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IMPORTANCE OF THE DRIVE

subscription.

With our new club plan we expect that a number of these wishes will be trans- spoken preacher chairman representing crican delegate to the Amsterdam Conlated into subs, not all of them, to be the Abraham Lincoln Center. After a ference. His speech consisted of anecsure but a number that we could not churchly exordium he introduced the dotes of the conference and what this or

This club plan lends itself to our ac- wars". tivities in the class struggle. Illinois is one example. The Spartacus Youth Club Greeks for his inspiration, addressed growing apace. When it came to the of New York is active in the Rex metal himself entirely to the liberals. The method of fighting for peace his was no workers' strike, on the picket lines and only way to abolish wars, according to different than Rabbi Friedhofs. in the strike hall. No doubt they will him, was for all liberals to band tobe able to use the offer of a fifty per- gether and "will" the nasty wars out of the "pledge to stand against war" as the

ed to complement the steady rise in ing that "the proletarian revolution is bundle orders. Every day's mail brings no guarantee against militarism." All us new bundle orders and increases in that is required is that "the greatest the number of copies per bundle order. agencies of propaganda be directed in This side of the story affected us first the channels of creating the good will because workers waking up to the bankruptcy of the Stalinist course and to the correctness of ours probably went from stand to stand looking for the Militant. As we know the Militant is on, comparatively, so few stands that the search for member of the Chicago Committee for it is a modern version of the story of Abolition of Wars who has an interesting Diogenes.

Many of these workers will no doubt take advantage of this reduced rate. It will certainly pay them to do so. On the stand 26 issues will cost \$1.30. By the club they will cost \$.50. The trick Today that is not difficult.

BUILD THE FIRST STOREY

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SPARTACUS AFFAIR

On Sunday, September 25, the Sparwill be played. All sympathizers and will be: members of the club-come out and let's

lunch as this is an informal affair. The place is Tibbetts Brook Park. Time, 5. from 10 A. M. on. Take I. R. T. Wood- State and Revolution-Jack Weber, 10 tion is \$1.00per course. ENROLL NOW. Miners Union of West Virginia and other Katayama, Patel and Mme. Sun Yat Sen. In l'Humanite of September 1, Cachin, lawn-Jerome Avenue line to last station, Walk to entrance of the park. Comrades to Dec. 19.

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ancial assistance. We declare to you backs to the wall. With our fight is A half year sub of 26 issues to The that this is no mere appeal for money. bound up the question of whether the A nail year sup of 20 issues to a zations in the struggle for wages and Progressive Miners Union Under Militant costs \$1. But from now on it The financial crisis against which we voice of revolutionary internationalism, Significance of N.M.U. Offer of a zations in the struggle for wages and Progressive Miners Union Under will be 50 cents-that is, provided you have been struggling has assumed such the clarion of the ideas of Marx, Engels, send them in clubs of four or more. Any a threatening aspect that we are forced L nin and Trotsky will continue to be comrade, sympathizer, worker can get a to sound a serious note of warning: heard regularly. half year sub to The Militant at the re- Unless we can raise money immediateely With the tide of revolution rising all duced rate of 50 cents by getting three we cannot say whether we will be able over the world, with the maturing of the

It seems that when difficulties arise

On top of all this a series of technical we have had to make terrific efforts. Such troubles may arise again unless we are able to get the minimum of equipment necessary to turn out our books and

weigh on us now with terrific pressure. We must continue to appear regularly. of both organizations to discuss the fol-We must go forward.

> the ball rolling! Let every worker sympathetic to our cause contribute what sacrifices for it.

at 84 East 10th Street, New York, N. Y.

these club plan blanks—filled out. Each week we will publish a standing of the Chicago Stalinists Echo Barbusse

ly on his mettle. It will be nip and war danger occurred here today. In a finally some sort of a Communist viewbeautifully appointed, luxuriously carpet- point would break through. Comrades own theoretical conclusions to be sure, ed lodge room in the Masonic Temple all know Bechtold as one of the pioneer but at least by force of the realities Comrade Carmody writes from the coal there was held the Chicago sequel to the Communists in this country and one of the class struggle, to take a step tofields that the miners are reacting to Amsterdam farce. The audience was en- the extremely few party members left ward a change in the right direction. The Militant very favorably. They read tirely composed of well-dressed pinks, who have more than a bowing acquaintour point of view on working-class prob- liberals, social workers and other well ance with Marxian principles. leans and our policy on the present strike, known lovers of the human race. After and are very favorably impressed. A listening to the disgusting pacifist drivel our hopes were dashed, for the eloquent its false theoretical position it was unnumber of them would become subscrib- one could only be glad that such was "Mr." Bechtold's mission was not to capable of rriving at. ers but for one thing: they have been on the composition and happy that the answer the liberals—but to take the colstrike since April and cannot afford a workers were conspicuous by their ab- lection! Not one word of criticism.

The meeting was opened by the soft- ley, editor of the New Republic and Amof the foremost fighters against all insisted that the cause of wars was eco-

cent reduction in the sub rate to get a existence. He questions: "Will the over- audience stood. Not a few had their U., it must be admitted that there is not temptible effort on your part, stooping throw of capitalism abolish war?" and heads bowed in the attitude of prayer. This increase in subs is what is need- he answers his own question by assert- The reading of the solemn invocation was the Illinois strike and defeat the strike to open the eyes of many serious Comwhich will abolish all wars."

> After this nauseating stuff, which was duces "Mr. Eugene Bechtold, an active is what Stalinism has wrought,

message". For an instant there glim-

Next was introduced Mr Malcolm Cownomic and showed by League of Nations The Rabbi who went as far back as the figures how the cost of armaments was

The meeting ended by the reading of class united front policy. ended and the lips of many naturally and breaking Lewis-Wallker machine. But as munist workers and render them more perceptibly moved to an Amen. No dis-

his disgust to Bechtold standing in the es the ideas of the Left. It is a Left for our ideas. We shall not fail in the back. Bechtold apologetically replied, union. As such its essence embodies the least to continue our political hammer "this is not a Communist meeting, we essence of future unionism in the Uni- blows for a return of the Communist loudly applauded, the chairman intro- don't want to scare them away. "This ted States. It is in this light that the Party to a Leninist basis.

—J. GIGANTI

League to Open School

is to reach the workers with the offer. First Four Courses Will Begin in New York City Next Month It is most likely that all these will unite Stalinists and Opposition

The Communist League of America has; from Oct. 19 to Dec. 7. For almost four years, now, we have carried on extensive propaganda in the poured forth a steady stream of Marxist- United States for the Marxian position Hugo Ochler, 10 lessons from Oct. 19 to for the time being, until they may feel of the International Left Opposition. We Dec. 21, every Wednesday. have been laying a solid foundation of Marxian principles. Upon this base we have developed, and upon this base the International Left Oposition continues to grow while the Right wing disintegrates as the Stalinists move deecr into contradictions of their own creation.

With this foundation, with our growth and with the increasingly favorable situation in the United States the Left Opposition can now take another step forward. The extension of our propaganda activity into greater class activity. One part of this activity is the transformation of the New York study classes into a school—the INTERNATIONAL WORK-ERS SCHOOL.

The INTERNATIONAL WORKERS October 17. Just as fast as possible wel tion. will organize other classes equally as important as the first four.

class rooms for the International Work- The followers of the Left Opposition the field. We can conceive of no better animity to which the Congress was de the former president of the Indian Natacus Youth Club of New York will get ers School. There will be office rooms, throughout the United States must help way than to follow up these proposals livered bound hand and foot. It was com- tional Congress, who explained his objectogether for an all day good time affair. class rooms and a Hall for our regular in this The burden rests upon the New and we therefore take the liberty to ad-A ball game and other outdoor sports Friday Forums. The first four classes York comrades but all help, all dona- vise the militants in the Progressive personages chosen for their renown. for the "charter". The presidium refused

The History of the American Communget better acquainted. Bring your own ist Movement-James P. Cannon, 8 lessons every Monday from Oct. 17 to Dec.

Shachtman, 8 lessons every Wednesday! Street, New York City.

The Theoretical System of Marxism-

Registration for each course is \$1.00. from the world-shaking class struggles lilinois rank and file miners, to the very gates.

of the proletariat. Communist classes deepest core of their ranks, genuinely cannot be carried on by self-styled in- and seriously desire an honestly conthe class struggle. Nor can the members | moment and for the future of their new | gress", lyrically hailed as a decisive stage 4 speaks of the "putting into effect of of the non-Marxian or revisionist cur- | union. rents of Marxism in one degree or another conduct study classes in Marxism. Only the Bolshevik-Leninists who translate the class events into correct theory of the Lewis-Walker machine-there is als. The declaration of Romain Rolland manifesto, the "decisions"-has not been as a guide to class action can carry on only one side of the question. To what to the first session addressed itself to made public. Marxian teachings. The role of the In- that must be added the one of the future ternational Left Opposition in the class of unionism, of uncorrupted unionism, of whole world" coming "to declare, to im- is still being retouched? veloping a national training center for struggle basis, throughout the mine fields, peal by Rolland, declaring that it does mitted to the Congress (in four langu-SCHOOL is now a reality, and as a the American Communists. The Inter- That much the miners understood today, 'fnot call into question the doctrines and ages: French, German, English and modest start we are opening an enroll- national Workers School is another step Bpt how to attain it? That is the tactics of the parties", raised as a prin- Dutch). A few changes of detail were ment campaign for four classes to begin forward in this field by the Left Opposi- problem.

this plan. To do this we need your proposals, both by propaganda in these of the Congress. By October 15 we will have a new help. We need a fund of \$300.00 to columns as well as through the direct tions and contributions from any city to Miners of Amreica to fight for their realing school is needed.

essons every Monday from October 17 Call or write for our catalogue. Mail sections which have broken with the will be there to direct you until 12 The History of the Comintern-Max J. Weber, Administrator, 84 East 10th conference consider ways and means of front of the Congress constituted

The Militant Appeals Urgently for Terror Rules in Illinois Coal Field

Once more we appeal to you, our com- We must have money at once. We are rades, sympathizers, and friends, for fin- fighting on the financial front with our Official Party Leaders Forced to Abandon Sectarian Attitude Towards New Union

United Front

The National Miners Union, officially, through its secretary, Frank Borich, has addressed a letter to the Progressive lowing points: "What can the National We look to our friends everywhere to Miners Union do to help the Illinois minhelp us Who will be the first? Start ers to defeat the wage cut, and the strike breaking Lewis-Walker machine?"

This represents a complete round-about troubles with our press, arising directly he can. Make this a demonstration on turn on the part of the official party leadfrom our poverty, have presented us with a nation-wide scale of the fact that the ership at the head of the affairs of the a number of problems. To solve them cause of Marx and Lenin, the cause of N. M. U. It is a change to be welthe International Left is not without comed. But while this one instance is friends ready to support it and make still far from an open acknowledgment of a necessary change of attitude in gen-Rush funds at once to THE MILITANT eral on the vital question of a working class united front policy, it is nevertheless possible to say that, if followed up correctly, this beginning can become of enormous importance to the American labor and revolutionary movement. Those who set themselves up as the high priests of a so-called new revolutionary theory Another example of the efficacy of the mered a faint hope in the hearts of the of a "united front from below", which, become compelled, not by virtue of their The logic of the development of working class forces in motion compelled the official party leadership to begin to draw However, after the first few words the conclusions which, on the basis of

get otherwise. Our organizers in the first speaker, Rabbi Friedhof, "as one that pacifist luminary said. He mildly heroic struggles that union has conductfalse tactical foundation despite the down.

> there is much it can do. The N. M. U., On the way out the writer expressed despite its present shortcomings, expressquestion of correct policy assumes its enormous significance.

> It is a quite well known fact that the leadership of the Progressive Miners of America contains many elements whose any contamination with "Red" issues. to oppose the overture made and the hand extended by the N. M. U .-- if not as yet in a direct sense, then at least indirectly themselves more ready to thwart the rank and file desires. And this is pre-The teaching of Marxism cannot be cisely what needs to be guarded against.

However, this proposal made by the N. M. U. represents only one small step. The Illinois miners' strike and the defeat

We are convinced that in this respect the N. M. U. honestly and sincerely, but The New York workers must come in to broaden its base by proposing a cona united front of these various organi-

working conditions, in the struggle against the remnants of the Lewis machine as well as ways and means toward complete unity of militant unionism in the mine fields. THE MILITANT.

Frame-Up Challenge Stays Unanswered by Party

Central Executive Committee

Communist Party of the United States: The Daily Worker of August 23, contained a direct frame-up charge of murder against the Communist Left Opposition. This was repeated by you in a number of leaflets issued as well as in subsequent issues of the Daily Worker.

We could consider this only as a vici ous attempt to incite a black hundred pogrom campaign against us in lieu of the failure on your part to answer politically a single one of our arguments on vital working class problems. We so are decidedly militant and class conscibranded it in our public declaration publous. The rank and file of the bituminlished in The Militant of August 27. We ous area are rampant and voice in true gated at a public working class hearing. To this effect we addressed a letter to the following central organiza- are showing the road which the entire

Communist Party of U. S. A. Trade Union Unity League American Civil Liberties Union Conference for Progressive Labor Action

Communist Party (Majority Group) Industrial Workers of the World

You failed to answer this letter, and you direct. The other organizations declared themselves ready to participate in first false move of the leadership toward a public hearing. To us this is the most capitulation to the new scale proffered convincing proof that you were not at by the bosses will mean that the rank It is quite clear that the pitiable posi- all prepared even to make an attempt be- and file will again choose men who will tion of the N. M. U., its organizational fore the eyes of the working class to not sell out their very meager demands. weakness, its isolation and disrepute make good your charge. You found that The miners know that this fight is the suffered due to the strangulating bureau- your foul attempt of incitement did not initial start of the general defense which cracy imposed upon it, resting upon a succeed and you were compelled to back the entire working class is taking up

In view of this retreat from a false ed, is in the main responsible for this and unsubstantiated position on your dens of the crisis on the backs of the change of front. Sence it is much part we intend not to make any further workers. In order to break the strike more necessary for the Communist request upon the other organizations men- and have the mines guarded by the voices to continue relentlessly until this tioned for a public hearing. Your fear state militia, Lewis and his henchmen change becomes the true beginning to- of meeting the issue squarely before the are pulling off some old tricks. Last ward a genuinely conceived working working class has therefore closed this Sunday morning the offices of the Taylorphase of the incident.

a representative of the Left wing forces willing to listen to what the Left Opposition has to say. Of this we have received ample proof by growing sympathy

-ARNE SWABECK, Sec'y.

Severe Attack

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—

The Progressive Miners of America, the new union in this district, came into being as another sell-out was being perpetrated by the traitorous leadership of the old U. M. W. A. headed by John J. Walker and John L. Lewis in their attempt to force the miners to accept another 25% reduction in the already re-

duced starvation wages of the miners. . The leadership of the P. M. A. is comopsed of varying shades of political opinion. There are republicans and democrats, S. P. and Musteites with Communists in a very small minority, whilst official Communism is not represented in this great struggle of the miners.

Confusion Sowed

The various shades, expressing their opinions at mass meetings, sow confusion in the minds of the miners who also declared our readiness to have the militant spirit that resentment engenderfacts of the situation, which you turned ed by the corrupt and degenerate leaderinto a dastardly frame-up, fully investi- ship of th U. M. W. A. The miners have always been in the front ranks of the American class struggle and today they American working mass must follow in this particular phase of the class strug-

This new union, born on the eve of the betrayal by the reactionary misleaders, is not going to surrender to the bosses' agents, Walker-Lewis, without a merciless struggle. Those miners who have been months on the picket line so did the I. I. D. and the TUUL which are very watchful of the men they have chosen to lead them in this strike. The

> against the onslaughts of American capitalism in its attempt to place the burville Breeze, an organ of the bosses, and the sub-district office of the U. M. W. A. were dynamited, a provocation to cover up Gov. Emmerson's willingness to bring the state troopers into action. Now at Taylorville there are two companies of artillery who, working under orders from the Peabody Coal Co. and Lewis, prevent picketing and mass meetings. But the mines remain closed.

A Reign of Terror

The state, Peabody, and Lewis, have their major concentration in Franklin Communist League of Williamson and Saline Counties. Here America (Opposition) their heavy artillery is brought into play, (Continued on page 3)

ideological base is an outright reactionary one. There are opportunist elements and timid elements who particularly fear Barbusse-Stalin Congress

Twenty-one hundred delegates participated in the Amsterdam Congress. All end on August 29 with the vote for a around the Congress large inscriptions scandalous manifesto which is to serve in chalk covered the sidewalks: "Long as the "charter" of action for those who live Trotsky!", "Free Rakovsky and the adopted it. The fourth of September, deported Oppositionists!" These were that is, a week afterwards, this manifesto carried on in the class rooms abstracted There need not be any doubt that the the immense signs which met the dele- has not yet been published anywhere,

The opening speech by Barbusse was a pathetic eulogy to the "manifestation of dividuals and study groups divorced from ceived unity of action in. this fateful the strength and sincerity of the Con- French Communist Party) of September in human history. In greeting this as-| the Congress decisions". Which decisions? semblage "above the parties", Barbusse It is eight days since the reports of the nevertheless promised a "thoroughgoing Congress have been made, but the essendiscussion and study" of all the propos- tial part of them-the "charter", the "the army of men and women of the Can it be that the text, after the vote, struggles places a task and duty of de- militant unionism resting on a class pose, peace upon the world." This ap- However that may be, a text was subciple that "each front has its own free- made in the text distributed through the dom of action". These declarations set Congress, changes known from the read-We are determined to carry through we have made and fought for the correct the tone from the outset for the whole ing of the final text by Barbusse.

The election of the presidium took us in spite of our vehement insistence. headquarters for the Left Opposition and launch the School and new headquarters, and loyal activities of our comrades in place in the atmosphere of passive un- It was accorded, however, to Mr. Patel, posed of a heterogenous succession of tions at length even though he had voted Cachin and Mme. Duchene, Barbusse to put our text, regularly proposed, to lay the foundation for a national train- ization. To accept the invitation from and Fonteny, wearing the resette of the a vote. It even refused to take the nega-Legion d'Honneur, the leader of an asso- tive, to ask who was opposed to the Barciation of radical veterans, Muenzenberg busse manifesto. We had to intervene the office and enroll at once. Registra- ference to which shall be invited also the and the General Baron von Schoenalch, violently to record our vote Against. Behind them were called a few worker speaking of the manifesto, writes: "On all contributions, and registration fee to: Lewis machine. To propose that this militants. In this manner was the show- this program of revolutionary action, so

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The Barbusse «Charter»

The Amsterdam Congress came to an (in the United States, it has not yet been published!—Ed.). Why?

L'Humanite (central organ of the

On the vote the floor was refused to

capital for us, no reservations were for-

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