World Economic Situation Today

The question of the position of How It Stands Today and cuts and against taxes which strike world economy today is of primary How It Stands Today and the working masses hardest weak. importance, and above all for Marxist revolutionists. Comrade Trotsky has proved irrefutably the connection between the strategic errors of the Comintern for the past ten years and its wrong estimations of the world situation, with its persistence in ignoring the turns which it has not foreseen.

At the present moment, the crisis has lasted over three and a haif years. The working class, which up to last year had reacted only feebly to the political and economic offensive of the bourgeoisie, has let loose a powerful wave of strikes in Germany, in England, in Belgium, in Czechoslovakia, in Poland, iately in the United States. On the other hand, the crisis, which had kept speak of the coming upturn.

in the world economic situation? period of the past ten years has Are we now facing a real turn What effects may we expect of it been-the consolidation of the powon the strategy and the tactics of er of the bourgeoisie, the set back the labor movement? These are of the proletarian offensive of questions which justify a serious 1917-21. It is painful to have to capitalism within the framework errort at an answer.

We all know that the crisis has reached a depth and a sharpness hitherto unknown. We can measure it by the number of unemployed, by the decline in production and trade, the number of bankruptcies, and a host of other indexes which show that it is not a question of an ordinary crisis such as capitalism has known ever since its birth. But besides these quantitative indexes, we have also the qualitative signs of an internal degeneration of capitalism. The banking crisis in the United States; the falling away from the gold standard of England, the Scandinavian countries, Japan, Spain and many other countries; the unstable and even fictitious character of the gold basis of many others, notably Germany; the strangulation of the world market by a host of restrictions on the international movement of commodities and capital; the fact that the regime of the bourgeoisie can no longer afford to back up its class domination by economic and political concessions to the workers, but reveals more and more nakedly its character as the organ of capitalism; the fact, of the most fundamental importance, that a sixth of the globe, the "healthy" crises of the past. cohesion.

This means that, contrary to the claptrap of the social democrats, there is not only a cyclical, but flect necessarily, to a great extent, also a general crisis of capitalism. But we must also take into account the fact that the converse proposi- our sections and groups. The birth tion is also true-that there is not only a general crisis of capitalism, but also a cyclical crisis. We cannot afford to lose from our sight both of these facts in our discussion of the crisis.

We all know why there cannot be a capitalism without a cyclical erisis. As Marx said i.n his masterly analysis in the third volume of "Capital", ".... The last cause of all real crises always remains the poverty and restricted consumption of the masses as compared to cided on the following organizathe tendency of capitalist productional form, which in its opinion tion to develop the productive best corresponds to the present forces in such a way that only the stage and the degree of consolidaabsolute power of consumption of tion of the International Left: the entire society would be their limit" (Vol. III, page 568.)

not an accident, but a normal part the Russian, Greek, German, Belof the functioning mechanism of gian and French sections, which is capitalism. It has, in other words, to meet at least once every three 38 Chancellor of the German Reich a definite role to play in the capi- months to investigate and solve the on January 30, the call of the talist economic process, which most important problems raised be-Marx has described as follows, fore the ILO. "Crises are only violent and temporary solutions of existing con- the Plenum is to be assumed direct- the Hamburg dock workers, staying | 068) workers quit the unions. In tradictions, violent eruptions which ly by the sections named. re-establish for a time the equili-

stabilization or even prosperity, de- admission) the minority has the best several hundred thousands to ing their hold over the employed, trade union opposition. In Saxony, pression and crisis, which take right to demand a final decision by respond to its extra-parliamentary The unemployed flocked in large place in a cycle of five, seven or means of a referendum of the na- action, the general strike. eleven years, are something entire- tional sections. ly different from the fundamental movement of capitalism as a whole, the political continuity and pracwhich impresses its specific char- tical execution of the work of the acter on a whole historical epoch. international leadership, is the In- movement. For instance, the half-century be- ternational Secretariat. Composed, fore the war was a period of eco- not of delegates of the sections, but nomic progress, punctuated by of comrades who are capable of crises, while the past twenty years fulfilling this function, it is select- and the reformist trade unions have been in the first instance a ed by the Plenum, is responsible period of economic decline.

period of stabilization of the cycli- the pre-Conference itself has as- organized its own trade union cencal crisis, followed by an upturn, sumed the selection of the I. S.). in no way implies the restoration The I. S. must be a real center for American party was instructed to of capitalism to its former vigor. that is, the solution of the general and political impulsion. In accordcrisis of capitalism.

character of the degeneration of the sections should be carried on Union Opposition as a center of capitalism in the present historical more and more through the I. S. epoch must put its impress on any and not through individual corre- groups in the reformists trade unpossible recovery in capitalist eco- spondence. nomy. This means that such a recovery may be expected to be limited, temporary, uncertain, and lit- of the I. S. tle inclined to extend to a point where it surpasses the peaks of production and of trade recorded the regular publication of the In- under Lenin and Trotsky of formduring the preceding boom. In the ternational Bulletin, which should ing the General Labor Union which same way as the cyclical crises of be an organ of international discus- would try to destroy all reformist the ascending period of capitalism sion and not only a bulletin of in- unions, withdraw the revolutionary were, in general, short, and were formation and of the exchange of and militant elements from the followed by new periods of economic upswing which made new records at each cycle, so the crises ent financial life of the Bulletin, of the descending period are pro- it will be sent to the sections, cash longed and followed by relatively payable on receipt. feeble and short recoveries which would be far from reaching the pendent financial life of the I. S.,

French section of the Left Opposi- the I. S. to conduct, and to follow unions did not have any easy sail- Frankfurt, the leaders of a number viet Germany.

tion on Dec. 27, 1932.)

attentively, the reshaping of the ing. tion on Dec. 27, 1932.)

Its Next Perspectives

tained in preceding cycles.

As long as the proletarian rev olution has not definitely broken the back of capitalism, the latter sistance from the working class. will always have the possibility of completing its cyclical crisis, that is, of passing from the phase of acute crisis into that of depression and even to a recovery in business.

What then are the conditions which make possible an improvement in world economy, and are there reasons to believe that this workers' forces, split-up and mutu possibility may be realized effectively in an upturn?

It is clear that the conditions for increasing in sharpness day after a turn in the world situation canday with little interruption from not be considered from the standits very beginning, has entered into point of "pure" economy—there is a period of relative calm on the no such thing. The class struggle world scale for over half a year; is fought out on all fronts-ecothe more optimistic circles of the nomic, political, ideological and bourgeoisie are even beginning to the ups and downs of the struggle on each front affect the others. Politically the net result of the record this, but it is the truth, The of the general crisis, that is to Left Opposition to know the posiresponsibility of the Stalinist frac- say, the possibility of throwing all tion in turning the policies of the the burden of the crisis on the Defense which was represented by Comintern away from the road of working class by crusing or sterilthe world revolution, the perman izing its resistance, these conditions the position of the ILD was in reent revolution, and in losing much therefore exist. of the enormous influence and prestige within the proletariat which Communism once enjoyed.

heavy one in this respect. have rendered impossible the recov- away certain factors of economic ery and the relative stabilization of instability which have grown out capitalism after 1923. But more of the inherent contradictions of the proletariat led by its revolu by conditions which permit of the organization, in strike leadership, tem. in the struggle for social insurance, for shorter hours, against wage

ens the bourgeoisie to that extent. position). It is the ravages which centrist tactics had made in this field which have permitted the bourgeoisie to carry out its policies since the crisis, without effective broad re-

What the policies of the bourgeoisie consist in, we know-mass unemployment, the attack on living standards and on social relief, new class taxes, the proletarianization of large sections of the petty bourgeoisie.

In the mass organizations, the ally distrustful, have had to give way time after time. The social Accepted by the pre-Conference of democratic leadership has been the International Left Opposition able to play its habitual and disastrons role of pacifying, lulling, putting a brake on the actions of the masses. The Communists bave not been able to tear the masses away from the reformist leaders, but have weakened their possibility for action within the reformist or-

The political conditions which render possible the recovery of

But we must also take into account a whole series of factors of more strictly economic kind in order to be able to judge of the pos-It is not only true that a series sibility of a cyclical upturn within of revolutions in the various ad- the near future. The historical vanced or colonial countries would function of the crisis is to sweep than this-every partial victory of capitalism, and to replace them tionary yanguard, in trade union temporary equilibrium of the sys

To be continued -B. J. FIELD.

International Pre-Conference of the Left Opposition Presents Thesis

(Continued from last issue) On the Reorganization of the

International Organ of the ILO the USSR, has torn itself away terized by the advanced crystalliza- organization (control of the work, from capitalist domination-all tion of its cadres, the expansion of this shows that we are dealing with its organized forces, and the etc.). a crisis of a different kind than strengthening of its international

The leading organ of the ILO has reflected and will continue to rethe general condition, the weaknesses as well as the progress of difficulties of the L. O. as an international organization have, through all weaknesses and mistakes, found their expression in the progress of

our leading international organ. 2. The pre-Conference is of the opinion that the present stage of development of the ILO demands an improvement in the form of our leading international organ, which might assure its evolution into a real political center, capable

leading the ILO in its entirety. The pre-Conference has de-

(a) It has determined the formation of a so-called "Plenum" The cyclical crisis is therefore composed of one delegate each, of

> (b) The naming of delegates to (c) In case of conflicts of op-

brium which has been destroyed." inion on serious matters (expul-Evidently, these alternations of sions, splits, approval or refusal of ary banner, could get tens or at

(d) The organ which assures to the Plenum, and can be deposed To envisage the possibility of a by the Plenum. (For the first time connection, information, control, ance with the growing development formed). On November 15 and 16 On the contrary, the fundamental of the I. S. the relations among at Berlin, the Revolutionary Trade

> (e) The pre-Conference has determined on Paris as the location

(f) International connection can be adequately assured only through Red International of Labor Unions experiences.

In order to assure the independ-

(g) In order to assure the indehigh points of economic activity at- an international membership con-

sections in the sense of the organizational forms described in the in this movement. If not, if it theses of the first four Congresses will continue its previously disas-1. After a period of delimitation of the C. I., as well as the adaptaand selection the ILO has passed tion of the section to the fundainto a new phase, which is charac- mental principles of a Communist working class. collective and responsible work,

On the International Conference

tion (by the German section). will work out its own theses). USSR (by the Russian section).

of the ILO, the pre-Conference has electric chair by the allied interment is completely destroyed. In viously not physical attacks on the the following political problems: Theses on the German situa-

4. Theses on the international

The failure of the German Com

on Papen put through his coup

l'Etat, on July 20th of last year,

the party's call for a general strike

met little response in the ranks of

he workers. Similarly, on the oc-

casion of the apointment of Hitler

Communist party for a general

vanced revolutionary workers, as

over five millions to its parliament

To understand this one must ex-

relation to the general trade union

The Third Period Policy

At the height of the "third per-

iod", when the social democracy

were called "social Fascist" and

an integral part of the capitalist

state apparatus, the German party

ter. (It may be remarked that our

do likewise in the same period-

the Trade Union Unity League was

Red trade unions and opposition

ions (which would try to split off

formed. The old policy of the

Leftist Communist Labor Party.

condemned by the Comintern and

reformist unions, and organize

The reformist trade union lead-

ers did not at all dislike this pol-

unions-was revived.

locals for the red unions)

party which was able to rally 582,000 workers.

false trade union policies. When 1930.

situation by the French Ligue). 5. Theses on the Balkan countries (by the Greek and Bulgarian

sections jointly. 6. Theses on the dictatorship of the proletariat, democracy and the working masses hardest, weak- Fascism (by the New Italian Op-

> Possibly the American League will prepare a thesis on American imperialism.

> All the projects for these abovementioned must be prepared for publication by April 15, 1933.

A discussion period of three months is to take place, and the International Conference is then to be called for the month of July. face an entirely new epoch. This

Conference.

(Bolshevik-Leninists) in Paris, February 4-8, 1933.

Kincaid Miners

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ganization by following the trade would plan the enlarged conference character of the united front primarily. It is of particular portance to the members of Andy Newhoff. When asked what with anybody, no matter who they are, on any minimum basis, except right to our independence. On has always been our position.

> This has not always been the position of the HLD as is known to everyone. Quite the contrary, it is a decided departure from the previously known position of the ILD and as such marks a positive step forward. How far the ILD will go in arriving at a correct position on the vital question of the united front remains yet to be seen, and this conference will be a test for the organization. But if it is really prepared to follow a correct position, it will be a decisive force trons line, it will only continue to lose prestige in the eyes of the

The real work of the conference gle in the interests of the indicted In order to prepare seriously for miners who run the danger of be- power is not securely in their organizations." the first International Conference ing railroaded to jail or to the hands until the working class movedecided to have theses prepared on ests of reaction. The working class this manuer they serve as the social democratic organizations. of Chicago, as everywhere, must be most deadly instrument of the re- The only significance that can be ville case. They must be mobiliz-2. Theses on the Spanish situa- ed into action to prevent a delibertion (each of the two tendencies ate attempt to cut into a movement 3. Project of a platform on the their bread and butter. Silence

End of 1928: 4,866,926

July 1, 1929: 4,942,984

Jan. 1, 1930: 4,948,267

of the economic crisis in Germany,

the growing unemployment and the

failure of the reformist unions to

struggle for the workers'-jobless

and employed-interests, hundred of

over two hundred thousand (233,-

This is substantiated by an arti-

werful, but according to many in-

ist International held in September

Admission of Failure

grown." (Page 69.)

party trade union course.

strike found all but the most ad- thousands left the unions. In 1930

amine the party's trade union pol- and organized remained under the

icles in the past few years and its control of the social democrats.

Trade Union Balance Sheet In Germany

Victory or Defeat in Germany?

(We publish herewith a second article on the German situation. written by comrade Arne Swabeck who is at present in Europe, close to the scene of the events which he deals with in his correspondence.—Ed.)

The course of the further develrevolution or whether we shall The sections are called upon to decision, of course, extends far beprepare special funds beginning youd the German borders. And in today in order to assure their re- either case it will spell the beginpresentation at the International ning of the end to Stalinist domination of the movement.

On the one hand it is now possible to affirm that a victorious German revolution developing out of this juncture could be accomplishpolicies. On the other hand it is just as certain that a defeat of union policies of Stalin and Losov- on as broad a basis as possible. The also signal the transformation of fully narrowed basis of retarded be one within which there will be tion of the International Labor no room for the curse of Stalinism. The Possible Variants

The outcome of this gigantic struggle, that is in which direction participate in any united front cf. already gained an enormous advanting this bureaucracy. fecting the interests of the work- tage while the working class has ers. We are prepared to unite been kept disarmed and unpreparaway and that they could at this stage only mean a postponement of the final decision. But likely also is a postponement creating new advantages to the proletariat for a decision in its favor.

The lines are now sharply drawn and extremely tense. Hitler proclaim the extermination of Communism and Marxism, not only in world. Conscious of their present workers." (Our emphasis.) advantage the Fascists in the govbourgeoisie.

-A. G. many. The Fascist movement is a

The General Federation of Labor, by us refused to issue a call for munist Party to arouse the work- affiliated to the reformist Amster- strikes against Fascist terror being class against Fascism is to a dam International showed a growth cause, they maintained, "as organi- of a peculiar kind. It is not so large extent explainable by its of membership up to January 1st zations affiliated to the All-German much kindred to the extreme radi-1933, page 73.) However, with the intensification

The same author, one S. Perevosnikov, give some interesting information which throws light on the present sitation.

"At the last Berlin District Conference of the party, it was reveal ed that about 250 delegates (nearly a quarter of the total) voluntarily on their jobs. A revolutionary the following year, the unions lost quit the unions. At a district conference of the party in Elsnitz Despite this process, the reform- ninety-nine of 176 delegates were ist unions succeeded in maintain- neither in trade unions nor the of 4,000 party members, only 250 numbers to the Communist party members of the revolutionary opand its auxiliaries; the employed position." (Page 74.)

"Altogether, according to the cle in the Communist International opposition, 34,000 new members the reformist trade unions have not tion during the past nine months." (Page 78.)

only not become relatively less po-Are such conditions due to dications their strength has even The Twelfth Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Commun-

A decisive turn has to be made.

of last year was compelled to re-The ultimatist slogan of "united cord the practical futility of the front from below under revolutionary leadership" has to be thrown overboard. The several hundred "In Germany, the red trade un- thousand members of the Red trade sounded immediately. The united in postponing the shocks which will ions (metal workers, miners) have unions must return, as a group, to front for which the Left Opposition now reverberate with so much more failed to organize the struggle against the capitalist offensive and for the workers' economic needs have now stagnated." (Capitalist and fight for the revolutionary pro- Chiang Kai-Shek, of Tomsky and ment. Stabilization Has Ended, page 30.) gram of the united front of work- Purcell, of Pepper and LaFollette, But mere admission of shortcomings is hardly sufficient. The policy of small Red trade unions compecially imperative today when ac- democracy-from top to bottom, in many, and without even excluding bined with the slogans of "independent leadership", that is, lead-Times-3-13-33) thousands of workership in strikes which in practise ers are returning to industry. This or be discredited in the eyes of the to remember that the at present is independent of the union organi- lays the basis for broad strike masses, a united front in which, attempted counter-revolution will zations and the workers themselves movements. The workers will above all, the Communist party still meet its complications. The and "united front from below" div- struggle for the positions lost in "pure and simple" revolutionary orced the revolutionary workers the past period; against worsening dom of criticism, of the press, of means favorable to its development. from the mass of organized labor, of economic conditions, wage cuts, Out of 13,129 local branches of etc. At such a time the revolutionthe General Federation about 250 ary workers functioning militantly icy. The need for struggling with are led by Communist and Left within the reformist unions can the militants within the trade un wing groups. Even in branches further the interests, both economic gression pacts proposed by the Stal- still possesses great resources withions was obviated. Instead of ex- controlled by the party the workers and political, of the entire class. tribution of the national organiza- pulsions being necessary, with- could not be aroused to the calls and a cement a unity of the pro- posed by the social democracy. That folded fully only when its vanguard (*Based on a speech delivered tion is necessary.

(*Based on a speech delivered tion is necessar

-JOSEPH CARTER.

Alternatives in the Decisive Class Battles

plebian movement, composed essentially of the petty bourgeoisie recruits also from the bourgeoisie large farm population maintained through decades by protective taragricultural prices high it also a social counter-weight against the proletariat, England, by her inthe working class in Germany at geoisie was not so fortunated It reaucracy. But its lower layers were hit hard by the general pauperization of the post-war crises. German big bourgeoisic know very And hence it became so much more well that within the working class important at the present juncture of the Soviet Union lie the greatest the position of the 111) was in re-lation to the united front he said the decision will turn, nobody can to clean out the "unreliable" so- sources of sympathy and support in effect: The ILD is prepared to as yet predict. The Fascists have cial democrats from their positions to the German working class move-

ed. But in the process, which this has passed through its evolution of discount the present stranglehold struggle implies, the dialectics of demagogy, socialist in tone and of Stalinism paralyzing actual asof course, that we shall have the class relations may turn the pre- coloring necessary to recruit a sertion of this sympathy and supsent proletarian disadvantage into mass movement. In the beginning port. They recognize the world such a basis, we are prepared to its opposite. Many intervening the leaders, who rose from the implications of the advance of the participate in this movement. That factors will still have to be re- rank and file, promised to drive Communist movement and hence ckoned with their effects, how, out the international bankers and they harl their challenge to the ever, primarily depending upon the all "foreign", particularly Jewish, Comintern and to the proletarian strategy of the revolutionary van- exploiters. They promised to break dictatorship. In their threats to guard. Yet it may be asked, are up the landed estates and to re-exterminate the Communist movethere no possibilities of a middle habilitate the farmers. They pro- ment throughout the world they course in between these two ex. mised to restore the middle class are already consciously and delibtreme variants? The answer is property and the losses it suffered crately forging the spearhead of that such possibilities are fading during the inflation period. They imperialist intervention against the

(Continued from Page 1) Germany but throughout the whole who disrupt the united front of the

The Prayda comment on this ernment are particularly vocifer- passage repeats that "during the lialists ,who once greatly feared the

lent possibilities for the creation of not abdicate until they have reached that solely during that time, the completely reconciled to that fact a mass movement that will strug- the goal. In reality this means a Communists will refrain from 'atrecognition on their part that the tacks' against the social democratic

What "attacks" are meant? Ob-

made acquainted with the Taylor- actionary German junkers and big attached to the passage is that inside the united front the Commun-To fully appreciate the serious ist International pledges itself to menace constituted by the Fascists refrain from all criticism of the of militant workers in struggle for in this role it is important to un- social democracy! The overnight derstand the extent of their social swing from ultra-Leftism to that will only help to defeat the miners. basis within contemporary Ger- species of bureaucratic opportunism which characterized the whole course of the Stalin-Bucharin leadership from 1924 to 1928, is positively breath-taking! And therein tremendous convulsions lend emlies the outstanding danger in the phasis to the unevenness of develturn of the C. I. It must always be borne in mind that the nitra-Leftism of the Stalinists is itself zations affiliated to the All-German much kindred to the cations affiliated to the All-German much kindred to the cations affiliated to the distribution of Trade Unions they calism that characterized certain it poses the possibility of breaking much sections of the Comintern in its the weak links in the imperialist federation." Communist International infancy, as it is the specific trait chain and the possibility of the protional, Vol. X. No. 2. February 1, of an opportunist group in Communism which has been frightened letariat seizing power. In this into a leap to verbal radicalism by the catastrophic consequences of its own Right wing policy of the R. But at dictatorship in the USS day before. The bureaucracy of R. But at the same time it also the Comintern is not ultra-Leftist building socialism within one sinpetty bourgeois tendency swinging still subject to the conditions of between Marxism and liquidation-this very unstable equilibrium of ism. The innately opportunist ul-tra-Leftist, swinging to the Right in a second spasm of fear, is cap-able of the wildest plunges in that able of the wildest plunges in that direction, with consequences no less arated but must go hand in hand disastrous for the revolutionary and so that a policy of building toward working class movements. The first Sccialism in the USSR first of all distinct signs of that swing are al- presupposes a policy of preparing ready visible. The Stalinist heroes who yesterday refused to sit in class for the extension of the figures of the National Committee down with the "murderers of Lieb- proletarian revolution by the seizof the revolutionary trade union knecht and Luxemburg" now knock opposition, 34,000 new members tearfully at the doors of the "united of the imperialist chain. of Feb. 1, 1933: "In the factories joined and 48,000 left the Opposi- front" organized by the bloated Jewish hourgeoisie to protest mildly against Hitler's anti-Semitism. the Stalinist Comintern regime has These who were too proud yester- run counter to the dialectics of wrong application of the correct day to take the leadership of a the developing capitalist contraline"? Hardly. They are the legi- united proletarian front, today dictions. As a result the proletartimate fruits of the Stalinist pol- complain pathetically at not being lat has suffered defeats and become allowed to march at the tail-end of disarmed, despite the objectively a "united front" of the bourgeois favorable situations, and the most and petty bourgeois frock coats of murderous reaction has at present

various religious denominations. ers' organizations against Fascism. of Kolarov and Raditch. We are of the possibilities and implications Such a change of policy is es. for the united front with the social of further developments in Gercording to news reports (New York which the social democracy is put in advance the worst variant for to the wall and compelled to act the next stage, it is neverless well retains its independence, its free. economic conjuncture is by no its ideas-in a word, in which it The working class is not yet deremains a Communist party and is feated. And it is more important not liquidated. We are as intran. Yet to remember that the German sigeantly opposed to the non-ag- working class, though unprepared inists as we are against those pro. in itself. But these can be unto disaster.

turned the fire of aroused nationalism against the former enemies across the border, particularly against the Versailles treaty and all that it implied.

Now that the Fascist brigands believe that the maintenance of and slum priletariat, but drawing power is securely within their grasp the direction of their fire has enwhether the epoch shall continue and finally secure the proletarian to a certain extent. It has a large basis in Germany particularly by under which a ruthless working class suppression is carried out, class there. Germany has yet a the international bankers and the land owners no longer appear in their vocabulary characterizing the in imposed by the reactionary can move their troops directly junker regimes. While this kept against the Communist and workserved to maintain the farmers as state powers are put at their dising class movement. For that the posal. This aim has moved up to dustrialization, and by virtue of The Fascist hordes no longer direct ed only in opposition to Stalinism acquiring a large colonial empire their fire against the Versailles could afford to sacrifice her agricultreaty. The annual payments of ture and drive the peasants into tribute have practically ended and the factories. The German bour-further readjustments promise no present and the inauguration of a did not attain such a wide expanse for Germany can easily be obtainnew and reactionary epoch would and therefore had to find specific ed. And more so by virtue of the means to create this social counter- direction of the Fascist fire which on as broad a basis as possible. The the revolutionary movement onto discussion centered around the the revolutionary movement onto weight against the proletariat. To is now turning eastward toward an extent that was also accom- the Soviet Republic. The first inplished by the development of a timations are the reports of strain developments, it will nevertheless large and conservative state buting relations between the two governments.

The German Fascists and the ment. Its existence is no doubt The German Fascist movement clear to them even if they do not Soviet Union. This is the doubleedged sword by which they aim to accomplish their immediate goal in Germany and simultaneously rally the support of allies of the imperialist powers everywhere for the international objective.

Touching Reconciliations The German southern states, realcitrant to the early Hitler prononciamentos, have now declared that their unity in the aims against world Communism. French imperstill lies ahead. There are excelous in declarations that they will time of these revolutionary actions, Hitler ascension to power, are now and not at all disturbed. Voices in France indicating rapprochement to Germany are becoming more audible. While the international objective is yet concealed in these voices it undoubtedly is taking form in the minds.

Thus we see today in actual de-

velopment the enormous danger against which the International Left Opposition a long time ago raised its voice of serious warning. The events, however, will continue and develop their own inevitable logic. German capitalism today still constitutes the weakest link of the imperialist chain. Its opment existing also in the capifalist decay stage. revolutionary proletariat this poses definite strategical problems which the Stalinist regime has completely sense the uneven development of the parties, of preparing the work-

Effects of Stalinist Strategy The entirely false strategy of

gained the upper hand. What enor-Against this dangerus opportun. mous crimes! But by this the ist trend, an alarm signal must be Stalinist regime has only succeeded the reformist unions and struggle fights is the united front of Lenin titanic force and sweep it from its and Trotsky, and not of Stalin and Position of domination in the move-

Without entering into discussion

To be continued -ARNE SWABECK.