

EDITORIAL

The Furriers' Problem

In many respects the situation in the fur trade, reported by a correspondent in last week's Militant, presents a unique trade union problem.

An exactly analogous case is not to be found anywhere in the American trade union movement.

Besides that, the leadership and internal regime of the furriers' section do not speak for its future either.

The role of the Lovestonites in this situation is particularly revealing, both as to the ultimate logic of their trade union policy and as to the essentially opportunist political character of this group.

The Lovestonite policy of supporting the A. F. of L. at all costs, which led them to an objective support of Lewis against the heroic struggle of the Progressive Miners, has brought them to the shabby role of agents for the fakers in the case of the furriers.

the perspectives of the Stalinist union, must respect the attitude of the majority of the workers who support it and fight in the ranks beside them.

Inside the Stalinist union, however, the militants should fight for a realistic policy that would open up the perspectives for success in the struggle which are not too bright with the present policy and leadership.

The heart of such a strategy is the fight for unity, not only of the furriers but of all the needle trades workers.

In order to do so it is necessary for them to overcome prejudices against affiliation to the A. F. of L.—prejudices against the course of a mass movement are quite futile anyway.

First, it can demand a charter from the International with only one condition: that the local retain its autonomy and the right to choose its own officials.

If such proposals are made known to all the furriers, and combined with a widespread agitation for unity throughout the needle trades, they will awaken a hearty response from the workers, strengthen the sagging morale of the Left wing and put an enormous pressure on the officials of the International.

The Stalinist bureaucrats in charge of the Left wing furriers' union, of course, will oppose such a strategy and will try to suppress any free discussion of it in the union.

Revolutionary Youth Meet in International Conference at Luxembourg

(Continued from page 1)

- 1. The I. C. L. which could not send delegates. 2. The American, French, Belgian, German and Swiss sections of the I. C. L. 3. The Socialist Youth Association of Germany (SAP).

and worker youth to the support of and following such an event to then conference on principled questions declare and work for the new international.

With the opening of the conference it was found that while a smaller number of delegates were present, actually, all the organizations assembled in Holland were represented at Luxembourg.

The reports formed the introduction to the political discussion. The political discussion of the international situation and the tasks of the youth was the most important question of the conference.

But on the decisive question of what to do sharp differences expressed themselves between the delegation of the ICL and the left-centrist elements adhering to the London Bureau (now transferred to Amsterdam).

and following such an event to then conference on principled questions declare and work for the new international.

The SAP concluded their discussion with the proposal: to accept their thesis which did not contain the necessary declaration for the new international and the new youth international.

These proposals were unacceptable to the delegation of the I. C. L. which decided to reject the motions.

The Stockholm bureau which would stand on the position that the social democracy and Stalinism were bankrupt, would carry on its work without telling the workers what to do.

After an intense and protracted discussion, agreement was reached between the two tendencies at the conference.

With the above political basis laid, the conference proceeded to the more practical questions of the future. It was decided by the conference to extend invitations to all independent revolutionary youth organizations within the official international.

It was further decided to create a secretariat of this bureau, consisting of three members and made up of representatives of the Socialist Youth Association (SAP) the Independent Communist Youth of Sweden, and the International Communist League, with its center at Stockholm.

Thus, the conference dispersed by the Dutch police, became a reality through the efforts of the ICL and the SAP.

The real work lies ahead. Everything depends upon how the bureau and its secretariat proceeds to realize the conference decisions in life.

The real work lies ahead. Everything depends upon how the bureau and its secretariat proceeds to realize the conference decisions in life.

The March issue of Young Spartacus contains articles interesting both to militants in the movement and the young workers coming to Communism.

continued to carry the banner of internationalism and proletarian revolution. It must be an active body alive to the needs of the hour.

Because of the hurried character of the conference it was unable to discuss separately, nor to work out a concrete program of action on the war danger.

The youth organizations of the International Communist League will do all in their power to further this work. The bureau can rely upon our active initiative and support in this direction.

—ALBERT GLOTZER.

Correcion

To the Editor of The Militant:

Dear Comrade: In cutting down my article "Organizing the CWA White Collar Workers" (March 17th) to about half its size, the blue pencil produced some errors.

The error complained of above was made in the editorial office. Our correspondent was not responsible and we are glad to make the correction and to concur with his opinion regarding the socialist workers in the CWA.)

Shachtman Tour Los Angeles MASS MEETING "DO WE NEED A NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN AMERICA?" at MUSIC ARTS HALL In Advance 10c, at Door 15c 233 South Broadway

LIONEL TRILLING Noted Lecturer and Writer

will speak on THE PROBLEMS OF A REVOLUTIONARY NOVELIST at the SPARTACUS YOUTH CLUB 126 East 16th St.

THURSDAY, March 29th, 1934 Admission Free

March Young Spartacus

The March issue of Young Spartacus contains articles interesting both to militants in the movement and the young workers coming to Communism.

Plans are being made to publish Young Spartacus as an eight-pager regularly every month.

Salt Lake City OPEN FORUM Every Sunday 7:30 P. M. 1318 E. Second St. South

Auspices: Communist League of A.

N.Y. Printers Demand Unionization

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY MASS MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT PRINTING EMPLOYEES Thursday, March 15, 1934.

WHEREAS The code signed by the President for the Graphic Art's Industry promises to improve conditions among the unorganized but fails to provide the means to achieve this betterment, and

MILITANT PLEDGE FUND

Our call for weekly or monthly pledges to help sustain The Militant has brought some immediate results as evidenced by the list printed below.

We take this opportunity to make a special appeal to our readers and sympathizers to pledge definite weekly or monthly sums as a concrete manifestation of their interest in The Militant and the cause it represents.

- THE PLEDGERS BROOKLYN BRANCH, LOCAL N. Y. 1. Paul King .25 weekly

- MANHATTAN BRANCH, LOCAL N. Y. 1. G. Wright .50 weekly

- HARLEM BRANCH, LOCAL N. Y. 12. T. Smith 1.00 weekly

PROGRAM: Chief Littlemouse in a recital of his American Indian native dance

HONOR AMONG THIEVES

Postmaster General Farley, the former prize-fight commissioner, who promoted Roosevelt into the presidency, stated Sunday that there was more honesty and truthfulness among politicians than any other class of his acquaintances.

The recently deceased Moe Rosenberg, second-hand dealer and "pay-off man for the Insull-Capone gang in Chicago revealed to the Federal Income Tax Department that he had on his pay-roll the former mayor, Tony Cermak, to the tune of \$95,000, and numerous aldermen and other democratic and republican politicians.

In Welfare Island Prison, politicians of the Farley stable were shown to be on a somewhat lower plane than the imprisoned gangsters and the degenerate male prostitutes who cooperated with them in robbing the general run of prisoners.

Minor and Stalin Bob Minor can always be depend-

ed upon to go the limit in lickspittle servility and invention. Goryfling "the Leader" and "the Great Disciple", Stalin, in the Daily Worker of March 10th, Minor says, "Lenin built up and trained a core of Marxian revolutionists the hardest, clearest, and best of whom he nicknamed 'Comrade Steel' (Stalin)".

We don't know if that lie is original with Minor or not. The facts are that Stalin gave himself the name of "Steel" and later he took unto himself the titles of "the Leader", and "Great Disciple", and furthermore, the description, "hardest, clearest, and best" is self-bestowed.

Rural Housing That the New York song writer who had the country "Crying for the Carolines" a couple of years ago would be crying a different tune if he lived there is indicated by first reports on rural housing released by the Department of Agriculture.

Who has not been thrilled by songs, stories, and movies of old Kentucky homes and Kentucky gen-

lemen of the Blue Grass country. Almost an Eden of contentment, peace and refinement. The federal report shows a different picture. Sanitation of the worst type, unimproved outdoor toilets, water carried by hand, unpainted, miserable shacks, abject poverty.

"Party Life" A letter in the "Party Life" column of the Daily Worker of March 7th states that the writer joined the party in June 1932, was made unit organizer, member of the section committee, and put forward as an aldermanic candidate without every knowing what it was all about.

Editorial comment by the Daily Worker hopes this situation is not widespread in the party. It is not in line with the open letter and "it has been taken for granted.... that he (the writer of the letter) is a full blown Communist."

Gala Spring Festival Dance and Entertainment Good five-piece jazz band Saturday, March 31st IRVING PLAZA 15th St. and Irving Place Get your tickets now, only 35c in advance at the International Workers School, 126 E. 16th St.