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All Together Against Reaction on May Day

Last year's May Day demonstrations were held under the slogan of solidarity with the German workers and against advancing Fascism. Since that time the heroic fight of the Austrian workers and socialists was drowned in blood and now murderous Clerical Fascism with its program of black reaction rules in Austria. Ominous signs of the advance of Fascism are to be seen in France, and to a greater or less extent in all countries in the capitalist world.

With the victory of Hitler it should have been apparent, even to the blind, that reaction would push forward in other countries. The need of the hour then was a united front of all labor organizations, political, economic, and fraternal, to crush the growing Fascist danger in their home countries and to give aid to their brothers elsewhere.

Decaying capitalism with no other way out of its crisis is resorting to the arming of murderous bands for the crushing of every semblance of independent working class organization. Faced with a divided working class it marches forward everywhere. The heroism of Communists, Socialists, and trade union members in Austria, in Italy and in the prison camps of Hitler serve but to show the devotion, courage and readiness to struggle in the ranks of the workers, which if united could smash the Fascist menace in one country after another.

Another May Day, the day of labor solidarity, is at hand. Shall it reveal to our enemies a working class unable to unite its forces in face of the Fascist butcher? That is the question for every worker in whatever organization he may be found to ask himself now.

War preparations go on at a feverish pace. Japan openly prepares for an attack on the Soviet Union. Europe is a powder barrel awaiting the spark. Conflicting imperialist forces have made a shambles of several countries of South America. The United States, while cutting off hundreds of thousands of unemployed from the relief rolls and refusing to make any attempt to provide unemployment insurance, at the same time spending billions on naval, military and aerial armaments. Division of forces on this May 1st is a crime. To admit that a united front demonstration against Fascism and war cannot be formed is to admit the triumph of black reaction and the destruction of all labor organization.

Workers of New York, delegates to this May Day Conference, you must not and cannot admit such an outcome. Reports appear in the capitalist press of the arming of groups in New York akin to the Fascists in Europe. Nazi open air meetings, largely attended, are being held in New York. Brown shirts, Khaki shirts, Silver shirts, spring up in different parts of the country. Nazi bands are organizing and arming in all large cities. This rising danger must be crushed. One united front May Day demonstration against war and fascism will strike terror into their hearts. It will send a surge of joy and militancy into the breasts of workers throughout the land.

On Father Coughlin

Those who are interested in knowing how a government run by Father Coughlin under the guidance of the Holy Father in Rome would function, can take a look at Austria. A new constitution has been drawn up. "Laws are to emanate from God the Almighty." The Roman Catholic Church is to be a specially privileged state-supported institution. An agreement with the Pope will govern the educational and religious training. There will be no freedom of speech, the stage, the movies, the press, or the radio. Priests, professional men, industrialists, and government bureaucrats will compose the five chambers of the state which are being set up. The workers can work or starve, but in silence. This is the kind of state that stands behind the words of the demagogue, Coughlin.

Dryer Taken to Court by A.F. of L. Union Official

I. Dreyer, managing editor of the Union Pharmacist, official publication of the Pharmacists' Union of Greater New York, has recently appeared before Magistrate J. Goldstein on a charge of criminal libel. He is accused by E. Roy Denise, eastern representative of the Retail Clerk's International Protective Association, A. F. of L. and also organizer of the American Pharmacists' Union, organized by him six months ago in opposition to the Pharmacists' Union of Greater New York.

An article, exposing the anti-union activities of Mr. Denise, appeared in the March issue of the Union Pharmacist. Mr. Denise, in his attempt to stifle criticism not only of another organization but also of oppositionists in his outfit, has applied for help to the capitalist court.

Upon cross examination by the lawyer for the defense, Mr. Denise admitted something that throws a glaring light on the character of this individual. He refused an offer made to him by the Pharmacists' Union of Greater New York to publish his refutations of the charges made in the "Libelous article" and also their offer of a platform before the membership of both organizations. However, the fact that Mr. Denise has chosen the capitalist platform in preference to the workers' platform can only testify to the anti-working class makeup of this "great labor organizer."

This case is of great interest to all the advanced and militant elements in the labor movement. Attempts of reactionary elements to stifle criticism and establish a censorship on the radical labor press by means of court action must be fought bitterly. This case again illustrates the need of a genuine united front for non-partisan labor defense. It is high time to form it!

No further news can be learned of the fate of the four German comrades deported from Holland to Hitlerite Germany by the Dutch capitalist government, which broke up the international youth conference at Laren last month. According to a letter received by the Militant from Dutch comrades, there is grave fear that they may have been killed by Hitler's police. The Dutch government is attempting to hide its guilt behind the pretence that the four young workers were not political refugees. It has, however, been established that all had fled from Germany months before coming to Holland and that they possessed valid passports in good order.

A wide protest movement on behalf of the four victims of Dutch-Nazi cooperation has sprung up in Europe involving Socialist, anarchist, syndicalist, trade union and even liberal elements. In this movement the International Communist League (Bolshevik-Leninist) is playing a full share.

In this country a similar protest movement has been begun. A statement is being circulated among all organizations opposed to Fascism on the basis of which a united protest will be made to the Dutch government. A demand will be made for public guarantee of the right of safe-conduct and asylum for all political refugees.

The Revolutionary Socialist Party and the Independent Socialist Party of Holland have retained attorney B. J. Stockvis to proceed to Germany to investigate the fate of the four delegates.

Unser Wort, organ of the International Communists of Germany, reports that one of the four German delegates, Heinz Hesse, is a member of the League. Hesse was formerly a member of the Rheinland-Westphalia district bureau of the Socialist Labor Party (S.A.P.), which has now joined the League in its entirety. The remaining three delegates are members of the S.A.P.

The Nazi Program

"It means a Nazi determination to carry through the labor placement program at all costs, even that of forcing down the standard of living of the German people, which in the lower classes especially is already low. . . . The slogan, 'Work and bread,' is to mean exactly that. . . . plenty of work and pittance wages and the plainest fare."—N. Y. Times, Berlin Correspondent, March 26th.

Fascist Elections

Mussolini ordered the people of Italy to vote endorsement of his Party and policies on Sunday. Black-Shirted Fascists watched the lists and voters. Anyone who did vote was looked up by a Fascist guard. There was only one list of candidates—Mussolini's. Despite that thousands voted against the murderous dictatorship and other thousands absented themselves from the polls.

Committee Organized to Aid Anthony Bellussi

After a protracted struggle, Anthony Bellussi, militant anti-Fascist and active trade-unionist of Wilkes Barre, Pa., has won the right of voluntary departure from the United States. To assist him in financing his trip, the sole method of saving him from being turned over to Mussolini by the U. S. government, a Bellussi Anti-Fascist Dinner Committee has been organized. Sentenced to deportation to Fascist Italy, Bellussi is now enabled to escape from the clutches of the Mussolini regime which has for years desired to punish him for his working class activities in Italy.

Bellussi spent ten months in jail before his case could be settled. At first the I. L. D. pretended interest in his fate, but when Bellussi refused to repudiate his friendship to the Communist League of America, the I. L. D. lost its enthusiasm for the cause of this anti-Fascist. In the end the fight had to be carried on by the friends of comrade Bellussi with the aid of the American Civil Liberties Union. After winning the right of voluntary departure, Bellussi was released on bail, bail money being provided by the American Civil Liberties Union.

His last month in America is being spent in New York. Bellussi plans to sail for South America before May 1. The members of the Dinner Committee are Roger Baldwin, Louis Budenz, James Burnham, James P. Cannon, Elliot B. Cohen, Max Eastman, Herman Gund, Sidney Hook, Rose Karsner, A. J. Muste, Elinor Rice, James Rorty, Herbert Solow and Carlo Tresca.

The Bellussi Dinner will be held Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Stuyvesant Casino, Second Avenue

Arrest Leaders of The Cuban Labor Movement

Through La Prensa, Spanish daily printed in New York, we are apprised of the arrest of the whole leadership of the Labor Federation of Havana. The police surprised a meeting of the Plenum of the Federation while in session, placing all of the members under arrest. Among these is Sandalio Junco, one of the most prominent labor figures of the island and one of the outstanding leaders of the Bolshevik-Leninist Party (Cuban Section of the League of Communist Internationalists) which has been extremely active in the heroic struggles of the Cuban proletariat.

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A Veteran Militant

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Questions Discussion
Addresses: Bronx Branch C. L. of A.

Appeal to the Young Workers of the World

A conference of representatives of independent proletarian youth organizations was called for February 24th to 26th at Laren, in Holland. The object of this Conference was to draw the lessons of the catastrophe in the German labor movement, of the crisis of the international labor movement, and, particularly, the proletarian youth movement.

Unemployment and super-exploitation—evils which at the same time are contradictory and supplementary—are both the consequences of the terrible world economic crisis which effects especially the proletarian youth.

This youth, however, has not reacted to the blows of capitalism by revolutionary means. On the contrary. The crudest form of capitalist oppression, Fascism, threatens to attract to itself a great part of the youth and to submit them to two dangers: heightened exploitation and imperialist wars. The two international organizations claiming to represent the interests of working-class youth, the Young Socialists and the Young Commun-

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ist International (Y. C. I.) are faced by these forces and these dangers. Their dependence on reformism and Stalinism has condemned these two organizations to impotence.

It was to find a way out of this situation, and to prepare and organize the consolidation of all revolutionary forces of the International proletarian youth that there assembled the representatives of independent revolutionary youth organizations and groups of Holland, Belgium, France, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Roumania, Greece, Spain, United States and Australia.

But the Dutch bourgeoisie, reputed to be one of the most liberal on the Continent, is so afraid of the revival of the proletarian youth movement that, on the very first day of the Conference, it brought about the arrest of all the foreign participants and, after two days of imprisonment, expelled them. Four German anti-Fascists were carried to the German frontier and given up to the mercies of the paid butchers of Hitler.

Deeply conscious of the enormous importance for the world proletarian youth of the holding of this Conference, the representatives of various organizations and countries participating reassembled in Luxemburg in order to continue the Conference.

The present Conference calls upon the working-class youth of the world to support its protest against the actions of the Dutch bourgeoisie.

Furthermore, the Conference declares that no step, however reactionary, whether taken by the bourgeoisie of Holland or any other country, can prevent it from carrying out its international tasks. And it addresses the following call to the world working-class youth:

Beware of the danger of Fascism! Fight its abominable demagoguery, and understand its real role as the mercenary hangman of capitalism!

Fascism destroys both the organizations and the social and political rights of the working class. It submits the working class, and especially the youth, to working and living conditions like those of ancient slavery. Fascism intensifies to a high degree the contradictions of the capitalist system and makes possible at any time terrible explosions, destructive wars over whole continents.

It is necessary to see the whole extent of the danger. It is necessary to begin the struggle against these dangers on every sector, and on the basis of the broadest united front.

The undersigned organizations represented at the Conference of Luxemburg therefore propose to all organizations of working class youth, a campaign for:

1. The most relentless ideological and physical struggle against Fascism.
2. Against war, against chauvinist and militarist propaganda, against the militarization of the youth.
3. For the defense of democratic rights of the proletariat and its organizations.
4. For reductions in the working hours of proletarian youth without wage cuts.
5. Against forced labor of youth.
6. For the defense of the U. S. S. R. as the workers' State.

Signed:
Union of Young Socialists of Holland
Revolutionary Youth Union of Holland
Young Socialist Union of Germany
Young Workers Union of Norway
Youth Group of the Communist League of Struggle (U. S. A.)
Bolshevik-Leninist Youth (International Communist League): International Communist Youth of Germany; Young Leninists of France; Young Bolshevik-Leninists of Belgium; Spartacus Youth (U. S. A. and Canada); Marxist Youth Action (Switzerland); Young Bolshevik-Leninists of Greece, Spain, Czechoslovakia, and Australia
Mot Dag Group (Norway)
Federation of Young Communists of Sweden
Federation of Young Socialists of Roumania
Unitary Federation of Young Workers of France

REVIEWING THE NEWS

Manuilsky Blames Stalin

Ignoring the old saying that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, all the flunkys of Stalinism are busy trying to paint Stalin as the loved and victorious leader of the world's proletariat.

Cutting out the usual blah blah about granite and steel, if these words mean anything at all, they mean that Stalin and Stalinism deserve the credit if any and the blame for the present condition in the C. I. and the present situation in the world, that is in-so-far as a revolutionary party could influence or change it.

So, the results of "Stalin's forecasts, appraisals and teachings," are "weak work" . . . "lagging behind" . . . "not taking advantage" . . . and finally the victory of reaction.

Senator Thayer and the Power Trust

The latest politician who was not careful enough in concealing his dealings with his masters is Senator Warren T. Thayer, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of the New York State Senate.

A cause for the potency of his influence was shown in his letters to the Associated Gas and Electric Company enclosing his expense accounts and hoping that his services in killing any bills that might interfere with the profits of the power trust were satisfactory.

"Holy Joe" McKee

In the last election campaign in New York and for months before oceans of ink were used in popularizing the name of "Honest Joe" McKee. The Recovery Party with a key for a symbol and McKee for a candidate was organized by Farley and Roosevelt.

The Police and the Taxi Strike

The Grand Jury and a group of Tammany and other politicians backed by the entire capitalist press are all hot and bothered because, so they say, news reel pictures show cops turning away when husky striking taxi drivers get the best of the company thugs and scabs.

And, more than that, we know of and have experienced police clubs, cracking down on the heads of peaceful, marching unemployed. We have seen news reels which clearly showed such unprovoked attacks, but we have never heard of a Grand Jury being called on to investigate, nor of any effort by any "public authority" to stop such attacks.

Letters to the Editor

From a C. P. Member

Dear comrades: I am a member of the "Communist" Party who has finally come to the conclusion that real working class unity cannot be achieved through the medium of the official "Communist" Party.

The German events first stirred me to the realization that there must be something radically wrong with a Communist party that could muster 6,000,000 votes in time of elections and then be decreed out of legal existence without even shaking its fist at the fascists—only a day before were already being "defeated" on every front.

Recently I met a former party member who is now a member of the Lovestone group. After some persuasion on his part I finally consented to attend their National Convention which was then in progress to hear Lovestone's report on the International Situation.

I won't take your time up with too many details. Suffice it to say that with the exception of a criticism of the party's dual union policy "which it was gradually changing" and the fact that they (Lovestone & Co.) were not at the head of the party—nothing else differed essentially from any of the party's official pronouncements.

In Germany—said Lovestone—the defeat of the working class did not challenge the principles of communism, but only condemned the tactical line of the party. The solution of the conditions in which the working class finds itself today can only be solved by reforming the party "from below." That disposed of the German situation.

"The Menace of Trotskyism"

The rest of the time was taken to discuss the menace of "Trotskyism." "Why do we bother so much with Trotsky?" asked Lovestone, "Because we have to admit that Trotsky bothers some of our comrades."

From here on all I gathered was that Trotsky was plaguing the international working class movement with his counter-revolutionary ideas. He was organizing a struggle against the Soviet Union. . . . The International Communist Opposition (Brandierites) had to break with the C. P. of Sweden because it went over to Trotskyist-centrism. . . . Trotsky was for a new party in the Soviet Union which meant Civil War. . . . Trotsky says the Soviet Union is not a working class government. . . . etc, etc.

All these accusations were nothing new to me because I read them every day in the Daily Worker, and I became more and more puzzled as to why the party had to expel anybody who agreed so wholeheartedly with its own viewpoint.

From there on we discussed the question of a new party "which must lead to capitulation to Trotskyism and Centrism" . . . "The S. A. P. and the L. O. were united by anti-Soviet and anti-communist sentiment" . . .

Merely Tactical Differences

Needless to say, that to a worker who was nurtured on party literature for the past few years, there was very little new to be learned from Lovestone. Their differences with the policies of the Comintern, as Lovestone made sure to emphasize, was merely tactical and not fundamental. I was at a loss to

know the way to the hearts of public officials just as well as the power trusts. And stuffed shirt police commissioners are particularly amenable to the language which such corporations can talk. In brief, we see here one of the means by which the capitalist class exercise their rule through their own state and their own tools in its apparatus.

The C.P. Convention—A Forecast

Browder hailed Stalin as the iron-willed, granite principled, steeled and loved leader (everyone rises, shouts hurrah for Stalin and sings the International). Browder tells Stalin's "famous story" about chatterboxes. (All rise and cheer for "the leader".) Every other chatterbox repeats the "famous story" with examples from his own district. A resolution hailing the correct leadership of the C. I. with Stalin at the head is carried. (Everyone stands and cheers for Stalin and sings the International.)

The tragic defeat in Germany is covered up by the reference to the heroism of the victims of their policies. Self-criticism, with variations . . . reference to the open letter. Bureaucrats speak against bureaucracy of lesser bureaucrats. The lesser ones admit their errors. Greetings are sent to Stalin while all stand and shout, "Hurrah for Stalin!"

understand why the party refused to take back such a very valuable ally, especially in view of a recent appeal addressed to the Comintern by the I. C. O. for "the setting up of a working bloc" for the purpose of "carrying out united front tactics against reformism, centrism and Trotskyism."

I took the trouble recently to go through the literature of the Left Opposition, especially on the German Situation and the Soviet Union, and so have been able to see through the veil of lies and distortions that the C. P. and its Lovestone apologists have spread regarding Trotsky's position on these questions. I have just been roused from that stupifying and pious acceptance of the doctrines of the Comintern as gospel, and have learnt to look around me a little bit more.

And so, comrades, I pledge myself to carry this work of enlightenment into the ranks of the party so that the working class will not again have to suffer the same defeats as our German and Austrian comrades. Forward to a new Communist party. . . . Forward to the Fourth International.

From a I.L.D. Member

To the Editor of the Militant: I chanced to go through some old copies of the Daily Worker recently and came across a story in the December 18th issue about Charles H. Houston, N. A. A. C. P. attorney who "Helped Lynch Court Sentence Crawford," negro worker, to life imprisonment (headline).

One would judge from this that Houston would be a good man to stay away from. On turning to the next page it is announced that Bernard Ades, I. L. D. attorney who defended Eul Lee was being brought before the Federal Court for disbarment. And who do you suppose headed the defense counsel? None other than the same Charles H. Houston who, in the same Daily Worker, "Helped Lynch Court."

It is about time that we had a Defense organization where crazy stuff like this would not be tolerated.

—I. L. D. MEMBER.

Pledge Fund

The Club plan sub drive was initiated with the view of reaching 1,000 new readers who were unable to pay the regular rates, but were anxious to read the Militant.

There are at least another thousand who want the paper at this low price, judging by the requests which have come asking us to extend the drive. This can be done only if we get a sufficient number of pledgers who will remit regularly.

We appeal again to our readers and sympathizers, to pledge definite weekly or monthly sums for this specific purpose.

Don't delay. Send your pledge at once.

20 NEW PLEDGERS

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Boston: J. Chipowitz \$.50 weekly, W. Henderson .50 weekly, C. Schechet .50 weekly, E. Winer .50 weekly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Newark: G. Kotz .25 weekly, Nagy .15 weekly, Becker .25 weekly, A. Clerk .10 weekly, A. Social Worker .25 weekly, A. Sympathizer .10 weekly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Youngstown: A. Friend 2.00 monthly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. West Virginia: A. Miner 1.00 monthly, paid for 10 months in advance.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Brooklyn: Edith Sher 1.00 monthly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Downtown, N. Y.: A. Kujawsky .10 weekly, M. Spithos .25 weekly, A. Tamas .25 weekly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Harlem: Cochrin .10 weekly, Beecher .10 weekly, Clay .10 weekly, Marsh .25 weekly.

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Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Brooklyn: 1. Paul King \$.25 weekly, 2. Subway Worker 1.00 monthly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Manhattan: 3. G. Wright .50 weekly, 4. E. Konikow .25 weekly, 5. M. Beardle 1.00 weekly, 6. F. Victor .50 weekly, 7. J. Weber .50 weekly, 8. S. Gordon .50 weekly, 9. M. Kling .50 monthly, 10. S. Bleeker .50 monthly.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Harlem: 11. T. Smith .50 weekly, 12. A. Teacher 1.00 weekly (paid in advance for 16 weeks).

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Bronx: 13. A. Brandmarck .25 weekly, 14. G. Saul .10 weekly, 15. B. Ramloff .10 weekly, 16. M. M. 1.00 weekly, 17. S. Egstadt .25 weekly, 18. I. Dryer .25 weekly, 19. M. Lipschitz .25 weekly, 20. P. Shulman .50 weekly.

1014 New Subs!

Over the Top! Over the top, and more! The goal set for the Club Plan sub drive was 1,000.

Last week, the total reported was 992 new subs. This week we received 22 additional, bringing the total to 1014, which should bring the drive to a close. However, we received several requests for its continuation. The question is being considered and a decision will be announced in the next issue of the Militant.

Davenport, Iowa Branch writes: "Please see that we get the sub cards immediately. We would also like to extend this drive for our branch at least, till April 30."

Table with 2 columns: Branch, Subs received during the past week. Davenport Br. 12, Waukegan Br. 4, G. Kotz 4, Q. Parker 2.

TOTAL 22

The complete record to date follows:

Table with 2 columns: Branch, Subs. New York Local 404, Minneapolis Br. 128, Kansas City Br. 48, Boston Br. 32, Pittsburgh Br. 32, Davenport Br. 28, New Castle Br. 24, Youngstown Br. 20, L. Brown 20, Chicago Friends of the Militant Club 16, Chicago Br. 16, G. Kotz 15, Q. Parker 13, Oakland Br. 12, Philadelphia Br. 12, J. Hamilton 12, A. Teacher 12, Los Angeles Br. 9, F. Berensmeier 8, F. Simington 8, M. Steinbach 8, D. Marcus 8, D. L. 8, J. Ruby 8, G. Papcun 8, S. Hardy 8, L. Gogman 8, M. Hurwitz 5, Buffalo Br. 4, New Haven Br. 4, H. R. 4, M. Holland 4, G. Ellis 4, D. Fogel 4, M. Gendelman 4, C. Hoffman 4, T. Mill 4, Salt Lake City Br. 4, W. Toupin 4, H. Sukut 4, W. Sukut 4, O. Dwyer 4, M. McLeod 4, St. Louis Br. 4, L. Murphy 4, M. Koehler 4, C. Genfan 4, R. Carlson 4, Waukegan Br. 4.

TOTAL 1014

Shachtman Tour

Schedule

The schedule for the tour, in addition to the cities already covered, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date, City. Sun., April 8th—San Francisco, Mon., April 9th—San Francisco, Tues., April 10th—San Francisco, Wed., April 11th—, Thurs., April 12th—Los Angeles, Fri., April 13th—Los Angeles, Sat., April 14th—Los Angeles, Sun., April 15th—Los Angeles, Wed., April 18—Salt Lake City, Utah, Thurs., April 19—Salt Lake City, Utah, Fri., April 20—Denver, Colo., Sat., April 21—Denver, Colo., Sun., April 22—Kansas City, Mo., Mon., April 23—Kansas City, Mo., Tues., April 24—Kansas City, Mo., Wed., April 25—St. Louis, Mo., Thurs., April 26—St. Louis, Mo., Fri., April 27—Stanton or Gillespie, Ill., Sun., April 29—Davenport, Ia., Mon., April 30—Davenport, Ia., Tues., May 1—Chicago, Ill., Wed. May 2—Chicago, Ill., Thurs., May 3—Detroit, Mich., Fri., May 4—Detroit, Mich., Sat., May 5—Detroit, Mich.

RUSSIAN BULLETIN

We are glad to announce that we were successful in securing a small number of additional copies of the Russian Opposition Bulletin No. 33-39 containing Comrade Trotsky's articles "On the Eve of the Congress," "Where are the Limits of Fall?" "Summary of the 13th Plenum of the ECCI" and others. Write or call for your copy at the Militant office, 126 E. 16th St., N. Y. C.

Organization Notes

New York City Conference

Delegates from the six branches of the Communist League in New York City, met in conference Sunday, April 1, to review the work of the League in this city for the past six months and to elect a City Committee for another term.

In his report to the conference, the City Organizer, Morris Lewit, pointed out the growth of the organization in membership and influence; the fact that our work has been spread over a greater territory, with branches in the major sections of the city; the participation of the branches in the last subscription campaign of the Militant, virtually doubling the number of New York subscribers.

Comrade Swaback, reporting for the National Committee, spoke primarily on our immediate perspectives and the tasks of the League in the building of a new party, a section of the Fourth International. The growth of the League in the past period, has not been confined to New York. New branches have been organized in a number of localities, and altogether the League has doubled its membership in this country and has taken the lead in important struggles.

The report for the youth was

Organized Labor Under the N.R.A.

The Auto "Settlement" The auto settlement was a "comromise"—Roosevelt got the glory, Capital got the real concession and labor got the crumbs. The next day the New York Times headline said, "Auto strike ruling viewed as A. F. of L. set-back." Yes, the treacherous action of the labor fakers enabled the capitalists to strengthen their position and caused the working class to take a defeat without a battle.

Roosevelt's reactionary interpretation of section 7a of the NRA has laid down a ruling and a precedent that will always guarantee capital its company unions. The fact that a union has a majority of the workers organized in a shop does not give them the right to represent the shop under the new ruling. The president's formula gives minority representation. This favors the independent unions. But nine out of ten times it means the company unions.

The committee of three appointed to take up the grievances, like all other such committees established after strikes, is just a polite way of mopping up for the bosses.

The bosses' strategy, with the labor fakers' help, stemmed the tide of the labor revolt. But it only postponed it, and in the very near future, with increased inflation, it will flare up anew—within the A. F. of L. if possible, outside, as outlaw strikes, if necessary.

NRA Tightens Grip to Prevent Str.

An order for the reorganization of the NRA code authorities has been issued. This means that the period of forming codes is being left behind and the period of administering them is before the capitalists. Codes will continue to be formulated but they will be moulded into the pattern already laid out. Now the problem confronting the capitalists is to keep down the growing discontent within the working class while they continue to drive through their reorganization of American industry at the expense of the working class and the small producers.

A litigation division will be established to handle all court cases through the Department of Justice. The cartels being created need not fear this new department. It will be aimed at the small producer and at the outlaw strikes that are sure to develop in the coming period.

The revision is primarily aimed at establishing machinery for labor disputes. Industrial relation boards will be established to the extent necessary in the different industries in order to confine the workers' struggles in the strait-jacket of class collaboration machinery. In Cotton, bituminous coal, railroad, garment and other industries, such boards, or labor representation on the Code Authorities, already exist.

Each Code Authority will appoint a Labor and Consumer representative. They will have no vote and will attend meetings on invitation. These representatives will have access to the minutes and can appear to make statements, which means, when boiled down, that the labor consumer representatives will be window dressing for the machinations of the exploiters against the workers. They will act as the agents of the capitalists in the class collaboration machinery. The new order that revises the NRA means that the class relations in America are sharpening and that the bosses are preparing

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The Period of Concessions Closing

American capitalists, having gained respite thru a policy of apparent concessions based on the NRA, now breathe more easily and begin to show their bared fists to the organized workers. The pretense that the NRA gave recognition to labor's complete right to organize trade unions, is being rapidly discarded. The drive is now on for the open shop. Even the A. F. of L. unions alarm the bosses, not because of any real accomplishment of its leadership for the working class, but because of its potentialities as a rallying force for the unorganized. The first steps to build up industrial ("federal") unions in the mass production industries, arouses the utmost fury of big business which proceeds without delay to open up a sharp counter-attack on the A. F. of L. The threat of the auto strike was the signal for this attack.

The Open Shop Drive

In the sharpening struggle, Roosevelt and Johnson obey the behests of the big capitalists and act as the spearhead of the attack. A meeting of fifty iron and steel companies, convened at Pittsburgh recently, hailed Roosevelt's leading statement on the auto industry: "The government makes it clear that it favors no particular form of employ organization or representation. The government's only duty is to secure absolute and unqualified freedom of choice without coercion, restraint or intimidation from any source." Quite correctly the companies interpret this statement as encouragement to build company unions, which will be recognized by NRA officials and will meet "collectively" with real trade union representatives in negotiations with the bosses.

Even the bourgeois press labels the acceptance of the terms of the auto agreement as a major defeat of the A. F. of L. and therefore of the working class. Simultaneously the steel barons condemn the Wagner bill, outlawing company unions, whereupon this bill, never intended seriously except to lull the workers into passivity thru the false hope that "government" would aid the workers in attaining their aims, is unceremoniously scuttled.

Dividing the Movement

Nor is it by accident or thru sheer generosity that the General Electric Co., the steel mills and the coal mines grant wage increases and concessions in hours at this time. Organized labor must be prevented above all else (for that might prove decisive in the struggles to come) from spreading in the steel mills, and workers must be pacified in the mines while the major offensive is conducted to halt the influx into the unions and to assure the open shop. Besides this, the ending of the CWA and the shutting off of all relief to millions of workers, makes it necessary to divide the employed from the unemployed. This movement of the unemployed workers will unquestionably take on a militant character in the present situation, and hence the preparations of the boss class to isolate it.

Clearly it becomes our task to help redub the campaign for organizing the workers in the basic mass production industries; to expose the open shop and company union drive, aided by Roosevelt and by the corrupt A. F. of L. bureaucracy; to unite employed and unemployed in a militant struggle on all fronts against the concerted drive of the capitalists to pauperize the working class.

Bourgeois Nightmares

The bourgeoisie cannot sleep well at night. It sees spectres everywhere. It is acutely aware of the crystallization of the class struggle in one country after the other into such clear-cut forms as to make possible only one of two choices as the next step in social evolution: the road to communism or the road to fascism. Hence the uneasiness and the nervousness manifest on a national scale. The Hearst press utilizes these fears to prepare a new "anti-red" drive by means of the series of articles on American Communism by that arch-reactionary, Easley, of the Civic Federation.

A large section of the capitalist class never accepted Roosevelt's strategy of "liberal" treatment for the workers even temporarily. They feared that Roosevelt's policy might stimulate and encourage rather than discipline and "control" the workers' movement. This section of the bourgeoisie has bided its time to open the attack against Roosevelt. The present blast against Roosevelt takes the form of an attack on his "brain trust." It is fitting that this blast should be opened by Wirt, founder of the factory school system at Gary, Indiana. He mistrusts "liberalism" and would prefer—and prepares the way for—outright fascism.

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