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# Hitlerites Shut Down Headquarters of The Communist Party Why Does the Communist International Continue Its Silence About Germany?

tional measures to insure execu- power! tion of their murder program against the working class. After showing such an unmistakable dehaving instructed the police to suppress all anti-Fascist meetings with ment to crush the Nazis, is being Japan Widens Attack On the aid of the brown-shirts and kept in a state of impotence from Steel Helmets, a new order has two sides. The social democracy, bers of the Steel Helmets for use is descending upon its body. as "auxiliary police". The training of the latter has already begun and they have already been officially reviewed by government authorities as part of the government's forces. The suppression of meetings of Communists and social democrats is being carried out without the slightest camouflage. In Berlin, the social democratic Reichsbanner has been forbidden to hold a demonstration "on the ground that it would collide with Nazi arrangements". In Altona, the Nazi storm troops are to parade openly in the streets, this time not merely with the official approval of the authorities, and under police protection, but the formal announcement that the most rigorous measures will be adopted to suppress any counterdemonstration. At Cologne-a fact of enormous significance!—socialist meetings "are to be permitted St. Louis Unemployment Conference only if no Communists happen to be present". In this Fascist order is contained an acknowledgement of the fear experienced by the Nazis when faced with the prospect of united demonstrations and action of the German working class, both of the Communist and social democratic camp.

In addition, the radio, a government monopoly from which the 1933. Some thirty organizations fanatics retreated, going back for we are doing it first. Communists were excluded in the past, has now been allocated entirely for the use of the Nazis and local branch of the Communist file militant, who enjoys a vast the Nationalists, so that not only League of America (Opposition) amount of respect among the rank the Communists and the social democrats are to be deprived of its use. International Workers School and fights in behalf of the unemployed, ut even the Cathlic Center party the Jewish Workers Club sent de- arrived at this time. He insisted and the People's party once headed legates to fight for our unemployed that the "Trotskyite" delegation be by the deceased Dr. Stresemann. Party Quarters Raided

To top this record of a couple of days of intensive Fascist activity that the "Trotskyite" delegations in Germany, is to be noted the fact would have difficulty in being seatthat not only was the huge Com- ed. Stalinists told us before the munist party meeting in Berlin meeting that they would unite with broken up by the police, but the "anybody". This was later conheadquarters of the Communist firmed by the enthusiastic recepparty, the famous Karl Lieknecht tion of the Stalinites to two re-House, was broken into by squads ligious delegations. John Spengerof police, literature and other party mann and Charles Mahler were on property confiscated, and a police the distributing committee giving guard left in charge of the build- out our unemployment program ing. One day later (Saturday), the police announced the discovery the conference. Luckily the Left "of subterranean vaults containing Opposition members were close by tons of treasonable printed matter as the Stalinist fanatics came out and labyrinths of underground pas- en masse-20 or 25 of them-to sages providing secret exits". One inform us to desist from distributof the first moves following this ing our literature or else our raid, has been the government or- "heads will get broken". We told der forbidding the Communist the fauaties that we would conparty to collect money publicly, time giving out our leaflets in spite a petty episodic "immediate relief" All these moves are only the flank of their threats. In order to avoid attacks, the preliminary skirmish- a fist-fight and the interference of es, in the plan of battle of the Fasc. the police, who were across the ists to harass and weaken the party street, we retreated out of the lobby sufficiently to be able to give it onto the sidewalk. During the the final blow that will drive it out of existence.

should be directed. What the Fascists are now doing and what they intend to do tomorrow-that we were able to forecast without the same day, Sunday, Feb. 19, not protected against those who difficulty and we did forecast it. 1933, one in Ringgold, La., the other "prey on women", such as the fam-Far exceeding this aspect of the in Aiken, S. C., a banker having ous "Lone Wolf" who operated in German situation in importance, been beaten to death in one local- New Orleans the same as he did in remains the state of paralysis of ty, the Negro in Aiken having New York, any more than women the proletariat which makes possible the murderous advance of the of the New York Times, Mr. Fredreveals an unusually lucid under- bons to keep the workers divided other places. Certainly their outthe government order to arm the enced by the fact that in their re- alry of the South is a thin cloak purely mythical. Neither the Com- place at the base of so many lynch- of women in the Southern States. slightest demonstration for weeks. Virtually all 'excesses' and disturbances have originated from Nazi attempted to rape, or he attacked

In a word, the Fascists are not lynching was none other than to merely very much on the offensive, protect white women! (Certainly but the working class has not yet they never make any pretense at even organized its defensive!

In Germany, with its trade un- they lie even here, and the workers ion movement, its Communist party throughout the country, especially 740,000 at the time of the Revoluand its social democratic party far the Southern workers, should be tionary War, of which 700,000 were stronger than they ever were in given a chance to see through the Italy, the fact is that the Hitler- fabity of this accusation.

The working class, which is Stampfer's Interview

In the interview with the press, worth recalling for a moment the war. China is still in the threes vent others from fighting or to try the editor of the central organ of historic antecedents of the present of revolution, halted but for a mo- to end their quarrels... We do not the social democracy. Herr Fried- League, rich Stampfer declared, according to the Heald-Tribune (2-24-1933), that his party was not very much ance initiated by Czar Alexander. worried about the possibilities en- The clearest expression of that joyed by the Fascsts for remaining alliance was given in the Protocol long in power! From his interview, of Troppau in 1820. The advance we extract the following items, of "democracy" had not yet made characteristically significant!

"The German working class is documents. That protocol stated, not very strong as an attacking "If owing to such (revolutions), force, but put it on the defensive immediate danger threatens other and it is unconquerable....On July states, the Powers bind themselves

Its prototype was the Holy Alli-

mandatory care in the wording of

totypes only in the greater speed sent, time less resistance than did lead inevitably to a confict which time may come, indeed, and that will not accelerate such a develop- have a formidable task anead of .y negitating to work with the 60with which they are succeeding in Mussolini's Black Shirts either he could only end to the disadvantage before long, when things will come ment... The endeavors of the so- us, but we do not view the sacuaconsolidating their power, the Nazi fore their march on Rome or after of the workers ... We socialists can- to a head and the trade unions will cialist leaders to organize even a tion in any spirit of depression or wels have thus taken a rear out of

of unity) is one reason why China

-is unable to defend itself today,

unable to rid itself as it desires,

of foreign vessels that ply the

Yangtse River. These forces are

not only Japanese. They are Brit-

ish, American, French, Italian and

The attitude of British capital-

ism at this juncture is superbly

stated by Winston Churchill who

fire. "Even if foreign countries en-

gaged in a war there is no reason

why a wise, honorable foreign pol-

icy should not enable us to stand

aside." That is to say let the U.S.

Militant Sales

In Sharp Rise

New York are mounting with un-

usual speed. The campaign of

the Left Opposition on the Ger-

man situation has encountered

the greatest interest and support

of any movement yet set on foot

by us in this country. The pre-

vious issue of the Militant, con-

taining the article on the Ger-

others...Less than five years ago

Differing from their Italian pro-1 ites are encountering at the pre-, ever, that a general strke would eign observers seem to expect. The two generations, but the socialists ... We socialists realize that we the Communist masses are actual-

gangs in Germany have now addi- the installation of the Fascists in not be revolutionary, or militant, cease to put up passively with the latabsm. Fascism stands no chance the book of Scaling and the property faction of the Fascists in not be revolutionary, or militant, cease to put up passively with poliat the present time, as many for tical developments, as they have for Communists have failed completely or gaining a footnoid in a nation main. While the situation cries

The hypocrisy of the imperialist! ification due to the march of his-; and Japan ruin each other while been issued by Captain Goering, the at a moment when the proletariat League of Nations in its attitude tory, this is still the doctrine of we keep the arena from becoming and will not be, goes without say-Fascist commissioner in charge of should be aroused and every instru- towards China stands recorded in the League. It must be recalled a free-for-all. Churchill goes on, mg. Exceeding even their tear of stampier consoles the working the Prussian Ministry of the In- ment of struggle put into its hands, every speech of the "statesmen". further that the first Hague Peace after stating that the League canterior, commanding the arming of is drugging the working class just The League was founded for the Conference was initiated by another not force England into a war: masses may untold such a move is too cultured a mind to anow the Nazi storm troops and the mem- at the time when the Fascist knife maintenance of a robbers' status Czar, Nicholas II, in 1898; that "The first duty of British states ent as will lead to the revolution Fascism to "gain a footnoid" in it. quo and for the crushing of the So- finally, the League was constituted men is to make sure we are not ary victory of the projecturiat. That I've Itulian social democrats more

> necessarily hand in hand. It is diplomats after a robbers' world their second (!) duty to try to prement. The League and the Japan- want to throw away our old friendese call this intense and profound ship with Japan." Churchill tells movement of the Chinese masses Japan plainly that she has a perof history, nothing but "chaos" and compares directly what Japan is "anarchy". In reality this places doing in China with what England China outside the pale of the herself is engaged in carrying out League. And that is the complete in India. And indeed the compartenor of Matsuoka's speech of ison is most apt!

> > Meantime the League begins

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withdrawal from the League. That speech is the declaration, if it still new tune on the arms embargo. needed any declaration, that it is "open season" for the robber im- Such an embargo would hardly be perialists in China. "That (lack worth the paper to record it. No

coming from the workers."

not be revolucionary, or militant', rascism, is their fear that the class with the theory that Germany viet Union, these two aims going by the most reactionary imperialist drawn into any war, and it is only the socialists have engeavored to than 10 years ago also disarmed make an amance with the Com- the masses oy assuring mem that munists, is just as much or a natf- in their country, the "cradie of motruth as is the contention of the gern civilization, the fascist bar-Statinists that they stand for the barians could not hope to "gain a "united front from below" with the foothold". And why not? Because socialist workers, but not with the socialists will "resist". How? that is forcing the submerged work- feetly free hand in China so far as their organizations. The social the joint manuesto of the social ers and peasants on to the stage Enguand is concerned. In fact he democrats have indeed demanded a democratic party and Reichstag "united front" with the Commun-traction gives us an idea of what ists, but on the little condition that this resistance will look like. while the Communists dissolve them the Hitternes are proceeding with seives! What else is the meaning their violent regime of terrorism, of the socialist demand that in this with fire and sword, with the ut-"united front" the Communists re- most brutality and cymical unconfrain from criticism of the policies cern for all the niceties of parisaand conduct of the social democra-

The current issue of the American

### socialist New Leader boasts that of foreign military forces stationed in and about the treaty ports and Intensive Exploitation of the German Workers is Prospect Under Hitler

employed Councils on Feb. 19th, tion on unemployment. The 25 what you would like to do, but in three years; yet prices of com- ate recovery in German economy to the butchers of Fascism. modicles and securities keep ad-independently of the world situavancing. The latter fact is espe- tion by making a present of 2 bilcially interesting as it shows the lion marks to the capitalists. opinion which the German bourgeoisie itself has, and is willing to pull her own chestnuts out of the markets, of its immediate future.

The contradictions reflect the fact that Germany is now in a critview to squeezing out the maximum profits possible under the If an effective united front between Communist and reformist workers through their organizations is formed, it may well not only defeat Hitler and reestablish the rights of the workers under the bourgeois democracy of the Weimar republic, but sweep on beyond these limits and open a period of revolutionary crisis on the way to the seizure of power.

In such a transitional stage as the present in Germany, economic life reflects not only echoes of the immediately preceding past but anticipations of the new. The increase in unemployment reflects the

7 Wounded In New Mine Battle

The State Senatorial Committee | bona-fide union of coal diggers in

a battle that occurred in a Peabody But they are meeting with stiff re-

scabs and two deputy sheriffs were for almost a year. They are strik-

injured in the skirmish that occur- ing virtually only for union recog-

red at the Woodside and Capital nition. They refuse to let the Pea-

Significance of Low Export Surplus

the export surplus was reduced to 6 million dollars is even more significant. Since German capitalism ical position, in which the next few needs an export surplus of over 20 weeks or months may impress their milion dollars a month to meet its character on years to come. If interest on borrowed money, most-Hitler wins full power, he will ly from America. Since no new open a period of the most intense capital is coming into the country exploitation of German labor with (on the contrary, an international bankers' committee is meeting in Berlin to consider how to take out situation of the general world crisis the capital that they still have left of capitalism intensified by a cycli-cal crisis of unheard-of intensity. in Germany) the deficit between monthly payments of interest and monthly export surpluses must come out of Germany's gold reserve. These are not only depleted but to the extent of over 40 percent represent borrowed gold. Another few months of such small or vanishing export surpluses and Germany will have to suspend interest payments, or else go off the gold standard through exhaustion of its gold reserves.

> The Fascist-Bonapartist alliance which now controls Germany wants to retain its backing by internation-(Continued on Page 2)

> mines have been out on strike now

body slave-drivers force them into

UMWA. While the remainder of

like Germany that has a certain out for a united front from organilevel of pontical culture, owing to skelou to organization, both the sothe resistance that win be forth- clat democratic leaders and the That the socialist leaders "can- serves with empty, disastrous chatter about the tunned front from

mentarism so cherished by the social democrats, the latter announce:

"We shall wage our struggle upon the basis of the Constitution. We shall defend the political and social rights or the people, estabsished by the Constitution and by naw." (New Leader, 2-25-1933.)

The program of the social democracy has the merit of clarity. We know what it is driving at: it aims to keep its record of treachery un-The present situation in German bankruptcy of the Bonapartist re- impaired. To talk about "strugand American, had to go into according presents new contradic gime of Papen-Schleicher together sie on the basis of the Constitucalled in the name of the Needle demanded the unity of the work- tion at Nanking." In short, says tions every day. Unemployment has with its economic program, which tion" at a time like this, is deli-Trades Workers Industrial Union ers, thus concretely vindicating the Japan, let us make no bones about been increasing, and the export sur- was essentially a gamble on the perately to surrender the German and the City Committee of the Un- unity program of the Left Opposi- the matter, we are doing precisely plus has fallen to the lowest figure possibility of stimulating a separ- working class, bound and gagged,

But if the social democracy has at least this merit, the same cannot be said about the Comunist party. What is the party doing to mobilize The fact that in January 1933 the working class at this crucial, desperate hour? Nobody knows, least of all the Stalinist leaders! The official party press continues to report an incident here and another elsewhere about clashes between Communists and Fascists, but nobody can discern just what the policy of the party looks like. The hollow repetition of the slogan for the "united front from below" -signifies less than nothing. The Fascists are moving with seven eague boots-the Communists, who should be in the vanguard of the movement to initiate the united front, are bewildered, confused and impotent. The observations of the bourgeois correspondent referred to above are, sadly enough, close to the terrible truth.

### Stalinist Silence

The proletariat has not yet struck back at Fascism. and for this the Stalinists bear the main burden of responsibility. The program of the Left Opposition-for a united front of the Communist party with the social democracy and the trade unions-the former has rejected al imperialist capital, and there- out of hand. Are they waiting until the German proletariat has been cut to pieces before they decide to act? That is the question and that is how it must be put.

And above everything else,

repeat our question: WHY IS THE COMMUNIST IN-TERNATIONAL SILENT ABOUT investigating conditions in the the state of Illinois with the ex- THE EVENTS IN GERMANY? mines of southern Illinois received tinct and discredited shell of a WHY DOESN'T THE COMMUNa rear dose of the class struggle in "union" of Lewis-Walker and Co. IST INTERNATIONAL DO ITS ELEMENTARY DUTY AND mine in Springfield which they were sistance from the miners. These SPEAK OUT? WHY DOESN'T IT "investigating". Two members of miners working in the Peabody GIVE COUNSEL TO THE GER-MAN PROLETARIAT AT DESPERATE MOMENT OF CRISIS?, WHY DOESN'T IT CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING CLASS FOR PROLE-TARIAN SOLIDARITY THE GERMAN MASSES?

For the Communist International, the "general staff of the world mine when the strikebreakers were signed up the independent employ- revolution", to persist in its sil-

For the Communist worker to

Louder and louder must rise the ery: The Communist International must speak out! It must demand Hitlerism! It must stop talking ion", and actually defend it on its This is just another instance against the scab-herders and their most threatened front: Germany.

—G. C. Sunday, Feb. 26, 1933. —M. S.

### 20 last, when the Braun government by peaceful means, or if need be was deposed in Prussia, the Com- by arms, to bring back the guilty munists urged us to call a general state to the bosom of the Great strike. We were convinced, how- Alliance." With the necessary mod-

Adops Left Opposition Proposals

sent fifty delegates representing "more reinforcements". Fortunapproximately 2.000 workers. The ately Charles Warner, a rank and and its auxiliary organizations, the and file workers for his militant

However, it appeared at first leaflets to the workers attending

A unity convention of the em- squabble workers stepped up and a portion of these forces, British against any trouble and admitted. The bureaucrats did not dare to oppose the will of this extremely popular fighter of the Unemployed Councils. Warner agreed with our demand that our committee should distribute our leaflet and none of the fanatics would interfere. Victory, Number

> The conference was opened by Stone. Warner was elected chairman by acclamation. And then the conference got down to busi-

A resolutions committee of six, which included two Left Oppositionists, was elected. The Credentials Committee which was elected also included a Left Oppositionist sympathizer. Victory number two!

The resolutions as proposed by Unemployed Council were only of nature. The Left Oppositionists in the resolutions committee brought forth the entire program of the Communist League of America (Op-(Continued on Page 2)

# It is not to these events, however, that the center of attention Two Negroes Lynched In South

Two Negro workers were lynched;

That even the newspapers of the capitalism. They are forced into Nazis. The Berlin correspondent North are partners to perpetuating prostitution with low wages, unemthis worse than barbarous instituerick T. Birchall, an observer who tion, used by the southern Bour- tainty even more than in many standing of what is happening, along color lines and the Negro makes the following comment on race subjected as a caste, is evid- slim. The truth is that the chiv-Fascists to help the police against ports of the lynching of Nelson that covers not only the bosses' DEN the Left wing: "The growing ex- Nash of Louisiana they include the excuses for lynching Negroes, but cesses of the Left radicals' are lie of the white South that they munists nor any other radicals of ings: "He attempted to attack Mrs. the Left have dared to make the Batchelor", the wife of the late

> They always say, he raped, he her, as if the purpose of their protecting colored women!) But

White women in the South are been accused of stealing liquor. | are protected anywhere else under ployment, general economic uncerlook for "happy marriages" is very also the worst kind of degeneration

> Not only are Negro women outside the pale of Southern chivalry; they are often the victims of this DOES THE DANGER THREATEN? weapon the bosses wield, and one inquires of those who maintain this sex angle, if lynching is to protect white women from being raped by Negroes, why are Negro women also the victims of this weapon? In 1710 there were 50,000 Negroes in the country; 220,000 in 1750;

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man situation by comrade Trotsky, was sold on the streets, like the issues before it, by members and sympathizers of the League. In New York, we sold one thousand copies of this issue in one day, in addition to the copies which go regularly to subscribers and those which are bought on the newstands. Comrade Spithas sold 181 copies; Sammy Sold 179; comrade Levine, a sympathizer, sold 170 copies and Jim Carr sold upwards of a hundred. In addition fifty copies of the latest pamphlet by Leon Trotsky, containing his Copenhagen speech in defense of the Russian Revolution, were also sold on the streets in one day at five cents a copy. The whole New York branch of the League is enthusiastically and successfuly engaged in the drive, with every comrade at his post.

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BONAPARTISM & THERMIDOR IN THE SOVIET UNION

Speaker:

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body trust attempted to operate the treacher us outfit known as the More than 1,000 miners of the the miners in Lilinois, not in the P. M. A. were on hand at each employ of the Peabody Co. have getting ready to leave for the day. ers and have been at work for ence now-IS A CRIME! immediately opened fire on the

the Progressive Miners Union, three

mines when the labor-hating Pea-

same news report the miners, overwhelmed by these armed representatives of "law and order", withdrew their lines.

where the Peabody gang is making agents of the Lewis gang! an attempt to circumvent the only

The 100 scabs (according to the N. several months these workers have Y. Times report) were protected valiantly held out. Those miners be quiet while such a crime is beby a mob of company gunmen who in the rest of the state who are ing committed-IS TO MAKE HIMworking at the present time have SELF AN ACCOMPLICE TO IT! pickets. The miners who could not contributed large amounts of money be subdued even by this murderous out of their meager wages to mainfusillade, retaliated by hurling tain their brothers yet on strike. chunks of coal and stone at the Not only this but at the first the united front of the German thugs and scabs. According to this skirmish with the bosses the mem- working class! It must set in mobers of the PMA have joined their tion the machinery that will crush forces in solidarity with the striking miners. More power to the about "defending the Soviet Un-Illinois miners in their struggle

## **BROWNSVILLE** MASS MEETING

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