

REVIEWING THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

From a C. P. Member

Manulsky Blames Stalin
Ignoring the old saying that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear, all the flunkies of Stalinism are busy trying to paint Stalin as the loved and victorious leader of the world's proletariat.

Senator Thayer and the Power Trust

The latest politician who was not careful enough in concealing his dealings with his masters is Senator Warren T. Thayer, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission of the New York State Senate.

Holy Joe McKee

In the last election campaign in New York and for months before oceans of ink were used in popularizing the name of "Honest Joe" McKee.

The Police and the Taxi Strike

The Grand Jury and a group of Tammany and other politicians backed by the entire capitalist press are all hot and bothered because, so they say, news reel pictures show cops turning away from husky striking taxi drivers.

Dear comrades:
I am a member of the "Communist" Party who has finally come to the conclusion that real working class unity cannot be achieved through the medium of the official "Communist" Party.

The German events first stirred me to the realization that there must be something radically wrong with a Communist party that could muster 6,000,000 votes in time of elections and then be decreed out of legal existence without even shaking its fist at the fascists.

The Menace of Trotskyism

The rest of the time was taken to discuss the menace of "Trotskyism." "Why do we bother so much with Trotsky?" asked Lovestone.

Merely Tactical Differences

Needless to say, that to a worker who was nurtured on party literature for the past few years, there was very little new to be learned from Lovestone.

The C.P. Convention—A Forecast

Browder hailed Stalin as the iron-willed, granite principled, steeled and loved leader (everyone rises, shouts hurrah for Stalin and sings the International).

understand why the party refused to take back such a very valuable ally, especially in view of a recent appeal addressed to the Comintern by the I. C. O. for "the setting up of a working bloc," for the purpose of "carrying out united front tactics against reformism, centrism and Trotskyism."

I took the trouble recently to go through the literature of the Left Opposition, especially on the German Situation and the Soviet Union, and so have been able to see through the veil of lies and distortions that the C. P. and its Lovestone apologists have spread regarding Trotsky's position on these questions.

And so, comrades, I pledge myself to carry this work of enlightenment into the ranks of the party so that the working class will not again have to suffer the same defeats as our German and Austrian comrades.

From a I.L.D. Member

To the Editor of the Militant:
I chanced to go through some old copies of the Daily Worker recently and came across a story in the December 18th issue about Charles H. Houston, N. A. A. C. P. attorney who "Helped Lynch Court Sentence Crawford," negro worker, to life imprisonment (headline).

Pledge Fund

The Club plan sub drive was initiated with the view of reaching 1,000 new readers who were unable to pay the regular rates, but were anxious to read the Militant.

There are at least another thousand who want the paper at this low price, judging by the requests which have come asking us to extend the drive.

Shachtman Tour

Table with columns for location, date, and time. Includes cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Denver, etc.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

Table listing names and amounts for the Pledge Fund, such as Paul King \$25 weekly, Subway Worker 1.00 monthly, etc.

1014 New Subs!

Over the Top!
Over the top, and more!
The goal set for the Club Plan sub drive was 1,000.

Last week, the total reported was 992 new subs. This week we received 22 additional, bringing the total to 1014, which should bring the drive to a close.

Table listing names and numbers of subscribers, including Davenport Br., Waukegan Br., G. Kotz, Q. Parker, etc.

Shachtman Tour Los Angeles

Boyle Heights Lecture
Sunday, April 15th, 8 P. M.
at
2526 1/2 Brooklyn Avenue
Speaker
MAX SHACHTMAN

Organized Labor Under the N.R.A.

The Auto "Settlement"
The auto settlement was a "compromise"—Roosevelt got the glory, Capital got the real concession and labor got the crumbs.

The Wagner Bill

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Railroad Struggle Left to President

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Wage Increases Herald Further Inflation

The betrayal of the auto strike by Green and Company has been followed up by the granting of wage increases in the other basic industries where strike struggles threatened.

Bourgeoisie Nightmares

The bourgeoisie cannot sleep well at night. It sees spectres everywhere. It is acutely aware of the crystallization of the class struggle in one country after the other into such clear-cut forms as to make possible only one of two choices as the next step in social evolution: the road to communism or the road to fascism.

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Organization Notes

Delegates from the six branches of the Communist League in New York City, met in conference Sunday, April 1, to review the work of the League in this city for the past six months and to elect a City Committee for another term.

In his report to the conference, the City Organizer, Morris Lewit, pointed out the growth of the organization in membership and influence; the fact that our work has been spread over a greater territory, with branches in the major sections of the city; the participation of the branches in the last subscription campaign of the Militant, virtually doubling the number of New York subscribers.

Comrade Swaback, reporting for the National Committee, spoke primarily on our immediate perspectives and the tasks of the League in the building of a new party, a section of the Fourth International. The growth of the League in the past period, has not been confined to New York. New branches have been organized in a number of localities, and altogether the League has doubled its membership in this country and has taken the lead in important struggles.

Organized Labor Under the N.R.A.

The machinery in advance to hold the forces in check.
The workers' interests is not in the Code Authorities, nor in any class collaboration boards of the bosses. We must go to the NRA labor boards with OUTSIDE pressure of the ORGANIZED workers in their own organizations.

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Since the President has issued his new interpretation of Section 7a, and on the heels of this ruling, the Wagner Bill has been transformed. Wagner started out with the ballyhoo about passing a law to outlaw company unions. In the process of discussion on the bill he consents to amendments that safeguard and legalize company unions.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

The Period of Concessions Closing
American capitalists, having gained respite thru a policy of apparent concessions based on the NRA, now breathe more easily and begin to show their barefisted lists to the organized workers.

All the reports received the unanimous endorsement of the city conference.
This conference, in reviewing the past activities, in analyzing the shortcomings and the tasks ahead for the League, has registered the fact that we have turned the corner, that from a propaganda organization we are developing along the line of agitation and action, broadening our base in the labor mass organizations, gaining increased influence and laying the foundations for a genuine Communist Party in this country.

The Open Shop Drive

In the sharpening struggle, Roosevelt and Johnson obey the behests of the big capitalists and act as the spearhead of the attack. A meeting of fifty iron and steel companies, convened at Pittsburgh recently, hailed Roosevelt's leading statement on the auto industry: "The government makes it clear that it favors no particular form of employee organization or representation. The government's only duty is to secure absolute and unimpeded freedom of choice without coercion, restraint or intimidation from any source."

Dividing the Movement

Nor is it by accident or thru sheer generosity that the General Electric Co., the steel mills and the coal mines grant wage increases and concessions in hours at this time. Organized labor must be prevented above all else (for that might prove decisive in the struggles to come) from spreading in the steel mills, and workers must be pacified in the mines while the major offensive is conducted to halt the influx into the unions and to assure the open shop.

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