MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

A Dangerous Alliance An item in the press recently, in connection with the General Johnson-Huey Long controversy, reveals a growing line-up of forces that may prove of the utmost danger to the working class. General Smedley Butler came out in hearty mands. support of the "two lions" Long and Coughlin. Here we have a triple alliance of three demagogues who supplement each other in the possibilities of building up the mass basis for an American fascist movement. To the forces of the Delta Dictator, Father Coughlin brings the aid of clerical reaction hiding the more illusory in this period of under the pseudo-radical guise of "social justice", and Smedley Butler contributes the strength of the military arm of reaction. The real motive of Butler in making his revelations concerning the attempt by Morgan interests to bribe him into leading and organizing a fascist movement here, now becomes clear. Butler resorted to a clever bit of advertising to permit him later to

of a great lover of democracy. The danger to the proletariat from these elements can hardly be exaggerated. They are the symbols heralding the conversion or transformation of the capitalist offensive to terrorize the working class so as to stop further organizing of the unorganized, into a fascist mass movement. The "white terror" of the bosses is intended to prevent the workers from fighting to regain lost ground in the matter of wages and living conditions. The offensive is apparent in the recent court decisions against the labor provisions of the NRA, the Roosevelt decision against the "prevailing wage", the drive for company unions and against the A. F. of L., the Hearst anti-red campaign, the Sacramento criminal syndicalism case, etc. The answer to this offensive and to the incipient fascist movement will be given by the increased militancy of the working class.

The Labor Party Fallacy

utter fallacy and bankruptcy of the Fermer-Labor Party (which there isn't an extra loaf of bread those who call for the formation of might be substituted by any other in the closet or a nickel in the pants an American labor party, than a labor party). As the New York speech by Alfred Bingham, Former- Times reported: "The movement pocket. the labor-partyites runs that the in the West is in imminent danger American toilers are beginning to of being captured by the "demagorealize the need to separate from gic movement" headed by Huey the bourgeois partie s and to resort Long and Father Cougnlin, it was to independent political action in asserted last night by leaders of their own interests. Owing, how- the Farmer Labor Political Federaever, to the political backwardness tion." And to fight the demagogy of these masses, resulting from his- of Long, Bingham proposed a simitoric conditions, they are far from lar type of demagogy-the "dramaready to join any outright revolu- tization" of the appeal of "Plenty tiomary organization. Hence, rather for All". Bingham's speech conthan permit the workers to fall into tains his own refutation.

the clutches of the capitalists through an apparently working class party which is in actuality a third capitalist party, the vanguard must gain control of the movement by rallying the toilers around a program of proper immediate de-

To separate immediate demands from the revolutionary tasks of the proletariat means to foster illusions in the minds of workers. It means to hold out the hope that the worker can win security and a better life by fighting for concessions under capitalism. This is all the decline of capitalism when the bosses, far from granting more concessions, are actually wiping out all the previous "sops" granted to the workers. Unless immediate demands are made the means of rallying the workers in struggle for the purpose of teaching them at one and the same time the need for revolutionary action as the only real solution, the effect will be to disillusion the workers with false act completely in the interests of promises. c pitalist reaction under the halo

Our task is not to traffic on the ignorance and backwardness of the masses, not to attempt to win them unawares and by stealth, but on the contrary, to enlighten them and to show them the necessary steps to take along the road to power.

Shall We Compete with Fascism?

When it comes to immediate demands as such, divorced from a revolutionary program, we cannot hope to compete with the fascist demagogy of fake "promises". Our answer to the demagogy of the Huey Longs and the Father Coughlins is not a different brand of demagogy, but enlightenment and c'ear revolutionary answers concerning the meaning of events. To compete under present conditions with the fascists on the basis of rainbow hopes, is to bring about have a job at all last year was the inevitable defeat of our class. around fifteen dollars a week. The Instead of building a bridge from the labor party to the revolutionary Marxist party, we would build a bridge to fascism. And it is pre-

cisely this that Bingham revealed. He was peeved that Long and Nothing reveals more clearly the Coughlin were stealing a march on social workers have made sure that ase. The contention of progressive leadership that is rising

Mendieta Sustained By Wall Street Army Alone capitalist saviors may be, there is no way out for the masses under

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States had, since 1901, reserved the legal right to intervene in Cuba at American countries. any time it saw fit; and the Reciprocal Trade Treaty, signed between

Mendleta a short breathing space from the attacks of the middle class nationalist elements, while of the present government. the second promised a small degree of economic improvement.

These two "concessions" were such in appearance only, as the trade treaty also reacted in favor of American exporters whose Cuban trade had fallen off five-sixths in four years, and the Platt Amendment had outgrown its usefulness and no longer fitted in with the "pacifist" policies of the U.S. State SUPER RED-BAITING BILL TO Department. Thus the Sugar Trust and its political allies tried to stem the once more rising tide of the Cuban revolution.

A Single Product Country But the general contradictions of sharper in such "single product" damental reasons for the state of most of what they want these days, is done with fewer workers. Thus the Chinese peasants joined hands effairs in the island republic.

ist economy is today strained to or when the regular army is ready -profit may be squeezed out of anese overlords. It was here that the utmost and is threatening to for duty against them, as in the their labor, the only possible source the Japanese imperialists showed break at its Cuban link. Therefore textile strike, it is "patriotism" ap- of profit. it is the foremost task of the Amer- parently for the powers-that-be to At an earlier period capitalism ican workers in their struggle fill the soldiers' minds with wildest found a way out by getting outlets against the class enemy, to extend distortions of labor's aims. But for surplus capital, possibilities of their solidarity to their Cuban fel- let some of the worker brothers and exploitation, etc. in so-called "backlow workers so that by the joint sisters of these soldiers try to tell ward countries". But as the situ- Russia was not going to stand by efforts of both, a really serious them on whose side they are ordered ation grows more tense in the ad-

blow may be dealt imperialism. in America, as masters of the tech- bill, punishable with the severest industrialized, it is a case of bigger on the rich booty Japan had capnique of the political general strike. penalties. In this respect, as well as for their heroism and great sacrifices in the struggle against the common enemy-Wall Street-they stand out ORDER W. P. PAMPHLETS NOW. the making.

as an inspiration and example to the workers of the United States as well as those of the other Latin

In August 1933 the general strike was directly responsible for the the U. S. and Cuba in August of overthrow of the government. This then turn around and tell the boss cloak of "friendship" for the Amchief power of the Orient. last year for the purpose of saving time, however, it will have greater that he must run his business at a erican Negro workers. They want Cuba and Mendieta for Wall Street. difficulty in accomplishing this aim. profit in competition with other the Negroes to believe that al-Machado had lost the support of bosses, and his chief concern is though they treat their own work-Wall Street; the forces of Ameri- necessarily to put his prices up as ers like slaves-long hours, miser- rivals She seeks to fool the Amcan imperialism are on the side high as possible and to keep his able pay, wretched ilving condi-

> Cuban workers. Our slogan must under the codes and other New ship". be: Hands off Cuba; All support to Deal rigmarole. the Cuban masses in their struggle Batista and Co.!

KEEP TRUTH FROM SOLDIERS

Of all the flock of red-baiting Congress and state legislatures, in be fired and the other 16 do the hungry anticipation of the feast work! capitalist economy are inevitably that war or Fascism may bring, the bill to guard soldiers and sailors countries as Cuba (over eighty per- from labor propaganda is conceded period of decline, the general trend feudalism, and for some years after, tinue to be oppressed, terrorized involved in a nice little deal in sil- gram of 1933-1935 will go down in cent of Cuba's economic life is best chances of early success. It is toward greater misery for the Japan remained reluctant to accept and lynched. Oppression of the ver, some five hundred thousand economic history as one of the madsugar; eighty-five percent of the makes it "illegal to influence a sol- workers. Capitalists make their Western capitalist culture. But Negro is a result of economic con- ounces, which might have netted dest orgies of capitalistic sabotage capital invested in Cuba is Ameri- dier in almost anyway," said Rep. prefits by paying the worker in once having accepted Western incan controlled). Cuba is equipped Maury Maverick (D., Tex.) "It is wages a smaller value than he dustrial methods, Japan took over with a highly efficient and modern another bill through which you can creates by laboring. The capitalist all the features of vicious western sugar producing system, capable of drive a 10-ton truck and do any- thus gets what Marx calls surplus imperialism with a vengeance. producing between 51 and 6 million thing you want with it." But nev- value. It is the only way profit In 1894 she engaged in war with tons per year. The U.S. government ertheless it is a bill that is wanted can be created. Under modern con- China. The price of her victory allots it a quota of approximately by the military-minded in the ad- ditions expensive plants and equip- was Korea, which she gained from 2 million tons. These are the fun- ministration, and they are getting ment are increased, but the work China in 1895. However, by 1900

The chain of American imperial- used to gas and shoot down strikers, fiercely in order that surplus value relentless effort to drive out Japto fight in these labor struggles, vanced capitalist countries and the fall into the hands of Japan, since The Cuban masses stand alone and it will be "sedition" under this "backward countries" also become imperialist Russia also had her eye

Why Join the Workers Party

By A. J. MUSTE

Fellow Worker:

In my last letter I wrote about how the Workers Party came into existence, after many years of splits and disintegration in the radical movement, as a new unifying center for the revolutionary forces. I concluded by stating that we base our party on the teachings of Marx and Lenin which have been tested in the experience of the international revolutionary movement of the working class and seek to apply these principles to the realities of the American scene.

"revolutionary" we mean, on the one hand, that its aim is revolutionary and on the other hand that we believe in the revolutionary method. We do not believe that the masses can be delivered from poverty, unemployment, degradaished, wage slavery must be done tic" means. away with altogether. The workers must own and control the machinery of production.

We do not believe that the workers and their allies can overthrow the capitalist state, governmental system, and the capitalist economic system by purely legal, "democratic", peaceful, parliamentary methrevolutionary road to their goal.

An Example of Reform As for curing the ills of the workers by reforming capitalism, we have just been living through two years of the Roosevelt New Deal which was to do just that. And you know only too well what that has got us. "Salvation" has been provided not for the workers, but for the capitalist class. Factory pay-rolls are only 60 percent of the 1926 level, for example, but dividends and profits 150 percent. The average wage of the American worker who was lucky enough to citizenship paper of millions of "the proud American working class, sons and daughters of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln", is a relief ticket-which entitles them to nice-

cent, comfortable home, plenty of among the Negro masses. attractive clothing, abundant food, educational opportunity, money for plowed under, and so on.

long ago that it does not make any Japan to undersell her rivals. difference how well-meaning these no way out for the masses under of the unrest existing among op- Britain and the United States in

capitalism? For example, you tell employers

If for the moment the wage rates against our common enemy-Wall | are maintained, the boss looks for Street and its lackeys, Mendieta, some other way to squeeze out barons have a new process with which 1,600 men can turn out as much as 32,000 do now. Out of bills that hover vulture-like over every 320 now employed 304 can

General Trend Today

When National Guardsmen are they must be exploited ever more with the Chinese bourgeoisie in a

and hungrier dogs fighting for few- tured from the Chinese. The quarer and fewer bones. Terrific and rel between Japan and Russia-a JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY. awful wars break out. We have quarrel of two greedy imperialist had one world-war. Another is in nations over colonial spoils—culmi-

Letters to a Worker Correspondent

Things might be better. Plenty | crisis is not resolved; it gets worse and security can be had. But even if the American working class were willing to accept meckly the fifty percent cut in its standard of living since 1929, it will not be given the "privilege". Capitalism will force the standard lower and again lower. It will lead the masses to slaughter unless tney take things into their own hands.

Thus the workers become convinced that capitalism cannot be When we speak of our party as reformed, it must be abolished. For the most part, however, the

workers who have reached this conviction have been under the influence of the "Social-Democratic" philosophy of the Socialist parties and the Second International. According to this philosophy, we can tion, war, by any reform of the gradually replace capitalism with capitalist system under which we socialism and we can do it by live. That system must be abol- peaceful, parliamentary, "democra-

Riding In Opposite Directions

What has happened in Germany and other countries since the war ruin for the workers and their movement. The idea of running a ods. They will have to take the is crazy. It is like trying to ride on two horses going in opposite directions. The capitalist system

There was a time when capital- off the ballot. A big movement is ism was able to make concessions to the workers, better the standard of the right to vote. of living, without cutting into profits. Then the "gradualism" of the social-democratic parties and the unions brought certain results. Now capitalism maintains itself only by taking away concessions - wage rates, social insurance benefits, etc. -which it once gave. To stick to "gradualism" now means one retreat after another for the workers.

Furthermore, "democratic" methods acomplish nothing. For capitalism itself destroys every vestige, every pretense, of democracy and maintains itself at last by means or an open, brutal, Fascist dictatorship. Capitalism will inevitably do this everywhere.

Why? Because capitalism must drive the standard of living lower all the time. In face of this, if the masses have any freedom at all, talist class in power. any union or party no matter how conservative, meek, legal, respectable, peaceful, they will offer rewipes out "democracy", smashes every trade union, farmers' organcapitalist and a Socialist, a profit ization, political party. The workcautious. Right here in the U.S. today

remains under all these "Socialist workers are killed in strikes when housing schemes" etc. and so the they try to assert their right to | tant)

The Pacific Movement

collective bargaining under Section 7a of NRA. The militia is called out against them, not against the tions in particular, we learn: bosses! Radical parties are kept on foot to deprive the unemployed

Under these circumstances, to rely on "democracy", to say that we will gain our ends by electing a president and a majority of congress pretty soon, is to disarm the working class while capitalism arms itself to smash us. That is what the Social Democracy has

History gives us no instance of ruling class which voluntarily gives up its power. It took the English Revolution, the French, the American, to smash feudalism. It took four years of civil war in these United States to smash the slaveholding aristocracy of the South (even after a president and congress representing a new class had been elected by parliamentary methods) and to put the new capi-

worker. We cannot use the capishows plainly enough that this phi-sistance. They will fight for mere talist state, system of government, losophy of "Gradualism" means existence. Therefore capitalism whose very purpose is to maintain capitalism, in order to overthrow it. We have to smash the capitalist state and put the workers' state in and non-profit, system side by side ers cannot save themselves or their its place. Then we can begin to ings of last year. All this should movement by being humble and build a new society on new founda- be highly enlightening news to tions.

(A third letter will be published in the next issue of the New Mili-

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CAPITOL

"Farmers in the Corn Belt in 1935 will be faced with widely varying relationships between feed and livestock prices. Feed searcity in 1934 reduced the numher of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of live hogs, at farm prices (the so-called corn-hog ratio) to less than twothirds of the long-time average relationship between corn and hog prices. Spring pigs farrowed in 1934 were 26 percent fewer than in 1933, but corn production was 41 percent less; hence corn prices rose more than the price of hogs."

(So long as this disparity continues, it should be noted, pork and lard must move upward in price. The unfavorable status of the cornhog ratio holds back the farmer from fattening his swine to the full; he sends them to market before they are fully grown; the aggregate of meat moving into and out of the packing plants diminish-The capitalists will not quietly es. And the "American standard of Land over their power to us, fellow living" receives still another body blow!)

Only half as many fall pigs were farrowed in 1934 as in 1933. Present estimates of the 1935 spring pig crop indicate a further 17 percent reduction from the short farrowwage-earners, particularly the lowest income groups. It serves to ort into its true perspective this New Deal's claim of having augmented mass purchasing power, if it has accomplished nothing elec. MORE CHEERFUL NEWS!

"The drastic reduction is the number of cattle in 1934", to continue, "makes likely a relatively high price of beef for several years. (Still more cheerful news for the wage earner who luxuriates in the The Pacific Movement of the and gained Formosa as an indem- liances, but rather economic alli- benefits of the codes). In the worst Western World has been organized nity from Tsarist Russia. This ances-class solidarity, the unity of drought areas, even the breeding in the United States by Japanese then is the wretched story of Jap- all workers, black, white, yellow herd has been sacrificed", and a agents and Negro nationalists to an's first victory over the "White and red in the struggle against all shortage of "foundation stock" capitalists, Japanese, American, seems imminent. The situation has become so acute, that the Department of Agriculture advises:

"For all classes of livestock the keynote should be maintenance and building up of breeding herds -the fattening of livestock should be limited rather than to sacrifice foundation stock". SAGA OF SCARCITY

the Detroit Citizens Committee, and scarcity, how about wheat? Farm the personnel manager of General stocks of wheat on January 1 desuppressed and an era of terror was motors, all testified that there was clined to 136 million bushels, "the nothing to fear from the Commun-smallest quantity for that date since ists (and who would be quicker to these data became available in bolster a red scare than police 91 million bushels", the smallest chiefs, citizens committees and per-sonnel managers?) Father Coughlin outs and barley the same story. alone testified that the red menace oats and barley, the same story: scarcity, scarcity, and still more scarcity.

Butter production? The total perhaps to his own welfare, he December production of 103 million charged that none other than Henry pounds was the lowest for that Ford was the man responsible for month since 1929. Cheese producthe insidious advance of commun-tion? The December total of 22 ism in Detroit . . . because he had million pounds was 8 percent less signed a contract for \$13,000,000 than in 1933. Wholesale butter prices in New York have reached Why did he pick on Henry Ford? such a high level that for almost We can only record that four Fisher the first time in American history. brothers, who all sit on the board substantial quantities of imports of directors of General Motors, are from New Zealand and Denmark Catholics, and their mother is a have hurdled over the tariff barrier member of Father Coughlin's flock. of 14 cents per pound. As for stocks General Motors, of course, did not of eggs in cold storage on January sign a contract for \$13,000,000 with 1, they were 11 percent lower than a year earlier and 35 percent lower On October 5, 1930, as a reward than the 5-year average. Little for his stalwart battle against wonder then, that egg "prices have Communism and the Red Serpent, shown considerable resistance to

from a small three station hookup | The New Deal cannot of course to a nation-wide hookup on the Co- be blamed for the drought. But costs, including his labor costs, as tions—they really love the op- on the basis of "color" friendship lumbia system. His affairs began the effects of the drought would to run into money. A \$750,000 be much less severe had not the Shrine under way, \$200,000 per Triple A program of man-induced year for the hookup, perhaps \$100,- scarcity been superimposed on a 000 more for publicity, mailing re- good, stiff dose of natural scarcity. plies, secretaries, etc. Where does Capitalist economists in the U.S.A. have long professed to be scornful We confess we don't know. There of Russian agricultural policies; is a story, a sort of fairy tale goes that is, forced collectivization and the rounds, that his listeners, mil- liquidation of kulaks. These poliers out on the street. The steel "White Civilization" and for the the condition of the American lions strong, support his colossal cies, it is argued, were responsible business with contributions, a few for grain shortages and the decents here, a few cents there. We struction of livestock, to the detrican't deny his tale, for Father ment of Russian standards of liv-

to look into his affairs. However, These economists can now rest whether they support the greedy if we don't know where he gets the from their labors of Red-baiting. If ever known to man.

Japanese Imperialism Stirs Up Race Hatred in America | 1904. In 1905 Japan was victorious | fought on the basis of "color" al-

races" against the "white race". China, the "Darker Civilization". Seeking to establish itself as the imperialist power in the Orient, the Japanese government is endeavorly calculated rations after snooping ing to make allies of the oppressed American Negroes on the basis of "color" relationship.

Branches of this movement are located in all of the large cities This takes place in a country where Negroes reside. It is grow- They most assuredly did not. Laborite supporter and editor of for a third party under radical- where everybody could have a de- ing daily in numbers and influence

For Japan finds herself in a critical position: Her natural retravel and amusement, if factories sources are limited and her opporwere not standing idle, food being tunities for expansion are blocked by the imperialist aims of other There is always some one who world powers. She must undersell their awful state. Japanese brupromises the workers to fix things her American and European rivals tality to the Formosans was equal p. Hoover with his chicken in to gain monopoly of the oriental every pot and two cars in every market, or by demagogic maneugarage. Roosevelt with his New vers, entrench herself so as to make Deal. Hooey Long with a house, | Europan and American economic autemobile and radio for every- aggression in the east impossible body. Isn't it about time that the without a serious war. However, workers realized what Marx taught this far it has been impossible for

"Friend" of the Negro Thus Japan has taken advantage nations, and, through her agents, market. Never before 1930 had that we now have a New Deal, no poses as the "friend" of the Amer- Japanese commodities been sold in one is to get below a certain mini- ican Negro. In this new venture, Panama. The quantity was small mum, everybody is to get high the powerful Japanese who control but in frightened the American fiwages so "the masses may have the government, and oppress the nance capitalists. Japan, on the purchasing power to buy the out- Japanese workingman, hide their other hand, realizes that if she is put of our mass production" and ambition and greed behind the thin to survive she must become the We must be alert and prepared low as possible. Thus all the chis- pressed Negro masses in America in order to build up powerful supto support the struggles of the elling on wages, the speed up, etc. with whom they have a "color kin-

teaches that this was a conflict be- Japan and America occurs. tween races, rather than rival iming" machinery and putting work- a prelude for the overthrow of ization" in its stead.

However, let us turn our attention to the history of the birth and development of Japanese imperialism in the Orient. When Admiral Perry entered Japan in 1854, he Under capitalism, in this its found the country in a state of ialism, in either case they will con- he tried to increase it, how he has lavish it at home. The AAA pro-

> their love for the darker Chinese peoples by drowning this revolt in

But if weak, backward China could not defend herself. Tsarist and see her "dear friend" China nated in the Russo-Japanese war of

create solidarity among the "darker Civilization" at the expense of The "Friend" in Action

And once having gained Formosa, whose people greatly resemble the Japanese but whose culture is much older and higher, did Japanese imperialists seek to preserve and to further this culture and insure the growth of a "Darker Civilization"?

Formosa, the native culture was inaugurated. The natives were denied educational opportunities and shot down by the thousands whenever they tried to revolt against only to that of the United States in her treatment of Hawaii.

More recently the Japanese entered Manchuria, shot down and slaughtered thousands of natives, slashed off a part of the country and formed the buffer state of

Manchukuo. Three or four years ago, Japan became the competitor of Great pressed peoples in other capitalist the South and Central American

In order to accomplish her objective she seeks to win friends among the oppressed people of her Father Coughlin was promoted the usual seasonal decline". erican Negroes into supporting her port in America for her imperialist greed, turning the Negro masses Japan points with pride to her egainst the capitalist government victory over Tsarist Russia. She of America in case a war between

The failure of previous labor profit, as by putting in "labor-sav- perialist interests, which served as movements in America to interpret properly the economic causes for establishment of a "Darker Civil- Negro makes his plight the more severe. He is left at the mercy of

all sorts of fantastic ideas. The Negro working masses must understand that it does not matter aims of Japanese or American cap- original capital, we do know how they have scorn to lavish, they can ditions. It cannot therefore be him a neat profit.

Wall Street's Priest (Continued from Page 1) July 1930, called on Father Cough-

regardless of their color.

lin to testify. Fliut and Pontiac, the President of To continue with the sage of Although the police chiefs of

With an eye to publicity and

with the Soviet Union!

the Soviet Union.

he get it?

Coughlin has never allowed anyone ing.

LIBERALS

(With Quotations From the Authorities)

IBERALS are a sensible breed, Well-tempered and soft-spoken: Truth in the middle is their creed, And the peace that's never broken.

Tney view with calm and liquid eye The smoke and storm of battle. Wretched millions scream and die; They see them die like cattle,

And coldly talk of what they've seen In terms of the sum and total, Considered through the golden mean Of the dead Greek, Aristotle.

This epoch's wretched madness" That "for convictions most debatable Cause all this cosmic sadness And call "for a moment's thinking

To keep the ship of state from sinking

Of just and impartial sort

They "deplore" and "find regretable

And bring it safe to port."

If one would ask which ship of state Or which the proper port? "These questions only agitate, And they furthermore abort

The movement to pacificate This raging social sea, Torn by greed and raciel hate And partisanery."

For "Violence is the Major crime, And Peace the major goal; And change will come in God's own time With Progress of mind and soul."

Yes, Liberals are gods of common-sense, And so it isn't strange That wanting change without violence, -LOUIS BREIER