INTERNATIONAL

Greece

The economic crisis has been sharply aggravated in Greece, drawing in its wake the depreciation of the drachma, raising the prices of commodities and consequently the weakening of the consumers' power.

Since most of the public works in Greece are controlled by foreign enterprises and due to the difficulties the Greek government has had in paying its foreign debts, the work has ceased and the workers have been thrown into the army of the unemployed. The consequences of the crisis strike directly or indirectly at the workers, the poor peasant and sections of the petty bourgeoisie as well, who can no longer accept the impossible living conditions which have surpassed all extremes.

Great Social and Revolutionary

Struggles Ahead Already in the months of May and June Greece has seen in the principle centers the upsurge and the rising of masses of workers. Unfortunately they are far from being organized and led by the Communist Party.

During the strike of the letter carriers, the railroad workers of Macedonia, the tobacco workers of Patras and the workers of Cavalla, they have shown that the proletariat is not only disposed not to tolerate the bourgeoisie repression but also that it does not fear to fight to stay the worsening of its situation and obtain better living conditions.

The workers have also shown that if they remained outside of the movement for the counter offensive to the bour geois offensive, it was because they lacked a powerful vanguard, the forces of the working class being divided and having no guarantee of a unified force for suc-

The Greek Bolshevik-Leninists believe it impossible that this movment will not have gigantic repercussions in other branches of industry and agriculture and that this agitation will not become more energetic and more general. They are issuing the slogan of transforming this movement into a general strike of a political-character.

The Greek comrades of the Left Opposition are preparing for struggle. But what is the Communist party doing? What are its perspectives, its slogans and its prepaations? What is it doing to apply the methods of struggle which correspond to reality?

The organization of Bolshevik-Leninists (Archio-Marxists) consequent upon its Marxist positions, after having examined this platform. the organizational situation of the workworking class needs firm organs of struggle, applying the slogan of the united front. This is explained in the followdocument, an appeal to the Greek work-

"AN APPEAL TO THE COMMUNISTS AND TO THE WORKING CLASS

"The workers can neither be mobilized nor can they struggle when their ranks are divided. The need for unified struggle and for unity is making itself more and more felt in the consciense of the workers and becomes more and more imperative. The application of the tactic of the united front is the only guarantee for the success of the mass struggle of the workers. Our organization has advanced the slogan that the united front must embrace all workers' organizations independently of their political concepts, and the largest possible masses. Because of this, we consider that the only organ which will assume the leadership of the industrial unions flounder in opportun- have been cut about thirty percent Work- solely for the purpose of making political with the manifold political influences which predominate in the organization; the one excluding or restricting the existence of the other in the same union, we cannot guarantee that they will lead the present struggle successfully.

"Only in the small number of unions led by the Archio-Marxists does prole- ginning process. tarian democracy exist. Our organization proposes the convocation of a Workers' Congress in every city where representatives elected by the factories and industries will participate. In the branches where no industries exist, representatives of each trade can be elected.

"The unemployed workers, organized into districts, are to delegate their own representatives. This Congress will

MILITANT BUILDERS

The Home Stretch

that the comrade who stands highest in the staff at the end of the month receives a copy of Max Eastman's biography of; comrade Trotsky, Portrait of a Youth? Very little time is left. A last spurt, comrades, to go over the top with a bang as they say in the sporting columns strategy has rearmed the Social-Dem

of the capitalist press. NEW BUNDLE ORDERS

literature agent out there that bears the name, Sacharow. Readers of this column the top of every drive or contest we

A number of new orders are coming in of their own accord, so to speak. This is a good sign. But it indicates that the Left Opposition, the Marxian polwe are not realizing all that can be done icy, is the only remedy. the conclusion: to work. All those in orders; or go around to the stand that already carry the Militant and increase The ship owners shifted the burden of the stand that attempt what ever was made to fight the seamen? Nothing. To force the stand that are out of print and unobtainable otherwise; and that the Bound Volumes contain four pamphlets that are out of print and unobtainable otherwise; and that the Bound Volumes

elect a council of representatives which tolerable for us. Every day we are solidarity with the miners. will undertake the leadership of the workers' struggles, strikes, the fight against the bourgeoisie.

Greece will have to elect a central or- the Congress. ganization for the leadership of the "In loyalty to its principles and obligaat the same time be submitted to the ted front! discipline and resolutions of the council adopted by the majority.

The councils are to be renewed at each Congress, which will be called as often as possible.

"To prepare for this Congress, our or- of the proletarian dictatorship!" gamzation proposes the creation of a gress on the following platform.

- cost of living. "2. Abolition of arbitrary dismissals
- wages-abolition of armaments.
- "4. Social insurance at the expense of the bosses and the government. workers.
- "6. 7 hour day without wage cuts. | Belgium 7. "Adoption of working class legis-
- "8. Equal salary for workers of both
- "9. Abolition of indirect taxation increase of tax on capital.
- "10. Annulment of the public debt.
- poor peasants. "12. General amnesty --- Abolition
- suppression. "13. Political liberty (of press,
- ings.) "14. Trade union freedom.

pendently of their political opinions.

"Comrades and fellow-workers:

Leninist faction is the only policy that

has gone to the root of the matter and

Entirely too many of these Commun-

ist workers drop by the wayside. Some

The methods of Stalinism in the In

dustrial Unions play in the hands of the

Syndicalist, while their general political

For the past period the policies and

The main danger that the present

camp of syndicalism. That is not the

solution to Stalinism. The policies of

stands on the Marxian principles.

plunged deeper into poverty.

against unemproyment, for political and tinue to cause all the weight of the crisis been dispelled for the moment. Contrade union freedom and will head the to fall upon us; the needs of the strug- sequently the ministry has been able to working class in the counter-offensive gle demand the creation of a united front reply to the journalists that it consider-These representative councils of all organ the council of delegates elected by mission useless; in addition, the coal

whole struggle. The councils are to con- tions, the Bolshevik-Leninist organization have at their disposal the police, militia, stitute the highest form of the united will work on this basis with all its the army, the tribunals-to defeat the front, in which each political fraction of powers for the realization of a workers' strikers; and in addition, the leaders of the working class movement will have united 5 ont and for the success of the the Belgian Labor Party and the syndithe right to express its viewpoint on the Congress which will elect the council of calists to keep the workers of other inbasis of proletarian democracy and will delegates. Long live the workers' uni- dustries from solidarity with the miners,

"For the expulsion of the bourgeois end to the miners' resistance. offensive!

"For political and trade union rights!

committee from the existing trade un- slogan of workers' and peasants' Councils the victory; but the miners are resolved ions, which will concern itself with the while silence and inertia prevail in the to continue the strike, which they do not organization of the Congress and other C. P. which continues to practice its regard as useless and aimless, because in this strike must necessarily open up details of the election of representatives. tactic of disintegration. Our comrades they want to prove their determination a new chapter laying the basis for an This committee will convoke the Con have been working for the establishment to end the regime of famine which was of a committee of temporary councils imposed on them before strike. 1. "Adaptation of wages to the high and are moving toward this goal through the trade unions.

and rehiring of all licensed work- on June 22 called an enlarged meeting spite the trade union leaders. at which 1700 workers participated; they "3. Unemployment subsidies equal to voted for its resolution to undertake action for general amnesty, etc.

It was decided to maintain the temporary committee, which stands under retreated; but they are only awaiting "5. Protection of women and children the leadership of the Left Oppositionists, the miners' defeat to begin their attacks

The splendid miners' strike is continu- Spain ing. The reformist leaders are continuing their maneuvers to destroy it. Our comrades, particularly in the Char- not ignorant of the plans for a military leroi region, continue to lead the strug- coup d'Etat but underhandedly toler- jective of their fight-to also decisively gle in the front line. Five comrades, ated them. The abortive "revolution" "11. Abolition of debts of refugees and among them Lesoil, are still imprisoned of the Spanish bourgeoisie really at Mons. Nevertheless, La Voix Com. is supported by the landlords and the of muniste, the Opposition's paper, now ap- cadres of the old regime; it is massacr- ion now hangs in the balance. To estispecial laws of counter-revolutinary pears every week and sells five thousand ing and imprisoning the workers. The copies, in spite of the police persecutions. reaction of the popular masses to the some of the experience of the past, and of their organization. Only a complete

speech, organizations and meet- ing. The workers place more and more werfully. It has even reached their ac- policy pursued by the revolutionists. In union bureaucracy, can secure the vicconfidence in them and in the leadership complices in the Azana government. they give in the struggle. The infamous "15. Abolition of laws for the use of slanders of the Stalinists are shattered Opposition immediately issued a leaflet the army against strikers, against in the face of this reality, on which which they distributed in thousands of Communists-abolition of resolu- every proletarian in Belgium can lay copies, and held very successful open tions for the dissolution of unions. his hands. Immediately below is the air meetings. As soon as the authorities No organization which considers itself latest bulletin on the situation, which got word of this comrades Fersen and proletarian can refuse to collaborate on appeared August 12 in La Voix Commun. Robles were arrested.

These councils, higher than parties, has become general throughout the by legal considerations when it is a ques-

This threat of a general strike, which "The bourgeoisie causes and will con- the bosses and government dread, has of city and farm workers having as its ed the convocation of the mixed combosses failed to reply to the summons.

The bosses' attitude is significant: they they count in this way, on putting an

But the miners are firm, in spite of the difficult conditions under which they are "For the struggle against dictatorship struggling; they are alone against the of the bourgeoisie and for the installation bloc of bosses, the government and the Illinois miners battle becomes decisive reformist leaders, united in the com-The Greek Opposition is advancing the mon will not to let the miner carry off

Harder than ever must the miners expend all their efforts, in order to spread This temporary committee of councils their movement to other industries, de-

> This is the condidtion that must be realized to win a speedy and decisive victory over the bosses and government which, terrified by the general strike, against the whole mass of workers once

The New York Marine Workers in Revolt Against the Stalinist Bureaucrats

The influence of our comrades is grow- hated militarists has been growing po- particularly the all important question of break with the past, with the corrupt

At Barcelona our comrades of the

LEFT OPPOSITION Some Experiences of the Illinois Miner's Struggle and the Policy of the Communists

is so especially by virtue of the fact is becoming an ever more pressing duty. that we are here concerned with a basic posed. In view of the enormous retreats made by the existing trade unions on every field, both in regard to loss of wages and working conditions as well as for the future.

It becomes decisive in more respects than one; but particularly by what is already clearly indicated, that a victory entirely new method and practice of unionism. It must be a final and complete separation from corrupt, treacherous practices of the past and from corrupt

A mere victory on the wage proposition with union conditions and leadership remaining as before would at best official party policy of boycott of mass be only a short truce to be utilized for preparation of new betrayals.

Union Future Hangs in Balance This strike has gone beyond the bounds of a mere ordinary shut down. There are virtual armies arrayed with mass picketing on a scale never witnessed before. There is additional importance in the miners being the very spearhead Not only was the Azana government of workers resistance against the wage cut onslaughts, and in the double obdefeat the wreckers from within. It is a struggle of gigantic proportions.

The future of the Illinois miners unmate its prospect it will be well to note must start a new chapter in the history this respect a comparison of the views tory they have set out to win against advanced by the Left Opposition and the the operators, against the armed state policy and practice of the official Com- forces and against the official traitors. munist party will prove illuminating.

The Illinois miners do not stand alone. There are sections in rebellion against more serious intervention, and it will the U. M. W. of A. administration in every field, some having already definitely Our comrades' leaflet declares: "The split away. The question of future unity These problems are faced by the work. Wednesday, August 12-Since a consi. government has made use of the rebels of these sections, as a temporary measure, ers has come to the conclusion that the ers: they realize the necessity of fighting derable section of the Limbourg miners, (Monarchists) as agents of repression at least a united front on minimum obfor their solution because they stand at who have regathered their forces and against the proletariat, strengthening the jectives, is still a crucial one. It was the basis of their existence; they are gone back into the struggle side by side former and weakening the latter. Faith- therefore completely in accord with the questions which preoccupy them inde- with the miners from the other basins, ful to its conduct, the government, fundamental principles of working class message from our Chinese comrades: has gone out on strike again, the strike which is not in the least embarrassed interest and proceeding from a basis of revolutionary policy that we, at the time higher than factions, than dissenting country. The new important develop- tion of imprisoning and deporting work- of the Pennsylvania-Ohio miners strike of students returned from Moscow) have groups and groupings, will be capable of ment of the week is the fact that the ers, involves the law to leave the generals last year urged a united front of these been missing for eleven days. One of uniting masses of workers for common leaders of the Belgian Labor Party, of unpunished. But the working class various sections to fight for their common them is the chairman of the Organizathe Trade Union Commission and of will not allow this, and, forming its uni- immediate objective. The Pennsylvania- tion Committee of the Chinese Left Opthe Trade Union Federation have openly ted front, will demand the firing squad Ohio miners struck under the banner of seen at Jesfield Park (west of Shanghai). "Each day the situation grows more pronounced themselves against the gen- for the generals and the arming of the the party controlled National Miners We lost trace of them immediately after and more serious. Life is growing in- eral strike and also against expressing people to struggle against reaction." Union. The West Virginia miner's were our last secret meeting. We believe that

In the present crucial battle of the simultaneously on strike under the ban-Illinois miners one question stands out ner of ther independent union, and the of decisive importance for the future of Illinois miners were in revolt against the American labor movement. It is the the U. M. W. of A. officials. Our united question of life or death to the last front proposal to be organized through a solidly organized section of the miners conference of these sections was rejected union in the soft coal territory. But it by the official party. Now such a step

We can go back further into the hisindustry, once well organized, and a un- tory of developments. At the time of ion, once attaining to a high degree of the Illinois miners break with the Lewis militancy, composed entirely of basic pro- administration, cleverly utilized by the letarians as separate and distinct from Fishwick-Walker-Howatt combination, we the skilled strata of which most of the warned against any false illusions toward at present remaining unions are com- this combination but at the same time emphasizing the need of the Left wing continuing the struggle within this mass movement. The official party pursued the opposite course and isolated its in loss of organized strength, this forces from the movement and from the

There was a repetition in the revolt following shortly after headed by the Edmonson forces. Once again a mass movement, though practically leaderless, a new opportunity. The course pursued by the Left Oppositionists in participating in that movement and to point toward the right direction for the future is now bearing its fruits. The Left Opposition Communists has now all the prospects for, and is taking shape as a force in reality, fighting for a correct direction to the present gigantic movement. The revolts not entirely controlled by it has led it to its present fatal isolation from the Illinois miners.

This can be repaired still; but only by the official party leadership rectifying its mistakes and changing its attitude and policy. The course, which it must adopt has been very clearly indicated by the position we have taken. The correctness of this position has been fully vindicated by the event. The logic of the party position adds only one additional sad commentary further reinforcing this

The present Illinois miner's struggle The Left Opposition is developing a force in this struggle capable of constantly show the way. —A. S.

We have received the following brief Shanghai, August 2, 1932-

Several of our comrades (all Lenin they have been captured by the "Blue Coat Society" . .

The Blue Coat Society is a new secret party. Its full name is the Blue Coat Society of the Kuo Min Tang of China. It is of about the same type as the Nazis in Germany. Its Hitler is Chiang Kai-Shek. Its basic nucleus consists of students recently returned from the Moscow In the excitement, all the militant Sun-Yat-Sen University, renegades from Military Academy faithful to the Chinese Hitler. One of its mediums of activity is assassination. All the intellectuals of General Chiang's troop and many notorious politicians are flocking Fascist movement of China. . .

The History of the Russian Revolution is being published in Chinese . . . By the end of August or September, we hope to reestablish our legal Shanghai weekly. . . .

Fraternally yours,

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Pioneer Publishers Notes

LITERATURE SALES

A new wave of interest in the publications of the League is sweeping over us. Our campaign on the German situation, on the Anti-War Congress, on the expulsion of comrade Pappas, and now on the frame-up charge of murder by the Stalinists has aroused new interest in our point of view. Orders are coming in. Our stocks are dropping. Some numbers are out. Germany-the Key is completely out of print. The Revolution in Spain is pretty nearly out. There are only some twenty copies of the Real Situation in Russia left. And so it goes. Now is the time to order.

TROTSKY'S COMPLETE WRITINGS A number of sympathizers have sent in

orders for bound volumes of Trotsky's "complete writings". We did not announce the Bound Volumes as his complete writings. We could not. It is our understanding that comrade Trotsky's complete writings which have not yet been collected would fill some sixty or seventy volumes. Some day we will bring them out in a uniform edition.

In the meantime we continue to advertise the Bound Volumes as a collection of nine of his recent writings; all of them dealing with the current struggle in the Communist movement in relation mind our readers once more that these

Mink and Co. Fellow seamen! We must organize and fight for the four watch system, for a sufficient manning scale and we must immediately boycott the revenue bearing departments of the Institute for the de-

and one official of the Institute.

But, before we can wage any success-

Do our Militant Bullders remember

For some time now we have been action of the Stalinist in the Marine watching the Chicago branch send in Workers have played into the hands of new bundle orders. New York occasion- the syndicalists. Many of the most acally adds one or two. But in Chicago tive syndicalists on the waterfront are they go at it hammer and tongs. We former members of the M. W. I. U. who have an idea that it is principally due left or were driven out by the Stalinist to the driving force of that unparalleled policies which the workers have confused will see her name near the top or at

take a back seat in the party and keep silent, others drop out in dilgust, others who have not assimilated the fundamentals of Marxism move either to the camp of the socialists or the syndicalists

with Communism, with Marxism. struggle against the Stalinists in the Marine Workers Industrial Union must guard against is the relapse into the

The revolt against the Stalinist but the marine workers. Wages of the seat ganizing on board the ships, propagandaga boycott and hit the Institute in its reaucracy and their wrong policies in men have been cut down gradually to as was carried on only on South Street, on pocket-book. A boycott with thousands throwing up layer after layer of Com- low as thirty dollars per month for A. shore. There are not ten functioning on the picket line. munist workers who no longer intend B.'s. The two-watch system has been ships' delegates to-day. The struggle of to keep silent while the party and the reestablished on many ships. Crews the unemployed seamen has been waged I. U., shows how deep the fight against Complete lay-offs and part-time work is workers. Prior to the hunger march, its auxiliary organizations these strug- thousand seamen "on the beach".

gles against the opportunist policies and What has our union the M. W. I. U., bureaucratic methods are springing up. done to fight these attacks of the bosses Many of these struggles are in the beon our standard of living? Has the union ever made any serious efforts to give Unless these comrades are able to trace honest efficient leadership to the marine utilized to get the American seamen into threatened this fellow worker. these surface sores to the cause, the workers? The anwser must be no. It motion. The German seamen's strike Communist movement and the Marxian has not. Therefore we must examine the was sabotaged by Mink and Co. due to wing will not gain by the first steps history of the American marine industry factional strife within the I. S. H. The against the Stalinist revisionist. An in- of the last three years and also the his- struggle against imperialist war was creased number of these workers are tracing these errors to the source and to find the reason why the union failed tions instead of organizing on the job. are moving toward the Left Opposition, to carry its self-appointed task of leadrealizing that the policy of the Bolshevik- ing the marine workers in struggle.

> The union was launched in April 1930 at a time when shipping was already on a great decline. Great enthusiasm prevailed among the seamen and especially among the delegates attending the convention. The convention, attended by bona fide rank and file delegates from ships and docks, through the steam led by adventurers.

of 5,000, today there is less than 400 nationally. Practically all those that there were ever active were driven out of Mink and Co. Philadelphia, Houston, New Orleans and Boston speak for themselves. Several times the union came dangerously near the point of playing the role of strike-breakers (Boston longshoremen's strike, Grace line) 4ue to the utter misunderstanding of the united the present crisis on to the shoulders of wage cuts of the seamen. Instead of or- Institute to come across we must launch

and for nothing else, the same as at other demonstrations.

International struggles have not been

The inner life of the union is at the lowest level possible. No trade union constructive criticism is abolished, secretaries are removed against the wishes over-due.

Co. who, through various grand stand principles of the class struggle. The na-In 1930 the union had a membership relief of the unemployed, nationalistic unemployed councils were launched claiming preposterously that every nationality has different demands. They or are expelled, for the simple reason did not organize as yet a Jim-Crow local that they opposed the putschist tactics in New York as was done when a Jim-Crow local was organized in Galvestonbut—that is only being inconsistent. Then when they set the whole-sale expulsions —to counteract the resentment of the class conscious rank and file—a raid was staged on the Seamen's Institute. The ful struggles we must rid ourselves of to the problems of the international man that was supposed to have baggaget the bureaucrats who will not even shrink proletarian revolution. And may we refront tactic and the inexperience of the there actually had none. One man was from stooling in order to enforce their

workers present in New York were ex- the party and students of the Wampoa struggle must arise from the heart of the ism and adventurism. The following aways are the order of the day. Long- capital in the form of headlines for the pelled from the union without a hearing. working class. With the present trade statement issued by J. Johannessen, mem- shoremen and all other categories of party but no organizational nor beneficial Especially outrageous was the expulsion union which has so few workers and ber of the National Buro of the M. W. marine have received similar treatment. results have been gained for the marine of Coster, a good, honest, able, active, class-conscious worker, who carried out the corrupt Stalinist regime has pene- wide spread in the industry. In New the seamen were rallied around demands all tasks assigned to him. Coster's temtrated. In all sections of the party and York harbor alone there are twenty peculiar to the industry. They were not per got the best of him when Mink to this group. In short, it is the rising allowed to present them in Washington threatened to stool on an other worker They were solely used for defense corps because he would not obey Mink. Coster pulled a gun. This was doubly wrong but Coster should have been criticized and Mink should have been immediately expelled. Mink admitted that he had

> I, myself, was removed by a hand-picked national bureau from the National Committee and instructed to proceed to tory of the union. Thus we will be able taken up by staging burlesque demonstra. the West coast-for the simple reason that I dared to write an article for the Daily Worker (which was not printed) criticizing the shortcomings of the union. democracy, the right of discussion and I was not even given a hearing. I came to New York and the national T. U. U. L. appointed a committee conof the membership, no convention has sisting of Johnstone, Stachel and Hudson. been called although it is a year and half I was ordered immediately to return to Buffalo, furthermore to have nothing to do with the expelled members or those The present national bureau elected it- who were still members of the union self. When the flames of revolt grew I but not considered "kosher" by the roller methods employed, killed the union was removed to Duluth and a campaign clique. The idea of that committee inat its birth. The steam roller methods was was launched against all those who tried vestigating the union is the same as used to foist upon the marine workers to lead the union toward a course in Tammany Hall investigating itself. the bureaucratic regime of Mink and accordance with the most fundamental Furthermore, I refused to go to Buffalo because the purpose of sending me there plays, constantly covered up their poli- tional committee of the T. U. U. L. and is to isolate me from the membership. I tical bankruptcy. No real program of the party press was bombarded by us believe that by remaining on the New work was laid down but the union with articles and protests. Mink and Co. York water front I will be better able launched out on an adventurous policy grew desperate and for the purpose of to prevent Mink from carrying out polestablishing an adventurous and oppor- icies detrimental to the seamen in order tunist campaign ostensibly for immediate to cover up the political bankruptcy of

> > mand that all relief funds be under the control of a committee of three seamen

-J. JOHANNESSEN. are going-?