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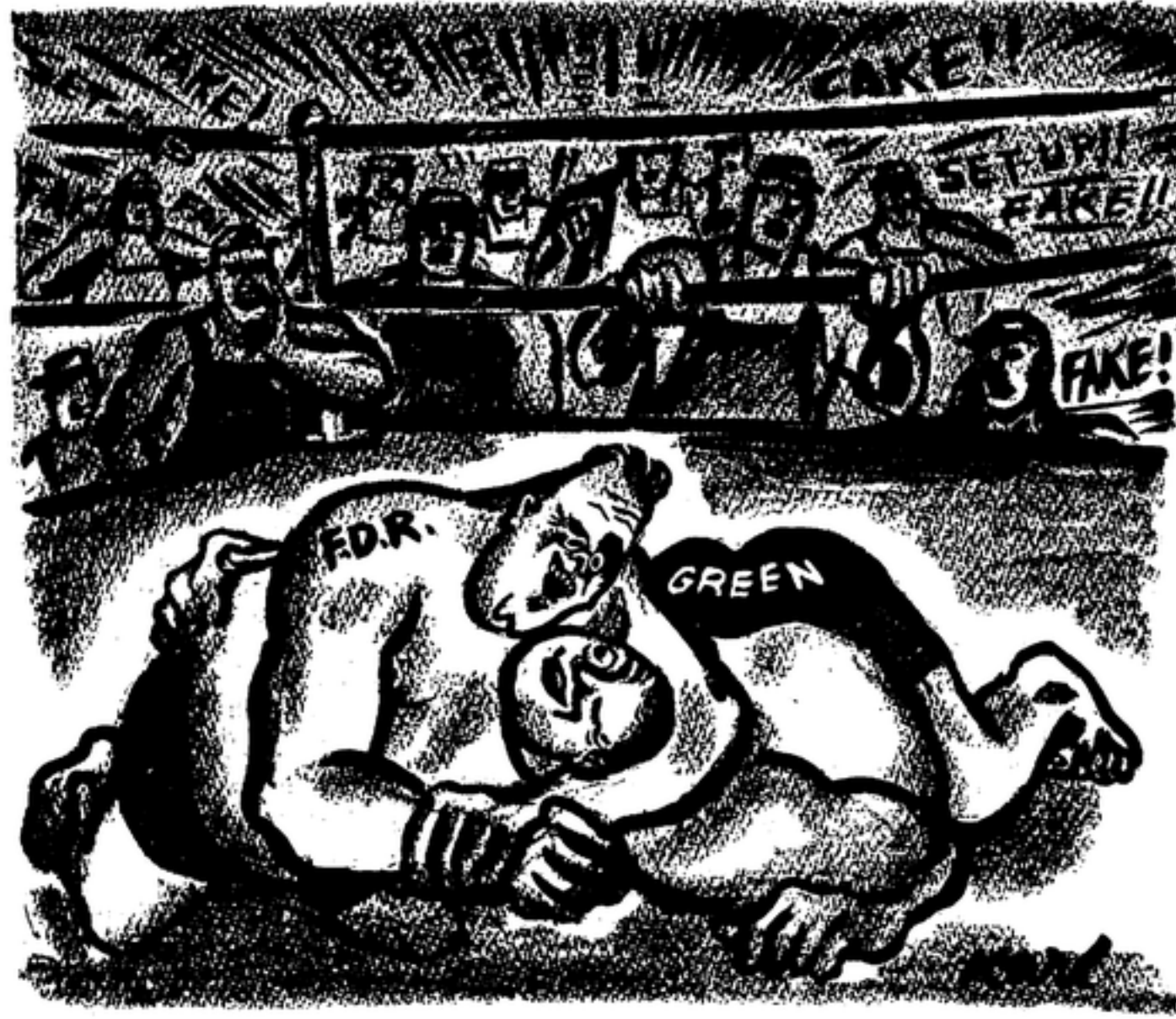
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The Reason for Hearst

WILLIAM Randolph Hearst and his yellow press howling for blood of foreigners and "reds", among whom one finds prominently listed in his latest broadside such pale pinks, with names that clearly reveal their foreign origin, as President Chase of New York University, President Graham of the University of North Carolina, and President Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

The Set-Up



Bill Green: "Am I getting too rough, Franklin?"

Left Jabs

By BILL SHERMAN The New Title The column appears today under its new title, Left Jabs, sent in by A. D. Philadelphia, who wins the prize of a year's subscription to the New Militant. We again wish to thank the many readers who sent in suggestions for the title, and trust that all will continue with contributions that will make LEFT JABS the best column in the New Militant.

Elevator Strike History In Newspaper Headlines

- NEW YORK.—The elevator strike has been postponed—this is the latest news, and has been the latest news for the last three months. A short history of local 32B of the Building Service Workers International Union is given in the headlines: Nov. 19—Sudden Strike Call Expected. Nov. 20—Mayor LaGuardia (the friend of labor) Bars Strike. Nov. 21—Arbitration Pact Signed (It was not signed by the union) Dec. 29—Bambrick Threatens Strike. Jan. 9—Strike Held Near. Feb. 14—8,000 Out On "Unauthorized" Strike. Feb. 15—City Wide Strike Planned. Feb. 16—City Wide Strike Voted Over Bambrick's Protest. Feb. 17—Ed. McGrady arrives from Washington—Arbitrate! Feb. 18—Elevator Strike Set for 10:30 A.M. in 1,000 Buildings. Feb. 19—City Wide Strike Called Off After All Night Conference. Feb. 20—Six Months Truce Signed. Feb. 22—Call For Walkout Monday Expended. Feb. 25—Walkout Postponed When NLRB Intervenes.

What can be said of this history? The constant use of the strike threat serves one purpose, it helps keep the union in the public eye and gives an impetus to organization. But! The same constant threat, keeping the workers at a high pitch of expectancy, can have the most destructive reaction, unless the threat is actually carried out. There is a certain point beyond which the enthusiasm of the workers turns cold, and they quit the union, if it remains inactive, as rapidly as they joined it. That time has come!

Washington News Letter

(Continued from Page 1) so-far ineffective program of "spending our way back to prosperity". The lunatic policies of A.A.A.—crop curtailment, plowing under, driving share croppers from the soil—will be continued. The Department of Agriculture, it would seem, is slowly coming to realize that the drought of 1934 is driving up prices to the point where it may be expedient to desist from continuing wanton destruction. But what the Department's experts may think will have little effect upon the President and his inspired advisers. They are still in the grip of the "overproduction" fallacy; to induce revival you must starve wage earners and pay the farmers for performing the task. The policy has the added merit of driving a wedge between the interests of farmers and workers who might otherwise come together for revolutionary action.

The Arms Control & League of Nations The Arms Traffic Committee of the League of Nations was holding one of those endless discussions on arms. Article 2 of the American draft was the subject. A Fascist admiral said that Italy prefers the 1925 convention because it "provides for the suspension of all of its few restrictions in war time." Mr. Wilson for the U. S. "stressed the moral importance of the question." He held that "birth certificates should be given for cannons just as for men." The French delegate thought the birth certificates should go into "the pre-natal stage". A British Lord thought such certificates required too many statistics. So the question of "birth control" for arms versus "birth certificates" was debated. Nothing was settled, no conclusions reached, and the League of Nations called it a day. —Reviewing the Crisis, 1929-35, by M. L.

Foreign Trade? A few more treaties of negligible import; but complete neglect of one vast market—Russia—where big scale transactions might be carried on. Banking? Increased centralization of credit in the hand of a government-dominated Federal Reserve Board to the end that monopoly finance capitalism may function with fewer restraints. Military affairs? More, bigger and costlier battleships with an eye to Imperialistic war in the near future with Japan. But at least the Brain Trust is henceforth out of the picture. That is something the President will no longer be able to pretend that he acts on inspirations which come to him from on high.

severest grilling, Mini revealed that, while the Communist Party did not train him for the practical class struggle, his self-obtained socialist education is not deficient. The perspectives are admittedly poor. A prejudiced jury; a judge in league with a venomous prosecution; the ill-advised tactics of the I.L.D.; the lack of a mass protest movement, glaringly revealed by the complete failure of the C.P. "united front" conference held in San Francisco on February 10, justifying little optimism as to the outcome.

No serious turn in the situation can be expected during the next week or two. Were a verdict to be given today, there is little doubt that it would be against all the defendants. Should sufficient protests come in from outside the state, things may brighten up a bit. Whatever happens, the working class can be sure that in Newman Mini, it has an incorruptible advocate. We must do everything in our power to prevent him and his co-defendants from being railroaded. Should they go to San Quentin, it will be the duty of the working class to launch a great fight for their freedom.

Our Hope and Strength "Roosevelt is our hope and strength," says President Bill Green of the A. F. of L. . . Dan Tobin of the Teamsters Union presents Jim Farley with a check of \$10,000 "as a mark of appreciation of what the Roosevelt administration has done for labor" . . . President Roosevelt's new relief scheme calls for wage cuts and provides a maximum of \$50 per month per family. . . Gawd, what 'ope and strength! —Bill Reich.

The Cuckoo Clock A peasant presented Stalin with a clock which signals the hours with music, as Stalin's picture pops out in front. A very appropriate gift. Religion, A Moral Force Holy Mount Athos, a monastery on a mountain rising 6,000 feet from the Aegean Sea, possesses more pieces of the True Cross than any other shrine. . . Dr. Reinhold Krause, Nazi churchman, says "God cannot be against Hitler, he alone has God's orders for the Fatherland" . . . The Goodwin Plan by which American churches, Ladies Aid Societies, etc. may raise money for foreign missions and preachers' salaries, proposes to market in 5,000 towns such products as BYD's, Northern Toilet Paper, Zemo Ointment, Champion Spark Plugs, and Winget Kickers. Excluded are wines, cigarettes, poker sets, contraceptives and bust developers. . . —Bill Reich.

Theory and Practice Educator Walter Pitkin says that a knowledge of psychology is essential for success in business. . . William McDougall, foremost American Psychologist, who studied the hereditary characteristics of 37 generations of rats, was awarded \$20,500 by oil stock promoters. —Bill Reich.

TH Death Do Us Part The English Parliament has passed a regulation making it criminal for dole recipients, of which there are 17,000,000 not to make "honest efforts" to find work. . . To save expenses, the aged inmates of the Yellowstone County (Montana) Poorhouse were sent out to dig their own graves. None have yet died.—Bill Reich.

WE NEED A LARGER PAPER Because of lack of space a number of important articles had to be omitted from this issue, including the third installment on "Should Revolutionists Build a Labor Party?" by Hugo Oehler, and a second article on Father Coughlin by Dan Eastman. These articles will appear in the next issue.—Ed. Note.

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Mini in Court Reaffirms His Views as Revolutionist

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information and misinformation as to the views of the defendants with respect to religion, racial questions and other matters not directly connected with the indictment. But he now ruled that Goldman could not ask Mini questions relating to the same matters. Even where Goldman endeavored to ask Mini questions concerning his understanding of revolutionary principles connected directly with the matters in the indictment, McAllister interposed objections at every point. These objections, combined with the judge's rulings, constituted a steady barrage of interruptions so that for the most part Mini's voice came to the jury through a din of competing remarks.

gaze from one to another of the defendants with whom he has stood solid against the state all these trying months. "No," he answered. Another tense moment came with the conclusion of the cross-examination. McAllister sneeringly put the following question: "Would Try Capitalists "And would the Sacramento workers council give a trial to those capitalists who refused to accept the new government and fought to defend their property?" "It would," answered Mini. Raising his voice to a shout and waving his finger in the air, McAllister threw out a final remark as he took his seat: "They don't give trials in Russia."

duction, transportation and communication; the defense of the proletarian state against sabotage and open counter-revolution; the role of force in securing the will of the people against the will of the exploiters and in defending the conquests of the only progressive class in society, the proletarian class. "What will you do if a majority objects?" demanded McAllister. "The revolutionary party will not consider the time ripe as long as a majority objects," replied Mini. "But suppose a majority of capitalist objects, that is of property?" "Oh! You mean the three percent of the population who own eighty-three percent of the wealth?" Mini shot back. "That's right," said McAllister. "People Versus Property "We'll just have to put them in "Suppose they refuse to submit. Suppose they won't turn over their property?" "The workers' councils will use all the necessary force to carry out the law of the workers' state," answered Mini. "Suppose the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Telephone Co. meets and informs the workers' council that it refuses to turn over the property." "That's a hypothetical telephone company," Mini answered. "The Sacramento Telephone Co. is run by a board that meets in Wall St. and never saw Sacramento." "Well, suppose the local manager refuses to get out?" "He won't refuse!" answered Mini. "How do you know?" asked McAllister. "Well, he will have heard what's going on and he'll be on a boat going places fast."

in common with his method or his goal. We use force if necessary to enable the vast majority of the people to take back from a tiny minority the property which that minority has stolen, and to make it available for the benefit of all mankind, so that the race may advance and develop itself and terminate a condition in which millions starve while a few live in luxury. Differs With C. P. An interesting light was cast upon those conditions inside the C. P. which result in the political backwardness of even its most devoted militants. It was lack of education which caused, for example, the foolish gesture Mini made last August, when he gave McAllister an open statement of his beliefs and affiliation. He disclosed that he had never read a single Communist Party pamphlet or Communist International document until after the indictment! Before Mini stepped down from the witness stand, he had made it plain that the beliefs he was expounding he had acquired from the writings of Marx, Engels and Lenin, before he joined the Communist Party. "When I studied the C. P. documents, I began to understand that I differed and eventually I got out." McAllister now took up the program of the Communist International, adopted by the Sixth Congress of the Comintern. From it he read the last paragraph: "The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling class tremble at a Communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workingmen of all countries, unite!" "Is this the part of the program you disagree with?" McAllister asked. "Why no," answered Mini; "that's the part I agree with. That's right out of the Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels!" Mini added that the C. P. appears to regard a revolution as an earthquake, to be predicted rather than as an historical occurrence realizable under certain conditions if human beings act properly. He affirmed the necessity of "an active preparation by the conscious elements" for every aspect of the struggle. McAllister turned away with a

leer of satisfaction, a vulture sensing a meal in the offing. Red Hynes, (beefy Los Angeles Red Squad captain) could not contain his glee. Sam Darcy rubbed his chin contemptuously. By all odds this "stool pigeon" was a very strange bird! Mini's testimony opened with a brief outline of his life story. Born in Sacramento, he went to the public schools and was a member of the National Guard. He won an appointment to West Point in a competitive examination but was expelled for anti-militaristic views which he developed through study while at West Point. "Last summer you told me that while you were at West Point you were ashamed of your parents. Will you explain that?" ask McAllister. "Sure!" answered Mini. "They are ordinary workers and the propaganda the officers fed me at West Point made me think that workers are scum; so sometimes I felt ashamed of my father and mother, but now I know better and I am proud to be the son of a proletarian!" Was Active In Strike Expelled from West Point, he sought a job in New York, where he experienced life on the breadline. He then returned to Sacramento, wrote a novel satirizing military life and studied the socialist classics. After witnessing several instances of police brutality against unemployed demonstrators, he joined the Communist Party early in 1933. He was assigned to no work, but managed to go to Chow-chilla, and there helped to organize a successful farmers' strike against the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. In responding to questions which were in reality thinly-disguised stump speeches on behalf of the glories of private property, rugged individualism and a system "which enabled Charles M. Schwab to climb from the bottom of the ladder to the top!", Mini pointed out that there had been BREX great developments under capitalism, but that the system has entered the stage of decay. "There must be an overturn or a collapse into chaos," he added, "and only the proletariat can save human civilization."

Asked whether he had ever heard of a thrifty class, Mini answered that he had—"in connection with bank failures". McAllister made repeated but vain endeavors to get Mini to state that he favored having the workers seize industries or banks in advance of the revolution. Under the

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