MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

State of the Union No More Cash Relief Imperialism and the Farmer

stand nakedly revealed. True, there has been some recovery of lowest levels of the crisis; but the illusions created in the minds of many workers that the government would see to the return of prosperity and send them back to the factories in short order have evaporated into thin air. It must be clear to all by now that Roosevelt gambled on the ending of the depression and on the recovery of business in the normal course of things, and that his whole "program" so tar as the working class was concerned, was intended to lull the masses into passivity during the worst phase of the crisis.

In his message of last year Roosbudget could be balanced in the in June 1935. That hope, too, goes nomy Rather it must rearrange be no rules and no limits. embarking on a new program of tured goods by its mass production in protest. public spending to be financed by methods in the factories. Compegovernment borrowing, further in- tition with the other imperialists Chemical Workers' Union of Engflation looms in the future as al- requires that the costs of produc- land, gives some idea of what the shelters for even one large citymost a certainty. Of course it is tion must be extremely low. Hence next war will mean. These chem- even if they could be built deep not Roosevelt's real intention to the drive on workers' living stand- ists know what they are talking enough to keep the gases from spend the entire appropriations and . At the same time, if these about. supposedly made for relief through other countries are to buy in "our" public works. But if he follows market, they must be permitted to along the course outlined in his sell heir agricultural products. message, the treasury will be Hence the program of crop control and died for years after 1948. This forced by the need for refunding here, to eliminate those American gas, which can be prepared more soothing the people. Sir Samuel cy" measures, to borrow some eleven system. and a half hillions of dollars. Such huge government borrowings will exert the most disurbing influence on the entire financial structure of the banking and credit system.

forced labor at low wages, lower than for similar work in private employment. And this is to be applied particularly in the field of construction. Thus the pre-arranged propaganda extending back for months now, blaming the fail-Roosevelt has sent his message ure of recovery in the building to Congress on the state of the trades and the field of heavy conunion. And a sad state it is. Had struction on the refusal of the there been in the past year a sharp skilled workers to give up the wage ment talks of taking the "excess" poetic name of "Dew of Death", upturn, a rapid rise in production, levels and the conditions to which profits out of war-and continues and it has an odor not unlike that air warfare, said, "People must get reemployment of many more mil- they were heretofore accustomed, lions of workers, Roosevelt would is now bearing fruit. The govern- on secret experiments with poison have taken credit for all this as ment is stepping in to help beat gases. the result of the New Deal. As it down the standards of living of turns out all the hollowness of the the building trades workers. Re- is in preparation. For the time demagogy and ballyhoo of the NRA covery of heavy industry is to take being American capitalists, like place by loading all the sacrifices the English, and all others for that on the backs of the working class. matter, are talking peace - and agony; and the "irritants", which and by their families. Nor can business; employment is above the It can be said in advance that the preparing for the inevitable war. workers will not submit to this

Secretary Wallace Gives the Key

To understand the real meaning of the moves being made by the government one must see them in!

BIG PROFITS IN TEXTILES WASHINGTON-Big profits were

over greater and greater control of cording to the first installment of affected until hours later. the Federal Trade Commission's What is of the utmost importance ies studien made nearly \$100,000,to both the employed and the un- 000 profits in the whole period, so employed alike, is that part of that the claimed loss of the com- tering sores, and blindness. This the Imperial Chemical Industries

Roosevelt's message dealing with panies of \$4,667.578 for the 2-month agony may last for several days, Company in England made the relief. He intends to drop as much period just before the great textile ending in death. as possible cash relief and substi- strike had been well covered by the tute what comes close to being tremendous gains.

A circular letter, addressed to all our readers, friends and sympathizers, and containing the PROGRAM OF ACTION, is going into the

The Party Fund

This Program consists of eleven definite tasks the Workers Party set itself for immediate achievement. Six of these points are already in

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to get contributions. "The pledges of the employed Mary R. S., New York..... members of the branch are as fol- Mrs. H. S.5.00 ports and fact-finding bodies filled lows: Cheloff, \$5; Slavin, \$4; Com- S., Katonah, N. Y...... rade, \$5.50; London, \$3 or more. Mason Is, Lynn, Mass..... At least 50 percent of these pledges H. C., New York...... 5.00 will be paid by February 1 and the A Sympathizer, Phila...... 200.00 got worse. People ate less, poverty talk" the New Deal has failed to bers of the Franklin County unit. er to the platform. This the C.P. balance by March 1. All unemployed members have pledged to

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Dew of Death Rained From Sky Capitalist Weapon for Next War

By RUTH WILSON

taught to use gas masks. built for the civilian population.

In Italy, boys of eight are given military training.

All over the world, the next war

Chemical warfare is a thing of program without the sharpest such borror that the mind reels at struggles and resistance. The gov- the thought of it. Propagandists, expose themselves to the deadlier row's horrors that can span an ernment will find it necessary to use lulling us into a feeling of safety, gases. the methods of repression more and declare that no country would dare use the chemicals and gases they

No Limits

by the board with the indication its entire internal economy so as to What are these horrors of chemthat a deficit of four billions of enable the closest economic ties to ical warfare? We don't hear much against chemical warfare—the exdollars will be piled up in the com- be made with the backward agri- about them, mostly rumors. There perts agree to that. It would take ing year, thereby bringing the total cultural countries of South Amer- is good reason for that: If the years to make enough gas masks federal debt to a record high. With ica and Asia. America, in short, workers of the world could learn to protect civilians-even if little the failure of business to pick up must become more and more im- what is actually being prepared for children and old people could be sufficiently to permit balancing of periolistic. It must capture the them by the governments of Europe trained to keep on these uncomfortthe budget, with the government major world markets for manufac- and America, then they might rise able masks. Shelters deep under-

Mustard Gas They tell of Mustard Gas, whose victims in the World War suffered It contaminates anything with home! which it comes in contact-food, But workers, knowing that to ers. They were present in force.

eyes, nausea and vomiting, a rash at war. that develops into blisters and fes-

In Japan school children are of the last war know that even a gas attack was to get into a hot non-fatal "dose" of Mustard Gas bath and smile. That will surely be In Paris, bomb-proof cellars are leaves the victim weakened for life. a comfort to those families with

ited States Chemical Warfare Ser- without even one bath may find it SPANISH SOCIALIST YOUTH In the United States, the govern- vice. To this gas is given the harder to smile. to build battle ships and to carry of geraniums. It is one of the most deadly gases ever discovered.

There are many others--Chlorine, which causes death by waterlogging the lungs; Phosgene, which the war, must serve as a warning. in 24 hours, after the most horrible all wars are fought, by workers, tear off their gas masks and thus the quick development of tomor-

"Civilized" Weapons

These are a few of the weapons have prepared in their laboratories, that experts are preparing for the paring weapons to use against the because of the fear of reprisals by next war. And not only the experts of Europe. The English Chemical Workers' booklet tells of a huge Lest we forget--gas warfare was poison gas plant at "Edgewood in their entirety as in accord with the "outlawed" before the World War; the United States", built at a cost historic aims and needs of the Am- but both sides used it just the same. of \$45,000,000, with 218 manufacerican mance capitalists. Such a In the next war, with a pre-know- turing buildings, 1,400 tons of polview is given most clearly in the ledge of the possibilities of demor- son gases in stock, and a plant ism. apparently "liberal" writings of alizing civilian populations by a capacity said to be 800 tons of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, quick paralyzing stroke, and with poison gas per day. This would evelt expressed the hope that the To him it is perfectly clear that the new horrors made available by mean that in two months this plant America cannot turn to any scheme the laboratories of the world since could produce more poison gas next fiscal year-the year beginning of autarchy, of a self-enclosed eco- the World War, there will and can than the Germans used throughout the last war.

There is no adequate defense ground may be built to comfort A little book, prepared by the people and prepare them for the idea of war; but to build enough seeping down-is a virtual impos-

Soothing Syrup

The governments know this, So they devote their propaganda to previous loans (for example the farmers in competition with the po- easily now than at the time of the Hoare, in a speech in the British Liberty Loans that fall due), and tential buyers. Naturally with this last war, vaporises slowly at ordi- Parliament, discussed the possibilthe demands for new funds for vast program of imperialism goes nary temperatures. Thus it may ity of a pre-war treaty under which public works and other "emergen- a complete revision of the tariff be carried on clothing into a warm the centers of cities would not be room, where it becomes effective. bombed until the workers had gone and eventually eliminates the for not hearing the inconvenient

clothing, ground. It has the added paralyze industry will be one of the horror that it takes some time for chief points of attack in the next the nation. That is why the gov- made by the textile industry from it to show its results, so that the war, will remember that 31 nations ding the use of poison gas in the speech in which he welcomed the the stage was being cleared for the ernment may be compelled to take Jan. 1. 1933, to Aug. 31, 1934, ac- victim may not know he has been signed the Geneva Protocol forbid-Then, with increasing intensity, World War-and will not put their reports. Altogether the 765 compan- the gas causes smarting of the faith in the politeness of nations

Equally soothing, a chemist for statement that all that was neces-

And the "Abundant Life" Is Poverty! Poverty!

editorial in November: than that to which he is accus-

"The iron bars are down. But the psychological bars stay up

same mental inertia.

needs of everyone."

Indeed, it seems difficult. The 26.00 grain. But since 1929 there has speak of the "abundant life". been a growing conviction that they are tolerated.

10.25 power and machinery.

5.00 volumes with facts and figures.

millions joined the unemployed.

Hoover did the best he could. No capitalist could have done betisfied and angry. They made the regarding the president as a man, as an abstract man without class alignments and interests. They got

Franklin Roosevelt

Everywhere poverty, unemploy-

"If a bear, kept in a cage for and to end this shameful condition; years, is released, he will pace up we will drive the money-changers subterranean roaring. The outand down in an area no bigger from the temple and lift up the

The government began new surveys.. Committees and fact-finding long after there is any basis for bodies produced new volumes of facts, and figures. And the facts ful of picked men made a dash to "Human beings suffer from the and figures added to the already voluminous evidence that every "No wonder it seems difficult to man, woman and child could have grasp the idea that for the future plenty of all the necessary things there is enough to satisfy the of life-food, clothes, homes, a high standard of living.

But again the months passed and tory. This continued for the greatmasses in the United States, first there was no visible improvement. under Hoover, then under Roose- In 1933 there was a brief upturn velt, have been like the chicken and then conditions got worse than ate his abiding faith in the noble who starved to death on a sack of ever. The President continued to

But facts and figures are hard 6.00 poverty and "bread lines knee-deep witnesses. Less food was sold in 15.00 in wheat" are here only because 1934 than in 1933. New homes are still out of the question; there is Hoover said the time had come none: and the old ones do not im-

doubled is sinking lower. In his message to Congress, business" at low wages.

velt saved the banks, and looked capitalistic "profit motive" system guard into the convention hall.

Those who have seen gas victims; sary to protect oneself in a poison Perhaps most potent of all gases enough baths for every memberis Lewisite-discovered by the Un-though the millions of workers

cannot be fought in the trenches."

workers of other nations.

Another expert, an authority on used to the idea that the next war

His statement, designed to prepare the civilians for their part in kills 81 percent of its victims with. The next war will be fought, as are not fatal in themselves but are American workers feel secure in designed to cause their victims to their isolation; no one can foretell occan. There is little comfort in that thought that the United States, in its secret laboratories, is pre-

> There is only one way to put an end to war and the danger of war.

Letter From Spain New International Cuban Volcano

CALLS FOR NEW INTERNA

(Ed. Note: An expression of the tremendous ferment in the ranks of the Young Socialists of Europe is to be seen in the call issued by the Socialist Youth of Spain for unity with the Young Communist League and the Communist Left Youth ("Trotskyites") and the formation of a new revolutionary youth International and he "reurn to Marx and Lenin". The Cail issued by the Spanish Socialist Youth is reprinted herewith.)

Call of Spanish Socialist Youth To the Socialist and Communist Youth:

To the working Youth:

Comrades: Following the revolutionary That is by overthrowing the capi- movement and because of the need talist system which breeds it. The for strengthening the proletarian only road to peace is through the defense against the fascist offenrevolutionary war against capital- sive the Executive Committee of the Socialist Youth considers that

How NUL Convention Nipped Fascist Attack

By LOUIS BREIER

The first session of the national convention in Columbus was called to order on July 3, 1933. Eight

hundred delegates were present from thirteen states. The largest delegation to the convention was an important factor in the events

delegates and pointed to the main counter-attack. task-building the N.U.L. During the course of his speech Truax made several characteristic statements on the condition of the counroundly and hilariously spanked. This was the cue for the spies and burst came at the conclusion of as an insult to the flag and a hand- suddenly and decisively crushed. the speakers' stand-ostensibly to avenge the insult on Johnson's person. A cordon of unemployed workers and C.P.L.A. members, however, swiftly formed around

order to fight for a scrap of bread. The Workers Guard

to put two chickens in every pot prove with age. It is true that new league attempted to procure the lightened. Before Johnson, who and two cars in every garage. And millions in profits were reported by Columbus state fair-grounds for took the stage after Truax, had why not? No other nation possess- the corporations and banks in 1934, the convention they were told that finished his attack, the spies and es so much wealth, skilled man- but the government has just re- they might have it only if a detach- provocateurs had begun their hurported an all time high of 19,000, ment of the National Guard could ried exodus. The convention pre-The government began making 000 people on the relief rolls. The "guard" the place. The committee served an awe inspiring quiet. You surveys. Committees turned in re- living standard instead of being refused and made a counter-offer, could hear those misled minds unown-workers from the leagues, realization and clarity. Nevertheless, no improvements which has just opened. Roosevelt This was accepted and the guard It was the turn now of the were visible. In fact conditions admitted that "despite all our was chosen from among the mem- "Reds" to send speaker after speakincreased, debts piled up and more lift the underprivileged. But in It was empowered to choose its L.A. did-and answered jingoism the same breath he defended the own captains and leader. But be- and fascism with unadorned Marx-"profit motive", said the govern- fore the election the fascists had ism and rebellion. Seldom are lines ment "must and will quit this re- been busy-and when the election drawn more clearly in a situation ter. But the masses were dissat- lief business" and recommended came their men were chosen as short of revolutionary. And victory that 3,500,000 of the jobless be put captains and Joe Gershner, police- was complete. The convention setmistake, so usual in America, of to work on government projects spy, professional strike-breaker tled down to business. Delegates beaten-how decisively was appar-"which do not conflict with private and railroad detective was appoint- came forward with reports on their ent at the meetings following the The working masses do not yet the guard with clubs and was him- fiance and determination. Commit- al convention which showed clearly angry at Hoover and not at what realize who Roosevelt is. That he self fitted out with a cartridge belt tees were chosen for the drafting the tremendous progress in politihe stood for. They did not see in is a member of the capitalist class, and a huge pistol. When the dele- of the constitution, the program, cal understanding and class-conhim the spokesman for capitalism. trying to apply a capitalist remedy, gates poured into the convention, resolutions, a Declaration of Work- sciousness that these workers, who Then came the new savior, is not generally known. But little each one was carefully scrutinized ers and Farmers Rights. And be- only a year before waved the flag by little the idea that WE COULD by Gershner and his men, who took fore the convention closed on the and dangled the club, had made When Roosevelt took power the HAVE PLENTY is growing. And up posts at the entrances. When banks were failing and the profit this is the dynamite that will blast the hysteria broke out Gershner was doubly confirmed by the unani- of the C.P.L.A. Ramuglis and system was in a bad way. Roose- capitalist poverty and the whole and his lieutenant Bragg led their mous adoption of a program and a Johnson, elected president and sec-

the National Unemployed League. on the next day, July 4. Nothing temerity enough to accept the unthe jingoism.

At this point the C.P.L.A. began from the Ohio Unemployed League to take matters into its own hands. which had met in convention only To begin with Anthony Ramuglia, a few days previously. This was a deleate from the California Cooperative Relief Association was that followed. The O.U.L. was by chosen chairman. Wise in the handfar the largest league in the coun-ling of masses, deliberate and try and a good portion of its terri- shrewd, it was felt that he could tory had been newly organized. thread his way through all the There had been little time for that shouting and disruption. This he weeding-out process that follows proceeded to do the next morning, the establishment of a new league exhibiting a wonderful capacity shady elements and the wardheel- questions fired at him from the fascists, and an ability for unravelling organic unity The session opened peacefully knotty problems in a few words. enough. Bill Truax, president of Within an hour, the convention had Youth of Spain calls on you to the Ohio league, made the initial begun to settle down somewhat and unite.

Role of the Socialists

There were a good number of Socialists present, mainly from Ohio and Pittsburgh. In the face served as the meeting-hall-and the fluence of the C.P.L.A. within the its overthrow. whispering began. This increased leagues. Far from opposing the The mass base of the present

The Counter-Attack

Bill Truex had started the trouble; now Bill Truax ended it. Shortly after the second session got under way, he took the platform and in short, electric phrases days. Johnson and the attack dissipated exposed the entire machinery of in a cloud of challenges and orathis "popular" defense of the fatherland, gave a complete and devas- phase. Both of the working class tating genesis of Joe Gershner and parties - Bolshevik-Leninist and er part of the day-speaker after speaker coming forward to reiterhis lieutenants and threw a sweeping challenge into the teeth of the revolutionary groups--Cuban Revofascists. They did not care to an. lutionary Party, Young Cuba, Nasystem that somehow, in spite of swer. Gershner disappeared from tional Agrarian Party-as well as its nobility, made it necessary for the scene as if he had fallen the would-be Fascist ABC, openly them to join unemployed leagues in through a trap-door. The workers proclaim the renewal of hostilities. who had formed the guard now When a committee of the Ohio disbanded, shame-faced and en-They would create a guard of their folding, matching facts, reaching

ed the leader. He promptly armed local situations, reports full of de- convention and at the second nationseries of resolutions as militant and retary without opposition, could The July 3 session closed with radical as any ever adopted "Build prepare their plan for extended orthe singing of the "Star-spangled the N.U.L." was the cry on every ganization. ment, idle factories, debt and dis- JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY. | banner" and a warning to all Reds hand. The singing of "Selidarity"

the unity of the youth forces can no longer be postponed. The proletarian youth is faced with the problem of organic unity. Realizing this to be so, we have addressed the following proposal to the Y.C.L., the Communist Left Youth (International Communists) and the youth organizations of the Herian Communist Party (Maurin

WORLD IN REVIEW

"The Socialist Youth of Spain feel the unpostponable need of achieving the organic unity of the revolutionary proletarian youth which has already been united in struggle. During the October revolution we have struggled together against fascism in a single block and for a common purpose. Why should this not continue to be so? Why continue separately if our line is the same? The Socialist Youth have broken definitely with the Social-Democratic reformism and intend, together with the Socialist Youth of France, Belgium, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, England, and Austria, to initiate the reconstruction of the youth movement on the purest basis of revolutionary Marxism. The international leadership necessary to reach victory is non-existent. The Second and Third Internationals have lost this leading position. Following Hilter's victory, a new movement has gotten under way. We believe it necessary, urgent, to push this movement to its destina-

"Let us return to Marx and Lenin. Let us unite the proletarian youth in an International that has Part Three of the history of ; to stay away from the fair-grounds broken with the errors of the past.

"Therefore, we invite the Y.C.L., had been accomplished. There was the Communist Left Youth, and the not even a chairman, and the large Youth of the Iberian Communist presidium could find no one with Party, to enter, as such, enmasse into the Socialist Youth of Spain. grateful task. There was good We invite the revolutionary prolereason to believe that the July 4 tarian youth to rally under our session would see an increase in banner for the reconstruction of the international proletarian move-

> "For the organic unity of the proletarian youth! For a Marxist international! For the banner of Marx and Lenin!"

> Concerning this proposal, discussions have been held with the Y.C. L. which has refused our proposal in a sectarian manner. We have not, however, lost confidence.

> Young Communists: bring pressure on your leadership to achieve Young workers: The Socialist

> Long live the October revolution! Long live organic unity!

-Socialist Youth of Spain.

Situation Tense In Cuba

Once again, Cuba finds itself on try in which the government and of the fascist attack it might have the brink of a volcano. The fate the interests that control it were been expected that these "Marxists" of the Mendietta-Batista regime, would immediately unite with all puppet of American imperialism, the left elements in the counter- hangs in the balance. Opposition provocateurs. They scurried about attack. But they were too deeply groups of both the right and the the vast fairground show-ring that concerned with destroying the in- left are organizing the struggle for

during succeeding speeches and fuscists, leading Socialists, such as government has been progressively when Arnold Johnson, secretary of Lieberman of Pittsburgh, joined in shrinking for many months to the tress. In a kindly voice, Roosevelt the Ohio league and subsequently their attack and distributed a point where it now rests almost Said the New York Post in an spoke to the nation. The time has of the N.U.L., arose to outline the pamphlet villifying the C.P.L.A. entrely on the army with the suncome, he said, to have a New Deal tasks facing the unemployed, the and charging it with "being sold port of Wall Street interests. The whispering had grown to a sort of out to Moscow" etc. When the development of the strike movejingo tide was at its height several ment and the tremendous wave of of these "working-class" leaders terrorism-bombings and assassinunderprivileged to an abundant Johnson's speech. What he said grew panic-stricken and approached ations-have shown the impotence has been lost to the theoreticians, the C.P.L.A. with a bid for unity. of the government to dominate the but whatever it was a number of But by that time the C.P.L.A. had situation. Serious disaffection is the delegates promptly construed it acted and the fascist attack was evident in the army, a number of officers having been detained for subversive activities, and others "retired from the service". Numerous arrests of Communists, ABC members, and alleged terrorists. have been made in the last few

There can be no doubt that the Cuban revolution is entering a new Stalinist, all of the petty bourgeois Upon the events of the next few weeks may depend the future of the Cuban revolution for many years to come. Organized labor of the United States should be prepared to forcefully demand that American imperialists keep their hands off of Cuba in the struggles that are approaching.

7,400,000 CHILDREN

WASHINGTON-Some 7,400,000 children under 16 are on the country's relief rolls, says Assistant Administrator Aubrey Williams of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration

shook the walls.

The N.U.L. was launched. The spies and fascists were decisively next day, the victory of the "Reds" under the tutelage and leadership

(To be centinued)