

## One Year of Labor Government

Ramsay MacDonald, the "big shot" of the Second International has been reviewing the accomplishments of one year of labor government in office. His review is significant for what he did not rather than what he did say.

Measured by the expectations it aroused in the minds of its rank and file followers the second "Labor Government" has turned out to be as great and calamitous a failure as ever the Labor Government of 1924 was. Conspicuously it has proven its utter bankruptcy in every basic problem it faced. The failure of the Labor Government is a striking demonstration of the bankruptcy of the policies of social democracy throughout the world.

Take domestic policy as a first instance. Since the MacDonald Government came into office on June 10, 1929 the number of unemployed has actually increased by 600,000, making a grand total of the unemployed army in Britain of 1,739,000 the biggest since 1921-22.

Not a finger has been raised by the MacDonald cabinet to repeal the reactionary anti-trade union bill passed by the Tory government after the general strike.

Take India as another touchstone of socialist practise. In 1924 the "Labor Government" decreed the Bengal Criminal Ordinance to provide for the arrest without trial of all opposing British authority. Hundreds of Indian revolutionaries have been rotting in jail for years under this ordinance. The second Labor Government came into office. Not a finger has been moved to release these prisoners.

MacDonald in India carries on in the best traditions of Bloody Balfour's suppression of Ireland. In Peshawar, in Sholapur, in Bombay, the Indian masses are prodded with British bayonets, shot down, imprisoned. The responsibility falls directly on Ramsay MacDonald and his Labor Government. The responsibility rests on the Second International which is an accomplice in all the crimes of the Labor Government as of the social democracy in Germany.

The New York Nation feels a little embarrassed for its statesman-like contributing editor MacDonald. It seeks for an explanation, and with the superficial aim of liberalism finds it in "the taming effect of office-holding on the radical". This explanation is false down to the ground. The taming effect of office-holding for whom? MacDonald acts as he does because he holds office for the capitalist class. The social democratic policy must breed the MacDonalds because it is class-collaborationist, nationalist, petty bourgeois and anti-revolutionary. A British reformist cannot support an Indian revolution. He can stifle the masses and try to arrange a compromise with the native bourgeoisie.

A comic touch to the tragedy is the truly entertaining argument of the friends of the Labor Government that MacDonald "has not had a chance". He had to take over all these knotty problems of India, Egypt, unemployment, etc. from the Tories. That wasn't fair. MacDonald would be well on the way to introducing socialism—if the capitalists had been gracious enough to introduce it for him. But all they care about is to trip him up and make things harder for him.

Meanwhile to this day Hillquit, the leader of the American socialist party has not breathed a syllable of protest against the misdeeds of his British confrere—and when a resolution was introduced at the convention of the Socialist Party in Pennsylvania to demand the freedom of India from British Imperialism, it was violently attacked by the leaders and finally altered.

### New York Open Air Meetings

The New York Branch of the Communist League (Opposition) is holding large and successful street meetings every Saturday night at the corner of 126th St. and 5th Avenue. The workers have been addressed on numerous issues of importance by comrades Maurice Spector, Martin Abern, Albert Glotzer, Max Rose, George Clarke, Charles Curtiss, Russell Blackwell and other members of the Branch. The Branch reports that the interest shown by the workers this year is greatly increased. A good amount of literature, Militants, etc. is regularly sold. The Branch intends to hold an additional meeting a week at another corner. Other members of the Branch assist in the work of organizing the meetings.

## Our National Tour Shachtman's Tour Is Extended

The tour of Max Shachtman on behalf of the Communist League of America (Opposition) is meeting with marked success. In Hamilton, Ont., Canada, despite difficulties and few forces, a meeting was held, and a growth of the Opposition is looked for as a result of comrade Shachtman's lectures and report upon the program of the Left Opposition, his visit to L. D. Trotsky at Constantinople, and the preliminary International Conference of the Left Opposition at Berlin. At Detroit a formal meeting was not organized; scattered elements gathered to hear Shachtman.

**Chicago, Minneapolis Hold Good Meetings**  
In Chicago comrade Shachtman spoke for the Communist League before a good crowd at the I.W.W. hall. Unemployment in Chicago is acute and a large number of workers were of course admitted free and listened with keen interest to the report and to the policy of the Left Opposition on a number of current issues. A Workers Guard was at hand to protect the meeting from any disturbance; none occurred. Literature sales were good. The Chicago comrades are pepped up now more than ever.

In Minneapolis, a stronghold of the Communist League (Opposition) a very fine meeting was held from every viewpoint. After the lecture, questions were put by members of the audience, including one member of the S.L.P. and were answered in full by the speaker. The Minneapolis and St.

Paul comrades prepared extensively for the lectures. As we go to press, we do not yet have reports on the meetings in St. Paul, Duluth and Superior.

The tour now takes comrade Shachtman into the West and Southwest—into Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo. and then to Springfield, Illinois, after which the turn is again toward the East, into Cleveland, Pittsburg and Youngstown. The comrades in all these cities are on the job to put over large meetings.

### Return Engagements in Montreal and Toronto

The branches of the Communist League (Opposition) in Montreal and Toronto, Canada have asked the National Office to extend Shachtman's tour to include return engagements there. Their request has been complied with, and comrade Shachtman goes to Montreal once more on July 3rd and 4th and to Toronto on July 5th and 6th. Both cities pledge big turnouts.

In Toronto, where the leaders, so-called of the official Communist Party of Canada picketed Shachtman's lecture (evidently the rank and file could not stomach the yellow policy of the officialdom and would not try to prevent the meeting of the Left Opposition), both an excellent meeting and a banquet were held. In Toronto, Shachtman will lecture on another subject which will be announced in the next issue of the Militant.

The balance of the schedule follows:

## Watch This Schedule for Your City

### KANSAS CITY, Mo.

Friday, June 20. Mass Meeting at—HALL, 914 Grand Avenue, 2nd Floor.

### KANSAS CITY, MO.

Thursday & Saturday, June 19 and 21—Branch Meetings.

### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sunday, June 22, 8 p.m. Mass Meeting at Odeon Theatre Bldg., Grand and Finney.

### ST. LOUIS, MO.

Monday, June 23. Branch Meeting

### SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Tuesday, June 24. (Place to be announced.)

### CLEVELAND, OHIO

Wednesday June 25. Mass Meeting at

### PAINTERS HALL, 2030 Euclid.

Thursday, June 26 Membership Meeting.

### YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Friday, June 27. (Place to be announced.)

### PITTSBURG, PA.

Saturday, June 28, 8 p. m. Mass Meeting at Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.

### PITTSBURG, PA.

Sunday, June 29, Branch Meeting

### MONTREAL, CANADA

July 3-4th (Place to be announced later.)

### TORONTO, CANADA

July 5-6 (Place to be announced later.)

## Capitalist »Disarmament«

Hail to the Kellogg Peace Pact! God bless Disarmament and those noblemen Hoover and MacDonald. The League of Nations has just issued its armament year book for 1929-30 and the upshot of its figures is that in 1928 when the Kellogg Peace Pact became effective there were 50 per cent more cruisers than in 1913 and that there were three times more in process of construction than in 1913.

Italy, which had no cruisers building in 1913, not only led the world in this respect in 1929, but, with 71,000 tons under construction, was building more than the total of 68,300 tons the whole world was building in 1913. Japan stood second in 1929, with 40,000 tons building; the United States third with 30,000 tons; Spain fourth, with 20,000 tons, and France fifth, with 10,000 tons.

Submarines formed 1 per cent of the world fleet tonnage in 1913; 3 per cent when the war ended, and 6 per cent when the Kellogg Treaty went into force.

The world's total naval tonnage, which in 1913 was 6,891,000 tons, stood at 5,312,000 tons in 1929, the difference being due to the sinking of the German fleet and the limitation of battleships in 1922. The figure for 1929, however marked an increase of 21,000 tons over 1928.

There will be disarmament until the workers are strong enough to disarm the capitalists. Military disarmament will follow on the economic expropriation of private property. Capitalism and universal disarmament are contradictions in terms.

### WIN FIVE-DAY WEEK

NORWICH, Conn., June 14—Organized bricklayers secured the five-day week. Hod carriers and laborers are equally successful.

## U.S. Imperialist Contradictions

Meanwhile, the internal contradictions of American imperialism, bound up with its world economic interdependence, are maturing a severe crisis which is foreshadowed by the current partial industrial depression. The present situation, which is only the harbinger of this coming crisis, has already brought to a high level the process of rationalization and attack upon the standards of the working class that is causing it to move progressively away from its previous inertia into a period of struggles. The realization of the crisis which will intensify the process of rationalization, unemployment, and lead to severer attacks on the living standards of the workers, will result in an even broader basis for the radicalization of the American workers and their entry into struggle. It is a process which must be analyzed not only in comparison with the Leftward movement of the European workers, but chiefly on comparison with the historical backwardness of the American working class. Upon this development is conditioned the coming period of struggles of the American workers and the necessity for the revolutionary Party to understand it and prepare itself properly for it.

— FROM THE PLATFORM OF THE COMMUNIST OPPOSITION ADOPTED (CHICAGO) MAY 20, 1929.

## MILITANT OUTING

Members of the New York branch of the Communist League of America (Opposition) and sympathizers will have an outing Sunday, June 22, at Hunter Island. Hikers will meet at Pelham Bay Park Station at 10:30 a. m.

Bring lunch, bathing suits and sport equipment.

## Red Army Men Urge Trotsky's Recall

With the deepest indignation we Russian Red Army men who under the leadership of Trotsky created the victorious Red Army and fought in its ranks on numerous fronts to triumph over the counter-revolution, now learn that Stalin threatens our work. For almost six years the Stalinist leadership, having usurped the helm of the Party has been menacing the achievements of the revolution.

That which millions of proletarians conquered under Lenin and Trotsky and thousands of Red Army fighters secured by their blood, is now endangered by the vacillating policies of the Stalinists, now leaning to social democracy now to anarchism.

We will not permit our work to be destroyed.

We will not believe that Leon Trotsky organizer of the victory of the Russian and therewith the international working class has become untrue to our colors.

But we do see clearly that the Stalin regime which does not hesitate to shoot proletarian revolutionaries is by its policies preparing grave disasters for the U. S. S. R. and the international revolution.

The deportation of Leon Trotsky was a serious and shameful blow at the Soviet Union. The workers of the world will never understand nor approve this measure.

We call upon all who fought shoulder to shoulder with Trotsky in the Red Army to return to their posts of struggle. The former soldiers of the Red Army who are scattered throughout Europe must stand on guard.

Organize that the banner of the Red Army and the Soviet Union of the international revolution is once more raised on high as in the days of Lenin and Trotsky.

Comrades, rally to the ranks of the Left Opposition.

Demand the recall of Leon Trotsky to the Soviet Union, to the Party and the leadership of the Comintern.

Down with the disloyal Stalinists!

Long live the Left proletarian wing of Lenin!

Long live the world revolution!

—RED ARMY MEN OF SLOVAKIA

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