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WAR CLOUDS HOVER OVER EUROPE

Zimmerman Scores Green Frisco Strike Repudiation

With a courage unequalled by any other American labor leader, Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of Dressmakers Union Local 22, I.L.G. W.U., and vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, has given expression to the unspoken feelings of millions of workers on hearing William Green's vicious repudiation of the general strike in San Francisco.

Zimmerman's statement, issued publicly on July 20, reads as follows:

"The statement of William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, on the general strike in San Francisco must arouse indignant protest from every sincere and progressive element in the labor movement. It not only shows a complete failure to understand the deep significance of the San Francisco general strike or to grasp the importance of the big issues involved but worse than that, it shows such a disgraceful lack of elementary union loyalty and class solidarity that is positively shocking. It would be an insult to the American labor movement to regard Mr. Green's statement as a trifle representative of the sentiment of the masses of the organized workers in the American Federation of Labor.

"The general strike in San Francisco was an event of the most nation-wide significance. The issues which precipitated that inspiring act of class solidarity are the issues that face the trade union movement in every industry, in every part of the country. They are the issues of the open shop, the right of recognition, and the right of bargaining. At a time when the combined forces of big capital, the gigantic industrial corporations of the country, have launched a vicious campaign to wipe out every trace of unionism and to turn the alleged guarantees of Section 7a into a scrap of paper, it is the manifest duty of every one with the interest of labor at heart, of every friend of labor, to give enthusiastic and unconditional support to every struggle of workers for their elementary rights. The outcome of the general strike on the Pacific Coast was certain to have the most far reaching effects upon the efforts of labor to win the rights of union organization and collective bargaining everywhere in the United States. Nowhere in the land was there a trade union or a group of workers not directly or immediately concerned with the outcome of the general strike in San Francisco. If there ever was an event of real national importance in the labor movement of recent times it was the general strike in San Francisco.

"President Green's public state-

ment was not only an open disavowal of an action undertaken and carried out by the recognized American Federation of Labor Unions in San Francisco but was, in hardly disguised language, a direct attack upon the general strike then in progress. Events have shown that this statement of President Green's played a big part in breaking down the morale of the strikers and in opening the way for the disintegration of the whole strike. It was a powerful instrument in the hands of the bitter union-hating, open shop employers of San Francisco. As such, the American workers must judge it and must judge President Green."

At the same time local 22 voiced an urgent call to the New York longshoremen's union to refuse to handle shipping-coming from the Pacific Coast as a means of lending effective support to the general strike in San Francisco and other West Coast towns, in a resolution adopted by its executive board. Speaking in the name of its 30,000 members, the dressmakers organization sent a stirring message of enthusiastic greetings to the strikers on the Pacific Coast as well as a warm pledge of full support. The telegram despatched to the general strike headquarters in San Francisco reads:

"In the name of thirty thousand organized workers in its ranks Dressmakers Union Local Twenty-Two of International Ladies Garment Workers Union sends enthusiastic greetings to workers out in general strike in San Francisco and other coast towns. In this great cause we pledge unlimited support and unwavering solidarity. Your cause is cause of all labor and against united forces of employes all trade unions and labor organizations must rally to support of embattled workers on Pacific Coast. We protest most energetically against the murderous hooliganism of the vigilantes aimed at strikers as well as against warlike preparations of the municipal and state authorities to suppress general strike. Long live the solidarity of labor. (Signed)

Charles S. Zimmerman, Mgr. Louis Nelson, Chairman.

But when Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of local No. 22, and vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, attempted to present the resolution at the meeting of the New York Central Trades and Labor Council on July 19th, he was ruled out of order and prevented from continuing, much to the indignation of many of the delegates present. (Continued on Page 8)

EVELYN LAWRENCE BACK FROM EUROPE

"The spirit of the Austrian workers is that of revolt," was the estimate given by Evelyn Lawrence, just returned from six months in Europe which brought her into intimate contact with the underground movements of Germany and Austria.

"Coalition between the Heimwehr and the Nazis is on the books," Comrade Lawrence continued. "The Nazis represent a tremendous force—from thirty to forty per cent of the population—but the threat of Italy forces them to concede a measure of power to the Heimwehr. But the proletariat is still armed and still waiting. It needs only organization. Democracy in Austria is a dead horse. The trend to revolution and soviet power is the wave that will eventually sweep all Austria."

Comrade Lawrence will speak on "Critical Hours in Germany and Austria" on August 8 at Irving Plaza in New York. On August 15 she will speak at the Workers' Circle Lyceum in Newark, on August 17 in Philadelphia, on August 23 in Hartford on August 30 in Boston and also in Paterson and the Anthracite on dates to be announced.

Police Commissioner John F. O'Ryan has made a significant and dangerous move to tame and hog-tie organized labor in New York.

Labor representatives are to be ticketed by the police with identification cards stamped, signed, sealed and approved. The possibilities in this arrangement are obvious. Even the reactionary Central Trades Council has entered a vigorous protest.

It is the clear duty of all unions in New York to protest and resist this step toward fascistization of the organizations of labor.

PROGRESSIVES WIN DOLL ELECTIONS

Progressive slate in Local 18230 of the Doll & Toy Workers Union swept to victory by the overwhelming majority of 4 to 1. The clique of Mr. S. Farulla, which had stifled the union and retarded its growth, was dealt this defeat by a membership determined to place in leadership men who would advance the cause of progressive unionism. E. Diana, candidate of the progressive group for President defeated his opponent, S. Farulla, by a vote of 306 to 135. Other officers elected were S. Russo, Vice President; A. Ravitch, Secretary-Treasurer, and S. Liberman, J. Priola, J. Minauro, Trustees.

The story of events in this union during recent months will appear in the next issue of Workers Age.

Austria to Be Belgium Of Next Great Conflict

With the assassination of Dollfuss, the hair's-breadth margin between peace and war in Europe has been further narrowed. Authoritative opinion prevails to the effect that the pigmy Chancellor's murder was financed by Hitler and facilitated by his closest co-workers Prince Starhemberg, leader of the Heimwehrs. For the present Schuschnigg is Chancellor.

This Austrian version of the Hitler-Roehm blood-bath hastens the day of the European volcano erupting. With great dispatch Mussolini mobilized his most experienced parade troops with orders to over-flow Austria at half a moment's notice. While France welcomes Mussolini's fanfare as a warning to Hitler, Paris dreads Italian occupation of Austria and the inevitable seizure of more Austrian territory by Italy. Hence, the French puppet government of Jugo-Slavia has mobilized its crack troops on the Austrian border in the imperialist race to guarantee Austrian "independence". This "anxiety" is made more intensely acute by the fact that from now on even less love than before will be lost between Hitler and Mussolini.

For the present the Austrian Nazis, primarily because of foreign pressure, appear thwarted in their moves to seize power. Realizing this, Hitler has maneuvered to rush Van Papen as new German ambassador to Vienna. It is

doubtful whether Italy will allow the new "independent" Austrian government to be appeased by this maneuver. At any rate, Hitler has thus definitely given von Papen a one way ticket out of his cabinet.

As we go to press, several thousand have already been killed and wounded in the fighting between the Italian Fascist setup led by Starhemberg and Hitler's Fascist puppets led by secret German military agents. The murder of Dollfuss who butchered some of the finest and most heroic of the Austrian proletariat is of course only the beginning of another chapter in the disintegration of the Versailles system. The cabinet murders have only started. Only the first shot has been fired in the Viennese government halls. And its thunderous and devastating repercussions will be felt throughout Europe as well as in Austria! The political independence of Austria continues a myth. Three conflicting forces dominate the situation. The German Nazis, the reviving labor movement on a more revolutionary basis, and the ability of foreign capital to continue to finance the Heimwehr are the forces in conflict. The fate of Austria will be settled by that factor which will dominate in this conflict. The entire situation is all the more gravely complicated by the fact that Austria is destined to play in the next war the role Belgium played in the last one.

Wall Street Plans Aid To Protect German Loans

Fearing that the desperate economic plight of the Nazi regime will bring about serious political repercussions, leading bankers in Wall Street are working on plans to extend heavy loans to the sorely pressed Hitler regime.

J. P. Morgan & Co., in close collaboration with Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, is especially worried over the security of the heavy investments made in Germany by American financiers in recent years. In order to save as much as possible of these investments, principal as well as interest, further loans are to be made to German industry.

It will be recalled that when Mussolini was up against it, a syndicate of American bankers headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. extended the Italian fascist government a loan of \$100,000,000. This literally was a life-saver for Mussolini and enabled him to pull thru in the stormy days following the Matteotti murder.

Perkins Rushes First Aid

Mr. James A. Perkins, chairman of the Board of Directors of the National City Bank of New York, recently spent several weeks in Germany preparing such first aid plans for the Third Reich.

Mr. George H. Harrison, governor of the Federal Reserve bank of New York, also took a hand in this arrangement during his recent brief stay in Germany. It is further reliably reported that Mr. Montagu Norman, who generally travels incognito, cooperated with Messrs. Perkins and Harrison in the preparation of such loans. Mr. Norman has just arrived in the United States together with Mr. Harrison and as a gesture of friendship to the Nazi government traveled aboard the North German Lloyd liner Europa.

Apparently the big bankers are much worried and they are anxious to avert a sudden crash by extending temporary credits to Ger-

EVELYN LAWRENCE

Just Returned from Europe

CRITICAL HOURS IN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 8 P. M. Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

NAZI REGIME FACES INNER CRISIS

The events of June 30th have laid bare the inner crisis of the Nazi regime. All efforts of Hitler, Goebbels and Goering cannot do away with the fact that on June 30, the deep inner contradictions of the Nazi regime...

fits the bourgeoisie little when capitalist industry is not in a condition to permit the fullest utilization of this right, when the markets do not expand, and, as in the case with Germany, when foreign trade decreases...

speech. While Roehm & Co. masqueraded as the fighters for a "second revolution", as radical socialists, the reactionary Junker von Papen, the representative of monarchist plans, paraded as the chieftain, as the champion for freedom of press etc.

the face of the fact that Hitler and Goering proceeded to legalize open murders not hidden even beneath a farcical court trial. The growing economic crisis has brought about the present crisis of the Nazi regime.

deeds perpetrated by the Nazis in the torture chambers of the GESTAPO (Goering's secret police) and the concentration camps. And finally June 30th will show the mass Hitler's followers that the Nazi regime is contrasted by big capital.

Source Of The Crisis

The present inner crisis of Nazi Germany is a consequence of the further sharpening of the economic crisis of German capitalism. The Nazi government defeated the working class. It established the political dictatorship of the Fascist party.

Bourgeois Demands And Monarchist Hopes

The demand of the bourgeoisie for a simplification of the state apparatus put the bourgeois class reduction which had been guaranteed to them by the Nazis.

Workers Must Guard Against Illusions

Further developments showed how deceptive all these illusions are which raise the hope of overthrowing the Nazi regime in any other way except thru the independent action of the working class.

Significance Of June 30th

Of what significance is June 30th to the working class? Hitler's blow against the chief representatives of social demagogy within the Nazi camp will directly result in further reduction of wages.

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A. F. of L. ORGANIZERS REPORT NRA COLLAPSE

The NRA is today one of the most heatedly discussed issues before the labor movement. We are presenting below excerpts from the reports of A. F. of L. organizers throughout the country (American Federationist, June 1934) indicating general and widespread non-compliance with NRA code provisions.

of these concerns seem afraid to report code violations for fear of losing their jobs. The construction industry leads in code violations with the hotel and restaurant industry following them a close second.—Otto C. Heiman.

INDIANA La Porte.—The La Porte Garment Company discriminates against union members.—Beatrice Dietrich.

KENTUCKY Ashland.—Hours have been shortened but wages have not been increased. The Solway Cake Company, American Rolling Mills, England Walton Leather Company and the North American Refractor Company, all discriminate against union members.—Charles Clinger.

edge there is not an industry that has abided by the codes.—W. S. Duncan. Topeka.—The Kansas Power and Light Company, the Mutual City Hand and Ripley Laundries, The Shell Oil Company and the Mortimer Package Company are all antagonistic to union labor.—Fred H. Morse.

FLORIDA

West Palm Beach.—Ice and milk distributors and the lumber industry advise their workers not to join unions. Hotel and restaurant owners are also advising against union affiliation.—Chas. J. Parmelee.

ILLINOIS

Danville.—The Illinois Light and Power Company is now forming a company union and the employees of this concern are being violated that they will hardly even talk to an organizer. Violations of codes are many.—Walter J. Steube.

IOWA

Des Moines.—The White Line Transfer Company, Flynn Dairy and about five others have been reported to the local and state compliance boards for discriminations against employees, but those agencies are unable to get satisfactory results.

KANSAS

Coffeyville.—Shorter hours have meant lower wages. None of our industries are complying with the codes.—R. B. Paul.

CALIFORNIA

San Diego.—The Southern Service Laundries (chain) have a decided anti-union policy that has been maintained for some time. The Union Ice Company, likewise a chain concern, shows no friendliness for union labor. Employees

NEW YORK

Brooklyn.—The Dill Pickle Company discriminates against union members. Codes are being violated by the filling stations and by furniture dress manufacturing industries.—C. E. Woodworth.

MICHIGAN

Kalamazoo.—The Atlas Press Company is working its men 57

MISSOURI

St. Louis.—All industries, except where employees are organized, are violating the codes.—Jerry L. Hanks.

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte.—All industries are violating codes.—G. J. Kindall.

ALABAMA

Anniston.—For discrimination against union workers the Utica Knitting Mills are scheduled to appear before the Regional Labor Board.—L. E. Parr.

ARIZONA

Phoenix.—The Southwestern Manufacturing Company is a 100 per cent violator of the code. Laundries also evade their code.—C. W. Walls.

Bridgeport YPSL's Give Lowdown on McLevy

At a regular meeting, June 22, 1934, the YPSL circle No. 1 senior, Bridgeport, Conn. unanimously voted to endorse the following resolution to be sent to various YPSLs throughout the country for their endorsement.

HOOLINGANISM MUST STOP

Page the American Civil Liberties Union! The CP which has, during recent days, thundered from the housetops its denunciation of the vigilantes who raised their headquarters on the west coast and smashed their meetings, has during the same days stooped to the same methods in disrupting the meetings of another workers' organization, the Communist Party (Opposition).

CPO Training School Meets with Great Success

At the final session held Thursday evening July 26th the students of the National Training School unanimously agreed that the 3 weeks training course had more than fulfilled their expectations.

ESTIMATING AUSTRIA'S REVOLUTION

Editorial Note.—The following article has been in type for two weeks. Its clear analysis of the Austrian situation has been amply justified by recent events.

By WILL HERBERG

sectarian opposition to the very conception of a united labor front, that has doomed the Austrian Communist movement to such hopeless sterility and insignificance. The most sacred dogmas of official Communist International policy now stand once more condemned from beginning to end in the test of life itself.

Revolution Clears The Road

The iron broom of revolution ruthlessly sweeps away all that is rotten in the theory and practice of the labor movement. But while it is the fundamental principles of reformist Socialism that stand refuted by the lessons of the civil war in Austria, it is not the principles of Communism that have failed to stand the test.

What Next In Austria?

What now? The Dollfuss-Heimwehr regime has far from stabilized itself even to the relative degree in which we can speak of the stabilization of power of the Hitler dictatorship in Germany.

New Battles Coming

The Austrian working class, tho materially weakened by the defeated insurrection and the Dollfuss terror, will emerge from the fire of battle morally and politically strengthened.

Forward To Victory

Nevertheless, the vital political lessons of the four-day insurrection and of the entire preceding period cannot be lost for the Austrian proletariat.

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Two Decades - In Retrospect

Judging by the bourgeois historians and economists' interpretations of events since the fateful shot was fired at Sarajevo, the capitalist class has about as little hindsight as foresight.

The last, or rather the first, great, decent, civilized, respectable, war was fought under the banner of "democracy". It was fought to determine Germany's chances of dislodging British imperialism from its then dominant position. Today both sides, can claim partial victory in the conflict. German imperialism did dislodge the British and British imperialism did prevent Germany from replacing it. While the two leading imperialist pirates were firing volleys at and plunging knives into each other, a third one and even more avaricious pirate, Wall Street imperialism, saved "democracy" by displacing British imperialism as the dominant world power.

Apparently, inspired by the savagery of Hitlerism, the German bourgeoisie are now dreaming of reopening the conflict for world hegemony. This is the essence of the Nazi drive for pan-Germanism. These dreams of the German ruling class are the nightmares of the German people. The French bourgeoisie anxious to maintain the loot they grabbed after four years of suicidal conflict, are now prepared to plunge deeper into hell in order to preserve the status quo.

Of democratic rights, the supposed preservation of which cost 10 million in killed and 20 million in wounded, the capitalist world was never as much stripped as it is today. And never before were there as feverish preparations for a struggle to re-divide the spheres of influence, the world markets, the territories of colonial and semi-colonial peoples as today. It should be clear even to the most purblind that the actual objectives and even the most inflated shibboleths of the last war have come to naught.

But the bourgeois statesmen and imperialist war strategists feel that there is nothing left for them to do except try again to settle and stabilize relations among themselves thru an even a bigger war. Many of them feel that the time is not yet at hand to start the cannonading. With too many people painful memories of the last war still linger. Some governments need more time for preparation. Others do not yet trust sufficiently the great mass of people in their countries. All of them fear the role of the Soviet Union in such a conflagration and dread particularly the possibility of a proletarian revolution sweeping their countries in the event of war.

It is significant commentary on the insolubility of the contradictions inherent in the capitalist system that the final and most decisive solution of the bourgeois order, that is war, not only doesn't solve anything but aggravates old diseases and breeds new and even more dangerous ones. What more crushing proof could there be of the decay of the very roots of the capitalist social and economic order?

Look at Austria. In 1914 she was the cockpit of capitalist antagonisms in Europe. The old Austro-Hungarian empire, with its conflicting nationalities, with its artificial economic foundations, was a source of violent infection. The surgery of imperialist bayonets was offered as a cure. But the cancer persists in more violent form, the Austria is today but a pitiful fraction of her former self. More than in 1924, little, strangled, impoverished, hemmed-in Austria, but a painful memory of her former self, is today a source of the most virulent germs of a devastating war. Economically Austria today is more of a monstrosity than even the old Austro-Hungarian empire of Franz Joseph II was.

Peace and security were promised to the masses by both the victor and vanquished in the last war. Today, however, neither feels himself secure. German imperialism feels it did not meet a deserving fate at Versailles. French and British imperialism fear for their pillage. Furthermore, the area of infection has been tremendously enlarged to include the Pacific and to transform the Far East into a volcano. Then, Yankee imperialism, evermore aware of the increasing challenge to its hegemony is arming itself for a final showdown. Even the most silent of the capitalist statesmen are now shieking about the decisive days to come in 1935-1936.

But it would be unfair to maintain that all the bourgeois statesmen merely fail to see the futility of war as a way out of the difficulties and crises of their system. War is the highest expression of capitalist competition. Before this inevitability, the bourgeois statesmen are helpless.

The situation, however, is not hopeless. Far from it. Historically speaking, there is one class left which is constructive and progressive. This is the working class. If the international working class, will draw the necessary lessons from its costly experiences, from its serious blunders and defeats, as well as from its victories, then, there is hope and certainty that the world will be spared the probability of pushing back the clock of human history thousands of years. The Russian working class, aided by the toiling masses in the rural areas, was able to tear one-sixth of the world out of the hands of the Czarist oppressors and capitalist exploiters. Today, thanks to the incessant and vigorous peace efforts of this workers and farmers Soviet Republic, the plague of war has not yet broken out.

While the capitalists are feverishly preparing the next war, the workers should be systematically preparing to be able to do what the Russian proletariat did in order to obtain victory and peace and a better day. Now is the time for the workers of all lands to band themselves together to work out an effective program to paralyze the war-makers and to destroy the war-breeding system of capitalism. This means united effort to defend the only fatherland the international proletariat has—the Union of Socialist Soviet Republic. This means united action in every country and between the workers of all countries to defeat the war maneuvers of all capitalist governments. This means that the workers must turn a deaf ear to the hypocritical cries of their exploiters and must take steps to prepare themselves to transform imperialist war into civil war—into the final war and the end of all war.

After twenty years it is time that we have learned!

YCL Blunders Toward New Disasters

So inspiring was the Seventh Convention of the Young Communist League (USA) that, when it finally terminated and convention reports were given to the sections, a majority of the membership failed to show up. One section estimated its membership meeting as follows:

"The main shortcoming of the meeting was the poor attendance. From a membership of 160 only about 60 were present.

"The discussion was also very poor. This was due to the fact that the comrades were not prepared to speak; and the comrades from the shop units did not even see the importance of bringing out their experiences, but spoke on some other topics."

It was admitted that there still exists an enormous turnover in membership. The League gained 3000 new members in the course of the last three years, making a total membership of 6,000, it was declared. While the figures are of dubious validity, one thing is glaring: the political life within the League is such that despite some recruiting the League fails to hold its converts. The above quotation cuts deep into the picture of League life under the guidance of the "infallibles."

Tricking The Faithful

The opening night of the convention found Don Quixote riding forth again—Earl Browder delivering a stereotyped sermon of slight import. Then we had that galaxy of very dim stars, Comrades Krumbein, Gil Green, etc., indulging in an orgy of self-laudation and rah-rah, night of endless windjamming. As the convention proceeded the desire to hear something "more substantial, more penetrating, more critical" swept the more intelligent sections of the membership. To offset the growing dissatisfaction, largely inarticulate, the League leadership pulled that old old phoney out of the bag—another "new" twist in the line: a "non-sectarian" attitude and approach to the problems of the Communist youth. This trick served its purpose, however, since the membership still hoped that the leadership was not totally incompetent and blind. Many felt that perhaps a new day was breaking and the promises of "non-sectarian" were its harbingers. Here then is the tragedy: new eager and devoted young Communists keenly aware that "something is wrong" being kidded into accepting promises as a substitute for political re-examination. The fog of confusion hangs heavily over the League.

Kingdom Of The Blind

The Seventh Convention of the Young Communist League (USA) took place one year after the inauguration of the "New Deal" in the United States, and the victory of the Nazi in Germany. The new situation which therefore confronts young Communists should in the line of duty have impelled the League to undertake the most exhaustive analysis of the toiling youth under the Blue Eagle, and an equally penetrating inquiry into the causes for Fascism's victories in harnessing youth to its anti-working class program. In connection with the latter, the Young Communist International must be charged with deliberately obstructing such investigations. As the map of Europe turns blacker with the Fascist successes all the YCL can tell its membership as an alibi is "Social-Democracy is to blame" and "our line is forever correct!" With such profundity being ladled-out to the Leagues as the very peak of Communist analysis, is it any wonder that the confusion reigns, and puppet-lead-

erships handle new memberships with cynical trickery. What has League learned from the German disaster? Where has it worked out a program for the defeat of fascist propaganda amongst the youth? To refuse to analyze the events in Germany honestly can bring nothing but paralysis to the Leagues, and eventual disaster? Let the League members ask: Did work in line with theories of Social Fascism and united front from below cripple the League and party in Germany?

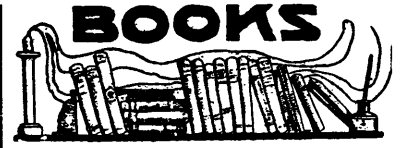
With characteristic insolence something was unreel as an analysis of youth under the NRA codes. While the more obvious features of discrimination in the codes are noted, many of the less obvious ones are totally ignored. The objective of the Roosevelt Administration in creating a new source of cheap labor thru the codes—far below code minimums for highly mechanized industry finds no adequate attention in the resolutions and draft thesis.

Phantasy In Red

Still living in a world of heroic phrases instead of reality, once again it was declared that we are witnessing in the United States "at the present time", a swift tempo of radicalization among the youth. Comrades in the League who believed that "the main process taking place among the youth is 'disillusionment' and not radicalization" were severely chastized because "such a line leads to the conclusion that the working youth is not an active section of the working class and that it is being transformed into passive force by composing the reserve of the bourgeoisie."

Since 1930 we have been deluged by the League with this radicalization theory. To speak of the "main trend" being one of "radicalization" is utter unmitigated bunk. True many young Negroes and several thousand students have definitely gone to the left (not all to the same degree however), many young workers are easier to approach today and to be won for Communism—non one denies this! But to speak of the mass of youth moving leftward is but the mirage seen by a leadership crazily thirsty for retaining its grip on the membership. But if as the League contends millions of youth are going left then why the pitiful handful of young Communists why not the League grown enormously with its ever "correct line"?

It is in the American Federation of Labor where hundreds of thousands of young workers have poured in the past year that we find the most significant signs of youth learning the first elementary lessons in the class struggle. And what does the League propose in this connection? Disrupting the A. F. of L. and building an Independent Federation. Proposing in other words to desert the largest body of youth who have begun to fight to the mercies of the Greens and Wolls instead of being with this mass to show them the road for cleaning their unions and developing them further along the lines of militant working-class action politically as well as in the economic field. This desertion of the masses is what characterizes the policies of the League today. This accounts for their self-confessed isolation from the the mass of young workers. In the student field the League thru the National Students League has been in the forefront of some heroic and splendid battles, but it at the same time fought against the creation of a wide militant organization which would include students moving toward the left but still having a long road to travel.



THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE NRA Local 22, I. L. G. W. U.

Vigorous criticism of the NRA from the radical labor standpoint, as well as a general program for trade unionism to avoid its perils and reap any advantages possible under it, are contained in the new attractively gotten up pamphlet just published by Dressmakers Union Local 22, I.L.G.W.U., under the title, "The Labor Movement and the NRA."

The pamphlet is an exposition of the viewpoint of progressive unionism as typified by Local 22. It includes the minority report presented to the Chicago convention of the International by Charles S. Zimmerman, manager of Local 22, in his capacity as member of the convention's committee on officers report. In brief but incisive terms Zimmerman examines the nature of the NRA, its effects on wages, hours, and profits, the menace of company unionism and "government unionism" being fostered by it, and the dangers it holds out to labor's right to strike. He then proceeds to outline an effective policy for the trade unions. It was because the International followed such a policy, a "policy of aggressive strike action and dependence only on the forces of the union", that this union made such headway during last year. Now, Zimmerman concludes, it is necessary for the International openly to recognize this policy, acknowledge the estimation of the NRA on which it is based and champion this viewpoint vigorously in the general labor movement, in the A. F. of L. In the declaration of Local 2 on the NRA, which forms the second part of the pamphlet, the same conceptions are laid down in a formal manner.

Copies of the pamphlet are to be obtained free at the union office, 232 West 40 Street, Room 508.

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ent. This action on the part of Joseph P. Ryan, chairman of the Council and head of the International Longshoremen's Association, is interpreted by the dressmakers' executive board as not simply a violation of its own rights and privileges in the council but primarily as a maneuver to keep the council from taking any action on the San Francisco strike.

Charges that, in his capacity as chairman of the council, Ryan suppressed attempts to place the council on record in support of the recent San Francisco general strike, were made in a special declaration of protest adopted unanimously by the Executive Board of Dressmakers Union Local No. 22, I. L. G. W. U., on Tuesday, July 24th. The declaration of Local 22 follows:

"The Executive Board of Dressmakers Union Local No. 22, I.L.G.W.U., indignantly protests against the high-handed conduct of Joseph P. Ryan, who, as chairman of the Central Trades and Labor Council at its last meeting, on July 19, 1934, arbitrarily prevented the representative of our local, Brother Charles S. Zimmerman, from reporting on the decisions of the Local and from introducing, in accordance with instructions of our local, a resolution pledging support to the San Francisco general strike then in progress.

"Such conduct on Mr. Ryan's part constitutes an intolerable violation of the rights and privileges of our Local in the Central Trades and Labor Council. But, in this case, the consequences go even further, for thereby the New York labor movement has been prevented by Mr. Ryan from officially expressing its solidarity with the inspiring struggle of the San Francisco trade unions on behalf of the common interests of labor.

JAY LOVESTONE

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR AMERICAN LABOR

Thursday, August 9 at 8:30 P. M.
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