

IN THE INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR
Reviews and News of the Working Class and Revolutionary Movements

German Opposition Forges Ahead

Growing Sentiment for a United Struggle against Fascism

Very encouraging processes are taking place in the labor movement today. In the factories, in the trade unions, in the non-party proletarian organizations, a powerful impulsion toward a united front is furrowing a path for itself after a long period of marking time. Skeptical over the ability of their leaders to establish the united front of their class, the workers in the factories are beginning to set up a united front from below force a united front upon their leaders.

rejects common action, not only with the S. P. G., but with the S. A. P. (the new centrist Socialist Labor Party) as well. Every worker is expected to accept the leadership of the C. P. G. in advance as the one chosen leadership of the working class.

ing place on the basis of the sentiments in the factories, which will have the effect of negating the policy of the leadership. It has become a fact that even the followers of the R. G. O. (the red trade union Opposition), are not prepared to continue along the lines of the party leadership.

Changes in the Policy of French Imperialism

PARIS, FRANCE

The internal crisis of the government, that is to say, first of all, the shelving of Briand, has a far greater significance than l'Humanite assumes. Here is the opinion of the party paper: (1-16-32): "A change in policy? Not really! There is a profound identity between the policy of Briand-Herriot, Briand-Poincare, Briand-Blum, Briand-Laval and the present day Briand-Laval policy. How can this policy vary from the other today? It is hardly to be expected that the crisis is going to calm down the ferocious intent of our imperialism. Quite the contrary."

possible to say that the policy after the Hoover moratorium, after the failure of the negotiations with Bruening, who affirms that the German bourgeoisie will not pay any more reparations, is not the same and cannot be the same as the one pursued before that.

wants France to grant concessions. France whose little clients and vassals (Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Belgium) are agitated by unrest, raises her head and makes believe that she has no one to depend on except herself, that is to say, upon her "rights", upon her cannon. Under these conditions, Fascist Italy, whose economy is in a state of full-fledged internal decomposition, attempts grand gestures which are commented favorably in the entire imperialist French press: it is necessary to establish a "united front" of the European creditors against the U. S. Thus we are witnessing a transformation in a double sense: on the one hand, American pressure accentuates the rivalries and the disensions among the European imperialisms and on the other hand the self same pressure obliges them to attempt common efforts with regard to their mammoth rival. There is not the slightest doubt that the present phase will bring about an accentuation of the process of disension. The capitalist "united front" is merely a utopia when it is a matter of going against the U. S. It can only be of reality when it turns against the Soviet Union. Against the international working class, against the Soviet Union, imperialism can realize the united front and is realizing it. But against America, that is to say against the capitalist competitor who monopolizes by himself almost half of the world market, no united front is possible.

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Reactionary Policies and the Working Class Movement in Spain

The government of the republic constantly threatens the people with fantastic and imaginary dangers which, according to it, endanger the republic, and which each time are increasingly imminent. Those responsible for these dangers are those who carry on acts characterized by violence against public peace and order. This naturally is the language used by those who under the government have shut off the voice of the people and above all, the voice of the proletariat, when this voice has asked for the fulfillment of the promises which the same government made before proclaiming the republican regime.

declaration of Azana, when he took over the presidency of the government, that stupid and reactionary phrase, "the republic will make itself respected, and if not, then feared"; if we take into account the mildness and consideration with which the government has proceeded against the reactionary religious orders, there will be nothing to surprise us in the repressive policy which is being carried out today.

THE SPLIT IN THE BRANDLER GROUP

On January 12, a number of the leading founders and spokesmen of the German Brandler group were expelled by the Brandler-Thalheimer majority for their policy towards the newly-formed wing of the social democracy, the Socialist Labor Party (S. L. P.) of Seydewitz and Co. The expelled leaders include such people as Walcher, Froelich, Koehler, Rose Wolfstein, Ederle, Karl Frank, Thomas and many others. The expulsions, which are tantamount to a split, mark a new stage in the development of the central and strongest section of the international Right wing faction.

Right was a bridge to the social democracy. The Left Opposition made this affirmation at a time when the Right wing was in power, or at least shared the power with Centrism, in the highest instances of the Comintern and the Russian party. We made this characterization at the time when Bucharin was the principal theoretician of the Communist International, when Roy was one of its main spokesmen, when it was planned to put Brandler and Thalheimer back into the leadership of the German party, when the Right wing ran the American, Swedish, Alsatian and other parties.

Czech republic. Shortly after its formation, the Brandler group yielded such leaders like Rosi Aschenbrenner, Xavier Buchs and many others to the ranks of the party of Weis, Noske and Scheidemann. Not long afterward, Messrs. Miller, Levitch & Co. quit the Lovestone group for the more fertile and "massy" fields of the social democratic "progressives" and worse, while the Lovestone group as a whole became positively thunderstruck with admiration for the "revolutionary, pro-Soviet" Militant faction in the American Socialist party.

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—HENRI LACROIX.