







"Science at the Crossroads" -- An Appeal from U.S.S.R.

The scientists of the Soviet Union, meeting in the Fifteenth Anniversary session of the Academy of Science, have sent the following appeal to the scientists of the world: Comrades: The Academy of Science of the Soviet Union, in its jubilee session devoted to the Fifteenth Anniversary of the October Revolution, turns to you with a hearty call to march in step with the revolutionary workers of physical tool.

CRISIS SHAKES CAPITALISM

The economic crisis is shaking the whole structure of the capitalist system. The system is no longer able to use its mighty productive forces; it is cutting production, it is turning tens of millions into jobless paupers, it is driving technicians and engineers from plants, scientists from laboratories. It is casting among bourgeois ideologists and their followers theoretical conceptions which are themselves of the highest danger to all culture.

REVOLUTION NOT WITHOUT PAIN

The tollers of our land undergo considerable sacrifices, but only the blind, or the wilfully blind, believe that a revolution, whose equal has not been known in any of the preceding phases of historical development, can be a process without pain and harmonious in all its parts.

CULTURE REVIVIFIED BY THE PROLETARIAT

Many of us, sharing the caste prejudices of the intellectual aristocracy, have looked upon the proletariat as an oncoming Hun, destroyer of culture and civilization. History has shown, as it happens, the opposite: capitalism is annihilating culture and culture is saved and revived by the proletariat, a heroic class, capable of enormous sacrifices, a creative, constructive, organizing class.

Defense of USSR Is First Duty, Waldo Frank Writes in 'Soviet Russia Today'

WALDO FRANK writes that to help the Soviet Union has become the foremost duty of every class-conscious worker and honest intellectual, in an article in the February issue of Soviet Russia Today. "The first child of the November Revolution, the U.S.S.R., has instilled vision and a new will in the life of every honest worker of every field in every nation of the world."

PARTY LIFE 'Some Things in My Unit That Have Been Puzzling Me'

The following is written by a Negro comrade, a woman worker, Section 4, New York: THERE IS something that has been puzzling me since I became a member of the Party, and that is the role of the "leading comrades from down-town" in their respective units. This comrade that I have in mind, makes it his business to monopolize the whole meeting in Unit 422 giving us his proposals and recommendations on how the party work should be carried out. He quotes Marx and Lenin to stress the importance of each member accepting his assignment. Nobody is allowed the floor much to offer suggestions for it seems as if to him nothing is important except what he has to say.

THE MAKING OVER OF A PEOPLE

Great psychological changes have come among the masses. The making over of a people has proceeded at an exceptional rate. An army of builders of the new society has been created; culture has made decisive conquests. The grandiose scope of construction demanded a sharp growth of scientific and research institutions. During the revolutionary period the network of these institutions widened and their influence increased to a remarkable extent.

FOR WORKERS' CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Reviewed by EDWIN ROFFE. The February issue of the New Pioneer, reinforces the opinion—that it is without doubt one of the best edited magazines in the movement. Mistaking planning and attention to the peculiar needs of its children—audience has resulted in an achievement beyond the magazine's initial purpose: adult workers, buying it for their children, have themselves been so impressed by the calibre of the magazine that they have become readers in their own right.

STORIES like "The Prize Winner"

by Lillian Pollack, aged 12, "The March of Time," by Sasha Smay and "Playing the Game," by Phil Wolfe adequately explain the widespread popularity of the New Pioneer among children. All of them are written with a hand on the pulse of the magazine's readers. "What Soviet Child Reads" an informative article by Ella Winter who recently spent a year in the Soviet Union, should be of interest to child and adult alike. A long poem on the Scottsboro case, "Nine Black Boys" by Martha Millet, a 14-year old girl, gives evidence of real poetic talent.

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE COMMUNIST IN DEMAND

UNUSUAL interest has been aroused by the February issue of The Communist, which contains a list of significant articles. The contents of the issue include: "A New Victory of the Peaceful Policy of the U.S.S.R.," Editorial; "The Revolutionary Uprising and the Struggles of the Unemployed," by I. Amter; "On the End of Capitalist Stabilization in the U.S.A.," by H. M. Wick; "The Revisionism of Sidney Hook," by Earl Browder; "Prologue to the Liberation of the Negro People," by James S. Allen; "Electrocracy: A Reactionary Utopia," by V. J. Jerome; Book Reviews.

SAVING THE 'DAILY'!



How Socialist Leaders "Fight" for Unemployment Insurance

By I. AMTER THE Communists are accused by the socialists of misleading the workers and of charging the socialist leaders with crimes of which they are not guilty. We are told that we "misinterpret" the Socialist position. We quote the New Leader, official organ of the Socialist Party, issue of February 11, 1933: "For decades Socialists have fought for unemployment insurance and the shortening of the work-week by legislation. The trade unions disagreed. The depression came. It has swallowed up 12,000,000 workers. The trade unions changed. They now favor legislative action."

What are the features of all these bills, introduced in Wisconsin and supported by the Socialists; introduced in New York, and supported by Mr. John Sullivan, of the New York State Federation of Labor in Connecticut and supported by John Eagan, of the State Federation of Labor? They are bills which do not care for a single one of the 16,000,000 now unemployed. Let Messrs. O'Neal, Hilquit or Thomas deny it. The army of unemployed now tramping the streets and starving, will not get one penny of unemployment insurance. Not all of those who now work part time or full time will get unemployment insurance if they are fired in the future.

These are the bills that the A. F. of L. leaders favor: these are the bills that the Socialist Party leaders support, on the deliberate false declaration that "these measures care for the whole working class, organized and unorganized." This is lie No. 2. THIS partially explains why the Socialist Party has "forgotten" its own unemployment insurance bill. This bill was not intended to insure the unemployed.

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF 'PARTY ORGANIZER' IS NOW OFF THE PRESS

The February issue of the Party Organizer is off the press. This issue contains experiences in shop work in the most important sections of the country, including reports of work conducted in the auto plants, steel plants, marine industry, railroad shops, shoe shops, needle, etc. These reports of experiences, the conducting of partial struggles, raising of immediate grievances and the tactics used in improving the general content and methods of our work in the shops. These experiences are of value not only to the Party in these industries, but throughout the country. This issue will serve as an important source of shop work, and in the pre-convention discussion.

TEACHERS GET NO PAY

CLEVELAND, O.—School teachers in Bay Village, Parma, and Bedford, O. have received practically no pay since the beginning of the school term until this month. The first week in February the teachers in Bedford received two months' pay; Bay Village teachers are to receive one month's pay soon; Parma teachers, amid some delay, will receive two weeks' pay.

ESCAPE from the GALLOWS

By FELIX KOHN IV. IT is difficult to describe my feelings at that moment. On the one hand, ten prisoners sentenced to death were lining up during the military hearing; during the hearing Payvak and his lives depended upon the success of our plan. On the other hand, in carrying out this plan we have to risk the lives of an equal number of active and brave party members and give Skalan the chance to erect twenty gallows instead of ten. What if, after they penetrate into the prison, they find themselves in a trap, the gates of the prison closed behind them? Even if they are well armed, they would be unable to escape as the jailers and soldiers would be on the guard, and at the first shot hundreds of soldiers would immediately fill the prison yard.

WARSAW was under martial law and detachments of soldiers were stationed at every street crossing, while Cossacks patrolled the main thoroughfares every hour of the day and night. Evidently "Anna" was worried by the same thought too. Her lovely face, usually beaming with a merry and cheerful smile, was now clouded with sadness. Always lively, with a cheerful word for everybody, eagerly enquiring about everything that happened in the district, she now sat brooding, barely acknowledging the greetings addressed to her.

OUTLINE OF A PLAN

As a matter of fact, "V's" plan could not be called a plan, it was merely the outline of a plan. We had to work out the plan, and to make provisions for every contingency. The first thing to do was to get the key to the whole plot—the document signed by the Chief of Police. We were not a bit worried on that score. Many a time had we affixed the signature of the Chief of Police to false passports. We were past masters in that art. But every document must bear the



"He was known as 'Yur'."

file number. The prison warden received correspondence from the Chief of Police every day. If the number on our document did not correspond with the current numbers on the documents in his possession, it might raise suspicion; he would call up the police on the telephone and the game would be up, all owing to a trifling oversight. I mentioned this to "Anna" when we met. "We'll get the file number," she repeated cheerfully. "V" himself will find out what the number of the latest documents received in prison is. We will add an odd hundred and the number will be about right. I have my doubts about the expediency of another detail in our plan. I don't like the idea of sending in the document beforehand. We must take them unaware, we must not give the Warden time to think. I have already thought out what to do. Now you will see how useful it was that I learned Russian when you were in exile."

THE young girl that I had left that morning sitting motionless

and wrapped in deep meditation was now all aglow with activity and eagerness to get into action. She was fairly transformed into a different person. All doubts and hesitation were gone. "Anna" was once more the ardent, high-spirited revolutionary whom we always cherished as an extremely brave and energetic fighter. "I've got it!" she exclaimed. "An hour before our 'captain' calls at the prison, you will instruct the Warden by telephone, in the name of the Chief of Police, to have everything in readiness, adding that the official paper will be delivered to him by the captain personally. This will clinch it," she added in conclusion. We continued discussion of other details. The following day "Anna" was to communicate with the representative of the forces and to mobilize the required number of experienced and reliable needle workers. It was much more difficult to select the persons who were to act as policemen, and particularly the man to impersonate the "captain." We were in Poland when even persons with a good knowledge of the Russian language spoke with a decidedly Polish accent. This greatly hindered matters. Finally we agreed upon a former military hearing, acquired during several years' service in the army, he seemed to have been born to play the role of a captain of gendarmes. "I am much afraid, though, he won't take the job," ventured "Anna," who had her doubts, as she knew him well. I visited him the next day. He started at me as if I were a lunatic seriously proposing a trip to the moon. "What's the matter with you! Have you taken leave of your senses? It's foredoomed to be a failure. I don't intend to commit suicide... not for anything."

(TO BE CONTINUED) THE GOOSE IS DEAD WUPPERTAL, Germany, Feb. 16.—A Fascist member near Hochfeld found his fat goose bearing a red hammer and sickle, emblem of the Communist Party, painted on its back. Unable to remove the paint, the Fascist killed his goose.