

REVIEWING THE NEWS

"Democratic" Law and Order
From the Pacific Coast the capitalist press reported armed vigilantes (Boss term for strikebreakers) smashing up workers halls and homes, beating up men and women, destroying property and the full approval and armed support of the capitalist state.

"And the Ass Spoke"
Since the time when "God opened the mouth of Baalam's ass and the ass spoke" other asses with collars turned backward have had their mouths opened or shut as the occasion required by their God and master, Big Business.

"It is Reported"
"Hitler a prisoner," screamed the Daily Worker. The source of their news, according to themselves, is from General Motors in Berlin by cable to J. P. Morgan, and from Morgan by "authentic word" to the Daily Worker.

War and Oil
Some years ago when American marines were killed at Socony Hill in China some American liberals asked why should United States soldiers die defending the robber wealth of Standard Oil Co. of New York.

Roosevelt? No, Lovestone
In addition to our economic interest we have a very vital political interest in Cuba. . . . We snatched Cuba from Spain because it fitted into our dream of empire." (My emphasis—B) Workers Age, July 15.

Civil Liberties Under The New Deal

Liberty Under the New Deal—The Record for 1933-34. Published by the Civil Liberties Union. This pamphlet, issued by the Civil Liberties Union in June, 1934 suffers obviously from the fact that it could not include in its report the red-baiting and labor hating terror that is now going on in San Francisco and other cities of the West Coast.

Militant Tone
All in all the pamphlet strikes a fairly militant tone. Despite section 7a of the NRA and despite all the blabbering of the various shades of pink in the labor movement as to labor, at last, coming into its own, it is clearly pointed out that the government in so far as it has interfered in recent strike struggles, has done so exclusively on the side of the bosses.

Roosevelt's Terror
Lynchings in the past year have jumped from ten the previous year to twenty-eight. Troops have been called out in 5 states against strikers. Over forty injunctions have been issued by state courts restricting or suspending the right to organize, strike or to picket.

Why the Omissions?
And here permit us a few criticisms of the Civil Liberties Union which proclaims to be non-partisan but goes out of its way in its efforts to achieve a rapprochement with the Stalinists. Under that same heading, Aliens, one expected to find a review—nay—a mere mention of the Bellucci case with which the C. L. U. was involved. Not a word. In Los Angeles A. L. Wirin, Beardley and other lawyers connected with the Union were instrumental in getting a reverse decision on appeal in an anti-picketing case where one of our comrades, Elsie Meyers, was involved—no mention. In San Francisco where our comrades were arrested and defended by Austin Lewis—no mention. But if some paper victory—by now entirely in the limbo of memory only—by the National Miners Union in Gallup, N. M., it is hailed as "notable among the gains of unionism." The winning of a fighting union by the Minneapolis truck drivers, the heroic battles of the Toledo workers—no mention!

GLEE.
The sins of the pamphlet are in the main sins of omission. It would serve little purpose here to debate with the C. L. U. its "ideal" conception of government, its fighting for the rights of all—Nazis included. One can, however, hope that in the future such reviews, as the present, will begin to picture events in the United States through their own reflection and not from the distorted reflections of the crazy mirrors of Stalinism.

QUESTION BOX

COMRADE B-d, Newark.—The proletariat in this country is made up as follows: (1929 figures, wage and salary earners—in thousands) Agricultural 2,027 Electric light and power, gas 336 Mining 1,054 Manufacturing 9,890 Construction 1,360 Transportation 2,905 Communication 533 Trade 5,562 Finance 1,422 Government 3,903 Service 4,858 Miscellaneous 2,255 Total 35,295

SARA W., N. Y.—Where did you hear that the Stalinists had three positions on the Saar plebiscite? You must have reference to the Appeal to the Saar Workers by the I. S. where it states: "At first they (the Stalinists—ed.) stood unconditionally for return to Germany, then they spouted hollow phrases about a Soviet Germany and finally in the last hour came out for the status quo."

Movement Under Way
The C. W. of A. organized at a mass meeting held early in the spring of this year. The workers' committees picked Easter Sunday as

It is, of course, impossible for us to give you any official reason for the change because the Stalinists simply don't give any. In an article entitled "The Communist Position in the Saar Question" (Daily Worker, July 19, 1934) a certain W. Mueller condemns the "Back to Germany" slogans as follows: "To advocate union with Hitler Germany would mean to betray the workers, would mean to advocate their being placed under the heel of Hitler fascism"; and then he fails to explain the change in position as follows: "They (the C. P.—ed.) declare most emphatically . . . that the Communists are making a 'volte face', that the tactics pursued by the Communists in the Saar were and are correct. They could not make the tactical decision they are now making six months or a year ago, because the development of the class forces and the sudden or unexpected turns in events before the holding of the plebiscite might have rendered it necessary to adopt another attitude in the Saar question." (Can you make head or tail of this hedge-podge?)

Why the change, still remains unanswered. The turn cannot be attributed to a change in the Stalinist position concerning the present situation in Germany. The same W. Mueller states: "With the tactics they are adopting, the Communists deliberately turn the attention of the proletarians in the Saar District and of all countries to the revolutionary upsurge which is taking place under the leadership of the C.P.G." Can the change be attributed to pressure from the workers. This may be a factor. However, the most likely of reasons, in harmony with the entire Stalinist nationalistic approach, is the fact that the Soviet Union stands ready to join the League of Nations which now nominally rules the Saar.

Goethals - Strikebreaker
An elaborate military plan for breaking the proposed general strike of the railroad unions thirteen years ago was revealed to the press this week by Major Elihu Church, who assisted Major Gen. George W. Goethals, engineer in charge of Panama Canal, in preparing the plan.

Had the strike taken place, it was planned to institute martial law in all strategic areas, requisition all trucks, and set aside roads for the sole use of the strikebreaking military. Goethals and Church were then members of the Port of New York Authority. Among the steps carried out was a census, worked out with motor vehicle authorities in New York and New Jersey, "of every motor truck in the city and their capacities in terms of ton-miles on a twenty-four hour basis." "Military authorities of both states, as well as of the regular army," said Church, "were consulted and a plan worked out for the strategic use of available troops to act as convoys for the food trucks." Like the San Francisco and Minneapolis authorities, General Goethals planned to break the strike under the guise of transporting food.

New Castle Unemployed Organize

New Castle, Pa., July 23.—Originality and versatility are two of the many qualities which the progressive workers of New Castle possess, if one is to judge by their record over many years. This town years ago had what was known as one of the Reddest locals of the Socialist Party in the country. It elected a Socialist administration in 1903. In the early days, a local workers' press was published here, the name of which is still well remembered by the old timers. During the World War, a large local of the Industrial Workers of the World flourished here and defied police repressions in their anti-war activity. The local workers have likewise distinguished themselves by the great battles which they waged against the Steel Trust, especially in 1909 and 1919. They took an awful beating in both strikes; the unions were successively broken up by a combination of the strategy employed by the Trust and the traitorous maneuvers of the A. F. of L. skates in the Amalgamated Association. In educational activity, the vanguard workers here have sponsored many forums and lectures which may well have become models for the workingclass everywhere. And now, as if to crown their forty-year labor record, they have organized their own unemployed organization, the Co-Operative Workers of America.

Stalin Keeps His Promises
No one who has read the N. Y. Times for July 20, will say that Stalin does not live up to the commitments which his right hand man Litvinoff made to President Roosevelt in return for recognition of Soviet Russia. In an article by the New York Times, July 21, correspondent for Russia, Harold Denny, discussing the Seventh World Congress of the Comintern, which it is stated will be held in the Fall, the following comments are made: "An interesting feature is that most of the data on the coming meeting published in Soviet press are translations from Communist publications in other countries. This is probably motivated by a desire to make Moscow appear less the center of the world revolution."

We had always been given to understand that the Communist party of the U.S.S.R. was the leading party of the Communist International and that its voice was most influential in shaping world policies. This fact quoted in the Times does not lead us to change our position to the effect that some other party of the Comintern has taken the place of the C.P.S.U.—it wouldn't make much difference to exchange one corpse for another—but that the World Congress, postponed for five years will merely be a rubber-stamp for all the crimes of Stalinism. Further down the correspondent says "it is interesting and perhaps significant to note that not only the Soviet publications, but Communist party utterances, including statements in behalf of the Comintern do not mention the United States." The interests of the national policy of the ruling clique in the Soviet Union have developed to such a point where it has become possible for the theoreticians of the Stalin regime to "analyze" the world situation and omit the United States the economic and political pivot of international events today, from their calculations. But it is not always that the United States is left out of consideration sometimes says Denny, "Since recognition of the tone of the government and party has been extremely friendly (!) towards us. . . . News of strikes in San Francisco and other American cities is being published in the press here, but without comment."

Comrade Jean Tomasini, a young, promising member of the Bronx Branch of the Communist League of America, died Thursday, July 19 after a protracted illness. All the comrades who knew and worked with her are deeply grieved by her passing from our midst when her work in the Communist movement had but begun.

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an appropriate time, showing their contempt for "days and seasons." Since that date, the C. W. of A. has been representing the interests of the C.W.A. and the R.W.D. workers. Now that the Trust's Tin Plate mills here have shut down to one-half capacity, the C. W. of A. shall represent the interests of every unemployed worker in New Castle. This developed at a mass meeting held Monday, July 23, at Dean Park. After hearing a fine report from their chairman, and a stirring address from one of their militant organizers, the meeting got down to the business of organizing every ward in the city and the county districts as well. Ward and township committees were named by the workers volunteering their services. It is now in order to estimate this organization's prospects and to prescribe or describe certain conditions under which it can become outstanding in the labor movement. Provided that the C. W. of A. can fulfill certain conditions, its future is bright, as it appears that the United States is entering a new epoch of class struggles. The Government is daily revealing the actual content of the new deal. The public debt grows at the expense of the workingclass. The economic index falls. And the workingclass is becoming organization-conscious; all these and more form a background against which the C. W. of A. may stand out. There are at least two conditions with which the C. W. of A. must comply if it would play its role well: First, it must recognize the Federal, State, County and Municipal governments and all their agencies (especially the relief agencies), as parts of a machine all under the control of the capitalists; second, it must logically conduct all its activity in consonance with the recognition of point one.

Forward to New Positions
So far the leadership of the C. W. of A. has been characterized by much dependence on the Federal and State relief agencies, the R.W.D. administration, etc. Now with the personal record of the leaders of the C. W. of A. we have no quarrel; they are conscientious in the performance of their duties as we understand them, but this is insufficient. To lead the unemployed effectively, they must recognize the role of the New Deal and its agencies. This, we grant, comes by experience in the case of the wide masses. In the case of the leaders, it means that if they cannot aid the unemployed to understand the experiences through which they pass, the leaders must give way to others who can by their policies and leadership, give expression to the successive stages of mass conscious development and also aid its evolution. The tendency so far of the present leadership has been to repose faith in the New Deal. They must expose it, while exhausting all possible agencies of relief. The leaders of the C. W. of A. do have a militant policy against evictions. This is good. Apply this militant attitude in its dealings with the New Deal agencies and great victories shall result. Take up the cases of workers refused relief, who have recently lost work. Rely only on mass pressure. Forward to new positions! —A. L. L.

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THE WORLD OF LABOR

Towards a Western European Congress of Workers
At present, beginnings of broad united front movements have already been commenced in France, Spain, Belgium, Holland, and England, and while the whole movement is still only in its initial stage, it is already evident that this offers not only the best but the only way of checking the development of Fascism and turning the tide in favor of the working class.

In Spain where the first permanent united front organization, the Workers Alliance against Reaction and Fascism was formed, the movement continues to make great headway. In spite of the sabotage of the socialist and anarcho-sindicalist leaders, the most important sectors of the labor movement are adhering to the Workers Alliance under the pressure of the evolutionary minorities within their ranks. The Stalinists and the Anarchists continue to betray the general interests of the working class for those of their own particular group. Fortunately both sectarian tendencies are becoming ever more isolated from the proletarian masses. The experiences thus far in Spain demonstrates the possibility of developing broad united front movements in the present period, in spite of all the sabotage and betrayals of reformists and sectarians. It demonstrates the inherent ability of the proletariat to overcome the divisions existing within its ranks.

The western European Workers Alliances have before them the task of smashing Fascism and laying the basis for the Soviet United States of Europe. The last number of the International Bulletin of the Internationalist-Communists, poses the question of an international conference of the Workers Alliances of France, Spain, Belgium, Holland, England.

Towards the New Party in Chile
Recently, the Communist Left of Chile, Section of the League of Internationalist Communists and, which has broad influence among the workers, signed a pact with the Communist Youth Opposition, agreeing for joint action in building the Fourth International. The Communist Youth Opposition is an autonomous organization, spontaneously revolting against the Stalinist bureaucracy, which split away from the official Y.C.L. several months ago.

Of all the South American countries, it is in Chile that the movement for the new party is most advanced. The steady, consistent work of the Bolshevik Leninists in the industries and in the unions is laying the basis for a real Communist Party. Although lacking relatively great resources that the Stalinists have at their disposal, our comrades are making themselves felt in every field. A new fortnightly newspaper has been launched under the name "Izquierda" (Left) which is a great improvement over the bulletin published previously.

One indication of the fear of the ruling classes for the Communist Left, is indicated by the recent attack on our parliamentary representative, Comrade Emilio Zapata by the carabinieri. Comrade Zapata was shot in the head and seriously injured in what appears to have been an attempt to assassinate him.

Regional Conference of the Catalonian Workers Alliance
The Workers Alliance of Catalonia united front organization of the workers of all the main political tendencies of that region, held its First Regional Conference on June 17th. This was during the height of the agitation over the Catalonian land law, when the relations between the central and regional governments were very strained. The Conference adopted a resolution stating that in the event of the establishment of an independent Catalonian Republic, the Workers Alliance would defend Catalonia against any attack of the central government and would rally the proletariat of all Spain to its defense. At the same time an effort should be made to transform the Catalonian Republic into a Socialist republic.

The following immediate demands were formulated by the Regional Conference in which delegates from Syndicalist, Socialist, trade union and independent Communist organizations represented the majority of the proletariat of Catalonia: The arming of the workers, complete liberty of organization and propaganda for all workers' organization, expropriation of the estates of the most active leaders of the Regionalist "LLIGA", the closing of all Fascist centers, arrest of the Fascist leaders, and the forty-four hour week in all branches of industry. Steps were also taken at the Conference for the coordination of the activities of the Workers Alliances throughout the country. JOIN THE COMMUNIST LEAGUE

Militant Builders Org Press Campaign

Second Drive Ends
Local New York in the Lead.
The second Club Plan Sub drive which ends August 1st has brought in a total of 453 new subscribers up to the present writing. A few more are expected before the final date, if George Truhar's letter is an indication. He writes, asking, "Can I send in another 20 subs by midnight of July 31st?"

Table with columns: New Subs Last Week, Complete Record, Second Drive Total, First Drive Total, Total for both drives. Lists various branches and their subscriber counts.

That the capitalists are determined to break the restlessness of the workers in the present strike wave was clearly evidenced during the past week in California and in Minneapolis. Wholesale arrests, unwarranted attacks on workers' halls, meeting places and offices; surprise raids on the homes of individuals active in the struggle. This is the record of California "democracy" during the past few days. The workers' only response in this situation is Organization. Organization is no abstraction. A living matter, its importance is in the ideas it fosters and sponsors. In the Communist League of America these ideas are the ideas of Marxism and when you build the Communist League you strike a blow for the present and the future of the revolutionary movement. Our Organization-Press campaign has been conceived of as the weapon for this task. When you support us in this drive you strike a blow at the white terror of the bosses.

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Total since last report . . . 53.60
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M. Melsel 1.00
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M. M., N.Y.C. 5.00
(from B. Bass \$1.50)
Stylus, Bronx Br. 1.00
Local New York 31.25
Sterling \$ 5.00
Manne 10.00
E. R. 5.00
J. W. party 11.25
Collin, Brooklyn 1.00
Anonymous, N.Y.C. 1.00
Cleveland (Abrams)80
Boston Branch (Bolton) 1.00
Anonymous, N.Y.C. 1.00
Cleveland Branch 4.00
M. R., Los A. 1.00
Boston Branch (Bolton) 1.50
A Friend, N.Y.C.50
Special Note:
All those who have received coupon books and have not yet responded or returned the book, will kindly do so and so avoid the necessity of sending them a follow up. In the last issue, an error was made in reporting the returns from New York Local. The total was \$57.25 for all the branches. Not as it appeared, \$57.25 in addition to what the branches turned in. Another error was the contribution from A. Konikow of Boston. It should have been \$5, not \$15.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION
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Dancing Entertainment Refreshments
S. S. SEAGATE
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Ausplees: International Workers School, 144 Second Avenue, N. Y. C.

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