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dere emily, mpls, winsday well kid, things is shure hot n hevvy here, what with all the strikin goin on between the workers an the bosses...

The Party at Work

BOSTON

A successful lecture with comrade James P. Cannon was held Friday evening, Sept. 13, at 6 Byron St., Boston. The subject, "The 7th Congress of the Third International..."

MINNEAPOLIS

The Minneapolis branch has instituted a series of Tag Days. Every other Sunday morning from five to ten couples cover the North Side selling "Fight Fascism" tags...

DETROIT NOTES

By BURKE COCHRAN

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 15.—On the heels of the betrayal of the automobile workers by the top-officialdom of the American Federation of Labor in setting up the International union in the automobile industry...

Manager's Corner

Our contributions this week toward the eight page weekly do not reach even last week's low point. However, many party branches have made a prompt response to a call for finances to take care of other needs of the party press...

Table with columns for branch names and contribution amounts. Includes R. Gardner, Brooklyn, N.Y.C., Flatbush branch, N.Y.C., etc.

LEFT JABS

MARCH TO VICTORY... From the Daily Worker of Sept. 17 we clip the following: "The March of Victory" (To the tune of "O Susanna") Words by JAMES CASEY...

Budenz and The Stalinists

The revolutionist in the modern world has no trustworthy guide except the principles and method of Marx and Lenin—to be used, of course, not as a dogma but a tool and a weapon. Those who go off the Marxian road even at what appears to be a small angle find themselves in the end in a swamp...

Vigilantism Shows Growing Peril To West Coast Labor

SAN FRANCISCO.—Vigilantism, which started its activity as a movement against the red, alien agitators, has, as predicted by the Workers Party, developed until now it is being used as a method to deal with men whose only crime is that as A. F. of L. organizers they incur the displeasure of the lumber barons of Oregon.

Challenge Lovestone Group to Debate

The Lovestone group, which continues to talk about the "reform" of the Comintern after its social-patriotic betrayal, has been challenged to debate in the following letter. The NEW MILITANT will print the reply to this challenge as soon as it is received.

September 18, 1934. Communist Party (Opposition) 51 West 14th Street New York City Comrades,

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Sunday Night Lecture Series On The Road To The Fourth International. Sept. 22—FROM LENIN TO STALIN (The Downfall of the Communist International) Sept. 23—WORKING CLASS POLICY IN THE IMPENDING WAR (Revolutionary Defeatism vs. Social Patriotism) Oct. 6—THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM (Historical Lessons for America) Oct. 13—THE ROAD TO THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL (Forces and Prospects for a New World Party Under the Banner of Marx and Lenin)

Toledo Militants Lead Winning Strike of 400 at Defiance, Ohio

DEFIANCE, Ohio.—Production at the Defiance Pressed Steel Co., largest employer of labor at Defiance—was at a complete standstill for two days, as over 400 workers walked out on strike, at the call of the Defiance Local No. 1p of the Mechanics Educational Society of America, after the company had flatly turned down the contract proposed by the union, establishment of the 40-hour week, time and a half for overtime, no discrimination against union members, seniority, 50c base rate and a signed contract. For two days a mass picket line of 350-400 men and women employees of the Pressed Steel Co. kept the plant shut tight as a drum. Late Thursday afternoon, the management gave in to most of the union demands and the workers accepted the agreement by a vote of an overwhelming majority.

have had their fingers cut off because the company finds it cheaper to operate without any safety devices on its machinery. The wages paid are in many cases almost half of what a worker would receive in Toledo for the same work. The naive and ignorant farm boys of 1933 have had a taste of what a factory workers' life means, and have become the strikers of 1935! Toledo Leaders on Job Naturally, with the inexperience of all of the strikers and their lack of understanding of what a strike implies, the first day of the strike was like a nightmare. The picket lines looked like a Sunday picnic; nobody had the courage to boo the scabs as they walked out of the plant; the management was trying to divide the strike committee and thus break the strike.

PROOF OF CHRISTIANITY

Al Smith, the great American statesman, in a recent speech, stated "The United States is a Christian country. We are the only country that puts on its cash money: 'In God we Trust'..."

CROOKED GOVERNMENT

In the same speech, Al took a crack at Mexico for its attacks on the Catholic clergy. "What about Mexico? A Congressman recently told me that of 28 state governments there, 28 are crooked." Well, Al, even that is a better average than we can find in the U.S.A.; but, of course, a Tammany brave like Al, a friend of the devout and honest John Curry—God rest his soul—can speak with authority on crooked government.

SHADOWS OVER LOVESTONE

The Lovestone Group is in an embarrassing position. Its business during its five years of existence has been defending the theories of Stalinism, criticizing the "ultra-left" errors of the individual sections of the C. I. outside the U.S.S.R., and denouncing Trotskyism. At last, after years of patient service, the reward seems to be just around the corner. "Real progress" was noted in the C. P. It was "coming to our position." Letters were exchanged. "Happy days are here again!" became the theme song of the Communist Party Majority Opposition Group. But alas and alack, without consulting either Lovestone or Brandier, the C. I., with Stalin not only at the head, but leading all others by several lengths, caught up with and surpassed Lovestone; and with a dazzling speed that left the reformers dizzy with success, went over to a social-chauvinist position. Enough is enough, and 200 percent success is too much. Lovestone did some fancy squirming. First, the French and American sections were blamed for "confusing the matter"; but at last the horrible truth must come out; and with bitter blasts at Trotskyism, Lovestone was forced to announce "Shadows of 1914 over C.I." Even Wolfe, whose anxiety to do all others, acknowledged that "degeneration threatens the C.I." Some in Lovestone's ranks are still ready to shoulder a rifle for Uncle Sam if Stalin says so, but others place "world revolution as the only real defense of the U.S.S.R." Between these two, the revolutionary and the chauvinist position, Lovestone and Wolfe teeter back and forth with eyes longingly cast on the fleshpots of Stalinism. The "mass workers" haven't said much as yet; but if they could be induced to swallow their disgust with the antics of the Stalinists in the needle trades, chauvinism would just make a good chaser.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

DESTRUCTION THREATENS ROBBER LEAGUE

The League of Nations was organized by the victorious Allies after the first World War to safeguard their plunder against the attacks of the defeated powers. Its function as the "organizer of peace" was to maintain the status quo, to guarantee to the imperialists their colonial possessions and the right to exploit the colonial peoples. The attempt by Mussolini to seize Ethiopia is a threat to the very existence of the robbers' League precisely because it ends the truce, threatens the status quo, and reopens all the antagonistic issues temporarily "settled" by the first World War.

ATTITUDE OF BRITISH LABOR

The Ethiopian crisis is a class issue of fundamental significance. It becomes the test of the working class movement in all countries. For in face of the threat of the second World War, the working class must once more take a stand on the question of defense of the national capitalist state in an imperialist war.

Plan Expulsion of French Bolshevik - Leninists

(Continued from Page 1) Out of these and out of the ferment now shaking the ranks of the youth, a unified process which will sift the revolutionary gold from the reactionary and reformist dross will begin to clarify itself.

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lish imperialism against Italian. To suppose that the League of Nations could act in the interest of the exploited peoples, is to place confidence in the English capitalists. Where is there any demand that the English ruling class give up British Somaliland, or India or Egypt? How is it that no voice is raised by the "official" movement against the small war just started in India, against the mere punitive expedition into the territory of the Mohmands in the Northern native states? It is by such fakes as the support of "sanctions" that the leaders of British labor tie the workers to the bourgeoisie, enlist them for national defense and for the support of English imperialism.

EFFECT ON BRITISH GENERAL ELECTIONS

The betrayal of the working class by the Labor Party in its class collaborationist attitude on the war danger plays directly into the hands of the ruling class in the coming general elections. By covering the national capitalists with the cloak of national defense and the supposed desire for peace, the Labor Party leads the workers to believe that in the national emergency the bourgeoisie may be trusted with the power. If it is all right to conduct a war, if necessary, the masses will prefer to leave things in the hands of those who are more experienced in such matters.

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sentiment against the expulsions of the revolutionary youth leaders and the demand for their reintegration into the party. Far from heeding this demand, the bureaucracy now moves forward to its next step, the expulsion of the Bolshevik-Leninists from the adult party.

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Anti-Union Conspiracy Revealed in Chamber of Commerce Letter

NEW YORK.—The operations of a secret and heavily financed apparatus set up by bankers and businessmen to control the California State Legislature and courts, and large-scale preparations by the California Chamber of Commerce to launch an anti-union drive, are revealed by a confidential letter of the Chamber, made public today here by the National Sacramento Appeal Committee, 41 Union Square.

STOCKTON SAVINGS AND LOAN BANK August 7, 1935 Dear Mr. At the last Legislature our California State Chamber of Commerce was able, by vigorous opposition, to defeat many radical and unwise tax measures.

Very truly yours, R. L. Eberhardt, R. L. Eberhardt, Vice President Stockton Savings and Loan Bank Stockton

problem is costing us all money," and "must be stamped out." They propose, therefore, that "the only effective means to combat the situation is statewide leadership for training community leaders in this work," and then refer to the Sacramento convictions as an example of the kind of work the Chamber wishes to push throughout California.

charges made in the National Sacramento Appeal Committee's pamphlet "Union Smashing in Sacramento," by Herbert Solow, that the Sacramento convictions were part of a state-wide conspiracy of anti-union employers to use the criminal syndicalism statute to destroy the trade unions.

In a letter just sent to the N. S. A. C. by Raymond W. Henderson, Bakersfield Socialist and noted labor attorney, he reports that the transcript of the trial record will not be delivered by the court until Sept. 28. As soon as it is delivered Henderson will begin work on the Mini brief.

PROGRESSIVE ISSUES CONFRONT THE A.F.L.

By ARNE SWABECK

Bill Green and the whole A. F. of L. leadership was challenged at the rubber workers' convention. It suffered another heavy blow, directed simultaneously at its methods of bureaucratic domination and its reactionary "red baiting" campaign. Coming, as it did, right upon the heels of the defeat administered to this leadership by the teachers' convention, the rebuke by the automobile workers' convention and the manifestations of certain progressive elements elsewhere, the issues involved are sure to loom large as a prelude to the fifty-fifth annual A. F. of L. convention.

and the mass production industries where exploitation is most ruthless. And here the A. F. of L. officials will be much more closely bound-up with the development and growth of these unions than has been the case in the past.

At the time of receiving their charters, both the automobile workers and the rubber workers' unions appeared with greatly reduced ranks. The reason for this is not difficult to find. It was due essentially to the sheer incompetence and downright treason of the A. F. of L. officials who had been in charge of affairs up to now.

progress has been made. A good timber for a new and progressive leadership is being seasoned in such struggles. The coming A. F. of L. convention cannot escape facing these issues in one way or another. Of course, they will not be reflected at this gathering in the same direct and decisive manner as in the general field of the class struggle.

existence. Only tendencies in that direction are manifested so far; and much confusion still prevails among these tendencies. Where they appear they represent, generally speaking, a combination of elements of various degrees of political consciousness. But in most cases they are not yet strongly influenced by the workers' political parties.

Trade Union Democracy

It is very interesting to note that the change toward the new conditions places as the first point on the agenda the question of trade union democracy. This was inevitable. Only by means of its bureaucratic control were the reactionary officials able to function effectively as the agents of capitalism and prevent the unions from engaging in serious struggles for their rightful demands.

Problem of New Unions

These recent experiences cannot be easily ignored by the A. F. of L. officials. No doubt they are beginning to ask themselves some serious questions and preparing to straighten their own fences. But there are many difficulties to overcome, particularly in regard to the new unions.

'Thieves Kitchen' at Geneva

(Continued from Page 1) the withdrawal of Japan and Germany, by the miserable showing in the Manchurian and Chaco affairs, the League has been kept actively alive only because of the prestige and new blood pumped into it by Stalin. Litvinov, in the League, speaks with the voice of the Workers' State, but his words are the words of the British Lion.

Imperialist Bargains

The present League session is then, seeking a "solution" of the Ethiopian question. That is to say, it is seeking a deal that will reconcile these requirements on the part of Great Britain with, first, France's need to get British guarantees against German aggression on the Continent, and second, the drive of pent-up Italian capital for an outlet together with Mussolini's desperate necessity for consolidating his rotting internal regime.

Policy of Betrayal

And what of the sections of the C. I.? Do they "make up" for Litvinov's diplomatic necessities? Quite the contrary. In Sept. 18th's Daily Worker the Communist party calls on Great Britain "to close the Suez Canal"; it appeals (on the front page) "For united action of—the international working class? How naive, comrade, to suspect that Stalin still has his eyes even partly turned toward the international working class. No—the united front of all nations to prevent war on Ethiopia." So thoroughly has the Communist party now gone from the Third Period rejection of the united front, that united fronts are to be made—with the political instruments of the class enemy.

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