



ON THE SPOT

BATA QUITS A BATTY SYSTEM

As these lines are written Thomas Bata of Czechoslovakia, the big boot and shoe man, is putting all the other suicides in the capitalist world next to pure reading matter.

KRUEGER ROSE FROD AND WENT TO THE BOTTOM

A few years back magazines flourished by giving the stories of men high in the capitalist system who rose from the bottom.

KRUEGER, INSULL AND CANONE —ALL SELF-MADE MAN

Thomas Bata literally started on a shoestring. Like a good many of the big men of business he got his real start during the war.

BATA BELIEVED IN FORD METHODS

Bata was an admirer of the efficiency methods practiced by our own Henry Ford who will be regarded as one of those industrial Messiahs until he is caught in the trap.

BROTHER DOAK SOUNDS AN OPTIMISTIC NOTE

It is a pleasure to turn from a contemplation of death and disaster to something that might give even a few fools hope and cheer.

DOG AND CANARY GREET ROOSEVELT NOMINATION

Roosevelt quietly headquarters a headline quite seriously that a poodle barked and a canary that was dumb for a whole year sang when Roosevelt's nomination was announced on the radio.

Communism or Pacifism?

The Party and the Barbusse Congress

The American section of the "World Congress Against War", led by Theodore Dreiser, and heavily watered down by pacifists like Upton Sinclair, Harry Elmer Barnes and Robert Morris Lovett, has called a conference in New York to select fifty delegates to be sent to Geneva to attend the world congress.

The Daily Worker, which has given its endorsement to the Comintern-inspired Barbusse venture, has maintained a complete silence on the New York conference. The confused, pacifistically-tainted call of the American section of the congress, its petty bourgeois composition, has not met with a single word of criticism from the official party or its press.

This is not the first time this surrender, in the form of a masquerade, has occurred in the Communist International. In 1926, the Comintern actually yielded the leadership of the struggle against imperialism and intervention against the Soviet Union, to its "Anglo-Russian Committee", which was proclaimed by Stalin and Bukharin to be the "organizational center of the struggle against imperialism".

The struggle against the imperialist war danger cannot be organized and led by Barbusse and Sinclairs, but only by the Communists. The initiative for such a movement cannot be given into the hands of confused pacifists behind whom the Comintern hides: Can we imagine Lenin turning such a task over into the hands of Gorky and then announcing that the Bolsheviks will affiliate with it?

The Communist Party has participated even in this Congress of pacifists, careerists, and politicians. But only in the manner in which Lenin advised the Comintern to participate in the Hague pacifist congress of 1922: to expose the reactionary role of pacifism and to advance the Communist position on the class nature of war and its solution.

Germany on Eve of Civil War

THE PARTY "ANSWERS" OUR WARNING

The warning we issued in the last issue of the Militant against the hoodlum tendencies manifested in the Communist party against the meetings of other working class organizations, has called forth a characteristic reply. In the Daily Worker of Tuesday, July 19, the editorial writer barks out a hysterical column of venom in which the customary "amalgam" is made of Hoover, Dies, Lovestone, Hillquit and the Trotskyists—all engaged in the service of the bourgeoisie.

15,000 Workers Strike Textile and Furniture Plants Shut Down in North Carolina

The spontaneous strike of hosiery workers against a 25 percent wage cut has spread throughout the city of High Point, North Carolina, closing every factory, uniting 15,000 workers in strike in over 150 mills.

The strike began July 19, in eight plants involving 3,000 workers. It spread to all mills and factories in and around High Point until complete shutdown was had. Mass marching and mass picketing brought thousands of more workers into the ranks of the strikers. The wage cut of the hosiery workers was from \$2.25 to \$1.50 per hour.

Already they are negotiating with the workers. It is reported that several mills have already consented to recall the 25 percent wage cut. The U. T. W. union, and the Musettehs have rushed organizers to High Point. They hope to gain the confidence of the strikers and prevent them from moving into the channels of the N. T. W. U. and Communist leadership.

Workers Shot in Illinois

One worker dead, three dying and thirty, more or less seriously wounded, is the answer given the three hundred unemployed workers demanding work at union wages at the Illinois Waterway Dam, in Marseilles, Ill.

New York Painters, Out on Strike

Ten thousand painters of New York were called out on strike July 13th, by the strike committee of District Council No. 9. Ten thousand painters must register twice a day so that the officials are sure they are not scabbing. The strike committee calls this a young man's strike. They make a special appeal to the young painters. Already many bosses have signed up and thousands of painters supporting the administration are back on the jobs.

The Fate of the World Revolution Hangs in the Balance!

A military dictatorship has been imposed upon the state of Prussia. Martial law reigns in Red Berlin, the city which in 1930 gave the Communists the largest vote. The soldateska of the Junker General Von Schleicher rules the streets. The socialist ministers of Prussia have been ousted from office on threat of arrest. The socialist police president of Berlin has submitted his resignation from the military detention prison at Moabit, to which he has been hailed by Von Schleicher's men.

The direct demand of Hans Kerl, National Socialist president of the Prussian Diet and after a rabid campaign on the part of Adolf Hitler and Alfred Hugenberg, President Paul Von Hindenburg issued the decree by which Prussia passed over into the hands of the military. The decree establishes the Chancellor of the Reich as Federal Commissioner for Prussia with powers to remove members of the Prussian ministry and to name commissioners for the conduct of the other Prussian cabinet posts.

Mass Meeting Military Dictatorship in Germany WILL HITLER TAKE POWER? WILL THE SOCIALISTS FIGHT? WHAT SHOULD THE COMMUNISTS DO? Speakers: H. OEHLER, M. SHACHTMAN, Chairman: A. GLOTZER. Wednesday, July 27th, at 8 P. M. STUYVESANT'S CASINO 2nd Avenue and 9th Street. All Welcome Admission Free. Auspices: N. Y. Branch, Communist League of America (Opposition)

has been suspended. Police have dispersed a Communist meeting in Southeast Berlin by gunfire. The promulgation of the dictatorship by the Von Pappen regime came about as a challenge to the growing resistance on the part of the workers in concerted local actions of Communist and socialist against the Fascist terror. The dictatorship decree is a direct step in the initiation of civil war against the working class.

The newspapers report the jubilant reception given the issuance of the act by Hugenberg and Hitler. It is the only natural that Hitler should be jubilant. For the seizure of Prussia cannot be interpreted otherwise than as an organizational preparative for the Fascist seizure of power. The Von Pappen government has been carrying out the demands of the Nazis consistently. They have already openly and officially come to the aid of the Fascist bands in their armed attacks upon the working class organization, as is evident from the motivation of the Hindenburg document. The integration of the Nazi Storm Troops within the framework of the state is next on the order of the day.

The Massacre of St. Louis Workers

ST. LOUIS.—Following the forcible dispersion of approximately five thousand unemployed workers and their children who had gathered at the City Hall in St. Louis under the leadership of the local Unemployed Council, the local branch of the Communist League of America (Opposition) sent an open letter to the Communist party in hope of immediate action in reply to our offer of aid and united action in the fight against unemployment and police terror by organizing a united front conference.

hobnails of the reactionary soldateska on their very skins, their ministers forcibly ousted, their officials placed under arrest, the reformist traitors are, in spite of all this, calling upon their followers to "maintain order" not to "yield to provocation" and to "concentrate all forces on the Reichstag elections campaign"! Not a word about any kind of united working class action, not even a simulation of militancy. Even today, when it is clear to all that the heads of the workers are at stake, the betrayers of 1918-1919 play their old abominable role, bringing before the old bourgeois masters, prepared for the most disastrous sell out of all.

The Workers Strive for Unity Already their attempts to spread the illusions of a legalistic and parliamentary resistance have been largely dispelled by semi-official announcements that the Reichstag elections are to be postponed. In the meantime the workers are becoming constantly more restless, their desire for united working class action is universal.

"The establishment of a dictatorial power in the hands of Chancellor von Pappen", says a Berlin dispatch of the New York Evening Post, "has increased the tendency of the social democratic and the Communist workers to draw together in a united proletarian front". This tendency will yet increase manifold. The workers of Germany realize that they are facing a life and death struggle with their mortal enemy. They recognize distinctly in the setting up of the Prussian dictatorship—the hand of Fascism. Their will to fight is not impaired. The showing they have made in the recent clashes with the Hitlerite bands prove that they are far from giving up the struggle.

Yet, while the natural class bonds constantly tend to draw the workers, social democrats and Communists closer and closer, the proletarian camp still remains divided on the eve of battle. The Daily Worker of Thursday July tells us that the "workers have" been establishing the Red United Front... over the heads of the social democratic leaders". There can be nothing more dangerous than this deceptive and illusory piece of information. There can be nothing more criminal than the maintenance of the thoroughly false and splintering tactic of the "Red United Front" which poses the question of establishing united front action on the basis of an ultimatum handed to the workers to accept in advance the leadership of the Communist party. And in the same breath, the Daily Worker dispatch further informs us that "a mass political strike of the German working class was called for by the Communist party fraction in the Reichstag"—not by any united front body!

If the information of the Daily Worker (Continued on page 4) PRESS PICNIC IN NEW YORK A picnic for the benefit of our press will be held at Tibbetts Brook Park, N. Y., Sunday, August 7th. Friends and sympathizers of The Militant, Unemployed Workers, and Young Spartacus should cooperate to make this a big success. The last joint press picnic held in New York was very successful, socially and financially. A good time was had by all. The financial income substantially aided our papers. A social program is being arranged. One or more baseball games will be played. Food, refreshments, games and amusements will be supplied. Remember the date, Sunday, August 7. Keep it open. Notify your friends and fellow workers. Watch the Militant and the other Opposition press for further announcements and details.