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The Situation in Italy and the C. P.
The Fascist Dictatorship in the Throes of the Economic Crisis

Against the background of the world economic crisis which shows a marked tendency toward accentuation, there presents itself a grave appearance, and in spite of the ferocious dictatorship of Fascism, of the explosion of the contradictions deriving therefrom which threaten to break out openly.

A Letter From a Polish Comrade

We publish below excerpts from a letter of a Polish party comrade. At the same time we take great pleasure to greet the appearance of the first number of the Polish organ of the Left Opposition, the "Proletariat".

Warsaw, May 18, 1932
... The last coal strike has proved to us our whole helplessness. It showed the fruits of an irresponsible, "rah-rah" revolutionary tactic.

But it is tragic and deplorable that under such favorable circumstances, when the masses enter the struggle resolutely and firmly, when Fascism brutally attacks and attempts to nip the revolutionary action in the bud...

A few words about the first of May. In the coal basin this was a day of broad, strong and stormy demonstrations, which in many places, like Sembovatura, Sosnovice, Teheladz, etc., brought together as many as from 5 to 7 thousand participants...

They have not disintegrated, not confused me, but on the contrary, conducted me out of the blind alley in which I was and showed me the way that must be tread.

ism into a blind alley. Indeed, the sharpening of the world economic crisis has reduced and limits continually the possibilities of exportation to the foreign markets for the agrarians and industrialists at the same time that the absorptive capacity of the internal market has been reduced to the last limit.

How is it possible to reduce the costs of production if wages have already been slashed to the barest limit, beyond which it is impossible to go?

These questions are raised by pretty nearly every one in Italy. And over these questions there developed heated discussions in the various industrial and agricultural conferences...

The extension of the discontent to all the categories of the working population, and the sudden and even violent explosions arising from this discontent with a growing persistence in all the regions of Italy...

Thus we can explain the efforts made at present by the democratic parties of the "anti-Fascist Concentration" which through their movement of "Justice and Liberty" attempt to intervene in the Italian situation...

But there can be no doubt that to extend that the mass movements will develop, and the incapability of the Fascist dictatorship to control them will become more clearly manifest...

Another year after our expulsion the C. C. convoked the Fourth Congress of the C. P. according to the usual bureaucratic procedure.

There is no doubt that between the time of the bankruptcy of the Aventin and the present the Italian situation has been enormously radicalized...

center of the C. I., a mere supplement to its disastrous policy of bureaucratization in the heart of the C. I. and the Communist parties.

One of the more especially characteristic of the "Anti-Fascist Concentration" is exactly that in seeking to exploit the mass movements in order to accelerate its compromise with the bourgeoisie...

The program of action with which the "Anti-Fascist Concentration" through the movement of "Justice and Liberty" seeks to influence and to mobilize the working masses against the Fascist dictatorship...

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The Organizational Progress of the German Left Opposition

GEISENGIRCHEN.—
Gelsenkirchen: Our comrades, Weber, Klayberg and Meyer of Gelsenkirchen have received the following letter from the district leadership (C. P.) of the Ruhr:

Secretariat: "We communicate to you that you are expelled from the Communist party for disintegrating work and factional activity.

"From the accusations made in your letter: 'Disintegration of the Party', 'Factional activity and spreading Trotskyist pamphlets', the only one that is true is that we spread the pamphlets and the newspapers of comrade Trotsky and the Left Opposition.

"The letter speaks of several counter-revolutionary knaves, who can no longer be tolerated in the ranks of the party.

"The results of the elections was to be taken up. But, the report of Pouke as well as that of the leader of the organization reached such a low level that entire locals 'voted with their feet'...

LEIPZIG.—
Our position on the past of the C. P. G. in the trade unions and our positive criticism of the isolationist policy of the R. T. U. O. (revolutionary trade union opposition) and of the "Red United Front" have often been expressed in articles and theses in the "Permanente Revolution."

The trade union of the maintenance workers organized a functionary meeting on March 8th, where they dealt with the subject of the "iron front" and where Borkert, general president of Berlin, was present as the reporter.

The fifth issue of Communists appeared last Saturday with a variety of local and international material. A main editorial is devoted to an analysis of the politico-economic conditions which brought about the fall of the famous imperialist lackey Venizelos...

were the methods of proletarian struggle against Fascism. Our comrade, Buechner spoke first in the discussion. He spoke for half an hour before two hundred workers. He demonstrated to the workers in an understandable manner that the policy of the A. D. G. B. (United German Trade Union Alliance—reformist union) has led to the strengthening of the reaction...

All the parties, included also the Communist party, were taken by surprise by the outbreak of the North Bohemian mass strike. It was a healthy elementary mass movement.

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Meeting of the Members of the Northwest District
The results of the elections was to be taken up. But, the report of Pouke as well as that of the leader of the organization reached such a low level that entire locals 'voted with their feet'...

On the other hand, Smeral and Zapotocky indicated how the united front movement really appears when it for once is formed not by the "Lefts" but the Stalinists themselves.

The whole argument becomes more valid when one regards the numerical strength of the trade unions. In the German and Czech trade union organizations and in the National Socialist trade unions there is approximately 1,000,000 workers.

The reformist miners' organizations there is said to be 60,000 workers. The trade unions of the German Fascists number all in all several thousand members.

Also, the conclusion of the thesis and the proposals of the Greek Bureau of the Communist League concerning the line, methods and ways through which the problems of the Greek workers must be approached by the Communists in order to avoid in the future the repetition of the gross opportunistic errors of the Greek Stalinists, and articles about Germany, Spain, etc.

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