letters from Militants

Pittsburgh Opposition and the Hunger March

PITTSBURGH .--A soccessful meeting in support of the Hunger March to Washington was held here last night by the local branch of the Communist League of America (Opletarian character, including a group of the USSR. as a form of international position). The crowd was of good prothe most victimized workers in Pittsburgh who came up from the wretched charity slop-house down town (the socalled "Helping Hand"), to attend the meeting which occupied the Miller School auditorium, near Centre Avenue.

took this step as a consequence of the Hunger March.

Frankfeld gave a well illustrated version of the general line pursued by the Stalinists in the unemployed movement all over the states. He spoke of the possibilities in the budget of the capitalist city government to grant relief; said to paint the hunger march demonstration in Washington as a general panacea for the sufferings of the working class Pittsburgh and asked the workers premention the broader aspects of the hunger march and the struggle of the unemployed in a revolutionary sense. Nor did ested discussions between Left Opposiaim of overthrowing capitalism.

But he made up for these reformist chortcomings in policy, in the last few minutes of his talk by a terribly revolutionary attack upon the Left Opposi- Opposition Active in tion and comrade Trotsky, full of the usual Daily Worker lies and slanders Smokey City against us. He called us disrupters, people who want to undermine the work of the hunger march to bolster up their own political position. This is apparently the Stalinist idea of carrying out the League some time ago, has been the Leninist united front.

and introduced comrade Gordon who though the classes are already rather ad-Frankfeld's slanderous attack on the Left Opposition, ridiculing Frankfeld's subject: The History of the Three Interlies and his charges against us as disrupters, underminers, etc., by pointing to deal with the development of the Second our loyal cooperation with the united International; the Struggles between the front committee, of which this meeting, Revisionists and the Marxists; the Beheld under the auspices of the League, trayal of 1914 and the Collapse of the to which we had invited a representative Second International; the Rise of the of the U. F. C-going even so far as Third International and the Present Role to tolerate his vicious personal attack of the Second (Socialist) International. against us-was in itself sufficient evidist system

to prevent common action in its struggle. sincere revolutionist can fail to take ad-In the unemployment situation especially vantage. the capitalists attempt to create division in the working class, trying to pit the' scabbing by the unemployed. The six- it at these meetings. hour-day, conceived in this spirit, would also serve as a practical means of getting the workers on the job to support organized by the League recently, has the jobless in their fight for relief.

Workers' Russia an economic war against instructor. Party members and sym- steam-rolling, undemocratic character of the Soviet Union, fierce and intense, has pathizers have been attending regularly the Conference, the absence of any conbeen going on for fifteen years. This and discussing together in a comradely crete discussion on combatting war or economic war has the greatest share in manner so as to be able to come to a agreement on a program of action. The the creation of those tremendous difficult. common understanding of the tasks of Lovestoneites, who had participated in ies which the U. S. S. R. encounters in the Communists and to prepare the the Left wing protest against the steamits Five Year Plan, which are due to ground for a united effort for revolu- rolling tactics, accepted on the Continuathe fact that the Soviet State has to tionary work among the Greek-speaking tions Committee. Their actions and sell a great part of its exports at low workers. prices in the world market in order to The Stalinists, alarmed at this evidence ence brought forth the enthusiastic ap-

The American unemployed have a great being stool pigeons. But the party mem- Opposition, particularly comrades Sifpractical stake in the Socialist construc- not allowing the bureaucrats to prevent akis and Vomvas, and calls upon the tion of Soviet Russia. Long term credits them from getting a Leninist education "Jewish workers" to drive these "Greek for the Soviet Unon would produce orders with this terror. The Marxist ideas of young (!) gentlemen" away from the for American factories and give jobs to bers can judge for themselves and are "Jewish workers' Street"! In his headthousands of our unemployed. The slogan the Communist League will not be stop- less anxiety to besmirch the Opposition of Defend the Soviet Union must be ped from making themselves clear to the and to prevent its irresistable progress, concretized in the Hunger March with party members. No amount of bureau- Stalinism has driven this pitiful fool to the demand for Long Term Credit for cratic terror will suffice for that. solidarity with the Russian workers and as a means of practical self-aid for the

American unemployed. ployed program could not serve as a and their lackeys locally. Not only is kins do ont restrict themselves to the practical basis for broad working class the Opposition attacked and slandered Left Opposition alone. The Left Opposi-Comrade Jim Sifakis opened in the action? It undoubtedly can. The Unemname of the Left Opposition and after ployed Councils with such a program Youth Club and at the United Front Una short introductory address, gave the could approach the widest strata of the employed Committee, but far more so combat this dangerous sign of Stalinist masses for corumon action. By challeng- behind its back. Party members and sym- degeneracy, it will arouse the workers er and representative of the Unemployed ing the labor fakers in the A. F. of L. pathizers are warned not to buy the of Pittsburgh to watchfulness in the Council. This is the first time to our and the Socialist party to join in a united Militant, not to attend our classes and preservation of the internationalist charknowledge that a leading member of the front on this basis, 'hey could help to affairs, attempts are made to blacken acter of the proletarian revolutionary official party has spoken from the plat- put these seasoned betrayers of the toil- the name of workers in any way conform of a meeting called by the Left ers to the test before the workers follow- nected with the Left Opposition. But in corruption, in this chauvinistic form or Opposition. The Stalinist representative ing them and expose them for what they spite of everything, the Communist in any other form to poison the well of York is continuing its spurt upward and really are. The Hunger March will be League hurdles the obstacles of the bulocal branch of the League to bring about point for such an action and on this more every day. The Stalini ts are forc. petty bourgeois elements in the "Icor" tary condition. At this rate, by next a measure of united action in the present basis. All class conscious workers were ed to the lowest sort of lies and to with whom his shady antics against the week it will be away out in front. Watch called upon by the speaker to join with direct intimidations. the Communist League in supporting the working class in this crisis.

his address. The chairman then announc-Park the following Thursday. izers as well as other workers present.

PITTSBURGH .---

The Marxist Study Class

The Marxist Study Class organized by plugging forward constantly, every new The chairman, comrade Sifakis, made session bringing new forces and increasa brief but teiling reply to this attack ing the intensity of the discussions. Al

The other study group meets on Wedence. He then went on to explain the nesday evenings at 8:30 and has for its real Leninist reasons for the Opposition's subject: The Communist Manifesto. If participation in the united front as an enough interested newcomers show up, inseparable part of revolutionary policy, it is planned to start another group on namely, to foster working class unity in Fundamentals of Communism. All revaction no matter on how small a scale, olutionary workers are invited to attend and to raise this unity in action up to and to participate in the discussions. the level of the overthrow of the capital- The classes meet at 15 Granville Street, near the Wylie Avenue Branch of the The League speaker outlined the mean; Carnegie Library and at present constiby which the capitalists suppress the tute the only Communist educational acworking class and attempt to divide it tivities in the city of Pittsburgh. No

Work for the United Front Hunger March In accordance with its participation in Negro workers against the white work- the Hunger March United Front Conferers, the employed against the unemploy. ence, the local group of the League is ed, and, on an international scale, the actively engaged in the preparations for American workers against their brothers its success. One collection of funds has abroad. If the hunger march is to be already been made at the 15th annivermore than a flurry, comrade Gordon said, sary celebration of the Russian Revoluif it is to be a durable achievement for tion (held under the auspices of the kept quiet. On the vote, both the amend- principal instructor. Since then, this enthe working class, then it must rally the Marxist Study Class) and turned over to ment of the NSL and that of the Left tire highly industrial district was found the effort to revive this organization, at our meetings in Minneapolis was over working class against the attempts of the United Front Committee. From the Opposition were defeated—the latter be to be on a sufficiently high theoretical destroyed by the maddened bureaucrats, 200. Our Minneapolis comrades treated the bosses to divide it. It must adopt Committee also, the group has obtained slogans that unite the workers. In ad- leaflets and collection list and the Pitts- bers, a few Socialists and the Lovestone- tion. dition to Immediate Relief and Unem- b rgh comrades are on the go putting ites. The conference to send a delegaployed Insurance, it should inscribe on these to work. In the very near future, tion to Chicago. its banner the six-hour-day, five-day- the League intends to hold a couple of week, without reduction in pay, to tight- mass meetings to rally support for the ed. The Communist and Left wing deen the bonds between the unemployed March and has already obtained leaflets legates opposed this step until a conworkers who would thereby get some jobs for this purpose. The United Front crete program of action was arrived at. and the employed workers who would Committee has promised its cooperation The important resolutions of the combe relieved to some extent of the fear of by sending down a speaker to represent mittee were to be referred to this Con-

Greek Workers Educational Circle been holding a class in the Principles of Left Opposition Youth declined to ac-While imperialist war is threatening Communism with comrade Sifakis as the cept on this committee because of the

workers belonging to the Left Opposition | munism or in the name of some new and members of the party, have launched sort of "proletarian" Zionism? In his a campaign of terror against the party unsigned articles in the Freiheit and in comrades, threatening to expel them for his slanderous dribble among the Jewish discussing with Left Oppositionists and workers of the "Hill", he constantly countries refuse to grant them loans, even gong so far as to accuse them of harps on the Greek comrades of the Left

Stalinist Attacks All Along the Line

The recent increase in the activities of the Left Opposition in Pittsburgh and chauvinism in the ranks of the party the formidable progress achieved cannot, is only amplified by the fact that the The speaker asked whether this unem- of course, help but burn up the Stalinists chauvinistic utterances of Genosse Jena real success if it serves as the starting reaucracy and entrenches itself more and can say with confidence, that the few tie for first place. That is only a momen-

march and in helping to make it a real in this campaign to defame the Opposidemonstration of mass power, the open- tion is the local court-jester of the buing of an era of genuine and solid united reaucracy, a certain Jenkins. Jenkins is front action on the part of the American a well-known pie-card whose chief argument against the Left Opposition is relief only by struggle and then went on Communist League (Opposition) closed olutionary work in the course of twenty ber of public meetings and affairs. Preed the arrival of the Hunger Marchers in principle: namely, that the majority is meetings the Left Opposition will strive for the sufferings of the working class and desked the working class are sent in at one time. The suffering class are sent in at one time. The paid sent to join in greeting them at West kins with an apt quotation from Engels ed with its position, in principles, as THE PAID SUB CARD IDEA in this crisis. At no time did he even sent to join in greeting them at West kins with an apt quotation from Engels ed with its position, in principles, as The on the question of majorities and minor- well as in the every day class struggle. meeting was then adjourned amid inter- ities in the revolutionary movement. Dates and places will be announced in Engels did not live on the "Hill", and forthcoming issues. he link up this struggle with the main tionists and party members or sympath- he died before Jenkin's time. Besides -he was a German and never wrote for

resort to the arguments of a chauvinist, and a Jewish chauvinist at that!

This very dangerous manifestation of One particularly headless participant hit, will be a poor consolation to him. The revolutionary workers will learn to H. Nash is now in third place. And judge such tactics and to call them by there's no telling what he'll do next. their proper name.

Other Activities of the Left Opposition. Within the near future the Communthat it is a minority. His terrible rev- ist League here intends to hold a numyears has taught him one paramount parations are already process. At these always right. We will not burden Jen- to make the Pittsburgh workers acquaint-

Among our comrades here, there are the Freiheit. Since Jenkins knows only a number active in the trade union movewhat he reads in the Freiheit, it would ment. Their contacts are increasing and hardly be fair of us to tax him with the they report that Left wing sympathics words of Mark's comrade and co-founder within the unions are growing daily. The of the proletarian revolutionary move- League is attempting to gauge the possibilities for work in this important field But we do have a right to pose the as well, and to help in utilizing them. question as to whether this perennial A start has already been made in the majorityite speaks in the name of Com- form of a small trade union group.

Opposition at Anti-War Meet in N. Y.

(Continued from page 1) spoke on the Communists and the Hun- vanced, it is not yet too late to join up. the second part—the voting of the Love- duced a motion condemning the procedger March. Comrade Gordon answered One study group meets on Sunday after- stonelte youth and the YCL on the sec- ure of the Conference and calling for noons, at 2:30 P. M., and has for its ond part is uncertain although it ap- the support of the Barbusse manifesto. pears that they did not vote against.

The Chicago Anti-War Conference

Another resolution which aroused dispute was one supporting a number of student anti-war conferences to be held in the coming few months. It included the conference to be held during Christmas at Chicago as an outgrowth of the Barbusse-Amsterdam Conference. The intent of the resolution was to avoid the direct endorsement of the Chicago conference called-for in a resolution submitted to the committee by the National Students League. An amendment was introduced by Donald Henderson, of the NSL calling upon the delegates to get the students on the campus to send representatives to Chicago.

could the students effectively struggle the expulson of the entire educational de-vices in its building. Now there is a ried change in the plans, brought a

A Continuations Committee was electtinuations Committee without being acted upon by the Conference delegates. The The Greek Workers Educational Circle, objections were overruled. The Young Communist League, the NSL and the speeches towards the end of the Confer-

various groups participating.

The Young Communist League intro-The Motion was overwhelmingly defeated. The fraudulent character of the so-called united front conference was obvious

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Lewit-Bleeker Tour Extends Basis of «Unser Kamf» Workers Clubs

From Toronto we proceeded to Oleve- branch. The two Jewish-speaking comland. One of the most striking features rades in the branch have for years been of party life in the provinces, is the the leading spirits in the work in this the English language, one by Lewit on Comrade Carter of the National Youth fact that there is no attempt made to field. The attempt of the Stalinists to the Left Opposition, and the third one Committee, Left Opposition, amended carry on any educational work. The Stal- isolate them meant in reality the destruc- was under the auspices of the Labor Henderson's proposal by adding that the inists have no use for revolutionary tion of the movement in this territory. Lyceum open forum, where comrade conference call upon working class youth- theory. This despite the fact that the The branch of the International Workers Lewit was to speak on the duties of revorganizations as well as students to par- turnover in the membership is so great Order in this locality was dissolved in clutionists in trade unions and fraternal ticipate at Chicago. In the ensuing dis- and that not alone the ranks, but the true bureaucratic fashion, because these organizations; both of them in Jewish. cussion he explaned that it was a mis- leading cadres as well, are ignorant of comrades were the leaders in it. The take to limit the conference call to stu- the basic principles of Communism. When | Icor passed out of existence, because our | sky was to broadcast over the radio in dents; that only under the leadership the Left Oppositionists were expelled in comrades and the people they influence the morning the lecture at the Labor of working class youth organizations the Cleveland district in 1928, it meant were not permitted to render their ser. Temple was to take place, we made a huragainst war; that the Communists should partment from the party, comrade Brah. movement on foot in Youngstown to adplay a leading role in this movement. tin was the agit-prop director conducting mit our comrades into the group that broadcast, after which we had it trans-The Young Communist League delegates a circuit school, and Gleisser was the is now attempting to reorganize the Icor. lated and explained, with a general dising supported by a number of NSL mem- level not to require any more educa- It is doubtful, though, if the National us to an excellent spirited banquet where

> Our comrades, on the other hand, failed to continue under Opposition auspices the educational work they had been carrying on for many years in the party, headquarters, conducts two classes, one process of formation in Boston. thus filling this gap in the work of the with comrade Edwards, and another with party. Had our comrades done this, we comrade Glotzer. The branch holds a would now have a flourishing branch in regular weekly open forum. The com-Cleveland. We realized this immediately rades participate in various mass activupon our arrival and in the meetings with ities, speak before workers' organizations the comrades, decided to proceed with and debate various groups in the labor the immediate organization of classes in movement. The activities of our youth even branching out into near-by cities. Marxism. All our other efforts during comrades in Chicago are among the our stay in Cleveland were spent on brightest spots in the work of this loprocuring subs for Unser Kamf, and the cality. broadening of the circle of our readers and laying the base for future organi- an Unser Kamf Club of people who have brought with them a national figure, a zation work. On our return trip from the tour, we will stop off in Cleveland who will now carry on the work of the nounced himself to be a member of the and Youngstown to hold lectures on the Opposition viewpoint, for which our comrades are now making the necessary pre-

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ities in various fields. It has its own as a result of the tour, with one in the

Youngstown was visited by us for an from the Freifeit Singing Society. It ap- of the fact that we "spoke revolution". buy machinery for which the imperialist of a desire for Communist unity between plause of the steering committee itself! overnight stay and we met with the pears that he has been singing out of he is compelled to use the same terms, in Chicago will take place on the 6th portunist crimes. of December on our return.

In Davenport we stopped over night on the way to Minneapolis. Here we had the new comrades in the branch, and we FOR THE MINERS.

established a number of contacts for Unser Kamf, securing subs.

In Minneapolis we stayed for nine days, because our field here is so much broader. The time was well spent. We delivered three lectures: one by comrade Bleeker on the trade union question in When we discovered that comrade Trotradio to the lyceum, listened to the we raised 25 dollars for Unser Kamf. Here too we organized an Unser Kamf Club. This is the third club that is now Our Chicago group is carrying on activ- definitely organized and is functioning

Our Des Moines branch, which we visited next, inspired us greatly by the activities it is carrying on. It helds a regular weekly open forum, a class, participates in the unemployed work, and is The lecture the comrades arranged for us had an attendance of 50. The local Stalinists came to take issue with us, but they only helped us by revealing their We succeeded in Chicago to build up bankruptcy in broad relief. They even been won to our viewpoint recently and certain Green from New York, who an-Opposition in the Jewish field in an or- national committee of the Workers Exganized manner, one of these comrades Servicemen's League. In his opening re-Gurevitch suffered the wrath of the marks he stated apologetically, to the Stalinist bureaucrats by being expelled amusement of the audience.-that in view tune with the "general line". This com- although he is under instructions not to rade was their best tenor, he was one talk about revolution in the West and in of those who led the Left wing fight in the South! This simpleton merely rethe socialist singing society, while his vealed to us that the faith of the Stalpresent expellers were on the other side inists in the "third period" has shaken, of the fence. His sole crime consisted and that this official emmissary from in selling the Unser Kamf. The exist- New York brought the message to the ence of our paper terrified the scared local comrades to be "practical", and Stalinists, and rightly so. Our paper is when Stalinists become "practical". read eagerly by the Jewish workers who there is no telling where they will stop, have been lied to and misled by the We have had enough of that experience Freiheit for so many years. Our lecture | in the so called "second period" of op-

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