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Industrial Recovery Act Prepares New Capitalist Crisis in Near Future

The National Industrial Recovery Act, its immediate and its further consequences, occupy the center of the American stage today. What effects does the bourgeoisie want the new policy to have on the standards of living of the American worker, on the reformist and on the revolutionary trade unions, on the concentration of capital, on the relations between capital and the bourgeoisie state apparatus? The new legislation reaches so deep into the inner machinery of capitalist organization that the workers must be on their guard from the very beginning to resist the new attacks which the sharpening of these new and extraordinary powerful weapons is preparing.

Increased sharply, because of the increased demand from large industrial users of power, and is at the moment not far from figures for the corresponding weeks of 1929 at the height of the boom. Yet during this whole period the financial basis for the upturn was not broadening, but narrowing; in other words, not inflation but deflation was actually taking place. The tremendous increase in the volume of speculative securities and commodities bought, at rising prices, together with a substantial increase in the physical volume of goods produced, also at rising prices, was financed by less money and less bank credit than had been in use before the boom started in April. Actually, money in circulation was about 1 1/2 billions lower, much more than the 600 millions of gold which were added to the money supply by the return of gold from private hands to the banks under threat of punitive measures; bank credits showed a corresponding contraction in deposits and loans.

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Benjamin of the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils made the following statement in essence: The National Committee of Unemployed Councils believes that the delegates of Federation units should not be seated, and regards this convention to be a convention of Leagues alone. This unnecessary statement from the Councils was consistent with the Muste-Stalinist bloc policy of regarding the F. U. W. L. A. as an independent organization from the Leagues and Councils (even though representatives of the latter movements had participated in the creation of the Federation less than two months ago).

C.P. Holds Extraordinary Conference To Whitewash Bureaucrats' Failure

The defeat of the German working class by Fascism through the betrayal of social democracy and Stalinism has already had its repercussions in the Communist Party of the United States. The revisionist policies of Stalinism having already sapped the main vitality of the American party, it was shaken from top to bottom by this re-education. The Stalinists do not realize the cause, but they do see the effects.

The open letter is the most confused, worthless piece of trash ever issued by an extraordinary party conference. It is an attempt to prevent the disintegration setting in, in the party, at a rapid pace due to the defeat of the German proletariat and the smashing of the Communist party in Germany. It is an attempt to cover up, to prevent a real analysis from being made, to prevent an understanding, and to enable the bureaucrats to retain their hold upon the party and the apparatus.

they are guilty of every crime imaginable in not carrying out this, that, and the other Plenum resolution. According to their own report they have failed in every field of activity. Why has the party failed? "Because we have not carried out the Plenum resolution." What must the party do to correct these errors? "The party must increase its activity, must intensify its work in the shops and basic industries."

Stalinists in Bloc with Musteites at Columbus Meet, Retard Progress

THE UNITED FRONT FROM ABOVE The July 4-5 Unemployment Leagues Columbus Conference was a united front from above between the Musteites and the Stalinists. Weeks before the conference convened the Musteite-Stalinist bloc was formed with the rank and file of both organizations knowing nothing about it.

Steam roller tactics of the steering committee of the conference controlled by the Musteites equal those of the Stalinists in methods of cutting off opposition, trampling on workers' democracy and gagging the delegates from discussion on the most vital problems confronting the conference.

Later in the same session I. Amter was given the platform as the spokesman for the fraternal delegates from the Councils. He introduced the following proposal: "That this convention shall take steps toward the formation of a PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, composed of representatives of the Unemployed Citizens Leagues, the Unemployed Councils, the national Federation set up in Chicago, with which the"

A Letter from Fascist Germany

One could never have imagined in his wildest dreams such a transformation of the daily life as Fascism has brought about. The period of transition in the workers' movement is especially terrifying. We speak of the transition period until the movement has managed to rid itself of its dregs, the worst of which are at present the traitors. The police swoops down daily on the workers' quarters. One betrays another so as to exonerate himself. The Nazis penetrate everywhere.

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Minor to the Board of Estimate: 'Now Comrades...'

It is of special interest to revolutionary workers to observe how the delegate from the party-controlled unemployed council acted. Minor's address to the Board of Estimate was the purest reformism and did not breathe a breath of the revolutionary spirit of Communism.

THE POLITICAL TENDENCIES

The Musteites objected to any talk of political control or political tendencies. However, they saw to it that they elected fifteen Musteites out of twenty-two on the executive committee of the Unemployed Leagues. Other political tendencies within the conference struggles were the Right wing flag wavers, the socialists, the Lovestonites, the United Workers Party, the Stalinists and the Left Opposition.

THE MUSTEITES

The C. P. L. A. aim to use the Unemployed Leagues as the foundation for their Labor Party. Opposition to their Labor party aims did not come from the Stalinists who have formed a united front from above with them. Opposition to the C. P. L. A. by the flag-wavers in the state conference forced them to concentrate their energies to retain political control, and for the time being open agitation for the Labor party was pushed to the background.

Pocketbook Workers Struggle

New York, N. Y.—The general strike of the 4,000 pocketbook workers is spreading day after day to the non-union shops. The strike is an excellent condition. The strikers are in a good spirit. It proves that all the talk we hear from the Right wing leaders that the workers will not and cannot fight due to the fact that the bosses starved out the workers for the last few years is nonsense.