By Dwight Macdonald

## SPARKS IN THE NEWS

Ungilded Lily

It would be gilding the lily to comment on the following "society item" from the N. Y. World-Telegram for May 16:

"Tommy Krock, long-lost member of the Manhattan stag line, turned up with a neatly elipped mustache and a monocle. 'I've lost touch with my New York friends,' he told Elizabeth Churchill who, with her fiance, Tom Stoneborough, stopped for a chat. 'I've been fighting in Spain with Franco for eighteen months. I expect to be here till September attending to a few munition deals.' Mrs. Oliver B. Jennings, her hat composed of two bluebirds diving into two pink roses, accepted a cocktail from Nicky de Molas."

#### The Protean Father Sheen

These are bewildering days. The political kaleidoscope clicks into new patterns overnight, the pieces getting all scrambled up again just as one had become accustomed to the old arrangement. The other day, for example, the Reverend Fulton Sheen, associate professor of philosophy in Catholic University, defined a "two-thirds American" as "one who condemns Nazism and Fascism without saying anything about Communism." He also remarked of Hitler and Stalin: "They are both dictators. They both suppress minorities. They both say that all rights come from the state." There is nothing remarkable about such remarks coming from a mildly liberal Catholic priest-except that it struck me that these formulations are almost identical with the statements made in the Hook-Dewey manifesto on behalf of "cultural freedom". Father Sheen also revealed the Man-Behind-Stalin. His name is Satan. Again, nothing so strange in this from a Catholic priest. But, unless I am much mistaken, the priest who is even now giving Heywood Broun his spiritual preparations for his imminent entry into the Church of Rome is none other than this same Father Fulton Sheen. May we shortly expect Comrade Broun to purge the American Newspaper Guild of the followers of Stalin and Satan?

#### The Manton Case

Up to a few months ago, Martin Thomas Manton was the tenth ranking judge in the Federal judiciary system, coming next in line after the nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. The revelation that Judge Manton for years had been selling his decisions to the highest bidder was the most sensational of a whole series of scandals which have been suddenly breaking out in all parts of the judiciary system. After months of delay, Judge Manton has finally been put on trial. His defense is in the competent hands of Mr. Noonan of Albany and Mr. Golder of Philadelphia. Mr. Noonan used to be Arthur ("Dutch Schultz") Flegenheimer's lawyer, and Mr. Golder used to represent Al Capone.

There are two episodes in Judge Manton's long career on the bench which the press seems to have overlooked so far. One is the

second Masses trial during the last war, the one in which Max Eastman made his brilliant three-hour speech against war and for socialism. The presiding justice was none other than Martin T. Manton, who had just been appointed to the bench by President Wilson. A more recent, and typical, episode was the Associated Gas & Electric case. For years A. G. E. was the major scandal of the utility industry, which is a large statement. Its corporate structure, for good reasons, was of a complexity remarkable even for a utility holding company, so complicated, in fact, that it used to be said that only the little-known and rather sinister Howard C. Hopson, master- it crippled Germany. The inmind of A.G.E., could really understand it. Sitting spiderlike in the middle of the great web of interlocking subsidiaries he had created, Mr. Hopson successfully defied investors of Rome and Berlin, Needless and consumers for years. The Securities Ex- to say, he is silent as the grave change Commission has finally, after a long about the no less iniquitous struggle, forced A.G.E. to some measure of treaty of Brest-Litovsk which was held: utter capitulation to ered by Carl Ross, Y.C.L. Nahouse-cleaning. But back in the days when partitioned Russia to the ad- boss-rule and frantic toadying tional Secretary, again played Mr. Hopson had things his own way, his trail vantage of Germany. crossed that of Judge Manton.

In June, 1934, certain security holders of A.G.E. filed suit under Section 77-b to reorganize the company. It took Federal Judge Julian W. Mack a year to cut sufficiently through the legal red tape put in his way by the A.G.E. lawyers to declare there was a prima facie case of insolvency and to issue an injunction. It took him another year, until June, 1936, to issue an order calling for the examination of the company's books. Alarmed, Hopson's lawyers asked for Judge Mack's disqualification on the ground of "bias." Another Federal judge dismissed this charge as "frivolous." Then, at last, the desperate utility magnate played his last, and as it turned out, trump card. The tenth ranking Federal judge in the land suddenly rifice their lives. stepped into the case and over-ruled both Judge Mack and Judge Patterson.

It would be interesting to know what galvanized Judge Manton into action.

Book Note Thorstein Veblen wrote a number of important books which are now out of print, notably The Theory of Business Enterprise and The Engineers and the Price System. So far as I know, indeed, the only one of his books that is still in print is The Theory of the Leisure Class, which can be had in the Modern Library edition. It should, therefore, be great good news that Viking is reissuing one of Veblen's books. But the volume selected turns out to be one of his minor works: Imperial Germany and the Industrial Revolution. This was written during the last war, and Viking makes it quite clear that it is now being revived as part of the cultural preparations for the next war: "When Lewis Mumford in Men Must Act said, 'Veblen's book should be reissued as a contemporary document, which the Russian revolution and it is,' Viking decided the time had come to its consequent Communism.' heed the suggestion." To quote the Bard: | (Coughlin's March 26 radio ad-

good is oft interred with their bones."

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

# OUT OF THE PAST

#### By EMANUEL GARRETT

LOUISE MICHEL (May 29, 1830-Jan. 10, 1905)

Every so often there comes along a person who must inevitably become a revolutionist by the very nature of his being. The pain, the suffering, the hunger of the oppressed are his. Such a person was Louise Michel whose brilliant spirit lit the revolutionary ar-

dor of the French working-class. Rarely has there been a man or woman more deeply and personally compassionate toward the oppressed and exploited than Louise Michel. A bourgeois paper, writing of her while she was still alive, described her as a "Sister of Mercy without uniform or vow"under the illusion that comparison with the denizens of the church might be a compliment to her. She was far more than compassionate for she was a fighter too. Against the oppressors, she was savage in her hatred. Force, violence would be needed to oust these monsters of society who rule by might.

The daughter of a serving maid and a landowner's son, Louise Michel's life was divided into two sections. "The first," she wrote, "consisted of dreams and of study; the second only of events." Outraged by the poverty and the misery of the poor from the very earl!est years of girlhood, she sought ways and means of helping them-to find food, to care for the sick, etc. Liberally educated, she qualified as a teacher with excellent grades, but was denied a position in the state school system because she refused to take an oath of allegiance to Napoleon III. When, shortly afterwards, she did become a teacher in a private school, her reputation as a teacher spread quickly. Students sat spellbound as she unearthed the deep meaning of learning for them. This job she eventually lost-the school proprietors found her habit of giving her clothes away to the needy too expensive for them to support.

#### On the Paris Barricades

But all this was a mere prelude to the work which made her a legend among the Paris workers. When the Paris Commune struck its magnificent blow at tyranny, Louise Michel became one of its leading figures. Tirelessly she worked among the masses-leading the Union of Women, organizing the nursing of the wounded Communards, taking her place with the fighters of the 61st Battalion of the National Guard, urging that all goods and property be made communal for the general use of all. When the Communards made their last stand in the cemetery of Montmarte, Louise Michel (the Red Virgin of Montmarte they called her) was there with them-refusing to leave while others were being slaughtered. Arrested, she was allowed to go home to her mother on the promise that she would return. Return she did-though her jailer had

hoped she would break her promise. Her comrades were on trial, were being

massacred by the hundreds. Given every opportunity to escape punishment, Louise re- interests of American fascism, fused treatment different from that given her he will part company with his brothers. (Not even her persecutors could help foreign fascist friends, attackadmiring the courage of this splendid woman.) And when after six months imprisonment she was brought to trial, she spat at the court: "I do not wish to defend myself . . . I belong Coughlin is saying a few kind entirely to the social revolution, and I accept full responsibility for everything I have done. and Berlin that he constitutes Since it seems that every heart that beats for liberty has the right only to a lump of lead, I demand my share. If you let me live, I shall never cease to shout vengeance on you who have killed my brothers."

The court sentenced her to life exile in the penal colony of New Caledonia. Hardly had she arrived, when she began to organize classes, and otherwise help the prisoners, Coughlinism (i.e., American linism that must be fought often with great hardship to herself. After eight years spent in New Caledonia, she was released in the general amnesty of Commu-

#### "Inciting to Murder"

Back in Paris, the bourgeoisie were willing to cater to the "old woman." But Louise Michel hurled the insult back into their faces. She resumed her activity—establishing refuges for the politically persecuted, raising funds for relief of impoverished or imprisoned

workingmen. In 1883, the Paris workers clamored for action against the deepening horror of their tugal, dedicating his country's declares war against Japan. misery. Louise Michel organized the hungry pavilion, referred to "the hapmen and women of Paris and led them in a py condition in our country, march to demand bread. Again she was ar- where peace, order and prosrested-for "inciting to violence and murder" perity prevail, translated into -and sentenced to six years in jail.

But Louise Michel was as great a danger budgets, reduced debts, free affiliate. 1500 workers are in- family, King Carol II, the hope in jail, as out. The "riff-raff" (that's what the trade, free currency, no unem- volved in the protest over the of a New Rumania, the creator ing planned by A.F. of L. bourgeois hounds called the hungry and home-ployment and advanced labor less) spoke of her with bated breath. They legislation." No political parwere inspired to action by the very mention ties, no trade unions, no free of her name. After three years in jail she press, no elections, the Doctor was freed, though she at first refused to leave forgot to add. the jail until her fellow-prisoners who were Motion Picture Operators Lono more guilty than she would be freed.

part of her time touring France, lecturing, sas State movie travelogue ex-Her ideas were a compound of Marxian so-hibit. Arkansas threatened to cialism and anarchism. "For myself I am "secede" from the Court of again-making good English- the 1,200 acre area will be con- ogy between the birth of the not concerned with the differences, for, let States rather than yield, but a men of us uncouth Yanks. Sir verted into one of the largest U.S. and the U.S.S.R .- both, he me repeat, I side with all those who are at- Fair official, hopeful of his tacking the damnable edifice of our old soci- ability to arbitrate, declared, missioner to the Fair, said, cost of \$5,000,000. Slum clear- revolution." He added. "We ety: I side with all of them, whether their "I guess they don't know as weapons are pick-axes, bombs, or fire." Like much about unions in Arkansas dence is in direct descent from in our city now, but, you see, questing it on a postcard"the anarchists she misunderstood the nature as we do in New York." He the Magna Charta, and your the adjacent real estate own- and here he was interrupted by of parliamentary activity, and consequently sighed, no doubt. opposed it. Like the Marxists she rejected with contempt the individualism of the anar- May 10-A "Flame of Friend- document."

Louise Michel was in Marseilles on a lec- on its way to the New York ception at the Albanian pavil- to the Real Estate Owners. ture tour when, after a life devoted to the World's Fair from Japan, in a ion. Said the Albanians, "They cause of human freedom, she died on Janu- silver urn watched over by a didn't invite us, and we didn't | May 17—The American Fed- were mobilizing at Madison "Brooklyn Tablet," and "Soary 10, 1905.

# Cops Break S. W. P. Anti-Coughlin Rally

# **Families**

(Continued from Page 1) iquities of that treaty Coughlin tify the wars and aggressions

glance might be in doubt.

About Face Ahead

But America will not remain by participation in the holo-

America comes closer to the brink of war would completely vitiate Coughlin's usefulness to his American capitalist back-

A careful reading of Coughlin's magazine shows that he an about-face on this issue. We find him uttering such statements as the following more and more frequently: "If Adolf the souls of those who bought "The evil that men do lives after them; the dress.) The thing to note here is that Coughlin is already designating Hitler as a "sinner."

American Product

Coughlin can borrow his the Fourth International." propaganda methods from Hitler and Mussolini, and he is heavily indebted to them. But marked by the usual Stalinist that the Y.C.L. is the last place policy of his fascist pals up to port, resolution and nomination a certain point. That point is was particularly Japanese-imperi- was very little discussion from with American imperialism, that little was in the organiza-Then, to continue to serve the

can chauvinistic fury. words for the policies of Rome a danger to the American workers. He is a menace precisely term for Roosevelt. The politi because he adapts fascist ideology to the American scene.

Because he and his movement are a strictly American product, they cannot be fought by sending soldiers to Europe. enemy in this country. Cough- "Made in America."

# Y.C.L.ers Whoop It Up For Country ... and War Convention Features Jitterbug Contest And Patriotic Pairing

By IRVING HOWE

Ninth National Convention last coming imperialist war. This week by writing into its con- section of his speech set the stitution a provision for the au- tone for the major note of the tomatic expulsion of any convention: pumping the rank utilizes, as does Hitler, to jus- Y.C.L.'er who advocates the and file delegates full of propoverthrow of the American gov. | aganda for supporting capitalernment by "force or vio- ist wars. lence." This act typified the spirit in which the convention to capitalist youth organiza- on the jingo note. Ross declar-Were America to remain tions, no matter how reaction- ed that "We (the Y.C.L.) are "neutral" in the coming im- ary they may be. All this was patriotic Americans guided by perialist war, Coughlin's alle- done in the name of "support- a desire to defend our coun-

ing democracy."

alist interests will be furthered off members of the Y.P.S.L. proposed by the Y.P.S.L. (4th International) who were By the third day of the concaust that is being brewed, and distributing a printed appeal to vention, it was felt by the leadfor that reason American work- the Y.C.L.'ers urging them to ership of the Y.C.L. that the ers will be called upon to sac- break with Stalinism and to convention was definitely lagjoin the revolutionary move-|ging in spirit. The delegates Because of this, Father ment. In most cases the sight had been given lengthy re-Coughlin will most certainly of determined Yipsels ready to ports on "democracy" by the cease beating the drums for prevent provocation prevented C.P. leadership and swing ex-Hitler and Mussolini. He has them from doing their dirty hibitions by Y.C.L. delegations no future apart from that of work, but in one instance they and they were getting bored America's 60 families. Support pounced on a Yipsel and with both. In order, therefore. of the Rome-Berlin axis when slashed him on the forehead so to liven up the convention the severely that hospital treat. Y.C.L. leaders suddenly pre-

ment was necessary. vention, May 15, a group of at Foster represents, in the eyes least 35 Y.C.L.'ers rushed 6 of the Y.C.L., the old spirit of Yipsels who were distributing militancy and revolutionary resignation statements of two politics and the additional fact is already paving the way for former Y.C.L. members, Ruth that Foster gave a "leftist" Powell and Lillian Brown, and speech, actually declaring that beat them so severely that one socialism was the goal of the Yipsel was left dazed on the Stalinist movement, led to the sidewalk for several minutes, delegates giving Foster a tre- last war, farmers' unrest protested against the anti-Hitler and his policies are the unable to move. The statement mendous ovation, much more forced the Czech government Semitic Coughlinites have been the signers, formerly active any other speaker at the con- Coburg estates for small peasmembers of the Y.C.L. did not vention. want to accept "Earl Browder's invitation to collective su-

No Discussion he can only support the foreign unanimity. Every speech, re- in the world to help achieve it. "enthusiastically rereached when German - and ceived" and accepted. There alism comes into sharp conflict the rank and file delegates and

political sessions. The political sessions were run in the form of reports from ing them with a 100% Ameri- the C.P. and Y.C.L. leaders which laid down the line with It is not, we repeat, because out any discussion or any op portunity for other viewpoint to be expressed.

tional sessions, not during the

The major speech, by Ear Browder, came out for a third cal significance of this has al ready been analyzed in the

lin at the present time is the head of the fascist camp of the United States. And it is Coughfascism) can be fought only right here on our home soil if through the militant action of the American worker is not to the American working class, be imprisoned in a fascist American fascism is the main straight-jacket duly labeled

Socialist Appeal. He also made NEW YORK - The Young a "collective suicide" appeal to Communist League ended its youth to be ready to die in the

#### Patriotic Americans

The main youth report, delivtry." He also raised the slogan Concretely, however, they of giving youth "the right to demonstrated their conception work." But his inability to go neutral. Roosevelt is already of democracy by touring their beyond mere platitudes about headed directly for war, and in goon squads around Madison "old age for leisure and youth this he has the backing of the Square Garden on the night the for work" stands in sharp con-Republicans as well as the convention opened with a mass trast with the specific 3-point Democrats. American imperi- meeting, with orders to pick program for unemployed youth

> sented William Z. Foster as a On the last day of their con- surprise speaker. The fact that eing distributed declared that enthusiastic than that given to

icide in the next imperialist clearly that, despite the fact vader's" war" and urged the Y.C.L. that they would later with me- from their own. . . And the the only real anti-war force- by-law against overthrow of will pay the cost, just as they the revolutionary movement of the American government the have in Germany, itself. rank and file delegates still retain vague hopes for socialism, The convention itself was even if they don't yet realize

#### Gandhi Admits "Milk-and-Honey" **Brought No Gains**

The hunger fast of Mahatma Gandhi against the ruler of the state of Rajkot, India. attracted world-wide publicity.

When the ruler and the British authorities made certain promises and agreed to negotiate, Gandhi called off his fast and announced victory. The world capitalst press showered its praises on Gandhi and pointed to his beaceful, "milk-and-honey" methods as an example to all those who wish to protest against their conditions.

After months of negotiations, Gandhi has finally left Rajkot and issued the following statement: "I have left empty-handed, with body shattered, hope cremated. . . . I have told Durbar Virawala (the ruler): I am defeated. May you win. Placate the people by giving as much as possible and wire to me so as to revive the hope which I seem to have lost for the moment."

Once again is revealed the simple truth that workers everywhere, whether in the most advanced capitalist nation or the most backward. can win only by depending upon their own strength and action. The method of Gandhi-the world's leading Popular Frontist today-can only lead to defeat.

#### Fruits of Fascism

Close tie-up of Nazi policies and capitalist interests was glaringly revealed once again dered the Czechs to pay "reparations" of 125,000,000 crowns to the Coburg family. After the to break up the large feudal slugged and beaten ant farms. Now the wealthy re-This ovation for Foster's actionary Coburgs will receive 'radical' speech showed quite better treatment from the "ingovernment than

> Join the Socialist Workers Party

### National Committee Asks Aid for Chinese Comrades

In response to an urgent appeal from our comrades of the Fourth International organization in China, the National Committee has undertaken to raise a fund of \$200 to aid them in their work.

heroic struggle under the most difficult conditions. Fighting valiantly against the Japanese imperialists, they uphold at the same time the true interests of the Chinese people and point the way to their liberation from all forms of oppression. Neither imperialistic invasion from abroad nor repression and Stalinist provocation at home have been able to dim their spirit or halt their struggle. One thing they need from us. That is material support to continue their work and circulate their propaganda.

We appeal to all readers of the Socialist Appeal and all sympathizers of our movement to make a contribution to this cause. All contributions should be sent to the National Office of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, which will arrange for their transmission to our embattled Chinese comrades.

# The Bolshevik-Leninists of China are conducting an

Spewing forth their antisemitic, labor-hating filth in the heart of New York City. more than 700 fascists met in the Great Northern Hotel, last Wednesday night, while more than 100 of La Guardia's cops protected their meeting.

The meeting was held under the sponsorship of several avowed fascist organizations including the American Patriots, Inc., the American Nationalist Party, the American Federation Against Communism, and the Coughlinite Christian

Coughlin's followers made up the major portion of the crowd attending the meeting.

Speaker after speaker baited the organized labor movement and indicated their plan to smash it to bits. And every speaker poured hatred on the

Senator John J. McNaboe, the fascist scum in the audience constantly punctuated his inciting speech with "Throw the Jews out of Christian Amer-

Every mention of the name of any leading fascist brought cheers from the crowd. Some of the names they cheered were those of General Francisco Franco, Mayor Hague of Jersey City, Boake Carter, George U. Harvey, Borough President of Queens, and above all Father Coughlin.

Going to and from the meetcial Justice."

# Daily Highlights in 'The World of Tomorrow

By RUTH JEFFREY

cal 306 presented demands for

ship" for the U.S. was started Japanese beauty. She may ar- invite them." And this time, eration of Actors prepared to Square Garden!

May 9-Dr. Bianchi of Por- ship flame before Roosevelt didn't come.

were picketed yesterday by escu, Rumanian Minister to the five weeks in rehearsal. the Fair Ground Workers hair, we turn to look upon the chanics and construction workstable government, balanced Union, Local 1420, A.F. of L. third generation of our ruling firing of union workers and the of a powerful and dynamic unions, in sympathy with the hiring of scabs.

pavilion with "the hope that our enemies, are full-fledged skilled workers protest the use Italy would continue to devote Rumanians." And with graying of scabs to break the ground herself to the cause of peace." hair, where did the other 5,000,- workers' strike. Thereafter, Louise Michel spent the greater union operation of the Arkan The crowd yelled in reply: 000 come from? "Viva Mussolini!"

LaGuardia opened the Italian statements to the contrary by tion and a living wage. The

rive and hand over the friend- when it wasn't invited, Italy | call a strike by Friday unless | Front. the chorus girls employed by N.T.G. at the "Congress of The eleven gates of the Fair | May 14-Orated Radu Irim- Beauty" are paid for their past

ers at the World's Fair is becountry of 20,000,000 people, 1500 ground maintenance men 15,000,000 of whom, in spite of out on strike for union recogni-The ubiquitous Mayor La-

Guardia turned up at the Rus-May 11—The British are at it | May 15—When the Fair ends, sian ceremonies with an anal-Louis Beale, British High Com- city parks in America, at a said, "the result of a bloody "the Declaration of Independance is a much more vital need did not achieve freedom by reideals of freedom and liberty ers expect that the park will self-conscious laughter from are largely founded upon that enable them to raise rents. the Stalinist audience - "we Robert Moses' full title might fought for it!" And that's why,

#### (Continued from Page 1) Detroit priest's anti-Semitic Lesson of Germany This was in distinction, Werner pointed out, to the police terror against Coughlin's working class opponents. Drawing an historical parallel, Werner explained that before Hitler's rise to power in Germany, 'the police of the Weimar Republic also protected the Nazi thugs while labor and Socialist anti-

**POLICE SHOW** 

COUGHLINITES

SYMPATHY FOR

broken up by the so-called defenders of democracy. On ascending the platform to introduce the next speaker. Rosen was dragged to the ground by a cop who had

fascist demonstrations were

broken through the crowd. A Fascist Cop

Booked at the Bathgate Avenue police station, the arrested demonstrators were taken in a "Black Maria" to Night Court. On their way down to Court, Police Officer Murphy, guarding the eleven arrested demonstrators, spoke freely of his sympathy with Father Coughlin. "Sure," said officer Murphy, "I read Social Justice every week." Asked to explain his embrace of Father Coughlin, Murphy amplified himself by declaring that "LaGuardia is a communist and anyway all

communists are Jews." Murphy's outspoken views indicate the probable extent to which the police are permeated with fascist sympathizers and in a Prague dispatch this week. is a revealing commentary on The Reich "Protector" has or- the vicious attack made against the Bronx anti-Coughlin demonstration.

Bands of Jewish youth in the Fordham district who have

To Be Tried

The eleven arrested demonstrators are to appear in Bronx Magistrates Court, 161st Street and Third Avenue, on Wednesmembers to "join with us in chanical unanimity pass the duped peasants and workers Rosen, Herman Fenwick, Jack Golden, Joseph Greenberg, Jerome Hochstein, Manfred Werner, Fred Nussen, Sam Neisel, Frank Brill, Lester Watters and Milton Brown.

Brown was assaulted on the. 72nd Street I.R.T. subway station by two Coughlinites after he had been released from Night Court and was on his way home. Brown was carrying a number of the anti-Coughlin placards. The assault against Brown was halted by a number of workers who chased off the attacking Cough-

### FASCISTS MEET FREELY IN N.Y.

Mainly Coughlinites

During the speech of State

Italy wasn't invited to the re- better be Park Commissioner Mr. Mayor, the Socialist Work- ing, as well as outside the hall, ers Party didn't send you a Coughlin's agents were selling postcard when the fascists the reactionary Catholic