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Hitler Is Consolidating the Power of Fascism In Germany! Whoever Blocks the Workers' United Front Is a Traitor!

Hitler has taken another big step in the consolidation of exclusive Fascist domination of Germany...

when the von Papen cabinet was established last year. Several days ago it will be remembered...

Contrary to the infinitely stupid assertions of the Stalinists concerning the Fascist essence of social democracy...

en even the most backward. But the Stalinist leaders of the Communist party continue with incredible obstinacy...

Germany in the Daily Worker as if there were years of preparation ahead of them. To read their contributions...

The failure to organize the united front is only another way of capitulating to Fascism without a serious struggle...

Let the Communist workers reflect—and act speedily. Let them demand an immediate reckoning from the self-satisfied bureaucrats...

Symbolic and significantly characteristic is the removal of the notorious social democrat Carl Zoergel...

A two-year old child should be able to understand Hitler's tactics.

This is why the Fascists attack not only the revolutionary wing of the labor movement, the Communists...

The assassin bands of the murderous Fascist counter-revolution have spilled the blood of more than a score of German workers...

The naming of Hitler as Chancellor of the Reich cannot but call to mind the events which more than ten years ago led in Italy to the "March on Rome"...

These differences will unquestionably be utilized by the social democracy and by the Stalinist apparatus in order subsequently to beat the retreat without giving battle...

All the capitalist bombast about an early economic revival has burst like a pricked balloon...

Scottsboro Frame-Up Laid Bare

CHARGE OF "RAPE" PROVES TO BE UNFOUNDED; LETTER OF GIRL NOW PUBLISHED

A startling revelation which lays bare the whole rotten basis of the frame-up against the nine Scottsboro Negro lads convicted on a fraudulent charge of "rape" in a trial atmosphere charged with a lynching spirit...

Text of Bates Letter

The full text of the letter by Ruby Bates to her sweetheart Earl Streetman, is as follows:

"Dearest Earl: I want to make a statement to you Mary Sanders is a goodam lie about those Negroes jassing me those policemen made me tell a lie that is my statement because I want to clear my self that is all I too if you want to believe me ok. If not that is ok, you will be sorry some day if you had to stay in jail with 8 eight Negroes you would tell a lie two those Negroes did not touch me or those white boys I hope you will believe me the law dont. I love you better than Mary does or any body else in the world that is why I am telling you of this thing I was drunk at the time and did not know what I was doing I know it was wrong to let those Negroes die on account of me I hope you will believe my statement because it is the gods truth I hope you will believe me I was jazed but those White Boys jazed me I wish those Negroes are not burnt on account of me it is those White Boys fault that is my statement and that is all I know I hope you tell the law hope you will answer.

"Jan. 5, 1932 "Huntsville, Ala. "215 Connelly Alley. "P. S. this is one time that I might tell a lie But it is the truth so god help me. Ruby Bates."

Hitler Threat to Soviet Union

ANALYSIS SHOWS THAT CONTRADICTIONS IN POLITICS OF HITLERISM DRIVES IT TO AN ALLIANCE WITH THE OTHER IMPERIALISTS FOR AN ASSAULT UPON SOVIET UNION

Hitler, unlike von Papen, has never made public his economic program. This alone is sufficient reason for thinking that it may not be "fit to print" before a movement of infuriated petty bourgeois...

Yet it is clear that what he does say contradicts the economic fundamentals of the class which supports him, and what he does not say constitutes by itself a most important program.

A basic element in the relation of the heavy industry of the Ruhr in Germany, with France, is the fact that France has more iron ore than it needs and not enough coal, while Germany can export coal but needs iron ore.

Before the war, there was the classic case of the two brothers, both armies since the war, the bert von Wendel and Francois de Wendel, one sitting in the German Reichstag, the other in the French Chambre de Deputes, realizing their own private united front of Franco-German capitalism during the war, the rich Briey ore basin of Lorraine was untouched by artillery from either side...

"Ruby Bates.

It is no accident that Papen addressed the Lausanne Conference in French, a conciliatory act that not even the apostles of internationalism such as Bruening or even Stresemann would have dared.

But if Germany, with or without Hitler, remains tied to France, it cannot attack Poland, or take any serious steps to end the international disgrace of the Polish Corridor which drives a wedge between two halves of East Prussia from Poland to the sea.

Dependence on Foreign Bankers Nor are things any better with the "breaking of the slavery of interest". At the very moment when Hitler was made Chancellor, a committee of foreign and notably American bankers, the forefront of the hated slavery, was quietly dictating with German bankers as to how rapidly they could take their funds out of Germany...

Germany pays abroad about \$250,000,000 a year in interest. This means that unless it obtains through its foreign trade, tourist traffic, etc., at least that much in

OPEN FORUM

"WHAT NEXT IN THE NEEDLE TRADES"

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RIGHT AND LEFT UNION The Policy of the Left Opposition

Speaker: J. P. CANNON Friday, 8 P. M., FEBRUARY 17th 126 East 16th Street, ADMISSION: 15c N. Y. Br. Communist League of America (Opposition)

Oehler Tour this Week

Comrade Hugo Oehler, member of the National Committee of the Communist League of America (Opposition) will open his National tour to arouse all class conscious workers to the danger of Fascism in Germany, in Utica on Friday, February 17. Comrade Oehler's tour of all the important cities must be met with big mass meetings to awaken and call to action every thinking worker. The

Nazis Murder 11 Workers

The assassin bands of the murderous Fascist counter-revolution have spilled the blood of more than a score of German workers leaving about as many dead in their wake, over the week-end. The Nazi lust for the blood of the "Marxists" knows no bounds.

In the cities of Eisleben, Bochum, Strausfurt, Dessau, Dortmund, Stuttgart, Breslau and, Bensheim innumerable individuals have gone to their graves—victims of Fascist gunplay. The Hitlerists have commenced a violent civil war. It will not terminate until either these brown shirted hordes eradicate the organizations of the German proletariat or they find themselves under the tombstone they are preparing for those who will not rest silent under their blows.

The same news reports apprise us of the fact that in the above mentioned city of Eisleben, which is 110 miles from Berlin, a fierce encounter occurred between Nazi's and Communists which was provoked by the former. They gave the cynical excuse for their premeditated attack—a Nazi troop was fired at from Communist headquarters. The Brown Shirts stormed the same building wrecking everything they could lay their hands on. A fight ensued, the Communists heroically protecting their headquarters. The result of this battle were three persons killed and fifteen injured.

This first onslaught on Communist headquarters is symptomatic from two angles. First it demonstrates the cowardice of the Fascist hordes. Instead of attacking a party building in Berlin—they wouldn't get off so easily there—they choose a small city of some 25,000 for their murderous assault. Secondly, if we can judge by the Italian experience, discussed in another part of this issue, this incident in Eisleben is one of the beginnings of the German Fascists "march on Rome".

dates cannot be changed. Members and sympathizers please take note of the schedule: Utica, N. Y.—Feb. 17 Buffalo, N. Y.—Feb. 18 Pittsburgh, Pa.—Feb. 19 New Castle, Pa.—Feb. 20 Youngstown, Ohio—Feb. 21 Cleveland, Ohio—Feb. 22 Chicago, Ill.—Feb. 24, 25, 26 Davenport, Iowa—Feb. 27 Des Moines, Iowa—Feb. 27 Kansas City, Mo.—March 1, 2, 3 St. Louis, Mo.—March 4, 5 Illinois Coal Fields—March 6

Fascism: Italian and German

COMPARISON BETWEEN ITALIAN FASCISM OF 1920 AND THE HITLERITE MOVEMENT OF TODAY SHOWS POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCCESSFUL COUNTER-MOVEMENT OF PROLETARIAT

The naming of Hitler as Chancellor of the Reich cannot but call to mind the events which more than ten years ago led in Italy to the "March on Rome".

The first common characteristic is the Fascist movement itself. De-classed and shattered sections of the urban bourgeoisie; middle and petty; middle and small peasants; the backward proletariat; these are the Fascist masses whether in Italy or in Germany. The masses who protest, who revolt against the economic ruin of which they are the victims or which threatens them.

The second common characteristic, in Italy as in Germany, is that the Fascist movement has been created, financed and groomed for the administration of affairs, at the head of the government by the big bourgeoisie and the big agrarians.

Despite its social demagogy and its anti-plutocratic phraseology, the Fascist movement does not come to power as a force opposed to the big bourgeoisie, to the plutocracy but as its representative, as its manager of the defense of the interests of same the bourgeoisie class.

As to the analogies of the situa-

Millions to Be Jobless Permanently

ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED WILL REMAIN, ADMITS HEAD OF A. F. OF L., WM. GREEN

The meaning of this statement is quite clear. More than 25 percent of those listed by the census as gainfully employed are now pounding the pavement and lining up at soup kitchens and breadlines. About as many workers do not receive more than part time employment. And if we add to these their wives and children there more than 50,000,000 human beings are standing on the brink of starvation in plentiful America.

These differences can and should be utilized in another manner by the proletariat. For they are nearly all unfavorable to the bourgeoisie and favorable to revolutionary proletarian action.

The greatest difference, the essential difference between the two situations of the March on Rome and the elevation of Hitler to the Chancellorship is that in Germany the forces of the proletariat are almost intact. They are certainly weak, they are partly demoralized

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Suspend 19 C.C.N.Y. Students

As the aftermath of a meeting of City College students held a few months ago in defiance of the instructions of school authorities, at which a protest was made against the despotic inroads made upon the rights of the students, nineteen of the latter have been suspended from the College by the Board of Higher Education.

To demonstrate against the expulsion of Johnson, as well as against the many infractions of students' rights, a "trial" of Dr. Robinson, president of the college, and Dr. Lincham, director of the

evening session—the division in which Johnson was an instructor—was held at the Central Opera House. Before the meeting the authorities, who were to be "indicted" on a number of counts, threatened any student with administrative action if he participated. Notwithstanding, several hundred students appeared to hear the testimony of other students and raise their voices in protest. The news of the Board's act came during examinations at a time when students are most likely to be inactive. But this will soon be remedied. For now, with the opening of the new school semester, a movement against the suspensions is already in progress. Once before, a mass student protest reinstated suspended students (most recently, nine who had participated in the Johnson fight.) This may well happen again. The outcome in large measure depends upon the policy of the National Student League. If it properly organizes a united front of student organizations and does not offhand reject a bloc with the socialist League for Industrial Democracy, success is to a great extent assured.

B'KLYN MASS MEETING

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