

BROWDER: THE MAN AND HIS BOOK Out of Their Union Blooms Own Mouths In Akron

2. THE WOOING OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

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Whatever else a critic may say about Mr. Browder, he cannot justly accuse him of the vice popularly known as "author's pride."

Three of his works are before us. The earliest one, "The Meaning of Social Fascism," we will call No. I, to simplify all references to it.

If you look through No. III you will find no gratified reference to the ideas so recently developed in No. II, both of which simply fail even to mention No. I.

Abandoning the Old Mistress A closer comparison of the two, however, reveals that Browder has done more than simply abandoned an old form.

What Browder has succeeded in doing in his latest volume is to give up entirely internationalism for the sake of national patriotism.

The United Front Mood The principal stress in the tactics of the Stalinists, especially since the Seventh Congress of the C.I.

Now, the united working class front against capitalism is neither a new idea nor a poor one.

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Old Guard claims. Communists do not want a weak Socialist Party which is no asset to the working class.

The Keeper and the Nurse Can nobler sentiments be found in any contemporary political work?

Enough has been quoted to indicate that Mr. Browder has slightly modified his views about the Socialist Party.

Only the strongest physical effort enables us to overcome the emotions stirred in a reader by this touching sign of unselfishness and prodigality.

What Happened to Social-Fascism? "When we speak of the Socialists as Social-Fascists," he wrote in Work No. I.

At that time Browder was not so worried about the S.P. not being strong.

One can only conclude, from comparing Browder's two positions, that the C.P. decided to pick up the job of building the S.P.

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