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An Appeal to You!

Over six months ago a small group of comrades issued the first number of REVOLUTIONARY AGE. Why did we take this great step? Because we realized that the American revolutionary movement—the labor movement—needed a paper that would courageously carry on an unceasing and energetic propaganda of the principles of Communism, of the tactics of Leninism, of Communist unity, of the united front of labor against the capitalist reaction. Because we realized that this incorrect line of the Party would lead to a smashing of the new unions and the destruction of the left wing in the old unions—because we realized that it was up to us to carry on the fight for the correct line both in the unions and in the fraternal organizations.

We knew that the task was tremendous—but we also knew that in this task we could count on the support of large sections of the militant and left wing workers whose sacrifices in the cause of the working class have been immeasurable. And we were right! Thousands of workers now look to REVOLUTIONARY AGE for inspiration and guidance in the difficult conditions of the class struggle in this country.

It was thru your sacrifices that we were able, two months ago, to greatly improve our paper, to change its form, to enlarge its content, to make it a more powerful weapon in the struggle. But this very welcome change has faced us with greater difficulties, greater financial burdens. They have grown greater than ever before. ONLY THRU YOUR HELP CAN WE OVERCOME THESE DIFFICULTIES AND FORGE AHEAD!

We speak frankly because we have nothing to hide from you! It is your struggle as much as it is ours! We find ourselves in a very critical financial situation. THIS CRITICAL FINANCIAL SITUATION IS A GREAT OBSTACLE, A GREAT MENACE TO OUR FURTHER PROGRESS, EVEN TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR PAPER IN ITS ENLARGED FORM. Think over what this means—IT MEANS GREATER SACRIFICES—IMMEDIATE HELP—ON YOUR PART! How will you answer?

We are establishing the REVOLUTIONARY AGE FIGHTING FUND to provide a solid financial basis for our paper and to make it possible to forge ahead with the regular progress that our struggle demands. BUT WE NEED IMMEDIATE HELP! No delay! Send in donations! Make collections in groups and organizations! Rush every cent you can! The future of REVOLUTIONARY AGE depends on you!—What will be your answer?

BEN GITLOW, Editor

HARRY M. WINITSKY, Manager

New Wave of Revolt in Party

Gangster Attack on Roy Stephens



Roy Stephens

Christman and Costas, have been expelled from the Party because of their resistance to the bureaucratic sectarian splintering course of the Party bureaucrats in the Amalgamated Food Workers and have signified their support of our position in the general struggle now taking place in the American Party and in the Communist International. The position taken by those comrades is already proving very effective in waking up comrades in the food industry and in other industries to the seriousness of the present situation and to their Communist duty. The declaration of these comrades, which is being distributed thruout the Party and the militant workers, is summarized elsewhere in this issue.

Another sensational development marking the opening of the Party discussion is the

With the opening of the so-called pre-convention "discussion" in the Communist Party has come a new wave of resistance against the non-Leninist sectarian and wrecking course of the present leadership of the Party, a new wave of support of the struggle carried on by the Communist Party (Majority Group).

The most outstanding Communist leaders among the New York food workers, who still remained in the Party after the expulsion of Comrade B. Kalfides many months ago, Comrades Gitz,

open declaration of Roy Stephens, District Organizer of the New England district of our Party, of his support of our viewpoint and of his adherence to our group. Comrade Stephens was formerly District Organizer of the Kansas District and was selected as a student in the Party National School in 1927. As his declaration, published elsewhere in this issue explains, Comrade Stephens was led by very experiences as District Organizer to see the correctness of our position and the necessity of our struggle.

The rapidly growing sympathy of the Party membership for our position and our struggle has infuriated the Party bureaucrats beyond measure and has driven them to desperation. Comrade Stephen's own story of what happened to him at the hands of so-

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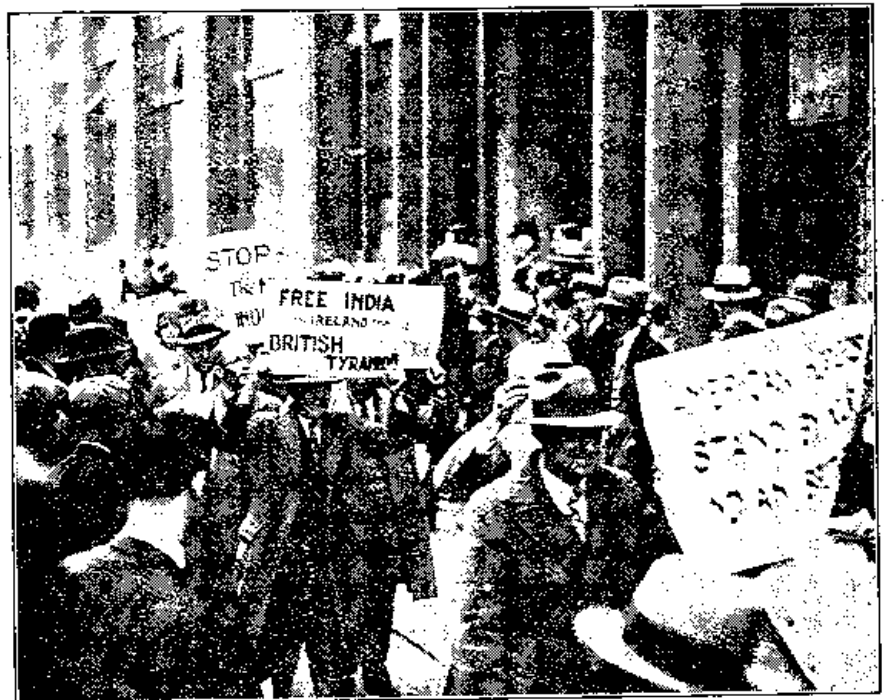
Wave of Revolt Sweeps India

CP-Majority Group Demonstrates for India

Over a hundred workers, members of the Communist Party (Majority Group) and sympathizers, staged a surprise demonstration on May Day before the British Consulate in N. Y., in solidarity with the Indian masses carrying on fierce struggle against British imperialism. The demonstration was particularly timely and necessary in view of the fact that neither the official Party nor any other organization of labor had yet voiced the slightest protest against the brutal atrocities being perpetrated against the Indian workers by the British government nor had there yet been any

Gandhi Arrested - Imperialist Terror Spreads

The revolt of the Indian masses against their English masters has now reached a point where it is a recognized menace to British imperialism. Gandhi has been arrested and with him scores of others fighting for freedom. The revolting masses have risen by the scores of thousands, have captured important cities, such as Sholapur, and have held them for a time against greatly superior forces. At Peshawar the native troops sent against the revolting masses have refused to fire upon their brothers fighting for emancipation. In the large industrial centers great strikes are break-



The CP-Majority Group Demonstration Before the New York British Consulate

expression of solidarity in America in behalf of the revolt of the Indian toilers. The slogans carried by the picketers made the following demands: "Free India and Ireland from British Tyranny" "Stop the murder of Indian workers" "Down with the Macdonald Government, Murderer of Indian workers" "Hail the Indian Revolution!" "Down with American Imperialism!" "American workers stand by your Indian brothers!" "Defend the Soviet Union, champion of the oppressed peoples!" etc. After parading for some time, the police arrived and broke up the procession with the usual Whalenite brutality. Two comrades were arrested Morris Nemser and Max Herling but were released on suspended sentence.

Under the auspices of the New York organization of the CP-Majority Group, an open air demonstration was held on (continued on page 2).

ing out; in the villages the peasants are organizing to resist the payment of rent.

All meetings of more than five persons have been banned in every part of India. Martial law prevails practically everywhere. The Indian Legislature has been prorogued, a strict censorship has been declared, and feverish military mobilization and preparations are taking place in every corner of the vast country. As an English imperialist observer remarks: "All India is in flames and there is no telling how far the fire will spread!"

The agent of British imperialism attempting to crush, with fire and sword, the rising of the Indian masses is the Macdonald "Labor" Government of Great Britain, the heads of which claim to be "Socialists" and "devoted to the interests of the working masses." Within the last few weeks alone, hundreds of Indians

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Who Pays Whalen?

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Big Meeting In Boston

150 At CP-Majority Group Meeting

The first public mass meeting under the auspices of the Boston organization of the Communist Party (Majority Group) was held at the American Hall on Sunday evening, May 18. Over 150 workers listened in wrapt attention to Comrades Gitlow, Lovestone and Rubenstein.

Comrade Roy Stephens, who was supposed to be the first speaker, was arrested as the meeting opened and was thus unable to report on the shameful physical attack made against him by the corrupt Party bureaucrats because he criticized the ultra-left adventurist line of the new Party leadership.

The Party bureaucrats resorted to the vilest tactics to prevent the holding of this meeting. The hall keeper was telephoned several times and threatened with a riot. He was told by these self-styled pure

"Communists" that he'd better not allow any Communists to use his hall because Communists are bad people and trouble makers." Full preparations were made by Alpi, now boss of the Boston District, to use force to break up the meeting. But when his agents saw the large size of the meeting and the militant, determined spirit of the workers, they changed their plans to attempts at heckling, insults, noise, and general disruptive methods. The workers saw thru the methods and repudiated them.

The meeting ended in wonderful spirit. Much support was won for the CP-Majority Group of Boston which is laying plans for considerably increased activities.

A meeting will be arranged for a report by Comrade Stephens as soon as he is released from jail.

Corporation Profits Grow

The Standard Statistics Company of New York has just issued a report showing that corporations in the United States increased their net profits in 1929 by 16.9% over 1928. This factor is of special importance today in view of the serious crisis which has prevailed in production and exchange for many months.

The industrial corporations, 513 of which were investigated show an average increase in profits of 18.1% in 1929 over the profits garnered by them in 1929—a year of severe depression in comparison with the previous year.

A National City Bank examination of the annual earnings of the American corporations further reveals the following startling facts:

Name of Industry	Increase in profits in 1929 over 1927	Rate of profit in 1929
Agricultural imp.	63.5%	13.4%
Amusements	127.0	16.2
Automobiles	15.3	23.5
Aviation	1021.0	17.4
Chemicals	49.7	18.0

Electrical Equip.	49.5	17.7
Fertilizer	362.4	4.0
Iron & Steel	119.7	11.2
Machinery, etc.	54.2	14.3
Meat Packing	73.8	5.5
Mining, Copper	210.8	16.6
Petroleum	146.4	11.1
Shipping	34.5	5.7
Textile products	35.8	8.8

SUMMARY

Manufacturing and trading	53.7%
Railroads	17.5
Telephone	60.0
Other utilities	30.2
Banks	47.5

This shows plainly that the big corporations have not suffered from the economic crisis but have shifted the losses during the economic crisis to the backs of the workers and toiling farmers.

It must also be kept in mind that these figures as to profits are already tampered with by the corporation accountants with the idea of avoiding income taxes

Watch for the Coming Issues!

THE NEXT WAR

By Bertram D. Wolfe

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The Draft Thesis of the February Plenum of the CP-Majority Group, in full.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE PARTY LINE.

An Analysis of Comrade Browder's Pamphlet.

By Vera Buch.

and allowing hundreds of millions of dollars to be pocketed by the individual big directors and stock-holders without showing these on the books. Actually the profits are much larger.

Despite the collapse of the Stock Exchange in 1929 and the huge losses in the crash, it is important to notice that the profits of the big corporations in 1929 were considerably larger than in 1927 during which time an economic depression of far less seriousness took place than in 1929.

Textile Committee Calls First Meeting

The first mass meeting under the auspices of the Unity Committee of the National Textile Workers Union was held on Sunday, May 18, at Monte Pio Hall, New Bedford. It was attended by about 150 workers and addressed by Comrades Weisbord, Keller, and Rubenstein.

The Party bureaucrats inaugurated a reign of terror to prevent workers from attending. People were placed at the door of the hall not to allow the workers to enter the hall. The two competing meetings organized by the local NTWU bureaucrats proved flat failures. When the meeting opened, Murdock entered with a group and attempted to break it up. His call to the workers to leave the meeting fell on deaf ears. Then the police entered and also tried to disrupt the meeting by arresting Murdock and handing out summonses to Comrades Weisbord, Keller, and Rubenstein. Comrade Weisbord, in the name of the Unity Committee, denounced the police and called upon the workers to continue the meeting. The meeting went on with great enthusiasm despite all obstacles.

The statement of the Unity Committee was adopted unanimously by the mass meeting.

THE SNOWDEN BUDGET

"Comrade" Snowden has come forward with his budget. Hillquit, Thomas & Co. can now applaud it as a "Socialist" budget. Surely, this is a model they will offer to the American workers. But what interests us—and what should interest all the American workers—is that Big Business in the United States thinks of Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden's budget. On the matter tariffs, Snowden has allowed policy to be dictated by existing formulae and need of revenues." To Wall Street's three cheers for Mr. Snowden we can add: The Liberal Party may be dying, but Liberalism isn't dead by a long shot. It is flourishing under the cover of Laborism. And MacDonald and Snowden have displaced the Georges and the Asquiths as the most vigorous and dangerous leaders of Liberalism before the working masses.



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