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At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

THE notion that England has attained substantial economic recovery has found surprisingly wide currency. An examination of the MacDonald remedies and their consequences reveals the very contrary. Even the governors of the Bank for International Settlements now entertain serious doubts about the solidity of British recovery. In the Orient, British steel interests have been worsted by German. Some big corporations have been smothered by the pepper and shellac debacle, and some outstanding bankers will soon go down as a result of these shady deals. The Daily Mail has pertinently hinted about "surprising revelations" involving "certain personages regarded as staid custodians of investment virtues." British capitalism continues to lack the key to its substantial recovery—a real revival of its foreign trade. Balancing the budget and boosting taxes, exchange equalization and "managed" currency, high tariffs and Ottawa pacts, intensive rationalization and extensive subsidies to ship-building magnates—all these cures are steadily unfolding themselves as helpful as witches' ointments and high priests' prayers. In January the jobless army gained 239,558 recruits. Let no one confuse the recent rise of profits for the biggest exploiters with fundamental recovery or economic stability. The increase of 32.9% in profits registered by 468 of the largest British firms during the last quarter of 1934 only betrays and emphasizes the tragic mess of English economy.

IT is in such a setting and in such dark soil that deepgoing political changes are now maturing in Great Britain. When so astute a demagogue as Lloyd George pops up with a "New Deal" and his talk about vigor and vision for British policy arouse such a hearty response there's something brewing. Mosley is reorganizing his blackguards on a more openly military basis and brazenly declares: "Germany, in her great world mission, is the natural bulwark of European civilization against the Asiatic barbarian (U.S.S.R.) . . . which is now the chief menace to European culture." Labor moves for a vote of censure against the Baldwin Government, but its leaders dread being victorious in the coming election. It is as clear as broad and bright daylight that big things are soon to break in Great Britain. The roots of it all are found in the intolerable conditions to which the average British worker has been persistently sentenced. "Merry England" is still with us when the latest official Census of England and Wales Housing Report can disclose that: 56,000 families or 331,000 persons are now herded together at a density of four or more persons per room; 183,000 families or 1,071,000 persons at densities of three or more persons per room; and that nearly seven out of every hundred inhabitants were living overcrowded—that is two or more persons to a room. Now it is easier to understand why they say that the sun never sets on the British Empire. For hundreds of thousands of workers, especially in the metropolitan area, it never rises. All in all, not too quiet and none too bright surrounding for the syphilitic King George's Silver Jubilee on the preparation of which so many millions are being squandered. Keep your eye on the British workers. Some rough sailing on an uncharted sea is in store for Lombard Street before many a full moon shall have gone.

THE better half of Roosevelt's first administration is now gone. The moment is not inappropriate for stock-taking. Since the "Bank Holiday" much chop suey of worn-out platitudes has been fed to the workers. But what of the balance sheet? Persons on relief on January 1st, 1935, totaled 19,870,000 as against 15,090,000 on the corresponding date of 1934. The average worker's budget has become more unbalanced in the last two years thru food prices reaching a four years peak. A National sales tax is contemplated. Roosevelt takes the lead in depressing the wage levels by having the government act as pace-setter in lowering rates of pay. Cutting thru the illusions with which the New Deal has been hedged, we note that Executive Director Witte of the President's Economic Security Committee has assured Congress that: "We have never contemplated that this cost (3% unemployment insurance tax) should be borne by the employer. . . . It should be regarded as part of the wage bill." Well, well, what is this but less security thru more wage-cuts? Then, every worker has a right and duty

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Conservative Wins in Silk

TUUL Open Door To Williams

PATERSON, N. J.—The results of the elections here have more than justified the fears of the Progressives here that the Rank and File victory a few weeks ago would pave the way for the return of the conservative forces to power.

In the elections for General Manager caused by the protest resignation of Eli Keller, the conservative candidate Alec Williams received 939 votes as against 879 votes for the Rank and File candidate Sarkis Phillian.

Smarting under this defeat the Rank and File seeks to place responsibility for this defeat on the Progressives, claiming that Keller withdrew in order to leave the field clear for the conservative candidate. The truth of the matter is that the Progressive Group of Paterson stood squarely opposed to both Phillian and Alec Williams and placed in nomination for General Organizer—Eli Keller. Both conservative and Rank and File members of the election committee, fearing that Keller would cut into their vote, united in removing Keller from the ballot, just before the elections, under the excuse that he had just resigned and was not entitled to run again.

The Progressives have therefore been proven correct when they insisted that while the TUUL crowd may have ousted the Progressives thru an unholy alliance with the conservative elements in the union, that this very deed lays the basis for the defeat of the TUUL crowd itself.

PLAN DEFENSE FOR WARD RODGERS

Committee Formed To Fight
For Tenant Farm Leader
Under Indictment

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The case of Ward Rodgers, revolutionary socialist of Arkansas being tried for criminal syndicalism because of his efforts to organize the share croppers, is assuming national importance and is arousing various sections of the labor movement to his defense.

A Ward Rodgers defense committee was set up last week with representatives of the Socialist Party, Communist Party (Opposition), League for Industrial Democracy, Joint Board Dressmakers Union and other trade unions participating. Plans for broadening the committee and initiating a defense drive were mapped out.

The New View Club of Brooklyn, consisting of young workers and students, adopted a resolution at its last meeting pledging its assistance and calling for a broad united front in the defense campaign. The organization also sent a financial contribution towards the defense.

PROGRESSIVES ASK ACTION IN FORMING AUTO INTERNATIONAL

DETROIT, Mich.—Under the pressure of the mass of auto workers a number of important developments have taken place here. The resolutions for a general strike have caused the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. to take a direct hand. A series of giant mass meetings have been arranged in all auto centers. The first of these held in Cleveland turned out many thousands of workers.

At the same time the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has decided to set up a national organization in the Auto industry thru merging the federal locals into one International Union. No date or place has been set nor have the powers of this International union been clearly defined. The progressives are pressing for a clearer statement and for faster action to organize this national union.

The announcement of the plans to organize the union has led the Detroit organization to issue a call to all existing independent unions in the Auto industry to consider their merging with the A. F. of L.

A number of factory strikes and lock-outs in the Detroit area are lagging primarily due to the vacillation and lack of support from the leading officials and organizers.

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ROOSEVELT RULES THE ROOST IN CAPITAL BUT GREEN IS BALKING

Senators Shift on PWA Wage;
Wagner Invents New Board;
Anti-Red Law Planned

Back in the old days before Roosevelt sat on the throne in the White House people wrote books called "Washington Kaleidoscope" or "Capitol Merry-Go-Round." But under the dispensation of the New Deal these slow mechanical comparisons must be discarded for such titles as "Congressional Tornados" and the acute observer needs an extremely accurate stop watch to keep track of the twists and swirls of NR America.

Last week a new current came to the surface—one that will bear careful watching by the labor movement. The week began with Roosevelt holding only a pair of deuces and William Green raising the ante. The Senate Appropriation Committee had rejected the President's proposal to pay fifty dollars a month on public works in favor of the amendment sponsored by the AF of L for prevailing rates. But the President pulled a couple of aces from his sleeve, the committee reconsidered the question and finally adopted the Russell compromise. The amendment grants Roosevelt's point with the meaningless addition that in cases where prevailing rates are being "undermined" the President himself may grant a revision.

LOST—FAITH IN F.D.R.
FINDER RETURN TO WM. GREEN
It is an interesting sidelight on the

change in Green's attitude in the past few months that instead of accepting this compromise with some slushy expression of faith in our peerless leader, he denounced it for the fraud it is and promised to carry the fight to the floor of the Senate.

There is a very slight chance that the Senate will break with the President. The fifty dollar a month rate will go through but it is up to labor to stop it. Viewed from any angle this is the New Deal's rawest and most direct attack on living standards. It means in effect that a relief wage is going to become the accepted standard—that America will be turned into a paradise for industrialists and a slave state for workers.

But in the minor revolt in the Senate Appropriation Committee and in the increasing hostility of the American Federation of Labor Roosevelt forsores the end of the honeymoon. So the New Deal has broken up its united front. Its slogan is no longer "United we stand" but "Divide and conquer." Labor is to get a couple of new idols in the hope that the New Deal system will be entrenched beyond attack before the workers discover that these too have feet of clay.

One of these is Madame Perkins, secretary of labor, who felt very, very bad about the extension of the auto code. The other is Senator Wagner who introduced a new Labor Disputes Bill

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EUROPE TODAY

by August Thalheimer

SACRIFICIAL LAMB

As a result of an understanding between England and France, Abyssinia has been given over to Italy to do with as she likes. The question was not discussed at the sessions of the League of Nations. Abyssinia was referred to Italy for a direct "agreement"! What this agreement will result in can be judged from the fact that De Bono was appointed the leader of the Italian colonies on the boundaries of Abyssinia. De Bono is the organizer of the Fascist march on Rome, of the murder of Matteotti, and was the leader of the Libyan war.

Mussolini is evidently preparing for his "Mexican" battle.

NAZI TERROR RISES IN SAAR

The Saar will officially become a part of Hitler Germany on March 1st according to the decision of the League of Nations. In the meantime the responsibility for what happens in the Saar rests on the Governing Commission of the League of Nations supported by international troops.

The League of Nations has solemnly pledged itself to safeguard the anti-fascist minority from Nazi terror. Nevertheless Nazi terror has become so great that thousands of Saarlanders are fleeing, among them many women and children. The "guarantees" of the League of Nations proved to be nothing but hypocritical cynicism.

Hundreds of cases of maltreatment and persecution have already been reported. In general, however, the activities of the Nazis consist in systematically inciting the passions of their followers against the "national traitors," in threatening and slandering the anti-fascists so that after the official seizure of power they may release a bloody wave of terror. The anti-fascist press has been almost completely silenced.

The gentlemen on the governing commission and their troops have actually given all power to the Nazis. It is understood that this is the result of direct instructions of their governments.

The international working class must protest against the miserable conduct of the League of Nations and its organs and must give its moral and material support to the Saar workers.

"STATUS QUO" AND "LESSER EVIL"

The leaders of the German Social Democracy in Prague now denounce the slogan of the status quo as a slogan of "lesser evil" and oppose the united front with the Communists. This comes from the very ones who invented the slogan of the "lesser evil" and practiced it up to the moment of the debacle. During the struggle in the Saar these brave heroes were absolutely silent.

The leadership of the C.P.G., surprised by this defeat in the Saar is now completely disorientated and confused. It calls on the workers to continue the united front on a basis which in reality was Social-Democratic and the failure of which has been proven by facts. To quote from an official appeal of the C.P.

of the Saar:

"Workers of the Saar must resist the annexation of the Saar to Hitler fascism. The workers of the Saar have other weapons besides the ballot. The C. P. will make all efforts to apply also these weapons . . . and if Hitler fascism cannot be prevented from establishing its bloody rule, then . . ."

Yes, then what?

Everyone who knows the situation in the Saar today knows that these are empty phrases.

Events have strikingly confirmed the criticism and tactical proposals of the Communist Opposition. The C.P.G.O. opposed the decision of the C.P. to accept the Social Democratic slogan for the status quo and stood for the acceptance of the clear revolutionary slogan of a Soviet Saar which would have demonstrated to the workers that the Saar question could not be solved by either German, French or League of Nations imperialism and that the main emphasis should have been laid not on the plebiscite itself but on the mass actions of the workers. Events have brutally refuted the supposedly "realistic policy" of the official Party line in the Saar.

MARCH AND COUNTER MARCH

Directly following the Saar plebiscite Hitler again made a proposal to France and for this purpose again solemnly gave up the right to Alsace-Lorraine. The French big bourgeoisie however knows full well that German imperialism after its success in the Saar will cast longing glances towards the South and East, that is, towards Austria and the territory of the Little Entente. An imperialist compromise of France with Hitler Germany therefore means the giving up of the Little Entente and finally the giving up of the position that France holds in Europe today as the greatest power on the continent. The Nazis in Austria are already becoming more lively. Herr von Papen quickly returned to Vienna from the Saar in order to intrigue in the old manner. The German press considers the giving up of Alsace Lorraine as a great sacrifice to France. German diplomats are desperately trying to ditch the Eastern Pact and England is more or less obliging.

Due to the pressure of the Little Entente, which realizes the menace of Hitler more directly and has learned to appreciate the value of the Soviet Union as a counter force, France declared in Geneva thru Laval that the Eastern Pact would be concluded even without the signatures of Germany and Poland; that it had by no means become unnecessary because of the Rome agreement. The Little Entente had demanded that the Eastern pact should be concluded first before the Rome agreement was signed. England also accepted this line. According to French press reports English diplomatic representatives have received instructions recently to assure the diplomatic representative of the Soviet Union of the "permanent love" of England for the Eastern pact.

Red Austria Still Fights

February Tradition Not Lost

The first anniversary of the proletarian revolt in Austria has passed, and the Fascist government, set up a year ago by Dollfuss, still stands, the proletariat of Austria has spoken loudly and has made it known to the working class of the world that the beaten one year ago it is not defeated nor crushed, that it is strengthening itself and awaiting the moment when it can once again take the field against its fascist oppressors. The demonstrative action of the Austrian proletariat on the first anniversary of the February revolt is most encouraging and will strengthen the fighting spirit of the proletariat in Germany and Spain, under the rule of fascism, and of the proletariat in other countries as well.

Despite the most desperate measures of the Austrian police, assisted by Fascist troops, Austrian workers carried thru street demonstrations in the working class centers; held mass meetings in the woods, outwitting the spies and police; demonstratively doused lights in all proletarian homes for three hours; placed wreaths on the graves of the victims of the February insurrection and covered Austria with leaflets calling for intensified organization and resistance to Fascism.

We may well be proud of the fighting qualities of our Austrian class brothers. The most crafty wiles of the Fascist government directed at winning the support of the proletariat have been proven to be of no avail. The working class of Austria remains true to its revolutionary mission.

Another welcome development to be noted is that these effective actions were carried out thru united front action of the Communist Party and Social Democratic organizations. Under the heavy hand of fascist oppression the common battle lines of the working class are being forged and the prerequisites for successful proletarian revolt are being created.

These actions demonstrate the burning need of financial assistance to these working class fighters in Austria and Germany, Spain and Italy. More than that—the need of united front action before the advent of fascism is something we must learn and very quickly too.

ABYSSINIA PREY TO DUCE'S IMPERIALISM

Italy Mobilizes For Clean-Up
Campaign To Add African
Possessions

ABYSSINIA

—is the remnant of a once large nation. Successively France, Italy and England have bitten off large chunks. Now Italy plans to swallow the rest of it with its 10,000,000 people.

—is a feudal nation, poorly equipped in munitions and war supplies. It threatens to mobilize a million men who fighting a guerilla war in a hill country could cause Italy plenty of trouble.

ITALY

—in a feverish desire to establish a new "Roman Empire" will mobilize 250,000 men and \$850,000,000 to gobble up Abyssinia.

—has by the January 7th agreement with Laval received the "All clear, go ahead" signal from France.

—has completely silenced the League of Nations which has not even breathed the word "Abyssinia" since the shooting started.

The coming of the rainy season to Abyssinia and the looming threat of Hitler and Austrian "anschluss" united to give a temporary check to Mussolini's imperialism.

That it was only temporary, that in the spring Abyssinia will be the prey of Italy is shown by the continuance of Italian mobilization all during the negotiations with the Abyssinian envoys at Rome.

He Duce needs some reassurance on the home front. He has been searching for the right formula, attempting to make the skirmish at Afduh an insult to Roman prestige to give his imperialist adventure the proper flavor of a holy war. But Abyssinia has been embarrassingly prompt in granting his demands for a neutral zone, etc. In all likelihood before the actual mopping up starts we may expect to see another "provocative" act carefully engineered by Italian provocateurs which will so blacken Italy's honor that only rivers of Abyssinian blood can wipe it clean.

OVERDEAD HOGS AND STARVED CATTLE TESTIFY TO WASTE OF AAA METHODS

Terrific Spoilage of Relief Meat In Handling Indicts Administration

By JOHN FARMER

I am in a good position to diagnose the meat relief situation of the A.A.A. in this section of the country in regard to its efficiency and practicability. Beyond a shadow of a doubt the manner in which this part of the country operates the relief work is typical throughout the nation.

Making Relief Pork

I will take relief pork to begin with. In this country they butchered all the hogs that contract signers had over their allowed swine herd. On the morning of the slaughter, some of the relief workers went out with a truck and started killing hogs from one farm to the next. By the time they reached the truck's limit for dead hogs some of them were extremely dead for this was in hot weather. This meat if properly handled could have been very nourishing, but the way it was butchered was not conducive to a good appetite unless one was very hungry. Also I am sure that the methods of meat curing would not comply with the Pure Food Laws.

The hogs above thirty pounds were prepared in this slipshod fashion, for what is considered to be edible meat for the unemployed. The hogs under thirty pounds were buried in a deep hole in mother earth.

Burying The Dead

An interesting and destructive bit of discipline was carried out by one of the tools of the boss class in the person of a county commissioner. The men who were burying these hogs were on relief and consequently in need. So they cleaned five or six of the largest of these little pigs and laid them by to take home with them—but the commissioner appeared on the scene and compelled the laborers to "lay these little swine to rest with their brethren and sisters."

Cold Comfort

Our county paper carried the following statement: "About one-third of approximately 11,000 pounds of pork which was placed in cold storage in the ice-plant, when excess pigs in the county were slaughtered, is a loss because of spoilage."

The paper then goes on to say that the meat was packed too close together for proper ventilation before cooling. Any ten-year old farm youth with a speck of judgment would not pile fresh meat in excessive piles even if the temperature were sixty degrees below zero.

The county also puts itself on the back because some counties have had as large a total loss. Still promoting that threadbare idea that you should be happy if you can see some one worse off than yourself.

Each of these individual cases of spoiled meat doesn't sound so large but total all the ninety-three counties of our state and add the amount spoiled in other states, due to improper care—the sum would surprise even a person wise to the graft and waste of this foolish system.

And The Same With Cattle

The cattle buying department of the drought relief was managed with about the same degree of efficiency. The proof of this efficiency was well emphasized by the type of men who handled the pasturing and marketing of nearly three thousand head of relief cattle on an island in this county. This island was fit for taking care of about three hundred head of the same kind of cattle. The cattle were all shipped in from drought counties where they had become half starved and in this locality they were also half starved (the last half).

When the cattle first started arriving there was plenty of grass, even if the hay had been cut off, but after the first thousand or two hungry cattle started eating the surplus was exhausted and the foliage was stripped from the trees as high as the cattle could reach.

We Plead Complete Ignorance

The man that put up the hay had many difficulties collecting for his labor as he had to deal with men who were entirely ignorant of the subject of hay measurement. Other proofs of inefficiency that are too numerous to mention were displayed by these managers.

The aforesaid drew good wages for their efforts and were acquainted with this work about as well as some of the Workers Age staff would be.

Not To Mention Digesting The Meat

The cattle were shipped to certain markets and slaughtered for the poor. A large portion of the relief money will be, necessarily, for dental work because an ordinary person's teeth will not be sharp enough to penetrate this meat.

Why Not Make The Rich Pay?

How long will it be until people understand this system of forcing the working class to support the masses crowded out of employment by the exploiting group, and also leaving all the channels of graft open so that the same exploiting group may prosper by the said "Poor Relief."

If we must rob the poor to feed the starving, let us—the poor people—see that the starving are really fed.

CHILD LABOR-

N. Y. Rejects Amendment

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The Amendment in 1933, before the question of regulating the use of newsboys arose under the code, have turned against it editorially since then. The pressure was most persuasive. Tooth and nail the press has fought the Amendment not only editorially but through mishandling of news. Here was the most powerful of the opposition forces. Press profits were endangered.

Employers' Associations Aid Sweatshops

An analysis of the occupations in which children work today will reveal that Big Business is not threatened in any competitive fashion by their existence. However, Big Business will aid the sweatshop owners whenever worthy social legislation is on the order of the day. Here, in addition, they did have a stake—press profits! Thus all the energies of the State Economic Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and Associated Industries, was thrown into the battle against ratification. Big Business and the tiny sweatshops united in this campaign and no one can deny them the fact that they possess peculiar and unique powers in persuading legislators of the righteousness of their practices. These two forces constitute the third party involved in the murder. They worked overtime to defeat ratification. Letter No. 24 issued by the New York State Economic Council on February 1, 1935, declares:

"SO-CALLED 'CHILD' LABOR AMENDMENT KILLED. No Council leaflets this week—but let's tell you. So-called Federal 'Child' Labor Amendment is dead—overwhelmingly defeated in Senate Judiciary Committee. CREDIT TO LEGISLATURE. Refusal (thus far) of Legislature to pass these ill-conceived, half-baked measures, even under guise of reform, or whatever the pretext, is a credit to members of both parties in both houses. Shows how responsive our legislators are when the folks at home speak out. Shows how effective the letters, telegrams, telephone calls, really are when they come from earnest citizens. Probably you find it an effort to respond to our requests to get after your legislators. Takes time to do it intelligently. Yet it is nearly always the only method that will cause a member of legislature to vote against something a blatant, noisy minority wants."

Child Labor Still Rampant

In homework, in street trades, and in agriculture, child labor flourishes as never before. A study made in March 1934 at the request of Mr. Robert Straus of the New York Compliance Board of the N.R.A. revealed the horrors of child labor in homework. Hundreds of children working at midnight, in the early hours of morning, for a few cents an hour. Diseases of every type flourishing in these hell-holes. Similar studies in Connecticut and Pennsylvania point to the imperative need of the Federal Child Labor Amendment. Not that under our present system we can hope for a solution of the problems, but the tangle of issues obscuring the heart of our economic chaos can be more clearly seen by the working class.

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TOY WORKERS WIN COMPLETE VICTORY

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The general strike of Stuffed Toy Workers, led by A. F. of L. federal local 18230, ended with a complete victory of the 600 workers involved. The agreement signed calls for union recognition; closed shop; 10% increase for those making \$25 or less; 7½% increase for those earning over \$25; time and one third for overtime; manufacturers agree not to move firms during life of this agreement. Special provisions were also made raising the wages of learners. Employers further agreed to make no discriminations whatever against those who were active in the course of the strike.

Sub-Getters Rewarded

Prizes to Age Boosters were awarded at a gala party staged in Rivera Hall on Feb. 16.

Copies of "Portrait of America" were awarded to star sub-getters including B. Herman, Anna Fox, Eva Shleeter and Sam Tiger.

WASHINGTON-

New Deal in Old Double-Cross

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in the Senate this week.

Wagner is best known for his introduction of the wholly fraudulent Roosevelt Social Security bill. But now he has "broken" with the President. He is going to be the new champion of labor, this time by setting up a Supreme Court of Labor to replace the National Labor Relation Board.

In speaking of his Supreme Court, which is to have the power to issue stop orders and to take cases directly to law, powers not possessed by the NLRB, Wagner says it "will make the worker a free man." He fails to remark, however, on the double edged nature of this new weapon; that a board which can hale the employer into court can also hale the union, and if past experience is any guide, will hale the unions much more often than the employer. Senator Wagner's particular bit of freedom looks very much like an anti-strike move and no matter how loudly the Senator and the President proclaim that they have come to the parting of the ways, labor will do well to consider them the two faces of the same coin.

DICKSTEIN COMMITTEE VERSUS NAZIS

In another corner of the capitol the long awaited Dickstein committee report was delivered to the House, on subversive influences undermining our sacred American institutions of home, mother, the flag and profits. In 15,000 words the report presented facts pretty well known by this time. It vouched for General Smedley Butler's testimony that he had been offered the leadership of a Fascist movement, discrediting the denials of the broker's clerk Maguire. It definitely indicted the Friends of New Germany as a Nazi group directed and financed by Hitler. It linked the German Embassy and the late super-press agent, Ivy Lee, to this Nazi propaganda.

The report, after dealing with the activities of Communists in the United States, ended up with a series of vicious proposals to be made into law. These include a strengthening of the deportation laws, a Sedition act directed against propaganda among the armed forces and a sort of a national criminal-syndicalism law, providing that it be made unlawful "to advocate changes in a manner that incites to the overthrow or destruction by force or violence of the Government of the United States or any State." These repressive measures, reminiscent of the Palmer raid days after the world war, are going to be very, very ineffective in combatting Nazism but extremely useful in an ardent persecution of Communists—and, let it be added, Socialists and militant trade unionists. They are part and parcel of the New Deal machine with its fifty dollar a month wage scales, its Supreme Court of Labor, its big navy policy and its elaborate war mobilization plans. The face is the face of Democratic Liberties but the voice is the voice of Fascist Slavery.

THE WAY OUT FOR THE AMERICAN NEGRO

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BISCUITS-

Boycott Winning For Strikers

"You Donceda Biscuit 'till the strike is over" is the attitude of organized labor in New York in supporting the very successful consumers boycott started by the striking employees of the National Biscuit Company.

Entering the seventh week of the strike the three thousand New York workers led by the Inside Bakery Workers Union were in fighting form with high hopes of a victory and union recognition. Two thousand more workers are on strike in four other plants throughout the country. Some material aid to the militant spirit of the strikers was in prospect as the Central Trades and Labor Council considered their plea that a strike relief organization be set up to solicit funds from the unions of New York.

Effective picketing of grocery stores has resulted in a terrific drop in orders for National biscuits. Practically all independent stores and even the chain stores have stopped displaying or advertising NBC products. Scab trucks are still running from the plant but they run three-quarters empty in a vain effort to convince the strikers that business is going on as usual.

"The ranks have held solid," said Bill Galvin, youthful leader of the New York federal local. "The only people at work in the plant are the bosses, their wives, sons, daughters, nephews and a few unemployed friends who don't know any better. Despite the efforts of the NBC to approach individual workers and force them back by threats no union members are scabbing."

AT FIRST GLANCE-

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to be suspicious over the fact that the latest issue of the Monthly Labor Review of the U. S. Dept. of Labor features the problem of trade union incorporation and stresses "the possibility of the reappearance of the question of trade union incorporation as a phase of the changing status of labor organizations." Lastly, no more fitting marker could be chosen by Roosevelt for his grand midway than his tobacco code. Ten dollars for a 40 hour week! This is the latest version of the N.R.A., the highest spectacle of the Blue Eagle! In the country's most prosperous industry is decreed the lowest minimum wage of any important industry in the U. S. And what a fitting cap for this climax! The head of the N.R.A., (S. Clay Williams), is a dominant figure in this latest codified industry. Who was it who said: "Thieves for their robbery have authority, when judges steal themselves.?" He said it. And said it well. This must be uppermost in every worker's second thoughts on Roosevelt's first two years.

F. D. SETS PACE FOR WAGE CUTS

ROOSEVELT proposed in his latest "relief" scheme to have the government employ workers at wages far below the too-low scales prevailing in private industry. This is very serious. Generally the government standards are models for wage payments by private industry. Thus, Roosevelt has given the signal for wage cutting thruout all industry. Who asked the question: Whose democracy is this anyhow?

IF things keep up as they have been going in the last few years the astronomers in the White House will have to draw inspiration from other planets in order to secure some balance in the Federal budget, let alone balance in private industry. From 1929 to 1933 the Federal Government's yearly deficit averaged \$1,400,000,000. It is now clear that from 1933 to 1936 the Federal Government's yearly deficit will average at least \$4,000,000,000. By the time Roosevelt will begin thinking of starting a second term in the White House the total Federal debt will be at least \$35,000,000,000 or more than double what it was on Christmas eve of 1930.

Who is going to pay for all of this? The answer is simple. The workers and poorer farmers, the lower middle classes, will foot the bill in the last resort unless they wake up, kick up a lot of dust, and kick out a lot of parasites.

MAYOR TO PROVIDE SCABS FOR STRIKE

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The strike of the building service employees is assuming a serious turn. The threatened general strike has brought representatives of the Department of Labor rushing to New York, in an attempt to forestall action. At the same time Mayor LaGuardia, the famous "friend of labor" has announced that police and firemen will be gotten to replace the strikers.

UNION NOTES--

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Zackass Trade Unionism

It would be a dull world indeed if the picturesque swashbuckling of the C.P.'s dual unionist line at its "best" were to disappear from the American trade union scene. But in thumbing thru the pages of the Jewish Day (thereby betraying our non-aryan ancestry) I find that such is not to be. Here is an article by Joseph Zack, the recently discovered trade union specialist of the Workers Party, in which the crassest type of dual unionism is found in full flower. The most characteristic expression in the article is the one in which Zack insists that to send workers to the A.F. of L. is like sending a healthy person to a bad doctor with the result that he is bound to become diseased.

So, while the Communist Party moves, in its own devious ways, in the direction of a saner tactical approach the Workers Party of Muste and Cannon reverses the process and moves into the vacated premises of dual unionism.

Strike Figures

The Department of Labor reports that during the month of November there were in progress 195 strikes involving 100,712 workers. Industrial disputes accounted for 1,310,613 man-days lost during the same month.

SHOES--

Too Much Faith In New Code?

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misinforming the National Office on prices, have aggravated and complicated this task even more. The districts do not yet think in terms of the union as a whole but in terms of their own districts or towns. The establishment of a centralized organization, a progressive union leadership and an energetic campaign against sectionalism, is indispensable if the present demoralized situation is to be overcome.

The Boot and Shoe Code

The provisions of the Code in the Boot and Shoe Industry are almost identical with the President's blanket code. The absence of a single powerful union made it impossible to force the adoption of a better code. Without a powerful union even the best of codes will not improve the conditions of the workers.

Judging by the experiences of other unions with Codes and Code Authorities it appears that our union is holding out too much hope for the reopening of the code. Unless the fight for the reopening of the code is accompanied by an intensive organization drive and preparations for a general strike we will secure little if anything.

Our union has made some progress in organizing some locals in Maine and in the middle West. But it would be a mistake to believe that these open shop centers can be organized without a general strike. The preparation for a general strike is a life and death question if our union is to become a truly national organization. Simultaneously the union must do everything in its power to complete amalgamation.

These important tasks can be accomplished, if and when the serious minded, constructive forces in our union will organize themselves into a progressive group and become the driving force.

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