

ROSA LUXEMBURG
On the Anniversary of Her Assassination by the German Social Democrats

A generation of Communists standing on the shoulders of Lenin needs little originality to detect the theoretical shortcomings of Luxemburgism.

Imperialism and Social Democracy

Its state unification achieved, Germany in common with Western capitalism after 1870 experienced a phase of expansion due to the opening of the world market and colonial exploitation.

Bernstein's Revisionism

The classic exponent of revisionism was Edward Bernstein, whose "Socialist Fundamentals" (1899) was a complete rupture with Marxism and a confession of the faith of the Fabians.

actionary hash of Louis Blanc, Proudhon, Lassalle and the miserable "Katheder-sozialisten". While Kautsky, the official guardian of orthodoxy still maintained an ambiguous silence, Rosa Luxemburg forcefully insisted that theory and practice could not be divorced without fatal consequences.

The Precious Heritage of Rosa

The years that pass by since the cruel assassination which deprived us of her active aid do not serve to dim the luster of the great revolutionist that was Rosa Luxemburg.

viewpoint of the individual capitalist. The new developments in capitalism—credit, combination, etc.—do not cure but intensify the basic contradictions of anarchic capitalist production.

The Struggle Against Opportunism
There is no doubt that theoretically revisionism was bankrupt from the outset. It completely failed to estimate the real qualitative changes that were taking place in capitalist society with the ad-

ment of imperialism. Parliamentary cretinism and the inevitability of gradualness have been dealt shattering blows by the epoch of wars of revolutions.

the views she stood for. But this challenge will always be made soberly, objectively, and with the greatest regard for time and place.

movement spontaneously to correct the course of the party. "The only part to be played in the Social Democracy by the so-called leaders is that of the explanation to the masses of their function in history."

How to Make the Kentucky Miners' Defense Really Effective

A conference for the defense of the Kentucky miners now on trial was held on January 6 at the Labor Temple.

The report of the credentials committee followed the speeches of the above gentlemen. Strange as it may seem, the Workmen's Circle branches predominated.

A Working Class Reply to Splitters
We did not invite any organization that will introduce friction into the conference," was the reply.

We have seen their comrades in action, like Scheidemann, Noske and Zoergel in Germany, MacDonald in England,

as to the destruction of the bourgeois state machine, was the work of Lenin. The Russian Revolution

The Russian revolution of 1905, for the first time since the Commune, shocked the West out of its parliamentary routine. The Russian proletariat marshalled every form of mass action, from the economic strike to armed insurrection.

Rosa Luxemburg's point of departure in these debates was the totality of the class struggle. She refused to recognize the legitimacy of any water-tight compartments between the party and the trade unions.

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The Need of the Movement

Now, it is high time for all in the labor movement, regardless of their political beliefs, to act in this direction, that is, to consolidate all their defense

The Obsolete Craft System in the Railroad Brotherhoods

The extraordinary importance assumed at the present moment by the situation in the railroad industry makes a survey of the state of the trade union movement in this field of more than usual interest.

One of the things which the railroad workers in this country need most is a new trade union structure. The present structural formation of the railroad unions belongs to the stone age of trade unionism.

At the head of each one of these 21 useless craft organizations we find literally swarms of overpaid bureaucrats whose combined annual salaries runs into the millions.

Bureaucratism and Class Collaboration
As might be expected from the above arrangement these craft officials advocate mutual admiration and cooperation between the representatives of organized capital and themselves as spokesmen for the railroad workers.

ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS—An Open Forum is being conducted each Friday evening by the St. Louis Branch of the Communist League of America (Opposition) at the Crunden Branch Library, 14th & Cass Ave.

SUCCESSFUL PITTSBURGH MEETING

Efforts made by some of the petty bureaucrats of the Pittsburgh party organization to break up the meeting scheduled for comrade Swabek in this city on January 7 came to naught.

\$15,000 a year, plus a most liberal expense account, and their work is easy. Their main tasks are: keep the "Reds" out of the unions; maintain complete control of all mediums of information inside of the Brotherhoods;

The Brotherhood officials realize that they would not be able to maintain these weak and anemic unions without the consent of the railroad management. Hence the importance of maintaining friendly relations with them.

In the present move on the part of the railroads to cut wages in order to increase profits, as in 1921, the railroad workers will receive another concrete lesson on the price they have to pay for permitting a lot of overpaid official drones to chain them to an obsolete craft system of organization.

SWABECK TOUR

SWABECK IN PHILLY PHILADELPHIA—

Comrade Arne Swabek spoke here on Jan. 10th. His lecture, "The Economic Crisis and the Left Opposition" was followed with the liveliest interest by the 40 workers comprising the audience.

The question period developed some lively discussion. Some of the party members left at this point, probably in fear of being inveigled into a free discussion. The questions covered topics upon which we have differences with the Stalinites and the Lovestonites.

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