

REVIEWING THE NEWS

The Church Crusade on Films

The church in all its forms, from Holy Rome to Ge-Dunkers, from Hard Shell to Episcopal, from Presbyterian to Holy Rollers, is up in arms against lewdness, immodesty, etc., etc., in the movies.

A. F. of L. Executive Council

A picture of that bunch of fat, sleek, agents of the bosses appears in the press with the caption "Lenders of labor."

An Act of God

A heavy downpour of rain, the first in many weeks was received by the Tyler Kansas Chamber of Commerce with "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow,"

Who Is God?

The Daily Worker says in arguing against the thesis "Father Divine is God," party members abstractly tried to prove that Father Divine was not God.

Warden Lawes of Sing Sing

"The fellow who doesn't have much money or many friends doesn't get much of a break. I am not a Communist but there ought to be some changes in the social order to get across the idea of fair play both in prison and out."

Capitalism Safe and Sane

J. B. Priestley after a survey of the slums of Birmingham, England. "Never were there so many people doing nothing and never was there so much to be done."

Tulsa, Okla., April 24—John H. Leavell, community fund food director, says that indignant residents of Tulsa are thriving on food costing less than 6-1/4 cents daily.

Schuyler, Nebraska—About the same date it is reported that corn is being burnt instead of coal.

New York also rang in early in 1932 with the story of a 16-year old high school student, honor student of his class and son of an unemployed carpenter, hanging himself in the basement storage bin which had become the home of his family after eviction from their apartment.

Just items from the thousands of similar cases to show the Safe and Sane of capitalism. Safe as a jungle beast, sane as a gibbering idiot.

Medals

An American who served in the British army in Palestine dropped into the Militant office. He had somewhat belatedly received two shiny medals for "saving civilization" and he wanted to know if he'd have to turn them in under Roosevelt's new silver order.

Lessons of the General Strike in Frisco

A Demonstration of Power Despite the reactionary A. F. of L. bureaucracy, despite the lack of revolutionary leadership with rare exceptions in the trades unions, the San Francisco workers came out solidly in a sympathy general strike with their striking fellow workers on the waterfront.

Growing Rift Between Masses and Reactionary Leaders

The role of the reactionary A. F. of L. bureaucracy in the way of militant strikes that is sweeping the country has become axiomatic. This leadership is engaged in wholesale strike-breaking, in "delivering" the workers to the boss class.

Class Consciousness and Politicalization of Struggle

An elemental action of American workers that leads to a general strike must be hailed unqualifiedly as a tremendous step forward in the building up of class consciousness. Two things become clear by study of the recent events.

Workers' Control of Production

The workers demand recognition of the union as a step in the direction of the closed shop. The bosses refuse recognition of any "outside" union and fight for the open shop.

Obviously, the workers do not see it in this light. What we must make clear to the workers is what it is that the bosses fear in the closed shop. It is first of all a united working class bargaining over hours, wages and conditions.

Process of Fascist Crystallization

Everywhere right now in America the boss class, under the hegemony of big finance capital (Ford, Rockefeller, Sloan, Swope, Morgan, etc.) is financing with its new profits the open shop drive.

CHICAGO PICNIC TO DUNES

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The Org-Press campaign has brought in a total of \$223 up to date. This is by no means enough to accomplish all the tasks we have set ourselves and we hope that all those who have not yet responded to our circularization will get busy at once and dispose of their books of coupons.

M. M. of the Bronx has shown that this can be done. He sold 50 books of coupons all by himself in a personal house to house canvass. Surely others can follow his splendid example!

Anette A. of Chicago writes: "Sorry to have delayed so long in sending in the money and wish it could be more. If a job ever comes my way, will be only too glad to send more. All the comrades here are very much thrilled by the strike in Minneapolis and we are all hoping for a successful ending."

T. N. Fall of New York City writes: "Enclosed find \$1 as a donation to help flood Minneapolis with the Militant. What a brave and heroic fight they are waging!"

The following was received since the last report in the Militant. This does not include the returns from Local New York which were printed separately in the last issue.

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Once Again on the Role Of Governor Olson

This is the twenty-sixth day of the strike and the radical petty-bourgeois Farmer-Labor governor is rapidly regaining some of his lost prestige. The turn of events, while not taking any of the pressure off the strikers and the working class, has nevertheless, put the squeeze on the employers.

The general trend of politics in America is in this direction and the working class leaders will have to know how to expose as well as take advantage of the existing antagonisms within the ruling class.

Roosevelt-Olson Harmony

It must be remembered that there is a perfect understanding between Olson's forces in Minnesota, and the Roosevelt forces nationally. There is a natural division of labor between them. Roosevelt needs the support of the Farmer-Labor Governor in Minnesota and the Progressives of Wisconsin to carry through his policy in this part of the country.

We pointed out that before martial law was declared the strikers of Local 574 had the town shut up tight. With the declaration of martial law truck movement, with-in a few days, was almost normal.

Pressure Forces Retreat

The union defied martial law, continued picketing and crippled truck movement throughout the city, in spite of the fact that the leaders were in military prison.

He raided the Citizens Alliance

The strikers got nothing out of this but Olson obtained big political capital. Next he revoked all truck permits. Trucks were running almost normal after a week and a half of military rule.

MARCH OF EVENTS

The Foreign Workers in France

The declaration of the male population in France during the war created a shortage of labor in the fields and factories. Hence in the period of reconstruction that followed the signing of peace, the exploiters aided and encouraged the importing and immigration of a vast supply of foreign labor from the more backward countries of Central Europe, particularly from Poland.

French Fascism and the Foreign Worker

The situation has changed since the period of feverish reconstruction that brought about the immense expansion of French productive forces at a time when the world's markets were shrinking.

A "Handkerchief Head" Speaks Out

"The Scottsboro Boys have been janabed. Properly defended they might see this have been Pullman porters, jazz band players, or laborers for C.W.A."

Is there a fool or a Schuyler in the United States who still doubts that only a serious nation-wide movement of the masses will free Mooney? Is it for a lack of good legal talent that Mooney still rots in prison—or is it that the pressure of the masses is not as yet deep enough nor wide enough?

Sneers at Mass Pressure

Mr. Schuyler's opinion is that mass pressure in labor cases or what amounts to the same thing—the attempted framing of Negroes in southern courts—is useless and ever contemptible. For him mass pressure is an effort on the part of the "boa feather workers and pants pressers" to "embarrass" the southern courts.

Who can deny that but for these very protests, this very mass pressure, the Scottsboro boys would have long since been chunks of charcoal hanging from southern magnolia trees.

only that the pressure was not deep enough, was not wide enough. Which does not exactly mean that the lawyer's place in a labor case is entirely negligible—it only means that his importance is not exaggerated.

Mr. Schuyler is a member of the American Workers Party. Does the A.W.P. take responsibility for his opinions? Does it agree with Mr. Schuyler, a responsible member of its organization, that a benevolent protectorate (armed intervention) is the solution for Liberia?

P.S. Mr. Schuyler divests himself of a bit of advice to those who would go to the south in defense of the Scottsboro boys or the like. Says he: Play up southern chivalry—cajole, flatter and compliment the southerners. Play up to their race hatred, their prejudices and then you will get results.

The French Communist League

Our comrades in France, small as are their forces, are at the forefront of the battle against fascism and the looming menace of war. Under the guidance of a leadership schooled in the principles of Bolshevism-Leninism, our French League has given timely and correct analyses of the march of events, has understood clearly every move of fascist reaction.

Comrade Trotsky in Danger!

No wonder that the fascist forces aided by the Doumergue government, the prelude to fascism, aim to crush the League! Today the forces working against time to build up the Fourth International are rightly viewed by French reaction as the worst enemy of fascism.

—JACK WEBER.