REVIEWING THE NEWS

"Heil Hitler!"

yesterday were hailed as heroes. Now it is "the traitor", "enemy of the revolution", "degenerates", etc., er", "the German state with Hitler country for a long time. as the leader", "the National Solickspittle "hero"-worship belongs properly to the degenerate and petty-bourgeois Fascist movement.

Hitler and Capone Newspapers, particularly the English press, have been comparing Hitler's murdering of his bosom pals to the St. Valentine's Day massacre of gangsters in Chicago. There is this difference. Hitler was able to pass a law making his murder campaign legal after the event. Capone was never able to do that.

. . . .

The Fascist Danger

That murderers, dope-fiends, sex-The record of the leadership of the erful German labor movement to hide their true motives and real should have allowed such a gang to intentions. grow in strength is the most telling condemnation of that movement that can be made. In America we must not repeat their mistakes. We must again raise the alarm and monster of fascism, the Ulmanis call for joint and crushing action dictatorship rode into power. against the first stirrings of the Fascist beast.

Stalinism and Germany

tory approaching in the death of criticized, changed and filed. consider a Bolshevik revolution in would not like to see such a development now. It might lead to war. And yet the Daily Worker shouts world revolution".

Voodoolsm

explain it so clearly that even the witch doctors of the various churches are compelled to acknowledge its of lunatic asylums in Kansas.

Bert Wolfe

Bertram D. Wolfe of the Love-Ost was included. stone Group ventures to attack position. However, before attack-"leader". "We can quite agree with Stalin", says Wolfe. Yes, yes. we know that. You always agreed with Stalin on every thing but one. "Dual-unionism", "Social - fascism", "third period", "Socialism in one country", "expulsion of Trotskyists", "expulsion of Brandler", "removal of Bucharin", all was agreed to. But removal of Lovestone and his supporters from the leadership of the American party-ah! that was a different matter, a principle -BILL question.

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Max Shachtman, Editor

The Military Coup d'Etat QUESTION In Latvia

sens—Assistance.

All "good" men, when judged by

Aimed at the Workers

It is clear from here, that the

war-fascist traveling companions

by the Social Democracy on the one

hand, and the Stalinist bureaucrats,

with their political isolation and

The Latvian Social Democracy

and the Statinist phrase-mongers

bands of the "Peasants' Party"

Workers Without Leadership

fascist storm-troops, and terror in

town and country. Reaction made

It is interesting to note the at-

Karlson and other adventurists un-

"The Fiery Cross League", "The

thing without expected returns.

-PAUL SCHWALBE. | Trotsky, p. 32.)

"main enemy".

streets".

false trade union policy on the

The character of the military there, formed his new government coup of May 15th in the small Bal-jafter his own image, that is, of the Not the least nauseating feature tic country, Latvia, leaves no doubt capitalists and landlords. of the recent murder campaign in in the minds of the revolutionary His cabinet includes, besides him-Germany was the unanimity with working class that the leadership self as Secretary of State and Forwhich the lesser bureaucrats, fear- of Karl Ulmanis and General Bolo- eign Affairs: Skujenieks-Vice-secing their own necks and jobs, re- dis are inseparably identified with retary of State and Foreign Afpeated with variations all the offi- the hated ultra-reactionary "Peas- fairs; General Bolodis-War; Gul- the present Stalinist trade-union gram and its tendencies, it would its original aims. It has given not gregation had been removed. That cial denunciations of those who but ants' League", which is known to bis-Interior; Einbergs-Communi- policy. all revolutionary workers as a petit- cation; Rubuls-Public Welfare; bourgeois, kulak-nationalist sect, Kaulinsh - Agriculture; Ehkis and which has led a characteristi- Finance; Apsitis-Justice; Profesetc. Hitler is hailed as "the Lead- cally clear fascist movement in that sor Adamovitsh-Education; Yaud-

Not by any accident has this cialist Party with Hitler at the party—the most reactionary and individual standards of morality head". Such belly-crawling and anti-proletarian in Latvian politics and respectability. Looking at it -been at the bottom, of the initi- from a little broader point of view, ator and influencing force of the the vocabulary of denunciation and coup d'etat of May 15th. First of abhorrence seems inadequate when all, this "Peasants' League" has applied to their records and actions been the initiator of the notorious Viewed with still wider social and special tariff law on export goods, historical vision, they seem to be economy; the "Peasant's League" the capitalist class hopes to mainrepresentatives in the Saeim (parli- tain its power, without which it ament) are the constant looters of could not retain its stranglehold the state treasury, for the benefit over the working class of Latvia, of the former Baltic barons and landlords of Liv- and Courland; the "l'easants' League" has been the medium that most efficiently pursued those policies which shifted all the sufferings and hardships brought about by the general crisis upon the shoulders of the city pronal degenerates and maniacs make letariat, the village poor and the up the leadership of Fascist move- farm workers; and, finally, the ments has been amply demonstrated "Peasants' League" is the ruthless first in Italy and now in Germany. creator of the system of terror by which the Latvian ruling class Ku Klux Kian, Silver Shirts and have suppressed and are still able Khaki Shirts show that this feature to suppress the slightest attempts is also common to similar move- of protest by the masses. They are ments in America. That the pow- employing subterfuge and deception

The Program of Ulmanis

By the direct support of this petit-bourgeois clique that has the form and policy of the unbridled

The goal of Ulmanis' ambition was to replace the parliamentary form of government with the authoritarian or dictatorial power. The Stalinists who saw a "revolu- Several months before the coup, he tionary upsurge" in Hitler's coming presented a bill to that effect in the to power now see a proletarian vic- parliament, where it was drastically Von Schleicher and Roehm. Open- week before the coup, the parliaair speakers go a step further than ment adopted in its second session editorial writers and call on their the new constitution, with complete audiences to prepare to "defend rejection of all Ulmanis' amend-Soviet Germany". But the Moscow ments. Then it became evident correspondent of the New York that the third session would not Times reports that Soviet officials even consider his proposals and the Germany something in the remote coup, which was successfully carfuture. Actually, he reports, they ried out the night between May 15th and 16th.

That night armed bands of war veterans broke into the Labor Tem-"Long live Stalin, leader of the ple of Riga, capital of Latvia, quarters were located, arrested all present, confiscated all property, tion, they, with Menders and Kaland transformed the place into a so-Science may explain the world, called "National Defense League" headquarters.

On the same night all Socialist members of the Saeim were arrested truth. But let some upsetting na- in their homes. The S. D. presitural phenomenon occur and the dent, Dr. Paul Kalnin, was amongst | preachers revert to the primitive the first arrested. From all other The New York Times reports members of the Saeim signatures "Prayer bands have been organized were taken, under threat, not to throughout Kansas. Catholic as attempt to call an assembly. Early

The official report next morning the Workers Age. Radek's article arms were seized, and two hundred League". in the Daily Worker on the League revolvers taken from Dr. Kalnin's of Nations is the object of the at- room. The second part of the renear future, the Fascist Legion- time. It manifested itself in the ing Radek, who is but a tool of naires would have attempted an up. systematic wholesale arrests of the Stalin, Wolfe bows before the rising and the action of Ulmanis workers, imprisonment of the workwas simply to stave them off. But ers' delegates, the revision of the to and from the Soviet Union? very few Legionnaires were arrest- constitution, the fascization of the

ed by Ulmanis. Rests on Military Force

In throwing all his opponents into jall, Ulmanis' dictatorship ex- wide preparations while the Social pected to prepare the ground for Democratic Party and the Stalinthe coming general election, the ites undermined the unity of the date of which has not been set workers by calling each other the in which to carry his program into action. In the meantime, it rested purely on military force. The titude of the "Peasants' League" morning after the coup, eight regi- towards the open fascist organizaments of regular troops marched tions that were led by Stalmacher, into the city. Simultaneously, new regiments were organized from the der their ringing names, such as ing first from the most conservative Knights of the Lightning Cross" reactionary volunteers. In recruitlayers of the population, soon the etc. The Latvian newspapers pubgovernment found full support also lished in past months a lot of mafrom the various centrist groups and of the German national minor-

Ulmanis, being himself a rich Admission 10c. Free Refreshments Germany to "study" the government

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COMRADE H. L., Newark.—Yes! the question of work in the trade unions controlled by the reactionaries, and his words of 14 years ago are a scathing denunciation of

the name of the working masses in since its inception. order to gain them on our side; and same stupidity when, because of the and strategy.

whom the Ulmanis coup d'etat was without the support of the S. D. working masses to the influence of Marxian policy. leaders, is trying forever to crush reactionary leaders, agents of the The "Peasants' League" and its bourgeoisified workmen'." (Lenin-"The Infantile Sickness of 'Leftism' dared to take the power, with the in Communism." Emphasis ours) knowledge that the Latvian work-By all means read this work. ing class is split and demoralized

SYMPATHIZER, N. Y. - Right now Trotsky's address is "somemoney for his guards is excellent. Such money can be sent to The Militant.

helped Ulmanis' accession to power, Trotsky never wrote the leaflet just as much as the armed kulak containing the slogan: "Without a Only recently, the Social Democrat Czar-But a Labor Government", as Menders threatened the fascist your Lovestoneite friend says. This was written in 1905 by Parvus. forces from the floor of the Sacim, and also in the party congress, that In attacking "Trotskyism" in his "Problems of Leninism', Stalin they would not make the mistake (who, with Trotsky, never saw the their Austrian brothers did. Menders and Bruno Kalnish warned the leaflet) found it convenient to bourgeoisie with threats: "Nothing change this factual side of the matcomes to us unexpected", and that ter in order to be able to accuse in case of the violation of the con- Trotsky of "underestimating the peasantry". In 1928, when still in stitution they would "come to the the official C. P., the Lovestoneite, More than fifteen years the Social Bertram D. Wolfe, in slaying "Trot-Democratic leaders have split and skyism" in his pamphlet, "The sabotaged the working class fight Trotsky Opposition" (p. 20) echoed I Glade only way left was-the military for freedom. In every case where this falsehood of Stalin. This is Leonard Lewis the working masses attempted ac- probably where your friend got it. Dorothy Morris tion against their exploiters, they To be fair to yourself always check Clara Nelson called for "law and order" and the "quotations" of the Lovestone- J. Wright "discipline". At the same time they lites at the original source. We M. Spithos

matched their wits with the Stal- speak from much experience. inites, in sabotaging the united F. S. U. MEMBER, N. Y.—There Paul King front. · Whenever the sentiment of the workers called for ac- are no known official statistics by Florence Becker which to judge the accuracy of the J. Weber Stalinist ballyhoo about the Chinese M. Tamas ninsh, gave them promises for the Soviets and the thousands of Chin- F. Victor future. The Stalinites on their ese they claim to be in the I.L.D. M. Kling part answered by organizing a "Labor Sports Unions" of their own, etc. Certain facts are clear, how- E. Konikow and played football with fascist ever. In the Chinese Soviet disstorm-troopers, while refusing to tricts there is practically no indus- I. Porter meet with Social Democratic work- try, the section being purely agri- E. Alby cultural. The Red armies and the E. E. C. Soviets are purely peasant in char- E. J. Conwit Tricked by Social Democracy, re. acter. This class basis, without Cornelis well as Protestant churches are in the morning, all trade union lead- pelled by the Communist Party pol- the leadership of the city proletari- Samuel, E. holding prayer services in behalf of ers were rounded up and their of- itics of bluff and ballyhoo, the bom- at, is by no means a guarantee as Ann Ehrlich rain." There must be a shortage fices closed. Fifty newspapers and bastic phrase-mongering which held to the revolutionary character of The Geltmans periodicals were suppressed, mostly sway over every activity of the movement. The Stalinists speak L. Haidous Socialist, although one neutral party, great masses of class con- of "workers and peasants", but it P. Miller German language paper, Europa scious workers sank into apathy is a riddle where the proletariat Sydney Moroff and indifference. Thousands have comes from. However, if Amter can find "honest fascist workers" been lured over into the camp of Karl Radek in the latest issue of circulated stories that carloads of Ulmanis and the "Peasants' it should not be hard for him to find a few proletarians in those Colay The petit-bourgeoisie element in parts of China where industry has Cochrin the Peasants League and their war- not penetrated. Also, the following Jerry Marsh tack and Wolfe does a fair job of port announced, ironically, in con- fascist allies have prepared for the remains to be answered by the Staldemolishing Radek's reactionary trast to its own actions, that in the coup of the 15th of May for a long inists: If there is a Chinese Soviet government, why does not the Sovict Union recognize it, and if it already has, who are the ambassadors

We cannot agree with you that a state apparatus, the mobilization of correct definition of fascism is "the more open, more brutal rule of the capitalist class". This is a hardly sufficient characterization of this form of the rule of finance-capital. The Stalinists are particularly addicted to calling every use of force by the capitalists as "fascist" or "semi-fascist". The following random example is handy: "La Guardia is moving toward more open brutalized reaction. There is not an honest person who will not be eager to join in the struggle against this Fascization of the life of the city." (Editorial in Daily Worker, June 28, 1934. Emphasis ours.)

From such a position would necterial concerning the connections essarily follow the conclusion that these organizations had with the in its democratic form capitalism German Nazi agents, who in Riga does not use force. The use of already had established an official force, however, more or less open representative. It is true that some (Take 105th St. Car—Garfield Pk.) cently spent several weeks in Nazi of the military leaders are trying or brutal, is, and has been, a charto show that the new regime is also acteristic of all class society, and against these fascist bands that are is by no means the feature which distinguishes fascism from other directly led by German Fascists. But the German Fascist journalism forms of bourgeois rule.

. . . "the gist of Fascism and its approved wholesheartedly the Latvian insurrection by Latvian mili- task consist in a complete supprestarists, and not accidentally so, sion of all workers' organizations Hitler's Nazis do not endorse any- and in the prevention of their revival. In a developed capitalist so-The Latvian military coup d'etat, ciety this goal cannot be achieved although not very important in it- by police methods alone. There is self, has a great significance and only one method for it and that is bearing upon the Soviet Union, by directly opposing the pressure of Latvia, which now geographically the proletariat - the moment it presses the ribs of the body of the weakens-by the pressure of the Soviet Union, should attract all the desperate masses of the petty bourattention of the working class of geoisie. It is this particular syshe whole world. It looks like the tem of capitalist reaction that has actual spearhead of the fascist entered history under the name of hordes against the workers' father- Fascism." ("What Next", by L.

The Chicago Friends of The MARCH OF Militant Club

Lenin gave a very clear answer to ization to the Communist League of existence, while there is plenty If the contradictions in the camp America, came into existence alloom for improvement and for of German fascism have broken out most two years ago.

iar with this organization, its pro- the Militants Club has lived up to that held together the fascist agnot be amiss to sketch in brief the only financial aid to the Militant force which cemented momentarily "We carry on the struggle purposes of this organization and and the movement, but it has the heterogeneous forces of reacagainst the 'labor aristocracy' in the development it has undergone through lectures, personal contacts tion, was the independently organ-

we do battle against the opportun- sympathizers who became convinced otherwise could not be reached by Harry Gannes in recent issues of ist and social-chauvinist leaders to that the Left Opposition was cor- the comrades of the local branch, the Daily Worker) repeat ad nauachieve the same object. To forget rect in its critical attitude toward become an important agency in this elemental and self-evident the C. I. for misinterpreting Marx- spreading the principles of Marxtruth would be foolish. But the ian theories and misapplying these ism and the viewpoints of the Com-German 'Left Communists' (read principles or not applying them at munist-Internationalists. today Stalinists, Ed.) commit the all to the practical field of tactics

reactionary and counter-revolution- The innumerable mistakes and ary heads of the trade unions they, deviations of the C. I. and of the directed. Bourgeois reaction, with trade unions means to leave the the only wing in the revolutionary bor movement. armed forces, and not altogether backward or insufficiently developed movement which pursues the correct

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Chicago. The Chicago Friends of | Looking back at this relatively the Militant, as an auxiliary organ-short time since we have been in growth of the organization, we may into the open, certainly it can be For all those who are not famil-truthfully say that the Friends of said that the one restraining force and spreading of the Militant ized working class. The cretinized It was founded by a handful of among hundreds of strangers who

For the past 21 months, our organization has contributed close to \$800.00, has obtained hundreds of subscriptions to the Militant and in favor of the middle-class kulak instruments in the process by which through some inexplicable mental various Communist parties, which subs to the New International, has growing by leaps and bounds, treprocess, jump at the conclusion that were so clearly foreseen and warned distributed Militants at various it is necessary to abandon these against by the Left Opposition other meetings and demonstrations, in the fight against the bloody fasorganizations altogether! To refuse through all the available agencies, has sent delegates to important cist dictatorship." When as a matto work in them! To invent new such as the press, literature and conferences such as the Tom Moonworking men's unions! This is an platform, and whose analyses and ey Conference, the Tom Mooney unpardonable blunder which results criticism have proven so correct Tag-Day, May First Conference ership, between a revolutionary Latvian working class and the toil- in the Communists rendering the since, have developed the conscious- and to Anti-Fascist groups. In vanguard party and the widest ing masses are the subject against greatest service to the bourgeoisie. ness in this small group of sympa- short, it has participated in many masses of the German proletariat is ... Not to work within reactionary thizers that the Left Opposition is activities of the revolutionary la-The various benefits in an educa-

> tional and ideological sense to the The Friends of the Militant Club majority of members of the organthe resistance of the proletariat. bourgeoisie, labor aristocrats or was formed as an auxiliary, first ization were also not negligible. to render financial and moral sup- The lectures and discussions which this moment. The events themport to the parent organization, in were given every other Sunday selves give the lie to the false and particular its press, so as to enable night in open Forums and every premeditatedly deluding estimate of it to propagate its views among the other Thursday night in private the Stalinist bureaucrats. For the large masses of workers; secondly, homes were potent factors in mold- relation between the revolutionary to secure a membership and devel- ing the educational development of op it by educational means so that many members. Through these the more ripe and fully class con- discussions, the members became is now in process of building in party of your friends to raise scious would be ready to enter into acquainted with the various cur- Germany, as elsewhere, under the rents in the revolutionary movement, learned the correct and into membership were made minimal: correct viewpoints on many issues of the class struggle, the various mis-interpretations and deviations from the teachings of Marx, Engels, feared the petty bourgeois forces of The educational program was to Lenin and Trotsky and the disasbe broad and varied; while insti-trous consequences such deviations once in motion tend to go further tuting lectures on Marxism and had upon the course of the entire than is desired by the big bankers current topics related to the class revolutionary movement. Many a and industrialists in control behind struggle and the revolutionary member obtained a clearer under- the scene. The exploited small movement as a whole, other fields standing of these burning questions tradesmen and peasantry attempt

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EVENTS

Appraisal of the German Events

Stalinists (witness the article by seam: "German is on the eve of the greatest revolutionary struggles. . . The fires of revolt are burning

high in Germany."

Nor does Gannes yet refrain from informing us "that the stalwart, heroic leader of the German working class, the Communist Party, is mendously increasing its leadership ter of fact the lack of any sort of relationship, let alone that of leaditself a decisive factor in permitting the disagreements in the camp of the enemy to come to the surface. Were the situation that pictured by the Stalinists its party could play a tremendous role at party and the working class is decisive, and the revolutionary party hanner of the Fourth International.

The Fascist Hostages

If the bourgeoisie was impelled to resort to fascism, it nevertheless the reaction because these elements were not to be neglected, such as as a result of the activities of the to throw off some of the oppression to which they are subjected by The Summer activities are going monopoly capitalism. Furthermore on with the usual lectures and dis- the middle classes have been led to cussions every other Thursday night expect far greater rewards and at private homes. For the Fall achievements for their "heroism" season we are planning to launch than can be afforded by the big a more intense membership cam- bourgeoisie. Hence the latter are try to be a greater help in the cause as soon as possible after the coun-

> By a series of stages the armed forces and the "party" of the petty bourgeoisie must be dissolved. The aware of these designs, to which Hitler had perforce to acquiesce, when they attempted to gain control of the army, the Reichswehr. strikes showed that the workers are This force was being expanded from one hundred thousand men to three hundred thousand by including Stahlhelm and Junker elements and excluding the Nazis.

In the conflict that ensued a clear attempt was made at the beginning of dissolution of the storm troops by forcing them to give up their arms and uniforms and giving them a holiday. This precipitated a conspiracy of the underlings who feared for their posts and prerogatives. Von Papen shrewdly helped to precipitate a situation from which he had everything to gain. Hitler, realizing that mass support was slipping from under his feet. had to give himself as a hostage to the bureaucracy representing the Junkers and the big bourgeoisie.

At the same time he keeps Goebbels, titular head of the petty bourgcous "lefts" and still retaining a measure of prestige in the ranks of the millions of Nazis, as a hostage to aid him in the further steps that now become inevitable. Goebbels will feel more than uneasy in view of the shooting of his erstwhile companions,-but precisely for that reason will obey "the leader" while distrusting him. Hitler aids to dissolve the forces that acted as a stirrup to lift him to power.

The Dregs of Society Hitler reveals openly the consti-

tution of the hordes upon whom he The special sub drive (4 six- relied for support previously. It ate elements in capitalist German society. The fascists everywhere recruit the gangsters, the jailbirds, Branch, 8; New Haven Branch, 4; rates. Nobody will be taken in by the hypocrisy of "the leader" whose conscience was "torn" by the orgies indulged in by the Heineses and Roehms. Hitler turned to precisely such types in order to build up a movement itself representing social degeneracy and barbarism. When the turn of Hitler comes he will be similarly properly branded by the intriguers of his downfall. ..JACK WEBER.

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