Ku Klux Klan, declared: "Our their rage if not their hunger can quarrel with the Catholics is not be appeased. This punching-bag is religious but political . . . the un- invariably a minority group not of American politics. It has not been and social chaos. Only Catholicism's ical means to win advantage for States, therefore, having learned

Klan in this period intensified the termination. Catholic theology is the Lazares, the Warburgs, the Semitism into the labor movement revolutions enabled the conserva-Catholic counter-offensive in the immersed in anti-Semitism. Here Kuhn-Loebs, the Rothschilds, the with undisguised satisfaction. South. On Nov. 18, 1936, this sig- are some flagrant examples: nificant little item appeared in the

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tion: "Tells Of Catholic Fight": publicist's art has been employed of God's curse. Like Cain, marked ences have galvanized Catholicism of the Catholic Layman's Associa- beginning of their studies the chil-

come to the conclusion that survithe Laetare Medal from Notre comment: 'The murdered Abel is a most powerful forces to block the (Dec. 17) continues: "We are face val in the capitalist countries, not Dame University for his part in figure of Jesus Christ, while Cain fascist drive to a new world control to face with the sly American manyet under Fascist regime, is de- that effort, recounted incidents of is a figure of the traitor Judas, pendent upon its assuming as lead- the struggle in what was once and the Jewish people, who put our ing a role as possible in the creacharacterized as the most antiSaviour to death.' Thus are little

> said, 'which was at first far from and fear." become one of our most active and monweal, Oct. 23, 1936:

Whether the Southland has al- Spanish methods in connection with ready been conquered by Catholi- a dispossessing social revolution

Judea—without country, without home-strangers amongst strang-New York Times, under the cap- ers-hated yet feared-have they wandered from nation to nation, "Every method known to the bearing with them the visible sign

2. Writes a priest in The Com-

"The threat of Russian and

Nazis O.K. Coughlin

"Social Justice," Father Coughlin's sheet, is given welcome reception in Germany. In its January 18th issue, the following letter to the editor appears: "Wiesbaden, Germany.

To the Editor:

I receive your SOCIAL JUSTICE paper regularly.

Your paper keeps me posted as to the true conditions in the United States and I rejoice to read that you wish to rest up for awhile, as such strenuous work as you have undertaken in the last campaign would undermine the health of a Hercules.

America is awakened now, and you know your antagonist now-and deserve the greatest admiration for your glorious work.

No man in American history has stirred up the people as you, and your God-sent mission has opened the eyes of the whole

-Wm. Gottleb"

Fostering Anti-Semitism

From its experience and analysis of fascism in Europe, Cathas with the Jews in New York to- with poverty against another min- of one of the world's largest gold ican Federation of Labor found the ular has been spurred as a result ority. This task it has undertaken mines. In a later speech he listed Vatican-influenced executive coun- of the series of revolutions in The resurgence of the Ku Klux with great relish, dispatch, and de-only Jews as international bankers, cil injecting the poison of anti-South America in 1930. These

stein, declared: Gilmour's Bible History, which is that we're either Christians in this ther Donovan have access to the stage. Even in those countries used as a text book in Catholic country or not . . . the Jews, the schools quite generally throughout Mohammedans, the Burmese' must other records, at the Emergency retained their power, they are bethe United States. Because it has not 'forget this is a Christian na- Relief Bureau? Maybe he just ing forced to make some concestible official benediction of his Holi- tion! Let's not overwork this de- wants to be helpful? ness, Pope Leo XIII, I assume that mocracy.' Coughlin has likewise the world. On page 209, after de- Church'." scribing the events that led up to the crucifixion, in which such ad-

jectives as 'barbarous' and 'blood-

conservation of the present social transformation."

lin's anti-Semitic bilge:

The Method of Streicher

"America's No. 1 anti-Semite is Father Coughlin. To white-wash himself when the Treasury Department exposed him as the largest or the Brooklyn Tablet, which sets deniable fact that the Roman the dominant religion to whom can holder of silver futures in Mich- the editorial policies of Catholic Church takes an active part in be "traced" all the evils of economic igan—500,000 ounces, on which he papers and journals, and you will made a 500 per cent profit—Cough- find the anti-Semitic campaign in content to accept in good faith the power has thus far prevented it lin attacked Morgenthau for pro- full blast. The open propaganda of separation of Church and state, from enjoying the fate of the Jews tecting 'one billion Orientals' whose the Sentinels Of The Republic for and constantly tries through polit- in Hitler Germany. In the United trade and commerce are based on Fascism and anti-Semitism, finds 'Gentile silver' whereas Americans an enthusiastic ally in the Church. through the labor of a peon class itself and its people—in other its lesson well, it is striving to over- are in bondage to the 'gold in the Ask any Jewish lawyer in Massawords, to be a political power in come the danger of becoming that hands of the internationalists—the chusetts, particularly Boston, about aim is to liberate themselves from America, as well as a spiritual future punching-bag. To accom- European Warburgs, the Roth- the virtual can on Jewish lawyers the influence of the Church in the power. . . . They form the biggest, plish this end, it must eliminate schilds and the rest of that group.' pleading their cases before the bar. political life of most Latin Ameristrongest, most cohesive of all the as much of the traditional anti- Among the 'internationalists' he The 1936 election campaign can countries. alien blocs. On many occasions they form alliances with other alien by turn the swiftly rising tide of far the largest international bankblocs against American interests, disgust and hatred of the masses er in America, nor Hearst, owner The 1936 convention of the Amer-

> are some flagrant examples:
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> 1. Writing in Harpers Magazine,
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> May 1021 Pakk: Phillip C Park
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> Baruchs.' When speaking on the question of usury, Coughlin, to public welfare agencies the Jews progressive elements. This was es-May 1931, Rabbi Phillip S. Bern- drive his point home, mimicked a are being thrown out as swiftly as pecially true in countries like Ar-Jewish accent. In another speech the Catholic guilds and big sisters' gentina, Chile and Uruguay. "Before me as I write is Bishop he declared that 'We've got to say groups can manage. Why does Fa-

> Far more important than any of ments on foot everywhere for the it is representative of the instruc- linked Jews with Communists: 'Not the anti-Semitic sentiments, so 8 hour day, for social security legtion given to all the three hundred only in the ghettos and in the gut- "unobtrusively" injected into prac- islation, workmen's compensation and forty million communicants of ters are Communists found. Often- tically all Catholic literature, is and regulation of working condithe Roman Catholic Church, the times they parade in robes of the the very obtrusive word-of-mouth tions for women and children. most powerful religious body in learned and in vestments of the Catholic propaganda throughout There is also agitation for nathe land. The time is not yet for tionalization of natural resources shouting and raving a la Julius and for state ownership of princi-Streicher, but the day swiftly ap- pal industries. In this connection, Read any issue of Social Justice, proaches.

thirsty' are used to characterize not individuals but 'the Jews,' the PEACE'? MEET SHARPENS U. S.-BRITISH RIVALRY

adage, "an ounce of prevention is week at a general adage, and ounce of prevention is meeting of the St. Paul Guild at week at a general adage, and ounce of prevention is meeting of the St. Paul Guild at horrible doctrine. On page 13, after the Hotel Ambassador. | dren nave been prepared for this page. | of peace" (issue of Dec. 9) and the horrible doctrine. On page 13, after the Hotel Ambassador. | of peace" (issue of Dec. 9) and the horrible doctrine. On page 13, after the Hotel Ambassador. | of peace" (issue of Dec. 9) and the horrible doctrine. On page 13, after the Hotel Ambassador. | of peace" (issue of Dec. 9) and the horrible doctrine. On page 13, after the Hotel Ambassador. | of peace | larly relevant to its life. It has "Mr. Reid, who had just received murder, Bishop Gilmour makes this Conference can become one of the flagration." (Nov. 19). But the oeuver through which the United American delegation maneuvered States hopes to readjust its econchildren taught to regard Jews as ish interests so powerfully enview to a new war. It must con-"'The press of the State,' he murderers, as objects of hatred trenched in farther South America, solidate its territorial bases and its and to prepare for the coming war raw materials in preparation for by consolidating its hinterland and it." And in conclusion referring protecting the military rear. In to the "peace" maneuver-"We rethis second and concluding article alize full well that peace can only the writer compares the views of the Mexican C.P. with those ex- of the organized masses and the pressed in the Daily Worker, and collective will of the people." analyzes the "achievements" of the "peace" conference.—Editor)

By ELLEN WARD

It is interesting to contrast the perspective on the conference of the Daily Worker with that of the progressive workers and the Communist parties of the semi-colonial countries. The latter is less cock-eyed. Perhaps because they suffer a great deal more at the ed with illusions—illusions about hands of imperialism. Let us look the policy of the Good Neighbor at the position of the progressive labor movement of Mexico for example. Lombardo Toledano, leader of the CTM (Confederacion de are the causes of his great popu-Trabajadores de Mejico) writes in larity below the Rio Grande? his official organ:

"The progressive labor movemovent of Mexico is opposed to the policies of Roosevelt will lead the Peace Conference of Buenos to some kind of socialism. They Aires because a League of American nations would have only one they would rather follow than what aim: a weapon of American imperialism against the rest of the or Italy (which in their minds they world, and Mexico has little to hope for from such an arrange-

An editorial in El Machete (oforder or at least a less sanguinary ficial organ of the Mexican Communist Party) (Dec. 5, 1936) 3. Robert Gessner in his masterly states: "The speech of President work Some Of My Best Friends Roosevelt declares that the aims olicism has learned that Fascism Are Jews, condensed Father Cough- of the conference are to unite the American family of nations into a single economic union which will stand for peace in the Western

(Last week Ellen Ward showed hemisphere. These are the ostenhow "the naughty boys from Wash- sible aims of the conference but ington left Gannes and the Daily the objectives which are not men-Worker holding the bag." The tioned are: the domination of the ly convinced the lords of the Vatiin the twenty-year struggle, which with a mysterious sign, they shall Daily Worker had analyzed the continent, control of its resources can that a new strategy is imperabegan in 1916, to dissipate religious | which a mysterious sign, they snau | government's objective at the Bueand its places of strategic defense. tive for its survival. These experiprejudice in Georgia, Richard Reid the world.' From almost the very nos Aires Conference as the for- Before the dreadful nearness of mation of "an alliance of the Amer- war the United States is determinto the realization that the old tion said last week at a general dren have been prepared for this ican nations for the maintenance ined to secure its colonial control,

Another editorial in El Machete

These are very different statements indeed from those appearing in the Daily Worker.

Illusions Flourish

But such clear views of the aims of American imperialism are unfortunately limited to a very small group of communists and communist sympathizers and their clarity is often not sustained. The great masses of Latin America are fill illusions about Roosevelt, who is revered much more among them than among his own people. What

Throughout Latin America the opinion is generally current that see in the New Deal something has been done in Russia, Germany group together). They believe that President Roosevelt is working out policy which would eventually liminate the concentration of wealth and improve the economic standards of the working class and the progressive elements of the population think that is their goal

The new political development in South America today is the formation of the peoples front. The frente popular declares its aims to be the freeing of the masses from those European institutions which are still supported by the conservative political parties. Chief among these is the feudal system of vast landed estates with their absentee landlords kept in luxury living in abject poverty. Another

Unrest Is Great

The formation of the frente poptives with the aid of the military,

But this is only a transition (Continued next column)

WORKERS AGE

LENIN SPEAKS ON DEMOCRACY

"Freedom of the press" is also one of the

chief slogans of "pure democracy". Again, the workers know, and the socialists of all countries

have recognized millions of times, that this free-

dom is deception so long as the best printing works

and the largest supplies of paper are seized by the

capitalists and so long as the power of capital over

the press remains, a power which throughout the

world appears the more vividly, the sharper, the

more cynically, the greater the development of de-

mocracy and of the republican system, as for ex-

ample, in America. In order to win real equality

and real democracy for the toilers, for the workers

and the peasants, it was first of all necessary to

take away from capital the possibility of hiring

writers, of buying publishing houses and bribing

newspapers, and for this it is necessary to over-

throw the yoke of capital, to suppress their resist-

ance. The capitalists have always called "freedom"

the freedom of profit for the rich, the freedom of

the workers to die of hunger. The capitalists call

the freedom of the press freedom for the rich to

buy up the press, freedom to make use of wealth

for the manufacture and forging of so-called public

opinion. The defenders of "pure democracy" again

in practice appear as defenders of the same corrupt

system of the rule of the rich over the means for

enlightening the masses, appear as the deceivers of

the people, distracting them, by means of fair-seem-

ing, fine and thoroughly false phrases, from the

concrete historical tasks of liberating the press

from its enslavement to capital. Real freedom and

equality will be that order which the Communists

ty of growing rich at the expense of others, in which

there will be no objective possibility of either dir-

ectly or indirectly subjecting the press to the power

of money, in which there will be no hindrance to

are building and in which there will be no possibili-

(Continued from last week)

7. "Freedom of meeting" may be taken as an example of the demand for "pure democracy". Every class-conscious worker who has not broken with his class will understand at once that it would be stupid to promise freedom of meeting to the exploiters at the period and in the circumstances when the exploiters are showing resistance to their overthrow and insisting on their privileges. The bourgeoisie, at the time when it was revolutionary. did not give, either in England in 1649 or in France in 1793, "freedom of meeting" to the monarchists and nobles who had called in foreign armies and were "meeting" for the organization of attempts at restoration. If the present-day bourgeoisie, which has long since become reactionary, demands of the proletariat that it should guarantee beforehand, whatever resistance the capitalists may show to their expropriation, "freedom of meeting" for the exploiters, then the workers will only laugh at the hypocrisv of the bourgeoisie.

On the other hand, the workers know quite well that "freedom of meeting" even in the most democratic bourgeois republic is an empty phrase, for the rich have all the best public private buildings at their disposal as well as sufficient leisure for meetings and protection by their bourgeois apparatus of power. The proletarians of town and country and small peasants, that is to say the immense majority of the population, have neither the first, nor the second, nor the third. So long as things are arranged in this way, "equality", that is, "pure democracy", is deception. In order to win real equality, in order to realize in practice democracy for the toilers, it is necessary in the first place to take away from the exploiters all public and luxurious private buildings; it is necessary in the first place to give leisure to the toilers, it is necessary that the armed workers should protect the freedom of their meetings and not the aristocratic or capitalist officers with their down-trodden soldiers.

Only after such a change can you speak of freedom, of equality, without mockery of the workers, prevent any toiler (or group of toilers of any num-

ity among the masses.

which he aims to defend with per-

predecessor in office. These mass-

es can learn even now from the

events which began to unfold al-

most on the eve of the closing of

Results of Conference

the "Peace" conference.

settle the Chaco dispute.

ent of Yankee imperialism."

interests.

cheer-this great tabernacle of continue in camera. Central Amer-President Roosevelt has been love has crumbled like a house of ica is under its complete dominasold to Latin America as a cham- cards. The conference heard a great tion and no problem. But in South pion for all these causes and that number of speeches but it defeat- America there will be much manexplains his tremendous popular- ed an American League of Na- euvering in the next twelve tions. The Times (Dec. 20) reports months. There will be planning Man learns slowly and it will a little laconically: "The Inter- and intrigue and barter and no take quite a few years and not American Conference for the Main- end of economic compulsives with

teach the Latin American masses following: that Roosevelt is not all that their Peru in 1938." haps greater astuteness than his

a few world-shaking events to tenance of Peace has approved the each separate country. There will be horse-trading in ways which "A resolution postponing consid- will not bear telling and the Amerruling press has cracked him up eration of the proposed American ican empire will secure its hinterto be. They will learn that even League of Nations to the eighth land for the coming war if it can he is an instrument of his class Pan-American conference in Lima, defeat England in farther South America. In any event the "Peace" Does all this mean, however, Conference was really a war meas-

PORTRAIT OF MEXICO

consent of American Mexico." And with these same in private to United States Ambas- which he hoped would scare the strikers. The New York Times phrases in lieu of substance, Com- sador Daniels: President Roosevelt has just se- munists of the People's Front va-"People's Front" Mexico.

The conference failed to lay the Another Language ghost of the Monroe Doctrine as President Cardenas leaves most greater and wages higher." proved by the fact that it was resuscitated and under fire again of the demagogy to his assistants This is the simple truth, and no ities of a "plebiscite," Homer Marference which was summoned with | guage.

(Continued from Page 3) | On December 22, 1936, in his first Before the echoes of the last ico. With this thin shadow of a public interview with the American farewells died down at Buenos specter Catholic propagandists for press since the consolidation of his Aires, a constitutionally elected intervention would terrify the regime, President Cardenas told a president of Cuba was removed by United States and make it believe representative of the Associated the military dictator Batista with that "red radicalism is rampant in Press what he had previously said ington, and prepared a new plan press the injunction against these

"Mexico would look with gratiresident Kooseveit has just se- munists of the reopies front va- metter would with grati- cured the joint resolution prohibit- riety would content the Mexican tude on elements with capital which (read: the right to be starved and have the hearty assent (in action) cured the joint resolution prohibit- riety would content the mexican time on elements with capital which in the sending of arms to the workers and peasants and work might want to invest money in the to be exhausted by the inhuman of other automobile manufacturing mg the sending of arms to the workers and peasants and work might want to invest money in the speed-up) will attempt to re-open companies as well as the steel, rubively aiding the fascists in Spain. ternationally into an intense fever of guarantees within the law, and certain factories. The Conference did nothing to of enthusiasm for "Socialist" or they ought not alarm themselves since our legislation is more pro- that should such attempts be made, ers against the Pittsburgh Plate tective of capital than that of the the strike movement would be ex- Glass company was settled this United States, where taxes are tended to those factories.

just a few days later at Valpa- and supporters, especially to his doubt a natural program for the tin declared: "The strike itself is this strike, supplies for raiso, where amidst great clam- supporters of the Left. After all, spokesman of the ruling class of or a resolution was jammed they are the masters of the revo- a semi-colonial government, whose through, calling for the complete lutionary phrase and if they choose core is formed by men who are my days of the Revolution that be- General Motors thru its competitor. independence of Porto Rico from to put it at the service of his gov- developing in their own persons the gan in 1910, and from the dreams the Colossus of the North. A mem- ernment and thus drape his far beginnings of a native capitalism. of the nationalization of the vast vealed that it had knowledge of ber of the Argentine delegation from revolutionary acts in a flag But it is a far cry from the radical natural wealth of Mexico's subsoil, conferences between Knudsen of (N. Y. Times, Jan. 10, 1937) said of red, why should he object? He phrase-demagogy, the "Socialism," and socialization of Mexico's land G. M., and high officials of the "it was stupid of the conference to too, on occasion, has known how "Marxism" and "Revolution" with and industry which inspired the Ford Company. Whether this foretalk about peace until all the to make the mountains of Mexico which his speeches bristle when struggles of millions of workers shadows some agreement for co-American peoples were independ- ring with his radical speeches: but they are intended for popular home and peasants. when he speaks to American finan- consumption. It is, too, a far cry So we see that the "Peace" Con- cial interests, he talks another lan- from the fervid anti-imperialist sentiments that actuated the stor- Mexican Politics.

of the toilers, of the poor. But nobody can carry ber) from having and putting into practice an equal out such a change save the vanguard of the toilers, right to the utilization of public printing works and public paper. the proletariat which overthrows the exploiters, the

9. The history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries showed us even before the war what this renowned "pure democracy" is in practice under capitalism. The Marxists have always said that the more developed and the "purer" democracy becomes, the more naked, sharper, and merciless becomes the class struggle, the "purer" appears the yoke of capital and the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. The Dreyfus affair in Republican France, the bloody massacres of strikers by hired gangs armed by the capitalists in the free and democratic republic of America-these and thousands of similar facts show that truth which the bourgeoisie in vain tries to hide, that is that in the most democratic republics terror the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie rule in fact, showing themselves openly every time when it begins to appear to the exploiters that the power of capital is trembling.

10. The imperialist war of 1914-1918 finally exposed even to the backward workers this true character of bourgeois democracy, even in the freest republics, as being the character of the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. Tens of millions were killed for the sake of enriching the German or the British group of millionaires and the military dictatorship of the bourgeoisie was established in the freest republics. This military dictatorship is being continued in the Entente countries even after the defeat of Germany. It was precisely the war which most of all opened the eves of the toilers, plucked the false flowers off bourgeois democracy, showed the people all the abyss of speculation and profiteering during the war and before the war. In the name of "freedom and equality" the bourgeoisie waged the war, in the name of "freedom and equality" the war profiteers grew rich to an unheard-of extent. No efforts of the yellow Berne International can conceal from the masses the exploiting character of bourgeois freedom, bourgeois equality, bourgeois democracy now exposed to the end.

(to be continued)

it is interesting to note that Arguer pomp and which opened gentina is beginning to nationalize with such great applause and good sort. From now on negotiations Auto Union Declares For Fight To Finish: Roosevelt Snubs Lewis

(Continued from Page 1) sketched the beginnings of a break cide that they don't want the union between the administration and the the strike will collapse. But there nost vital labor forces in the coun- is no sign of collapse. Reports from try. It was the unanimous opinion all strike centers show our morale of the boss press that "this was the is stronger than ever, while Genonly reply possible," and such cri- eral Motors is practically at a icism as was made stated (Herald- standstill." Tribune) that the statement "erred on the side of moderation." Thus do the hirelings of capital rejoice —but a little too soon. For the wishes to get back to work and we strength of the industrial union are also very desirous that these movement of the CIO lies not in its workers should get back to work. connections" with the administration but on its independent class they wish to go back under any organization and activities. And if conditions imposed on them by the this affair serves to clear the air, General Motors Corporation, for it and aids in building labor party consciousness, it will have in it pitated the strike and caused them much for labor's good.

appeal, he immediately left Wash- question of sit-in strikes and will union General Motors under the slogan of "the right to work" Motors Corporation is known to

The union immediately answered

a plebiscite. When the workers de-

The question of going back to work was also dealt with by President Martin: "Every worker But the facts do not show that was these conditions which precito quit work."

It is expected that the company When Sloan read Lewis' original will make a heavy fight on the ber and other industries."

The strike of the flat glass workweek with more than mere wage When asked about the possibil- and hour gains for the Federation, headed by Glenn McCabe. By set-Chrysler are now re-opened and additional pressure will be put on

At the same time, the union reoperation instead of competition, in the struggle against the union, re-Next week: The Master Key to mains to be more clearly delin-

Local 22 Progressives **Support Work of CIO**

The Dressmakers Progressive in the founding of the CIO and Group of Local 22, I.L.G.W.U. at its assistance to the organization its meeting on January 16th, unanimously adopted a statement, in ling. which they expressed their conviction that: "... the progressives in the labor movement must take their stand without reservation for the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Pointing out that fundamental changes have taken place in American industry, the necessity of organizing the mass-production industries was placed as a life and death question for the entire labor movement. Consequently "the rigid and outlived" craft union system, which has failed to make headway in organizing the unorganized must be replaced by the "modern policy of industrial unionism."

The splitting activities of the Executive Council were sharply scored as sacrificing the interests of the entire labor movement for the narrow craft privileges of the old-line craft unionists. Their policy of "rule or ruin," by illegal suspensions and destruction of the autonomous rights of international unions, was denounced as being a "desperate effort to hold in check, to crush the forces of progress in the labor movement."

Further, the Progressives exposed the attempt to label the CIO a dual union movement, stressing that: "Dualism aims at undermining the existing labor organizations . . .," whereas ". . . the fundamental aim of the CIO is to strengthen and extend the existing labor movement . . . with the aid and consent of the official leaders of the A. F. of L. if possible, but against their objections and resistance, if necessary."

The participation of the ILGWU

STUDENT AID IN CIO DRIVE ASKED

CHICAGO (UNS)—The Committee for Industrial Organization "asks and will welcome the support of the student movement for this modern crusade for democracy and humanity," declared John L. Lewis, C.I.O. chairman, in a statement read to the second annual convention of the American Student Union.

"It needs your help," he said "and we also believe that it offers you the only sure means today for building for yourself an acceptable social, political, and economic fu-

The convention, which attracted some 400 delegates from progressive student groups in the nation's high schools and colleges, cheered Lewis' message. Shortly after, some scores of student delegates volunteered their aid to the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in passing out union literature at steel mill gates in South Chicago.

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campaign was hailed by the meet-

The statement concluded in support of the CIO:

". . . because the C.I.O. represents the future, and its program is the only one that can bring strength and victory to trade unionism-because the issue of industrial unionism, of such vital importance in itself, is at the same time the expression of a new and broader outlook in the labor movement, a philosophy embracing militancy, independent political action and many of the other things we have championed for so many years—because the CIO shows the way to sound unity in labor's ranks, unity based on genuine democracy and industrial

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EARL KING

Oakland, Calif. - The seven week out and out frame-up trial of Earl King, Ernest Ramsay and Frank Conner, maritime union members, ended with a verdict of guilty of second degree murder.

JESUITS BIG FACTOR IN REBEL UPRISING

(Reprinted from the English orders which had adjusted thempress releases of the Generalidad DE CATALUNYA as dated.)

The wealth of the Company of Jesus in Spain before the 19th of July was enormous. They had about six thousand million pesatas invested in the national economy. It was the Jesuits who held the largest shares in Spanish railways trams, gas, electricity, and maritime transport. They speculated in real estate, in most of the larger towns and maneuvered the Stock Exchange in favor of their own interests. The bank and telephone services were under their control. Indeed in the latter they had a representative, the Marquis of Urguijo, a famous banker, while another of their agents, Ruiz Senen. was on the board of about 40 powerful companies. The Company of Jesus had its claws in most of the heavy industry of the country in this way. The economy was in their hands and the remaining money belonging to Spain was controlled by various other religious orders, bishops and other church dignitaries. It was these powerful economic and social forces which were mobilized to prevent the dissolution of the religious orders.

Certain orders, after gigantic combats, were dissolved, but their investments, not only remained intact but continued to accumulate play at martyrdom and many of taking their gold with them whenpockets. But many of them managed to stay on by joining other

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selves to certain legal conditions. or else by acting in a private way but they continued to keep their influence alive by teaching children and bringing them up to their own religious beliefs.

Then the real attack against the Republic began. All the economic bodies belonging to the Jesuits began a systematic sabotage of the national economy. The banks cut down credit, thus upsetting commerce and industry. At the same time, enormous sums were spent in forming the "Popular action" a party which became the protege of all the social powers influenced by the Company of Jesus.

The success of the reactionaries at the 1933 elections was entirely due to the 300 legal orders which had been allowed to remain in Spain, and their 6000 convents. It was this triumph which caused the spilling of so much proletarian

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BOOKS of the AGE

THE HISTORY OF THE HAY-MARKET AFFAIR; Henry David, (Farrar & Rhinehart, \$4.00). Reviewed by S. J.

Now that more than fifty years have passed since the Haymarket bomb was thrown, nearly all thinking, literate people accept the author's judgment of the legal procedure in the case:

"Parsons, Spies, Fielden, Neebe, Engel, Fischer, Schwab, and Lingg were not guilty of the murder of officer Degan in the light of the evidence produced in court. A biased jury, a prejudiced judge, perjured evidence, an extraordinary and indefensible theory of conspiracy, and the temper of Chicago led to the conviction. The evidence never proved their guilt."

The slogan "Anarchy is on trial' was used by the bourgeoisie prosecution as a slogan is used by any set of politicians, to achieve an end. Both the prosecution and most business men were too shrewd to believe such nonsense. Later, they admitted it. There were three genuine reasons for the convictions: The desire of big business to smash the labor movement; the desire of the prosecution for political advancement; and the latent sadism resulting from capitalist civilization. These are my conclusions, not the author's, although they are drawn from the facts that he presents.

The liberals of the time, as the liberals of all times, were muddled in their thinking, and confused issues. There were exceptions, such as William Dean Howells and Henry Demarest Lloyd, who believed that an unjust conviction was enough to warrant a prisoner's release; but most of them brought up extraneous questions. Dr. Salter's argument is as good an example of average liberal thought as can be found anywhere. First he agreed with the state in the cases of Lingg, Fischer and Engel, saying that although the bomb thrower had not been identified, they were guilty as accessories and should be imprisoned for life. He did not think there was enough evidence against the other four who were condemned to death. Apparently he did not consider Neebe's fifteen-year sentence worthy of comment. Spies, Schwab, Fielden, and Parsons, he said, were not guilty of murder, but of sedi-

New Bill Hits Negro Schools

A protest against the present form of the proposed bill to aid education in the states with federal funds was lodged this week by the N.A.A.C.P. with the National Education Association. It is the contention of the N.A.A.C.P. that the proposed bill contains no provision for preventing discrimination between Negro and white schools in the distribution of the funds. The bill would have the Federal government appropriate 100 million dollars to the states, increasing the amount annually by 50 million dollars until the appropriation is 300 million dollars

The association then cites the fact that in 1933-34 Alabama spent 89.2% of its school money on whites and only 10.8% on Negroes, despite the fact that Negroes constituted in that year 7% of the state's school population. The association contends that the discrimination against Negro schools in the South is growing instead of lessening.

Citing Alabama again upon the distribution of federal funds, the N.A.A.C.P. sets forth that in 1933-34 Alabama received \$3,901,938 from federal emergency funds for public schools. Of this amount it expended 89% on white schools and 11% on Negro schools.

tion, and they too should be imprisoned for several years. As the author remarks:

'The men were responsible for the crime (according to Salter) but not guilty of it, and nevertheless deserved punishment."

Henry George condemned the verdict at first, but approved it after the Illinois Supreme Court had upheld it. He was running for the office of Secretary of the state of New York at the time and naturally could not afford to be confused with anarchists who had advocated violence.

There is a contradiction in the book which, although not important, is worth noting. The author writes that the Knights of Labor condemned the bombing because 'The American workingman was just as shocked and distressed by the bomb as anyone else," and because "capital could and did strike at organized labor through the Haymarket Affair." There is a tendency here to confuse the unions with their leaders. It is improbable that the American workers were "distressed" although they must have been surprised. The ordinary worker has little more liking for the policemen than the radical, and the violent death of seven cops would not distress him nearly as much as the death of striking workers the day before, who may have been killed by the very cops who died in the bombing.

The labor press was controlled by the type of union leaders who have always tried to keep the friendship of capital, and who have acted in the interest of capital whenever there was a chance for the workers to make a really important gain. It was indeed "quite normal" for these leaders to denounce any act of socialists or anarchists (whom they confused), since socialism and anarchism were drawing away their following and threatening their take from both capital and labor. Farther on in the book, David admits this control of the means of expression, also the grievance of the workers against police.

The History of the Haymarket Affair is a thorough and fully documented study, in the course of which the author has done an unbelievable amount of research.

Henry David deserves gratitude for an unprejudiced account of this

The Fight Against Fascism's Program

(Continued from Page 3) that makes it possible for such questions to arise!

But what is this "original" fascist program whose hidden virtues are now being discovered in capital. The Jesuits were willing to the most unexpected circles. Read thru the manifestos of the Fascio them accordingly set off abroad di Combattimento or the twentyfive "unalterable" principles that ever they could, which was an- still remain the platform of the other way of picking the Republic's National-Socialist German Workers Party. What are they but an unholy mess of brazenly self-contradictory promises, absurdly impossible panaceas, reactionary fanasies and just plain gibberish, all tricked out in the pseudo-radical phrases and reckless demagogy so characteristic of fascism? What is there, in all this witch's-brew, that constitutes a "program of freedom" or something "in the interests of the people?" Have the spokesmen of official communism really taken leave of their political

> In the years that fascism was making its great bid for power in Italy and Germany we never ceased hammering away at the idea that the fascist program was a piece of treacherous demagogy, of conscienceless deception of the masses, in which it is death to place any confidence. Now we are suddenly bidden to swallow our words—to confess that we have

gravely misjudged the program of fascism-to accept it as our own, merely complaining that it is not being carried out! Is this fighting fascism or is it confirming the waning faith of the misled masses in the fascist slogans and promises? Is this stimulating or retarding the indispensable process of mass emancipation from the influence of fascist demagogy? Is this helping or hindering the conversion of of Hitler and Mussolini into antifascists?

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