

REVIEWING THE NEWS

Dangerous Propaganda

A mob of two hundred Knitted Out-wear Mfrs. met at the Hotel McAlpin on the night of June 19th...

The same paper reports, "One individual pointed out that last September many manufacturers thought they could not fight unionization..."

For God—For King and Country Charging Premier Brownlee of Alberta, Canada with seducing her, Vivian McMillan has brought the Premier into court.

Another Honest Politician

The statement of Postmaster General Farley, former New York prize-fight commissioner, that "Politicians (of course, bourgeois politicians) are the most honest men I know" was an insult to Boo Boo Hoff.

A Royal Socialist Midwife

Many workers in America stand in wonder at the ease with which that relic of the dark ages, the British Royal Family, are able to bedazzle the British working class.

Brain Trust at Work

Harry L. Hopkins, Relief Administrator for the Federal Government and one of the brightest minds of the brain-trust, gave out some pearls of wisdom this week.

From this program he saw a plan which "would put one million men to work one way and another that would put two million to work another way."

Tactics at Minneapolis

The General Strike Movement

It is interesting to observe that at the beginning of the strike the C. P. leaders estimated the strike would be a "fizzle". They based their attack on the strike leadership on this prognosis.

The Strategy of the Fight

In choosing the field for concentration of its efforts and forces in the Minneapolis labor movement, the Communist League picked the organization of the truck drivers because of the strategic position of this section of the working class in the economic life of the city.

Wednesday, the day after the strike started, the bosses met, and set up a committee above the heads of the trucking bosses, and started subscribing to a fund of \$200,000 to defeat the strike.

United Front Policy

The Communist League was aware of this long before the strike, and armed with the united front policy it worked early and late to assemble every live force behind the striking drivers.

Prospects of a General Strike

Wednesday, when the movement for general strike was reaching the depths of the labor movement and penetrating even into unorganized factories, the Stalinists came out with their leaflets calling for a general strike.

Ex-Stalinist Still Studying the Question

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The answer to the adventurers in the workingclass movement, the Bill Dunnes and the rest of the Stalinist bureaucrats who wished to see the workers of a single city against the capitalist nation, was given by his brother, in reporting for the strike committee for the settlement: "This is only a partial gain. Figured from the standards of yesterday, it is a big gain. The big fight is still ahead."

Strike Sidelights

Here's an escapade I got straight from the elevator woman in my building. Two young strikebreakers (erstwhile bond salesmen), spewed out of the market on that historic Tuesday morning at 11:40, burst into the Plymouth Store on Hennepin and Sixth, and dove headfirst under the counter.

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Local New York Climbs to the Top; Minneapolis Branch Takes Second Place

As the second club plan sub drive (a six-month sub for \$1) draws to an end, the branches are getting busy, keeping us guessing as to who will lead the following week.

Complete Record

Table with columns for branch names and corresponding dollar amounts. Includes Local New York, Minneapolis Branch, Cleveland Branch, etc.

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QUESTION BOX

Sympathizer, Waterbury.—Before answering your question concerning the law which turns over 75,000 rifles to the American Legion, we believe the subject to be of sufficient importance, and the manner in which it was reported by the N. Y. World-Telegram of such significance, that the article which appeared in the latter paper will bear reprinting in full.

"Washington, June 11.—CONGRESS HAS QUIETLY PASSED AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS SIGNED a law turning over to private citizens probably 75,000 or more high-powered army rifles, of an obsolete type.

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A few bits are available, however. Hugh Quigley, in "Current History", for June gives the following: The average industrial wage at the end of 1932 was about 9 and 1/3 cents an hour, while in agriculture the HIGHEST wage paid was 6 and 1/3 cents an hour for men and about 3 1/2 cents an hour for women.

In addition to the above it can be added that the universal eight-hour day law was changed to nine hours in 1926 so that a 54 hour week is the legal minimum. It is one of those open secrets that the workday, thanks to the "attention" which the fascists pay to the workers' interests, averages about two hours more than the legal minimum, so that the Italian workers are blessed with a work week of about 66 hours.

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It is difficult to see how you draw your conclusions since you believe (and quite correctly) that the policies of the Stalinist bureaucracy are not in the best interest of the Workers' Republic.

The capitalist crisis affects the Soviet Union in several ways (and here the tie between Soviet and world economy is clearly demonstrated). In the first place the exports of the Soviet Union are mainly raw materials whereas imports are mostly the products of heavy industry (machinery, etc.). The world market prices of the former fell proportionately more than those of the latter, thus putting the Soviet Union in the position where it was necessary to export a greater quantity of raw material in order to import the same quantity of machinery.

Imperial Valley Notes

The Brawley News, the most flagrant and red baiting paper in the Valley, a few days ago printed a statement released to the News by A. N. Jacks, president of the Imperial Valley Growers and Shippers Protective Association, containing charges that the U. S. Government is conspiring in the organization of a red union—to stir up trouble in the Valley.

Chester Williams of the American Civil Liberties Union arrived in Brawley last week and had conferences with the recently appointed labor conciliator, General Pelham D. Glassford—infamous or famous, as you will have it, for his Bonus Army rout, and later as a "liberal" who protested against the Government's attitude toward the Bonus marchers.

Pledge Fund

Table listing names and pledge amounts for the Pledge Fund. Includes Manhattan Branch and New York City sections.

Militant Builders

Table listing names and addresses of Militant Builders. Includes locations like Minneapolis, Cleveland, Los Angeles, etc.

Headlines and editorials contain their motives all too clearly, such as this: "Williams promises to stay away"—"Williams not leaving to-day as promised." An intended visit of professional men from lower California including Mr. Taft, head of the Civil Liberties Union, caused Mr. Williams to wait over, so that the investigations of the visiting professionals would be conducted along organized lines.

Build New Parties

The fate of the international revolution, which means the fate of the Soviet Union, for the years to come depends on the rallying of the revolutionary vanguard of the world's working class under the banner of the Fourth International.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

Contraction of the Stalinist Bureaucracy

The more the Stalinist bureaucracy loses its mass support, the more it feels its isolation and divorce from the masses, the greater becomes its contraction into a bureaucratic directory. The process of elimination of all control, even the fictitious control by the left-over apparatus of what was once the powerful Russian Communist party, goes on apace.

The Bonapartist Danger

Now comes a still more ominous step in the direction of Thermidor and Bonapartism. This is the abolition of the Peoples' Commissariat of War (the Revolutionary War Council) and the concentration of power in the hands of Voroshiloff as Supreme Commander of the Red Army.

As the danger of imperialist war looms closer and closer the Stalinist bureaucracy entrenches itself ever more firmly.

One can see the outlines of a future Directory of "efficient" carrying out of Soviet defense. Whether this Directory will consist of its present candidates,—Stalin, Voroshiloff, Molotov, Kaganovich, Ordjonikidze,—no one can now predict, for developments become rapid during national crises.

Stalinism

As this Militant goes to press the Daily Worker comes out with an offer of United Front in the struggle against fascism—with the new executive committee of the Socialist Party. What will become of the infallibility of the Stalinist leadership with such an offer made from organization to organization?