By JACK WEBER

DEBTS AND GOLD HUGHES IS SHREWD

PERPETUATING RULE OF RICH

The judicial arm of the American capitalist government has played an inconsequential role during the period of crisis and the NRA. The august judges, than whom there would seem to be no higher authority but God himself, have felt rather aggrieved at being so complete.y eclipsed by the executive power in the hands of Roosevelt. But such power on the part of the executive authority becomes inevitable whenever a major crisis threatens the very foundations of in this respect, so firmly established countries. For the working class concerning capitalist society, as there was involved a subtle wage ence, he is willing to promise anythat the boss class will violate cut by this precess. every single law set up by itself, if For that matter the ordinary "rights" won by the workers under bourgeois democracy are violated with impunity day by day. In regard to such violations of workers' rights by the exploiting class, the Majesty of the Law whole system of courts, including the Supreme Court when the inter- putting on a show, is covering with ests of the class in power as a the necessary amount of flummery whole are involved, becomes mere- and formality the foregone conclu- labor was employed wherever posly a cloak for the proper veiling of sion of its decision. Hughes has sible. class justice from the naive vision no intention to bring about the of the masses.

But the courts also exist, not merely in their role of judicial means of oppression of the exploit- The Constitution Itself ed classes by the oppressors, but also to "keep the arena" where property interests come into con- itself, is well aware that this sacred right to picket. n'ct, causing, at times, deep-going document is nothing but the legaldifferences within the ruling class ization of the capture of power itself. In such cases the Supreme after the American Revolution by of the status of the working man in leficit of \$19,023,200 for the third Court may be called upon to render a decision generally in accord with onial society, destined to become King". the historic interests of the upper the modern capitalists. The Con strata of the ruling class. The stitution was designed to protect Supreme Court is now "deliberat- private property, to prevent inter- \$3.36 per 56 hour week before the ing" over the government's abrogation of its gold contracts when it went off the gold standard.

Case of the Gold Standard

actually occurred, to scale down attaining to power!

SUPREME COURT DELIBERATES; the entire debt structure within American economy. It was also to the interests of the big financiers to lay the greatest burden of the cris's on the backs of the working class and the perty bourgeoisie. By depreciating the currency these

aims were achieved. Such depreciation amounted to wholesale expropriation of the going "off gold" or depreciating the lation. currency met the demands of com petition for foreign trade due to of the workers, but solely in the bourgeois rule. There is nothing, the money manipulations of other welfare of Huey Long.

In view of all these effects of these laws stand in the way of the the abrogation of the gold clause That's another story. fundamental interests or the con- by the U. S. Government, correstinued existence of the ruling class. ponding to distinct needs of the bourgeoisie, can anyone be under the illusion that the Supreme Court would dare to declare the government's act unconstitutional?

In reality the Supreme Court is chaos that would result from an isiana Long has never given supadverse decision.

The Marxian who knows the histhe rich, exploiting section of colference with this private property NRA. The workers were forced to It was to the interests of the future proletariat and petty bour- but the hours were cut to eighteen. knew in terms of bread and butter, capital'sts, in order to maintain geoisie. Surely a "yardstick" to be At the same time that wages were of milk for their children, shoes their power and to prevent an even respected by this same proletariat thus raised from \$3.36 to \$4.50 per for their wives. worse collapse of their system than which it was designed to keep from week, however, the rent was raised A stagger system of one or two

The Party Fund

Building the new party is not a matter of choice. It is a duty imposed upon us by events.

The task is enormous, made more difficult by the disillusionment of the leftward moving elements who looked with hope to the Communist week; Huey Long raised them not Party and the "Militants" in the Socialist Party. Misled and frustrated at all. by these two parties, the class conscious workers are waiting to see what we, the Workers Party, are going to do.

We must prove our seriousness and earnestness. We must show by revealed in one incident. concrete work in the class struggle that we can and are willing to give correct leadership in the struggles. We can do this. But we must have the full support of all who see

the problem clearly and know how to answer it. The first requisite is a party, organized on the basis of democratic Long's labor record, an expose of

centralism, with functioning units throughout the country.

We must bend all our energies toward this end. We must aim to keep organizers and speakers constantly in the field. We must build a national training school for workers. We must extend and strengthen editor with violence, not against the unemployment movement; organize the Left-progressive wing in his person, but egainst his printthe trade unions; help the Youth consolidate its organization. HELP BUILD A MASS WORKERS PARTY. CONTRIBUTE TO self and his family, unless the

THE FOUNDATION FUND.

REPORTS FROM BRANCHES Waukegan, Ill. - The secretary wr'tes: At our last meeting, the unemployed members pledged their 25c assessments and each of the employed members made their pledges. The total equals \$25, the sum assigned us by the national of

Los Angeles, Cal.: Received quota of \$100.00. Has definit pledges of \$91. No doubt the bal ance will be made up by local sym pathizers.

Detroit, Mich.: Accepts the quot set, but will be a little late sendin in the money due to unemploymen in the branch.

The South: This branch has t function underground due to loca conditions. However they accept their quota and will do their bes to meet it as fast as possible.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Accepts th full quota and has already aske for \$70 worth of certificates.

Kansas City, Mo: Will meet th quota. More than half alread pledged.

New York: The following is detailed report from the New Yor District. It gives the names of th members who paid on their pledge since the last report printed in th New Militant.

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L. Lewis	3.00	Brown
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Becker	5.00	Brodwin
Palmer	9.00	Anonymous
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D. Morris	2.00	Waukegan Branch
Marlen	3.00	Friends of the Militant
Nelson	3.00	Club, Chicago
A. Berg	2.00	Mt. Carmel, Pa
M. Wilson	2.50	Mike Osborn, New York
Spithos	1.00	Steinberg, Spartacus
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Huey Long's Labor Record; He Says Mussolini Indorsed His Plan

ing article on Huey Long, demagogue and dictator of Louisiana. Next week comrade Eastman will begin a series of three articles on Father Coughlin.

By DAN EASTMAN

wealth in the form of savings, com- Long, the most grasping of "pracmon stock, insurance, etc., held by tical" politicians, has a program one small people. The big financiers distinguished for its impracticabilown interests so that their wealth in a real redistribution of wealth; was not expropriated at all or to be is only interested in appealing a minor extent as compared with to the most ignorant prejudices of the other classes. Furthermore, the backward sections of the popu-

He is not interested in the welfare To increase his power and influ

hing-and does. As for carrying out the promises?

His Labor Record Huey Long has never in any of his writings or speeches given support to union labor. He has never given support in his actions to union labor. So far as he is

concerned union labor does not exist. On the construction of the very roads and public buildings which Huey "gave" to the workers, scab

During numerous strikes in Louport, or even sympathy, to the strikers. During the longshoremen's strike in New Orleans, last year, Huey Long courts issued the tory of the American Constitution usual injunctions in restraint of the

> "Every Man a King" There has been no improvement

h's state where "Every Man is

An example: In New Orleans cotton mills the wage scale was by the majority of the people. In pay two dollars of this sum in rent short, the Constitution was designed for company owned shacks. After to perpetuate the rule of the rich the NRA the scale was raised from .o Europe, which is what the defiminority against any attacks by the 6c per hour to 20 to 30c per hour, cit means to steel mill owners. They week for the workers.

This example is a bad enough in dictment of the NRA; but consider plight under a dying capitalism. that Huey Long was dictator of Louisiana, both before and after the NRA. During that time he did nothing to aid the workers in the cotton mills, either when they struck or when they were at work. The NRA raised wages 14c per

Long's attitude toward union labor is best and most completely them will have no place in this in

Suppresses Pamphlet Last year a New Orleans labor editor, whose name I omit, printed at his own expense a pamphlet on the Kingfish. The pamphlet never saw the light of day.

Two racketeers threatened the shop, the means of support of himpamphlet was destroyed. Rather than take the chance of becoming poor in the state where "Every Man is King" the editor, out of consideration for his family, com-

Negroes Are Oppressed

One of the most oppressed classes in Louisiana are the Negroes, who number 750,000. They are subject to the most degrading conditions, to jim-crow discr'mination, they are excluded from juries, are prevented from voting, are deprived of even the smallest show in the govern

ment that oppresses them. Huey Long has done nothing for the Negroes in Louisians. They are still excluded from the law and from the vote. Long himself indulges in jim-crowism.

For instance: During the socalled vice investigation of New Orleans, Long called a city wide 00 for the conference; they were barred. There are plenty of other

instances of actual personal discrimination by the Kingfish himself, against Negro reporters, doc-00 tors, etc.

Lynchings There is no better index of the attitude of the state, and of the number of lynchings.

Huey Uses Troops There is no class poorer than the unemployed and the "unemployables". Of the latter there are 15,000 in the city of New Orleans alone. Last August they were cut off without a penny of relief. When a hunger march descended on Huey's capital it was met by the National Guard, the leaders were arrested, and

the marchers dispersed. Huey Long failed to approve a bill providing a measely \$10,000 who cannot possibly work steadily or in a circus exhibition, free the

This is the third and conclud- | temporary measure of relief. In- | In an issue of The American stead the legislature, Huey Long's Progress, his paper, there appeared legislature, turned the care of the a little box notice: unemployed over to the parishes, unburdening the problem of the poor on the poor.

(President Roosevelt stole a trick It is not by chance that Huey from Huey when he returned 5,000,000 unemployables to state charity. It's all the old army game of passing the buck, with the were capable of protecting their ity. Huey Long is not interested workers getting it in the neck every time.)

Relief Is Low

New Orleans, now a Long city, has never provided one penny for celief (New York City pays some 55,000,000 a month), every cent coming from federal and parish

As a consequence of Huey's great concern for the poor man the avrage relief in Louisiana is two to ive dollars a week; in a state where the legislature appropriated nore than \$100,000,000 for the contruction of vote getting roads.

Like all demagogues Huey talks ig and does little.

What is Huey's future?

"Mussolini says Long Is right on sharing the wealth. Premier Benito Mussolini, who has rapidly risen to the forefront among world statesmen (!) has given his indorsement to the Huey Long plan for redistributing wealth."

The quotation that follows, however, contains no reference to the Senator. The important fact is that Long's paper, and by inference Long himself, pub.ishes with pride an indorsement from Mussolini.

There are points of similarity between Huey and the Italian mur derer. Both are experienced politicians, both are ruthlessly ambitious, both are great popular oracors, who conceal the continuing oppression of capitalism under a cloak of fine phrases about abolish- up except by retrenching its pro ing poverty. What Mussolini has ductive capacity in order to adapt is the backing of capital, and a it to the capacity of consumption completely crushed labor movement. What Huey Long needs is-

Mechanization In Steel **Bodes Uncertain Future**

Fewer Workets Needed in Modern High-Speed Mills -- Companies Contract for Eight More

By FRED RAYBURN

of the country, report an aggregate juarter of 1934, indicating that the uet deficit for the entire industry was close to \$22,919,000.

Steel workers in the Youngstown Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Gary and Detroit areas did not have to read hese figures. They knew-not in erms of dollars or yachts or trips

from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week, so days' work a week, with the speedthat the total gain was 14c per up still operating full-force to keep down employment costs, brings full realization to workers of their

See Uncertain Future

And now the steel workers, harried almost to the breaking point by the uncertainties of the past few years, must watch the steel mlils carry on and increase the process of mechanization, and know that insecure as their jobs have been in the past, in the future they face the certainty that thousands of dustry.

If the mills were being operated to supply the needs of the workers, this would not frighten them. It would mean that the back-breaking work of the steel industry would be done by machines, and the men would be freed to provide other

But as long as the mills are run with profits for the owners as the airst and chief consideration, these workers know that this mechanizaion means only unemployment and misery; for with millions being replaced in other industries there is no place for them to go.

Erecting Modern Mills

Contracts for high-speed modern mills have been let by various steel companies. These mills, costing be ween \$6,000,000 and \$12,000,000, ships return without unloading. On take over the factories you can't are capable through a continuous the night of December 16, 1773, a run, and then produce for use peration of producing 2,200 tons party of men jumped aboard the (communism or the Workers of 75-inch sheet steel in 24 hours, ships, ripped open the chests, and or 680,000 tons a year. Compare dumped the tea into the harbor. his with an ordinary hot sheet mill This "Boston Tea Party" cost the with eight plants, rated at 60,000 East India Company about \$75,000. tons a year, and you have a clear picture of the future for those speedy action upon receipt of the workers who as yet are employed news of the Boston Tea Party. in old-type mills.

Ford Motors has one of the new mills in the process of installation. was going too far! The colonists Co. is building one in Youngstown, port of Boston was to be closed conference of ministers. Two Negro Oh'o. The Great Lakes Division until the tea was paid for, no town preachers, who were naive enough of the National Steel Company has meetings held unless the governor to take him at his word, turned up let a contract for a similar mill at o'k'd them, trials for British officers Detroit; Carnegie Steel (United in England. States Steel), at Youngstown.

Brings Loss of Jobs

It is significant to note that the men and girls in the textile indus- Now remember some of our capi Inland Steel Company, which re- try struck for their rights against talists, like King George II, are Peasants-the problem of which ported a profit of \$3,108,358 for the the employers, for better living saying "the die is cast". Take will embrace essentially: first nine months of 1934, when conditions, what happened? Just your choice, folks-wage-slavery most of the large companies like in the Boston Tea Party, the under capitalism, or plenty under showed defincits, is equipped with yellow press (owned by the capi- the Workers' State! oppression of the people, both Ne- the latest in tin plate machinery, talists) cried out: "The strikers In 1776 the poor farmers and argro and white, than the number of which not only produces much larg- are damaging property! Send the tisans did triumph. The colonial formations: lynchings. In 1933, the last year er quantities with fewer men, but troops!" And just as the English merchant class, however, grew into for which I have complete figures, results in a higher quality. And troops were sent to quell the colon- the Hearsts, the Rockefellers, the Louislana tied with Georgia and this results, not in a better life for ists, now the m'litia was called out Morgans, the Insults of 20th cen-South Carolina for first place in the the workers, as it should, but in in the interest of breaking the tury America. But today, a New their losing the'r jobs.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation is considering erection of one of these new mills either at Sparrows Point, Md., or Lackawanna (Buffalo), New York.

Steel Towns Passing

The conclusions to be drawn from these recent developments are that complete mills will become obsolete. money lords, sentence workers to throw off the paras'tical master-The towns that grew around these long terms in prison (like Tom class and establish the Workers' mills will in turn become desolate Mooney), electrocute other men State of plenty, security and peace. will employ a small working force, and Vanzetti) and hastily dismiss, cast"!

product is limited. Then, too, these NEW CASTLE, Pa. - Fourteen mills, with their mechanical persteel producers, representing 83 per fection, require very little expercent of the ingot making capacity ience to operate in contrast to the older types.

Inevitably, some firms will be forced into bankruptcy when they are unable to compete with these highly rationalized mills. The ranks of the unemployed will be swollen by thousands.

Thus what might mean greater comfort and leisure for workers will mean more profits for a few millionaire steel mill owners. The workers can save themselves only by building a society in which machines will be used to serve manı workers' world.

The Boston Tea Party and

baiting campaign against all who oppose capitalism.

multi-millions taken from working people.

sales taxes are a terrific burden to Boston.

In the year 1773 the American

colonists groaned and muttered

under a yoke of taxes—stamp taxes,

sugar taxes and the tea tax im-

posed by the wealthy merchants of

an oppressed working class who

every time a loaf of bread is

bought, must pay an extra toll to

The people of 1773 knew how to

deal with their oppressors. In

Boston three tea-ships arrived in

would not let the tea be landed.

Gov. Hutchinson would not let the

The British Parliament took

Seventy-five thousand dollars worth

of British property destroyed! That

In 1934 when the longshoremen

of San Francisco and the young can well follow.

strikes and protecting the bosses' Declaration of Independence has

profits. Under the guise of "pro- been written by the workingclass.

tecting life and property", com- It is-THE DECLARATION OF

In 1775 the Boston Massacre saw Party of the U. S. Every working-

8 colon'sts shot. Trials in England man, woman and child in America

for English officers who killed the should know those principles by

protesting colonists, today lackey- heart. They speak of the new Rev-

the capitalist.

The Fears of \$ir Hearst

Through his chain of newspapers, William Randolph Hearst,

The idea that the working class will lead the oppressed population

multi-millionaire who lives in California, is engaged in a vicious red?

in an uprising against the profit system has set Hearst off on a patri-

otic crusade. Like Hitler, Hearst wants to abridge workers' rights,

end freedom of expression for everybody but the capitalists, and set

up a fascist regime. Hearst is doing what every other millionaire and

capitalist will do in time. He is speaking for his class-for Fascism.

American history, and reminds us again of our revolutionary tradi-

tions. The Hearsts have good reason to fear for capitalism and their

the harbor. The towns people to continue? (capitalism). You

The following letter, from a comrade in California, recalls some

WORLD IN REVIEW

FRANCE

PARIS SOCIALISTS PROGRAM FROM "LA VERITE"

Ed. Note: An event of great importance in the struggle against Fascism in France was the adoption by the Paris District of the Socialist Party of the Program of Action sponsored by the Trotskyist group which recently entered the Socialist party. The members of this group, known as Bolshevik-Leninists, have conducted a vigorous agitation for their program of action in their newspaper "La Verite" and in the Socalist Party organizations. For the information of our readers we reprint this important document in full as it appeared in La Verite. . . .

THE CRISIS

Capitalism is passing through a crisis against which it cannot stand which is more and more narrowing.

The reactionary offensive and the utilization of fascism are not the results of a revolutionary offensive; in France they are the reply to socialist reformism, itself incompatism if it is to be a "reformism" gression and decadence that capi alism opposes us with a growing resistance. Capitalism is forced to substitute for a regime of parl'amentary and bourgeois democracy a regime of strong force resting on fascist forces, and to crush the democratic conquests, by the suppression of the rights acquired by the workers (organizations, press, demonstrations, meetings, etc.).

The ministry of Flandin is but a variant of this regime.

Under these conditions the task of preserving and extending the democratic conquests cannot be asmentary struggles of the masses. Either the reaction will crush the put itself at its head.

But wait, let us look a bit further.

onies must either triumph or sub-

In 1934, one of "our kings", Wil-

substance in his sheet: "Capitalism

will either perpetuate itself through

Fascism or else Communism will

triumph!" Very well, Mister

don't want to lose your millions?

State)? But just as in those mem-

of the Nat'onal Unemployed League

helping to picket the Auto-Lite Fac-

tory in Toledo is a magnificent dem

onstration of victorious tactics we

class is beginning to unite.

workers as in Germany, Austria and Spain or the masses will overthrow capitalism and take power.

To expose the illusion that parliamentary means are sufficient for a defense of democratic conquests. to guide the will of the masses for preserving their conquests in a

struggle for their own power-th's is the task of the Socialist Party. The problem is posed whether socialism or fascism will arrive at

power first. The present parliament has betrayed the interests of the people who have chosen it. It no longer represents their will. It must go.

WE DEMAND ITS DISSOLU-WE WANT POWER.

How to Bring the Masses on to the Road of the Decisive Struggle for Power.

1. The party must be in a state of permanent mobilization: daily propaganda must be carr'ed on (distribution of leaflets, meetings at factories, at workers' centers).

A parliamentary group must be It has exhausted its possibility of at the disposal of the Federations for systematic agitation in workers quarters and at factory gates. 2. The unity of the workers'

front must be on the broadest basis. It is necessary that this unity be effected around central slogans ible with the existence of capital- common to large proletarian organizations and capable of rally'ng serious and logical. It is because the big mass of the workers, of init has entered the stage of retro- volving in the struggle step by step even the most hesitant layers (peasants and middle-classes) which will gain the'r experience in the fight, will abandon ilusions and will rally to socialist solutions. That is why the 19th Section bel'eves the army, the police, the armed that the plan of the C.G.T. contains four slogans:- Nationalization of key industries; Control of production; Control of banks; 40 hour week-which shou'd serve as a common basis for the propaganda of the un'ted front, involve the CGT in this united front and give to the popular front an actively revolutionary content by realizing the bloc of all those who today are sured merely by parliamentary and robbed and exploited by capitalism. democratic means. These methods The French Socialist Party must must be parallelled by extra parita- cease being the tail-end of the united front, but on this basis must To hasten the decisions, to give

to the united front a content of action so that those who have to act in common become more firm and decisive, it is necessary:

1. To hold joint meetings between socialist and communist districts. 2. To break all resistance to

trade union unity. The strengthening of the unity of the front will facilitate the realization of the unification of the two parties for revolutionary action.

The Struggle for Power

The Socialist Party which poses seriously the problem of the struggle for power must know how to adapt its tactics and its prepara-

It is necessary that it know how to break the resistance no matter Street" Morgan and Sammy Insuil! Looks like history repeats itself! from where it comes.

For that the general strike is the "The die is cast", wrote George best weapon. It will hinder the rethe Third to Lord North, "the col- vision of the constitution by a cap!tulating parliament as well as Today, in many of the States, m't." More troops were sent to hasten its dissolution.

> Between the riots of Feb. 6 and the workers' answer of Feb. 12 too liam "Runaway" Hearst wrote in much time elapsed. The time may not be alloted to us in the future! In the present state of tension the general strike will unloosen the Hearst. You want the profit system | forces of the bourgeoisie against the workers. In order to defend themselves the working masses You don't want to see the workers must organize the peoples' militia sufficiently strong numerically and materially to crush the reactionary

> The organization of the general orable days of the 1770's when ar- strike and the organization of the tisans of Boston and farmers of people's militia must embrace vol-Concord united in mass action unteers from all the layers of the against their oppressive rulers, in anti-fasc'st toling population.

like manner, the American working | From this follows the necessity of creating (in accord with all The idea of "all for one, and one other organizations which will acfor all" is gathering strength. You cept it) shop committees and local will recollect the farmers around committees for the general strike The Youngstown Sheet and Tube must be shown their place. The Minneapolis refusing to transport which organize locally the militia produce in order to aid the striking groups and prepare the days of truck-drivers. Also, the example proletarian power.

Necessity of the regional and nat'onal coordination of these com-

The general strike must have for ns, socialists, positive objectives :-The Government of Workers and

a) Convocation of a Constituent Assembly chosen by all the inhabitants over 18 years of age:

b) Disarmament of bourgeois

c) Arming of the workers; d) Realization of the principal demands of the united front mentioned above.

.We Socialists, we must prepare this gigant'e struggle, organize the working class step by step so that pany thugs shot and killed strikers. PRINCIPLES by the Workers it can lead it. We must make it understood that even under a hypothesis that a government results from universal suffrage, that once this government decides to apply judges who do the bidding of the olution. They tell of the way to reforms of structure capable of realizing the demands of the workers, small merchants and the peasant masses, that it will meet the and barren. These new type mills fighting for freedom (I'ke Sacco Yes, Mr. Hearst, the "die is resistance of the bourgeoisie which will not hesitate in violating its BILL MONROE own legalty to oppose by force the realization of these measures

California