

REVIEWING THE NEWS

The Hope Diamond

Mrs. McLeon of Washington, famous as the anti-Red sucker who paid out 50,000 smacklers to Gaston B. Means in an attempt to prove that Moscow and the Communist International had kidnapped the Lindbergh baby, is just back from Moscow. She brings word that must thrill every housewife from Maine to California and especially those who are on relief. Yes, this heroic woman reports that she wore the Hope diamond right in the face of the Russian Bolsheviks "and though they hated me for it they had to put up with it. From now on American women can safely wear their diamonds in Russia." So if you have enough of the \$400 a week which "generous" America allows you to feed a family of four, to take a trip to Moscow, have no fear, take your diamond tiara with you. Mrs. Edward McLeon, that sterling American patriot has made Russia safe for American diamonds.

The U.T.W. Strike

Ponderously and impressively the textile workers of America mobilize for war. Starting with 200,000 the capitalist press were forced to raise their figures day by day as section after section of the industry joined in preparation for struggle. Today, Labor Day, they speak of close to a million being involved. What a tremendous force that is! And what a mighty army American labor will throw into battle after it has broken the stranglehold of Green, Lewis and company. And by the way, has anyone seen or heard of the revolutionary textile workers union of the T.U.U.L.? Or do the "revolutionary" unions, like the League Against War and Fascism, disappear from the scene when real action starts?

Unemployment and Cost of Living

While food prices rose, Federal Relief Administrator Hopkins announces that next winter will see the largest numbers ever on federal relief. Bill Green says that next winter will be the worst yet. Falling off in employment and soaring living costs mark the second year of the "New Deal". Strike struggles develop into general strikes—as in California, or spread to an entire industry as in textile. Here dying capitalism and its grave diggers are both revealed.

Upton Sinclair

In 1928—"the great engineer," rallied the scissorbills. In 1932 the "New Deal" promises to the "forgotten man" turned the trick. In 1934 something else is required and from California and from other states it emerges. The "new democracy", the "extension of the new deal", "end poverty" and a "socialistic" Democrat piles up the votes. It was to be expected that the state of Almeer Semple McPherson would furnish the newest new dealer. The fasting vegetarian, socialist democrat with his "epic" plan is just the latest but not the last of the distractions of the American working class on its road to class awakening. The Stalinist hero cult of birthday celebrating, hrieking, whirling dervishes have helped to bedevil the minds of the workers. On with our task—the building of a Communist party based on the principles of Marxism Leninism and carrying out the strategy and tactics tested in struggle by the masters of revolutionary tactics and strategy. Lenin and Trotsky. That and that alone is the way to overcome the demagogues and the class they represent.

Labor Day Speeches

One of our foremost statesmen, Mr. Blah-Blah congratulated the unemployed of this great country for the patience they had shown for the past four years, while they were being stripped of everything they possessed. "We took your job, your life insurance, your bank deposits, your car and your home. We turned you out on the streets by the tens of thousands but you still have faith in our demagogic institutions. Your dumbness—I mean your patriotism—gives us confidence to go forward to bigger and better things in the future. Stand by the President who stands by you. Communists, alien to our shores, will preach the foreign doctrines of revolt, let us rise together and give them our answer. My Country 'tis of Thee". Loud applause. Several collapse from hunger.

Speech by Mr. Flea:

Mr. Flea congratulated the dog for the patience he had shown during this trying period. "There are those who tell you that you should get rid of fleas," declared Mr. Flea. "But I want to tell you that fleas and dogs have always gone together, when the flea goes hungry the dog must be in a very bad way. Our interests are the same. Trouble makers and agitators are trying to turn you against us. You should chase those enemies down an alley. They are reds and opposed to the principles of our constitution which recognizes and regulates the rights and duties of both fleas and dog." —BILL.

Stalin's Praise for Kemal, Oppressor of Turkish Workers

The degeneration of Stalinism in the direction of class collaboration proceeds rapidly. The latest development in this connection is this Soviet news-film, "Soviets Greet the New Turkey". The film was produced by the Soviet government in collaboration with the Turkish Ministry of Education in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Turkish republic headed by Kemal Pasha.

On this occasion a special Soviet delegation consisting of Voroshilov, Commissar of War, Karakhan, Assistant Commissar of Foreign Affairs, General Budenny, and Bubnov, Commissar of Education, journeyed to Angora to take part in the celebration, where they were given an enthusiastic reception.

The Soviet film, taking on the form of a travelogue of such Turkish cities as Stamboul, Smyrna, Adena and Angora, paints in glowing colors, the differences between the old and new Turkey. It seeks to depict the advances which Turkey has made under the dictatorial regime of President Kemal Pasha, Premier Ismet Pasha and their Popular Party which is the only legal party in Turkey. From the above account, a worker looking at the film might possibly imagine that the Kemal regime has become a workers' republic! Banish the thought!

In Turkey the Communist Party and all other workers' political groups have been suppressed for years. Several years ago numbers were killed by firing squads and others sent to jail for political activity which is legal in such capitalist countries as the United States, England, France, etc.

Trade Unions Banned Genuine trade unions organized by the workers themselves are prohibited. The Popular Party, the creature of Kemal Pasha, has organized company unions under its own control which have only a paper existence but which the capitalist regime uses for propaganda purposes to create the impression that the Turkish workers exercise their right to organize. Even according to such capitalist sources as the International Labor Review, (1932) published by the International Labor Office of the League of Nations, the Turkish worker is permitted to bargain only individually with his employers and the open shop prevails almost everywhere. In general the Turkish workers possess neither civil liberties nor economic rights.

There exists no factory or labor protective legislation of any kind. And although a draft of a labor code has been drawn up by the government it has remained only a draft. In July 1932 an act passed by the National Assembly prohibited foreign born workers from obtaining employment in most manual and non-manual trades. Foreigners already engaged in occupations covered by the act were required to abandon jobs within a year. Thousands of Greek and Jewish and other workers were thrown out of jobs.

Minorities Oppressed The rights of minority nationalities, of which there are a number, are not recognized by the Turkish government. It follows a chauvinist policy of compulsory assimilation of all minorities into Turkish culture. In this Soviet film nothing, of course, is said of these miserable conditions under which the Turkish workers and the minority nationalities live. Neither is anything said concerning the white slave traffic of Stamboul which is the world's largest center of this nefarious industry. Prostitution is more rampant in this city than in any other place in the world.

Since Turkey is primarily an agricultural country the nationalistic dictatorship of Kemal Pasha has undertaken an industrial development along the lines of state capitalism, backed partly by a loan of eight million gold roubles from the Soviet Government. The principal agent in this policy is "The State Industrial Bank" (Sumerian bank) which directly manages some undertakings and is a share holder in others. And it is in these undertakings that the workers are denied the right of trade union organization!

What would the suppressed workers of Turkey, deprived of all rights, have to say concerning the pears of praise heaped upon their oppressors by a group that calls itself a "Bolshevik workers' party"? "Why," they would ask, "has the Soviet Republic become a propaganda agency for the Turkish National State?" The answer which a real Bolshevik would have to give lies in the foreign policy of the Stalinist regime which is ready to betray the interests of the poor peasants and workers of Turkey for the sake of a trade agreement with their oppressors. —BROWN

IN THE TRADE UNIONS

N. Y. Upholsterers on Strike

The upholsterers of Greater New York are now on a general strike. The strike officially began September 4. Nine of the union shops signed an agreement on the first day of the strike. Several other union shops have settled since.

In customary fashion the Stalinists are on the scene with their hypocritical offers of "unity". But they fall on deaf ears. They have established a reputation of settling shops regardless of union conditions so long as the industrial union is recognized. Their influence among the upholsterers is negligible.

The agreement of Local 76 calls for a 35-hour week and \$1.15 per hour. This is the same as the previous agreement with the exception that springers and operators received one dollar an hour previously. None of the open shops were settled as yet. And the reason for this is because only a few of them are being picketed. The union membership shows no spirit of militancy in spite of the pleas of the leadership. These are the fruits of last year's strike when a chance for complete organization of the industry was missed due to inexcusable mistakes.

The upholsterers can still be aroused into some real fighting action if a plan of organization of the open shops is presented by the officials in charge. The report of negotiations with an association which claims to represent the open shops bosses will not at all meet the situation. What is needed is a show of strength by striking several of the key open shops of the industry. That will give courage to the other workers who have not yet responded to the strike call and bring them into line.

If the strike is not merely to be a reaffirmation of the terms of the agreement and is to make some serious gains for the upholsterers, systematic efforts must be made to strike every open shop in the city. The conclusion of the strike, if pro-

Dental Mechanics in National Drive

On the national scene the conditions of the Dental mechanics describe many interesting features. The general situation is ripe for a real organizational drive that can bring into existence a powerful nation-wide union.

With the exception of the cities in which the well established Dental Technicians Equity exists, the standard of living of the mechanics is almost unbelievable. Generally thought of by the public as a "profession", mechanical dentistry is in extremely poor shape. In a huge city like Chicago mechanics are still putting in six days a week at bottom living wages. Skilled men with ten and fifteen years of experience, continue to work for the miserable wage of \$20-25 per week. The semi-skilled and apprentices get even less.

1. New York is witnessing the beginning of a determined drive to tighten up the organization. Newark, with a fine group of union men is taking steps to unionize the industry in every sense of the word. Shops and individual cases in both cities are under a campaign that will clean up every loose spot that exists.

2. Baltimore soon will face the expiration of its agreement made in the last strike. Serious preparation is under way to obtain the full demands of the new agreement. This time there will be a crew of men who have already been through the mill. They face the new test with the firm conviction born of experience; of having stood up under a stiff grind that was totally unexpected when it first came.

With Baltimore will stand the solid bunch of technicians of Washington with the lesson of solidarity and collaboration learned in the last strike. Now Washington looks at its own problems and aims at the solution of its own situation. The strike weapon will

perly conducted, should see every worker a union member.

Workers in the Capitol of the U. S.

Philadelphia has its agreement. What is necessary is to defend every last letter of it. Consideration of future national activities requires the strengthening of this link.

N. Y. Truckers Win Demands

With only the threat of a strike the largest group of New York truckers won their demand for a restoration of a five dollar wage cut which they voluntarily took a year ago. Local 807, affiliated to the International Teamsters, sent its ultimatum to the Master Truckers Bureau, the bosses' association, demanding that at the expiration of the agreement September 1 they receive an increase in wages. The bosses whined that they were paying higher wages than anywhere else and could not meet competition. They urged the workers to be loyal and bear with them until the endless "depression" was over. These antics were without effect on the drivers. They prepared their strike immediately and the bosses forgot about competition and gave in.

Several independent firms held out. The union struck and inside two or three days these bosses capitulated also. Now that the demands have been granted and the union thus solidified it has the opportunity of beginning an intensive organizational drive to broaden the membership to include all drivers, helpers and others connected with this industry in New York. Minneapolis shows that it can be done.

Lovestone Group Cracks in Detroit; 5 Join League

Five members of the Detroit Branch of the Communist Party Opposition (Lovestone group) have resigned and made application for membership to the Communist League, this marking another long step in the disintegration of this group of fawning apologists for Stalinism.

In their statement of resignation from the Lovestone group, Herman Beck, Sam Garrett, Joseph Brock, Fern Prockup, and William Schindler take a clear-cut position on two of the fundamental issues causing the crisis in international Communism in the last ten years—"socialism in one country" and the question of a Farmer-Labor party (two class party).

The idea of a Farmer-Labor party is properly condemned by them as a reactionary policy foisted on the Comintern by the Right wing in the 1923-1926 period. Although today rejected by the Stalinist C. I. (at least temporarily) and by Brandier, the propagation of the concept of a two class party is still a fundamental part of Lovestone's program.

Condemn "Socialism in 1 Country"

"This abandonment," says the statement pointing out the fallacy of the theory of socialism in one country, "of the permanent and international character of the proletarian revolution has led to the bankruptcy of the Communist International, its extreme weakening and with that the weakening of the Soviet Union which is part of the international movement."

Lovestone's misrepresentation of the position of the Communist League, twisting quotations and lying about facts is vehemently branded in the statement. They take the slick lawyers for Stalinism to task on their distortion of the stand of the League on the "thermidor" in Russia, and the trade unions. On the latter question they declare: "To read this policy in the columns of the Militant, to see it carried out as in Minneapolis and then to compare it with the sectarian trade union position which Lovestone ascribed to the C.I.A. is a realization of the depths of misrepresentation to which the C.P.O. leadership can go."

Lovestone's "Democracy"

Prior to joining the C.P.O., the five comrades concerned were members of the Proletarian Party. They entered the C.P.O. with misgivings on the question of reforming the Stalinist party. They were told that these would be threshed out within the organization. First the treatment of Herbert Zam and the "extraordinary" restrictions on discussion and then the experience of Comrade Bock who was sent to the National Training School of the C.P.O. in New York served to completely disillusion them in the Lovestone group.

This "training" consisted of Stalinist rubbish as dished out by the Lovestoneites—constituting the "theoretical" end—and lectures by Julius Hochman, right wing trade union skate in the N. Y. needle trades and three outdoor meetings—the "practical" end.

The statement of the Detroit comrades closes with an endorsement of the declaration of the League for a new party as published in the Militant on September 30, 1933 and a pledge to work loyally for its creation as a section of the Fourth International.

We welcome the entrance of these comrades into our ranks and hope that their step will be the herald for similar moves on the part of other workers who have been sidetracked into some blind alley of Stalinism.

proceeds on this continent as he has done elsewhere. President Roosevelt should take care of his health for the defunct president Doumer of France was assassinated in Rothschild's home in Paris. There you have it. Those of you who want to see the great revolutionist in this country, not in an attack on the whole north American continent. Canada is to act simultaneously with the United States and power is to be seized. The write-up concludes with a warning to Roosevelt: "If Trotsky

MARCH OF EVENTS

Shifting Class Relations

The American masses have apparently been slow and backward thus far in responding in politically radical fashion to the devastation wrought in their lives by the general crisis. No one need doubt however that the deep-going economic changes in the livelihoods of millions of workers, farmers and the middle class, has resulted in a tremendous straining and tearing of the ties of class interrelationships. The impoverished petty bourgeoisie no longer feel bound to the big bourgeoisie. The old populist revolt of the farmers against monopoly capitalism is slapping itself anew. The drift to the left is visible, even if not expressed in political organization as yet. In this process the nomination of Upton Sinclair for governor of California is merely a symptom. Still another symptom of the greatest import is the crossing of the major party lines in the formation of the conservative-reactionary American Liberty League. A break-up of the two party system of capitalist rule in America in the near future would be fraught with the greatest significance for the working class. It would be the final result of the molecular changes in class relations taking place slowly but with increasing momentum under our eyes.

The NRA as Precipitant

The NRA, designed by Roosevelt to act as the life-line for capitalist profits, is nevertheless acting as a precipitant in separating out the two major class interests. Roosevelt's philosophy of liberalism assigns to the state—and primarily to himself as the state executive, the state "embodied"—the role of mediator between the capitalists and the working class. To preserve the illusion of fairness Roosevelt at one moment makes a decision favorable to the bosses, at the next one apparently benefitting the workers. At all times Roosevelt is concerned with hiding the real nature of the state and making it appear to the masses to be above "special interest", above the classes. In the present crisis the state has concentrated tremendous powers in its hands and has focussed the attention of the masses on its functioning. Under such circumstances, the very role that Roosevelt has assigned to himself will be forced in every major conflict to give the real substance to the capitalists and only the shadow to the workers. The working class is forced as a matter of its very existence to struggle for decent living conditions, to resort to ever greater strikes. In building up through the NRA an apparatus to forestall and break strikes, to accustom the workers to submitting disputes to this apparatus so that after it has been given flesh and blood it may be transformed into a mechanism of compulsory arbitration. Sooner or later Roosevelt will be forced to resort to more pen methods of "bridling" the rebellious workers, possibly to martial law and the use of federal troops. Meantime the two major contenders for power, the capitalists and the workers, will begin to feel ever greater dissatisfaction with the "mediating" state which balks the workers and yet does not go far enough to suit the bosses.

Middle Class a Decisive Factor

The middle class, including the major part of the farmers, is a decisive element in the coming struggle for power. This class is won to the workers' side not merely by the correctness of policy of the vanguard party of the workers and the courage and ability to lead shown by this vanguard, but also by the programs designed specifically to solve under the leadership of the workers, the problems confronting the middle class. The bourgeoisie rallies the petty bourgeoisie to its side through the use of all the conceivable forms of demagoguery. At the present time Roosevelt and his supporters are concerned with preventing the middle class and the workers under the influence of middle class "radicals" from going left and joining their forces with those of the proletariat. That they feel a distinct need for a clearer policy in line with this purpose is shown by the statement of Secretary of the Interior Ickes concerning the American Liberty League: "I've been hoping ever since 1912 that we'd have political parties divided on real issues. It looks as if it's working out that way at least. Today we have different groups in each party. I'd like to see all the progressives together and all the conservatives together.—We would get a clear-cut platform and not be afraid to state the issues." The issues would be those appealing to the middle class.

An Interesting Note

The letter sent us by John Brooks Wheelwright on the need for creating a united front for the defense of comrade Trotsky was likewise sent the Socialist publication, the American Guardian, and published therein.

FALL TERM OF INTERNATIONAL WORKERS SCHOOL TO OPEN OCTOBER 1st

The International Workers School will open at its new headquarters, 144 Second Avenue, on October 1st, with the following courses:

- 1. ABC of Marxism ..... Carl Cowl, Instructor Every Friday at 8:00 P.M.
2. Organization Principles ..... Instructor to be Announced Every Thursday at 8:00 P.M.
3. History and Principles of the International Communists ..... Max Shachtman Every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.
4. State and Revolution ..... Jack Weber Every Monday at 8:00 P.M.
5. American History ..... Felix Morrow Every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M.
6. Elementary Marxian Economics ..... Alfred Weaver Every Friday at 8:00 P.M.

You are urged to register now for whatever courses you are interested in. Registrations are accepted daily at the office of the school. Each course is \$1.50 for the complete term. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Gramercy 5-9624.

—JACK WEBER.

Vancouver Activities

The Vancouver Branch of the League was formed some two months ago and since that time has doubled its membership. During this period two mass meetings have been held with approximately 100 present at each meeting. The speaker at both these meetings put forward the necessity for a new International. Though we failed to draw any new members from those meetings, we did succeed in making neutral some of the hostile elements. Our main work has consisted in pushing the sales of the literature of the League, by attending various meetings and asking questions relative to the 4th International, and by making connections with individuals who are not yet decided on which way to go.

Other Organizations in B. C. The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation. This organization, the Canadian prototype of European Social Democracy was formed two years ago and since then has taken part in the Provincial elections where they succeeded in having seven candidates elected. However, we must not forget to mention that the B.C. section of the C.C.F. is more radical than the other sections in Canada. At the time the C.C.F. was first formed there was a split in the Socialist Party of Canada, the biggest part of which affiliated to the C.C.F. Other radical elements who up to this time had been at loose end also flocked into the ranks of the C.C.F. and in this way a strong left wing has developed which has forced the bureaucracy to take action on the economic field.

In fact the C.C.F. has practically seized control of the Stalinist unemployed councils. Two days ago the Parliamentary Committee working in conjunction with the grievance committee forced the relief authorities to close one of the pokeys, and give the men who were incarcerated their bed and meal tickets in places of their own choosing. Of course the Stalinists are trying to make believe that they were the means of closing the pokey.

The C.C.F. at the present time has one weekly newspaper with a circulation of 12,000 and still growing. You will hear more from the left wing of this organization in the future. The probability is that there will be a split.

The Stalinists

The counterpart of this organization can be found on any part of the continent, with perhaps one exception, the "Lumber Workers Industrial Union". The L.W.I.U. between the months of February and May carried on a strike for an increase in wages and recognition of the union. The strike was passive all the way through. They succeeded in gaining a slight increase in wages, but failed to secure recognition of the union. Many of the loggers who took part in the strike are being fired on any pretext.

What a Scoop!

We have before us a copy of a Canadian fascist paper, le Patriote, which claims to be the first paper in the world to carry the astonishing news that Leon Trotsky is now in New Jersey! This hair-raising tale reads like a story of Arthur Conan Doyle:

Trotsky was brought to this country through a conspiracy with Baron de Rothschild and our own Bernard Baruch who is claimed to be the chief advisor to Roosevelt. Prior to coming to the United States his activity upset the dictators and monarchs of all of Europe. Sent to Turkey he strengthened the "socialist dictatorship of the Jew Kemal Pasha." Then he went to Spain, where, with some Jewish money "he overthrew Alfonso XIII and gave power to a handful of Jews and free-masons." From there he left for France where he remained the guest of the "free mason Chautemps and the Jew Blum." Expelled from France by the Fascists and Royalists, Trotsky entered a plot with Rothschild and Baruch and came to America via the Pacific disguised as the former's valet. On the way they stopped in Vladivostok where a secret conference was held with Radek, "the personal representative of Stalin." And now that Trotsky is in America he has established himself in the "Red House" (counterpart to the White House) in New Jersey where he has already met with leaders of the brain trust and is directing the wave of strikes now current in this country. But this is only the beginning, for in the spring of 1935 Trotsky is to give the signal for the great socialist and communist attack on the whole north American continent. Canada is to act simultaneously with the United States and power is to be seized. The write-up concludes with a warning to Roosevelt: "If Trotsky

The main industries in B. C. are mining, smelting, fishing, lumbering and canning. The Stalinists claim to have groups working in all of those industries, but with the exception of the lumbering industry it is all hokey. —M. A.

International Bulletin Out Price Reduced

The International Bulletin No. 2 is now off the press and can be obtained by ordering it from the Militant office. The price has been reduced to five cents a copy. Material appearing in this issue of the International Bulletin has not been previously published elsewhere and from among the items contained, we emphasize the following:

- 1) Contribution Toward a Discussion on the Basic Conceptions of the International Communist League.
2) Toward a Conference of the Latin-American Sections.
3) The German Section of the International Communist League.
4) The Trade Union Thesis of the O.S.P. and R.S.P. of Holland.
5) In the Belgian Section (a) our attempt to fuse with the Henaut group (b) a letter from comrade Goarov.
6) Extracts from a speech of comrade Sneeveliet, deputy in the Dutch Parliament, and other items.

League branches should make sure to secure a sufficient supply of the International Bulletin No 2 for all members and for sympathetic workers who are interested. It will be furnished, however, only on the condition that cash is advanced with the order. The price, formerly ten cents a copy, is now reduced to five cents a copy. Send your orders to the Militant office.

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