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"The Problems of the Chinese Revolution" by Leon Trotsky is now for sale. It is published by the Pioneer Publishers, 84 East 10th Street, New York City. The price is one dollar. Not only is the book of tremendous importance as a contribution to the study of the Chinese situation written by the greatest living Marxist but Trotsky's superb literary style makes the reading of it first class entertainment. No student of the revoluseveral convulsive years. Two interest- south for vice-president. ing reviews of this work have already appeared. The New York Times announced its publication and seized the opportunity to review Stalin, while the Daily ranks, the outstanding issue at the Dem-Worker confined its observations to a brief mud-slinging review of Trotsky. tion of the booze question in the ap-Neither paper that it worth while to comment on the contents.

# THE FAT MAN'S DAY IS COMING

pression to continue much longer our distinguished themselves from the Repub- munist ticket will know that he is not dog-eat-dog society may give way to a lican platform simply by the clever ver- throwing it away, for he is indicating to man-eat-man society. That's when the bal sop thrown to the hungry and home- his class and to ruling the class the old adage, "Nobody loves a fat man" less. Their platform pledges state insur- growing temper of struggle among the will be reversed, though some may pre- ance, not federal, but nobody has yet masses. The Left Opposition in the comfer the lean, acting on the theory that detected a Democratic party-dontrolled ing period, and until November, will de-"the nearer the bone, the sweeter the state coming forward with any visible vote all its exergies in a concentration on flesh". This is a good time to see your speed to provide even state insurance the election campaign on the side of dentist and get your fangs sharpened. of the most meager sort. Wherever, in Communism. You should also read the autobiography short, either the Democratic or Repubof some recognized cannibal. You must lican platforms grudgingly pledge them. Vote Communist! overcome your prejudice against man- selves to carry out some "progessive flesh. This prejudice was fostered by measure", it can be confidently put into man himself as a method of self-pre- the category of that cynical hypocrisy servation. Contrary to a general belief with which American capitalist politicsəquu ısırılar a sələlə Libuojniloval il ians, in barticular, have been accustombetter eating than a proletarian. His ed to feeding the masses in exchange sesh is more tender. This is merely a for the votes which enable them to sink suggestion, to be taken seriously only in their snouts into the trough. case of emergency.

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# BRYAN'S SON IS CHIP

with us. Old William, the temporance on the part of the American socialists drove off anti-Fascism organizations. steak for an appetizer and went out of circulation after he made a monkey out of himself in Dayton Topperson against the ferent direction. The imminence of the companion of the of himself in Dayton, Tennessee, fighting Norman Thomas, appears now as the true evolution left up a sen worthy of his "friend of the companies of the companie evolution, left us a son worthy of his "friend of the people". But despite the that ensued the Mussolini supporter was changes on silver, and claims that bime- enjoyed too little governmental power in Here is some of old Bill's bilge as quoted test them in practise, the whole trend that the bullet came from a Fascist gun. ized and broad masses rallied. by his son: "No tomb was ever made so of socialist progress-more properly, strong that it could imprison a righteous decay—throughout the world is sufficient cause. Silver will lay aside its grave indication to the conscious worker that clothes and its shroud. It will yet rise, a pennyworth of support to the S. P. and in its rising, will bless mankind," candidates and platform is tantamount As long as capitalism exists, mankind's to tightening a noose around the neck of lot would not be improved if cuff links the working class. or vest buttons became a medium of exchange.

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# ZAGARIA IS OUT BUT WICKS REMAINS

thur Zagaria was recently removed from power. The German social democracy, -literally not a single one!-wherein the district bureau of the Communist after 14 years of consistent treachery, the insufficiency of the "general line" has Party in Boston and expelled from the has finally opened the doors wide to not now exposed itself, in its stark, fatal District Bureau flagellates itself in the warmer for Hitler. In England, the er the settlement has been protracted. best self-critical manner for harboring a stoolpigeon in their midst for four years. They admit they were guilty of "rotten liberalism" and "non-Bolshevik tolerance". Surely self-criticism could not go further than that! However our ened by the presence in the Party of Chain Formed by Hoover, Socialists, Litvinov, Barbusse & Co. Harry Wicks, author of the famous speech before the Chamber of Commerce of Gary, Indiana in 1920, in which he exposed the activities of the Communists among the steel workers and threatened to go on a lecture tour and write two hefty tomes exposing the Reds. The treachery of this man Wicks was brought to the attention of the Party in 1923 but he was let off with a reprimand, thanks to the defense of John Pepper. Wicks is today one of the leading figures in the Communist Party of the U. S. A., though sad to relate his defender Pepper now occupies a cage in the head offices of the Salt (Heh, Heh!) Trust in Moscow.

# THERE IS STILL SOME MONEY AT LARGE

It seems that some of the natives still is the other countries that do the disconclusion that the paper dollar and its has been perpetrated-laying down a great credi or, lays claim. When the silver and nickel offspring were strictly thick screen of oratory in favor of peace American bourgeoisie, therefore, presents confined to the museums, up rises Mel- while the world's armaments are multi- its proposals for "reductions in armavin Traylor, potent money magnate of plied. Chicago and gives as an excuse for be-i propriate the bankers they will only be tematically increasing their expenditures factory and bank combined in one, it can an abyss.

-RIDEM. a comparison is made between "defense

# ON THE SPOT Vote for Foster-Ford Dies Bill Threat to Foreign Born Smash Hitler Now!

Support the Communist Candidates Against Bourgeois Parties

terests of the working class.

Vote Communist!

the future than even during the past shelled reactionary demagogue from the S. P. not a proletarian but a petty bour- worker, the chief cog in the machine,

# Booze for Bread

While the million-headed army of the unemployed continues to increase its ocratic convention was booze. The soluthe unemployed themselves who are suf- the fact remains that it is the only profering so acutely-not to speak of the letarian party in the election field. The If the working class allow this de- working class as a whole-the Democrats worker who casts his vote for the Com-

One Dead in Fascist Riot

# Socialist Reformism

bourgeois parties-so clear that even the the annivesary of Garibaldi at his shrine. So inclusive is the bill that not only

The next issue of the Militant

will publish an extensive analysis by

comade Leon Trotsky on the socalled

"International conference against

war" which has been called for Aug-

ust 1, 1932 at Geneva by Henri Bar-

busse, Romain Rolland, H. G. Wells,

Upton Sinclair, Sen Katayama and

others. Some remarks on the subject

will be found in the article below.

A monstrous swindle is being prac-

tised at Geneva. With all the solemnity

of consummate hypocrisy the capitalist

statesmen of all the big powers have

been gathered there for months to dis-

cuss "disarmament". Not one of them

is opposed-Heaven forbid!--to disarm-

There are millions of foreign born workers in this country. They constitute With the nomination of Roosevelt and Labourists brought forth from their loins the backbone of American industry. In Garner as the Democratic party standard the present National government of re- the steel mills, in the coal mines in all bearers in the elections, the presidential action. There is not the slightest reason the heavy industry, particularly in the campaign is now fully under way. The to believe that the American confreres unskilled sections the immigrant workers machine-controlled Republican conven- of MacDonald, Turati, Dan, Wels and make up the large bulk of those who tion, dominated by the reactionary White Scheidemann will turn out to be an im- keep the wheels of industry and com-House clique and its pork barrel appoin- proved edition of socialist politician- merce in motion. During the constructees, had its replica at the Democratic dom. In fact what has been seen of tion days of American economy, proconvention, with its exhibition of cor- Hillquit and Co., in action up to now- gress depended almost primarily upon scious worker should be without a copy of the most prominent political trimmer in this country—is more than enough and northern Europe. In the upswing loom larger on the political horizon in in the country for president and a hard- grounds to conclude that we have in the of the economic cycle, the foreign born geois refom party inimical to the in-| contributes his share in blood and bone

But the crisis has been in full force for three years now. There is no sign One party alone represents the inter- of a let up. No sight of jobs or a reviving industry. There is no reason to ests of the proletariat in this election: the Communist party. The Left Opposi- doubt that the tolling masses, all retion, as is known, does not agree with sources gone, tired of the endless proproved Al Smith style is advanced now the present party leadership or its polby the Democratic bosses as the salva- icies, which have only resulted in weak- pass over from patient waiting to milition of the country from its ills. As for ening the Communist movement. But tant mass action. The march of the war the first faint beginning.

The ruling class is watching this process intently. They are trying with every means at their disposal to head off the rising discontent. The first blows they strike are at the most advanced section of the movement. But they do not hit out directly. Though methods that characterize their hypocrisy, the capitaleign born miliants.

The Dies bill is the method. It is All workers: vote for Foster and Ford! a vicious piece of legislation whose purpose is to deport all Communists of fortaken to deport Louis Bebrits, the editor of the Uj Elore, the Hungarian party Along with a hundred or more people organ, to the tender mercies of the White killed on Independence Day by explost terrorists of Hungary. A raid was reives, accidents, etc., a Fascist, Salvatore cently made in Lackawanna, N. Y., where olutionary front against the impending but a turn in the right direction. Arena, left this world with a bullet several workers were seized and held for menace of Fascism has neither been inthrough his head. Both the Fascists and deportation. The future, with its great-correct nor in vain. After having first The stubborn, fatuous antagonism mani-The patent bankruptcy of the two July 4th in Rosebank to commemorate against the foreign born Communists.

liberal press is compelled to acknowledge The inevitable clash occured. The police does it intend to seize those who adhere The Bryans, like the poor are always it—is making possible a spurt of energy sided with the Fascists, slugged and to Communist organizations or believe and the fascists, slugged and to Communist organizations or believe and the fascists are always it—is making possible a spurt of energy sided with the Fascists, slugged and to Communist organizations or believe and the fascists are always it—is making possible a spurt of energy sided with the Fascists, slugged and to Communist organizations or believe and the fascists are always it—is making possible a spurt of energy sided with the Fascists and the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of energy sided with the Fascists and the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of energy sided with the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of energy sided with the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of the fascists are always in the fascists are always in the fascists are always in the fascists are always it—is making possible as part of the fascists are always in t ire. William Junior is ringing the fact that the American socialists have shot dead. A worker is being held on must be fought. It is an issue around ity, the hammer-blows of our criticism, 1917 with regard to the danger of the homicide charges. The chances are which a real united front can be organ- have penetrated now so deeply into the

# The Fascist Danger: A Striking Paralle

CAPITULATION

Messrs. Fascists do not frighten us, they will go to smash much faster than Communists will fight against them to any other governmet.-(Remmele, Rei-| the last drop of blood-not in order to chstag speech on October 14, 1931.)

# THE MAIN ENEMY

The fact, for example, that in our revolutionary trade union activity proposals could be made from above to the reformist trade unions (Ruhr district), also shows that our theoretical struggle against the social democracy is not pursued with sufficient vigor to make such errors impossible. (Thaelmann, in Die Internationale, Nov.-Dec. 1931, page 489.)

# THE SHAME FACED TURN

The party must establish the united front of the proletariat on the basis of the burning questons of the worker's life In leading the struggle against wage reductions, against the diminution of allowances, of social insurance, against the persecutions of workers' organizations, the party calls the broad working masses to participate in the struggle and is ready to march with every organization willing to go along with this fighting front of the party, (Smolyansky, in the Communist International, June 1, 1932, page 468.)

our organization in the Berlin district arately, but strike unitedly! Agree only ist legislatures hit out against the for- to all the workers and organizations, is on how to strike, whom to strike and finding an increasingly powerful echo. when to strike! (L. Trotsky, December (Remmele, in l'Humanite, June 20, 1932.) 8, 1931.)

THE UNITED FRONT

If the Fascists try an insurrection, we defend the Braun-Bruening government, but to preserve from strangulation and destruction the cream of the proletariat, the workers' organizations, not only the workers' press of the Communist organizations, but also yours, the social democratic. We are ready to defend with you any workers's home, any printshop of a workers' paper, against the attacks of the Fascists. And we ask of you to agree to come to our aid in case our organizations are threatened. We propose to you the united front of the work-

## AGAINST FASCISM

ing class against the Fascists. (L. Trot-

sky, August 25, 1931.)

It is necessary without any delay, finally to elaborate a practical system of measures-not with the aim of merely 'exposing" the social democracy (before the Communists) but with the aim of actual struggle against Fascism. (L. Trotsky, December 8 1931.)

# STRIKE UNITEDLY

No common platform with the social democracy or with the leaders of the German trade unions, no common pub-The offer of a united front made by lications, banners, placards! March sep-

# eign origin. Already, action has been Franco-German Anti-Soviet Alliance Being Formed at Laussane

The latest news from Germany shows, turn is taking place in official Communconsciousness of the vanguard that

that the tenacious struggle of the inter- ist ranks which we can only welcome national Left Opposition to force a rev- as a good beginning inadequate as yet, A Turn is Being Made

the Anti-Fascists arranged meetings on er struggles, points to wholesale action denied the Fascist danger, after having fested by the Stalinist leaders to our minimized and mocked at it, after hav- proposal that a united front of Coming defied it with theatrically empty munists and social democrats be estabin the principles of Communism, but even Kornilov counter-revolutionary marchit was met with that vile abuse which has been the steretotyped reply of the bureaucrats to the ideas of Bolshevism that the Opposition has been advancing for nine years. Now, however, Remmele has admitted (Rote Fahne, June 17,

> "The Russian working class fought through a similar situation in history. When the Kornilov uprising threatened, the Bolsheviks had themselves armed by the Kerensky government and Kornilov was smashed. Out of the victory over Kornilov grew the triumphant Red October and the Soviet power."

This elementary truth, the Opposition has tried for two years now to beat into the skulls of the bureaucrats who sought to ward off our blows with stupid chatter about "social fascism". Even now, the steps recommended by us for the (Continued on page 4)

# Stalinism in Straits; Opposition on Upsurge By Leon Trotsky

In the development of the Comin-The Russian social democrats paved position likewise, we are approaching a the way for the counter-revolution in turn on a major scale. Great events rethe early years of successful Bolshevism. veal, once again, that false policies which direct and immediate consequence of The Italian social democrats paralyzed are foisted by force upon the proletarian Stalin's ruinous policy in relation to the the arms and brains of the working class vanguard bring in their train cruel re- Chinese revolution. The militarists of A person answering to the tag of Ar- until Mussolini had marched to Rome and taliation. There is not a single problem Japan threaten the Soviet Union because descend from the sky! As if the gist of

tern and, consequently, of the Left Op-

expenditures" in the year directly pre-

in the progression for any single year.

While the war expenditures of the

ments", it gains doubly: first, it makes

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AMERICA'S SHREWD

ament and peace, providing only that it contrary, the external debts of Britain,

Since the signing of the Versailles possible a larger repayment of the debts

The war danger in the East is the Stalin helped his ally Chiang Kai-Shek the general line does not consist preciseto strangle the revolution.

Thereafter the Stalinists propounded Party on the ground that he was a stool- Fascism by restraining the proletariat clarity. Whenever a large concern is in that Soviet China could be built on the pigeon. In a lengthy article in the and canalizing its protest into the reac- straits, creditors from all sides swarm, foundation of the partisan warfare Daily Worker of June 24, the Boston tionary channels of Hindenburg, chair- and act all the more mercilessly the long- of the peasantry without immediate revolutionary insurrections in the cities. Years of adventurism weakened still further the Chinese proletarint. The responsibility for the present weakness of revolutionary China lies on the shoulders of the politicians of the

> that the prize leaps in the industrializaceding the war, 1913, and those of 1930, tion of U. S. S. R. carried with them the threat of a break with the village; that it will be found that England has inand the United States almost 200 perdripping with assurances at every conist bureaucracy, along this line also, has ference that their anxiety for peace is firmer than the Gibraltor, the world's ex- jammed itself into inexorable difficulties. penditues for "defense purposes" have Under the yoke of pressing necessity, it is now performing an economic aboutincrease from \$3,497,000,000 in 1925 to \$4,128,000,000 in 1930, without a let down In the name of prestige, it is disorienting of any group or organization. and disarming the working class of the powers mount to unscaled heights, their Soviet Union. external debts do not decline. On the

What further conditions are required ing. Over 400 were present at the meet- hurled at Shachtman. That in all these Germany, France, Belgium and Italy now in order to assure the revolutionary hege- ing and attentively listened to the speech. years of education no real arguments have a little money to worry about. Just arming. The Geneva conference is not total some 28 billions of dollars, to most mony of the German proletariat within es of comrades Glotzer, Oehler and have been produced, is indisputable proof when we were definitely coming to the the first one at which this gross fraud of which the United States, as the world's the nation; and of the Communist party Shachtman for more than three hours, of the bankruptcy of Stalinism. The two within the proletariat? Herein too the Predominant in the crowd were party gems of the question period are note-Stalinist bureaucracy has contrived to members and sympathizers. The N. Y. worthy of mention. "Why don't you talk doom the Communist party to a fraudul- Branch of the Communist League was about Wilkins Ave., instead of the interent passivity and a degrading impotence. there in full force with a well-organized national situation?". And "Why don't From 1919 on, the German Social Dem- workers guard to maintain order at the you talk about rent instead of talking ing late at a Democratic meeting that treaty, it has been estimated that more due to it from Europe, and secondly, it ocracy has worked unceasingly for Fasc- meeting. A large quantity of militants there was a run on Chicago banks which than fifty international conference have is able to buttress the myth of American ism. From 1923, the German Communist, and pamphlets were sold at the meetnecessitated his being at his post. Fin- been held by the leading imperialist pacifism which it has so sedulously cul- Party has worked unceasingly in the in- ing. ancial genius saved the situation and powers to "solve" one or another aspect tivated in the minds of the masses. terests of the social democracy. Ignorenly ten banks closed their doors, among of the problem of peace and security. Moreover, the United States can easily ing the lessons of the tragic experiences Glotzer who acted as chairman. He was the number being the institution that While the war to end all wars and the afford to reduce its armaments to the as well as our warnings, the Stalinist followed by comrade Oehler, who gave structions from the party we cannot say. carried the account of the local branch post-war conferences went their dreary lowest scale, proportionally with any bureaucracy is at present driving the a clear and comprehensive exposition of We are inclined to thing that it is for of the I. W. W. When the workers ex- course, the bandit powers have been sys- other country, for, as the world's largest German proletariat in a bee line towards the election campaign from the Commun. the former reason. However it was a

turned into the collapse of capitalist so- Foster and Ford, in the coming presiden. same corner in the near future.

clety. Bourgeois classes have set up sorrowful howling in premonition of death. Yet, nevertheless official Communism in all countries suffers defeat after defeat. Why? For an answer we get, "The general line is incorrect, but the executives are poor." As if executives ly in suckling executives in its own sem blance and image. As if the leaders are not responsible for those whom they delegate! The senseless and dishonest (Continued on page 4)

# Successful League Meet

# For the last two or three years the Opposition Speakers in Bronx Despite Stalin Gangs

meeting of the New York Branch of stressed the importance of internationalcreased hers 42 percent, France 30 per- the technically and culturally unprepar- the Communist League, on Wilkins and ism. In this connection, he understood cent, Italy 44 percent, Japan 142 percent ed-for, "all-embracing" collectivization Intervale Ave., Bronx. Thereupon we a detailed analysis of the present situacarried with it the threat of a crisis wrote a letter to the District Committion in Germany, the role of the precent. While the statesmen have been in staples At the present moment the tee of the C. P. requesting them to take sent government, the social democratic warning has become a fact. The Stalin- a stand on these anti-working class and the Communist parties, and the postactics, and urging them to condemn the sible consequences of c Fascist victory for misguided actions of their followers. We the world's working class and for the received no reply to this letter. But in Soviet Union. He concluded with an spite of the silence of the party leaders able presentation of the position of the turn of exceptional historical importance. we proceeded to the same corner to in- Left Opposition and an ardent appeal to But partly because it does not itself un- sist upon the right of the Left Opposi- all Communist workers to bring pressure derstand what it is doing, and partly be- tion to hold meetings on this or any on their organizations to force a change cause it is consciously fooling the party. | corner, without brooking the interference of policy.

On Wednesday, July 6th, the Opposition came to the corner and staged a meet- slanders, accusations and epithets were

The meeting was opened by comrade ist viewpoint. He urged support for the tremendous success for the Left Opposifor armaments and war materials. If outstrip any other country in speedy The unprecedented economic crisis has Communist party and its candidates, tion and we intend to repeat it on the

On Saturday, June 25, a squad of party tial election. The last speaker of the members and sympathizers disrupted a evening was comrade Shachtman. He

The most interesting part of the meeting was the question period. The old about the situation in Germany"?

The meeting ended in an orderly fashion after almost an hour of questioning. Whether this was due to the imposing workers guard at the meeting or to in-