



Organized Labor Under the NRA

Company Unions Gain Under the NRA
A survey of collective bargaining under the NRA was made by the Industrial Conference Board.

Green Admits the NRA Cannot Help Real Wages
The March issue of the American Federationist admits that the NRA cannot help the workers obtain an increase in real wages.

International Workers School Notes

Two New Courses Are Being Started This Week
1. Elementary Russian: This is a course for beginners to be given by comrade S. Weber.

GRAMMERCY 5-9524
This is the phone number of the Militant, The Communist League and the International Workers School.

Organizing the Home Relief Workers

About three months ago a group of workers in the Emergency Home Relief Bureau, under the pressure of intolerable working conditions and miserable wages, called an open meeting of Home Relief workers for the purpose of laying the basis for organization.

Seeing the tremendous response of the workers to the first call for organization, they immediately called a meeting of the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE and there laid their plans for "capturing" the organization.

Just as soon however the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE, which managed to get themselves elected to the most important posts in the organization (by 6 votes) in the city committee, by virtue of their coming in as a bloc, took over the reins of the Association they started a vicious factional campaign against everyone who dared disagree and oppose their policies.

Discussions on these questions, although important in themselves, were nevertheless irrelevant to the immediate problems facing the organization. And when workers saw that the meetings never even got around to discussing the first point on the agenda, due to the intrusion of delegates from other organizations who insisted, with the help of the Stalinist officers, that they refused to come to meetings and became inactive in the organization.

Needless to say they have been too busy with their factional activity to do any real work in the organization. Since the INITIATIVE COMMITTEE has been disbanded and they have had control of the organization nothing has been accomplished. Many of the problems on which the INITIATIVE COMMITTEE had begun negotiations with the Administration, such as pay for sick leave, which was promised—and some procedure for collective bargaining with the administration, have not been pressed.

Greek Workers' Club "Protomagia"

The Greek Workers Club "Protomagia" now has its own headquarters and reading room at 683 Eighth Avenue, Manhattan (between 40th and 41st Streets).

The Club intends to hold regular lectures every Sunday night and to conduct an agitation among the Greek workers to enroll them for active participation in the class struggle.

Announcements of other activities will appear in subsequent issues of The Militant under this heading. Watch for them.

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Australian Youth Organizations

Despite the existing conditions, which are favorable for organizing the youth, we find that the majority of the young Australian workers are unorganized.

Even the Australian Labour Party, which has the support of the majority of the workers in Australia, has only recently established A. L. P. Younger Sets. However, these Younger Sets are essentially social clubs, which occasionally pass resolutions of confidence in "Jack Lang" the leader of the A. L. P., and sell buttons during election campaigns.

Valuable attempts have been made by the Young Communist League—Australian section of the Young Communist International—to organize the youth at various times, and it is these attempts that we shall endeavour to deal with in this article.

MEMBERSHIP

From what we know, there is no country in the world, except the Soviet Union, in which the Y. C. L. is in any way strong numerically, or near the size of the Party. Its membership is continually fluctuating and has no ideological level.

MARCH OF EVENTS

MANHATTAN HOUSING. East side, West side, the fetrapes of Manhattan have taken their toll of sixteen lives of women and children in recent weeks.

These old tenement houses "paid for themselves" many times over with the exorbitant rents squeezed out of the poor. But the landlords have never an eye for the main chance, in this case the unloading of an investment that no longer pays on the city.

On the basis of what is mentioned above, coupled with practical experience of working in the Y. C. L., we have come to the conclusion that the Young Communist League which sets itself up as the political vanguard of one section of the working class, is simply a juvenile Communist Party in a mutilated form.

SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONAL FORM

The following is a brief outline of what we consider a superior method of working among the youth. That the youth question be taken up by a youth department set up within the party.

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TROYANOVSKY -- 1916 AND 1934

In 1916, when Lenin and Trotsky were struggling to reorganize the collapsed international labor movement, Alexander Troyanovsky, now Soviet ambassador to the U. S. A., published in Zurich, Switzerland, a pamphlet entitled Do We Need An International? There he vigorously assailed Karl Radek and his "disciple" Lenin for their theory that only a socialist revolution could defeat imperialism, called them "extremists" and deserters of the class struggle, criticized the Zimmerwald and Kienthal Conferences for being insufficiently internationalist, and offered instead a program, formulated, according to Troyanovsky's statement, by Kautsky.



EDITORIAL

The Furriers' Problem

IN many respects the situation in the fur trade, reported by a correspondent in last week's Militant, presents a unique trade union problem.

On the face of it the attempt to impose the International on the furriers is an attempt to force them to accept an organization chosen for them by the bosses.

An exactly analogous case is not to be found anywhere in the American trade union movement.

Besides that, the leadership and internal regime of the furriers' section do not speak for its future either. The paralyzing bureaucracy—characteristic of all Stalinist organizations—says nothing of the systematic errors—also characteristic of Stalinism—weigh in the scale against the union and mark it for the same doom that has befallen all the other Stalinist unions.

The role of the Lovestonites in this situation is particularly revealing, both as to the ultimate logic of their trade union policy and as to the essentially opportunistic political character of this group.

The Lovestonite policy of supporting the A. F. of L. at all costs, which led them to an objective support of Lewis against the heroic struggle of the Progressive Miners, has brought them to the shabby role of agents for the fakers in the case of the furriers.

HONOR AMONG THIEVES

Postmaster General Farley, the former prize-fight commissioner, who promoted Roosevelt into the presidency, stated Sunday that there was more honesty and truthfulness among politicians than any other class of his acquaintances.

The recently deceased Moe Rosenberg, second-hand dealer and pay-off man for the Insull-Capone gang in Chicago revealed to the Federal Income Tax Department that he had on his pay-roll the former mayor, Tony Cermak, to the tune of \$95,000, and numerous aldermen and other democratic and republican politicians.

In Welfare Island Prison, politicians of the Farley stable were shown to be on a somewhat lower plane than the imprisoned gangsters and the degenerate male prostitutes who cooperated with them in robbing the general run of prisoners.

Finally there's the New York City Home for the Destitute, where the honorable Mr. Farley's "most honest and truthful" politicians robbed the aged, the crippled, the blind, and the feeble-minded. Savings of old and illiterate scrub-women stolen by trusted officials. These officials using the unfortunate inmates' dread of a nameless grave in Pottery Field as a threat, forced them to turn over insurance policies and savings accounts into their hands.

When, by accident or otherwise, the veil is removed from the political life of the nation, corruption, graft, and thieving is shown. These are but the sores which, breaking through the skin, give evidence of the rotten condition in the body of capitalism. And hars, crooks, and grafters, though they be, we may grant to Farley that the politicians are just as "honest" as the Insulls, Morgans, Staviskys, Rockefeller, Krugers, Mellons, and Harrimans, whose creatures they are.

Minor and Stalin Bob Minor can always be depend-

the perspectives of the Stalinist union, must respect the attitude of the majority of the workers who support it and fight in the ranks beside them.

Inside the Stalinist union, however, the militants should fight for a realistic policy that would open up the perspectives for success in the struggle which are not too bright with the present policy and leadership.

The heart of such a strategy is the fight for unity, not only of the furriers but of all the needle trades workers. Nobody in his right senses can imagine that such unity is to be realized under the banner of the T. U. U. L.

In order to do so it is necessary for them to overcome prejudices against affiliation to the A. F. of L.—prejudices against the course of a mass movement are quite futile anyway.

First, it can demand a charter from the International with only one condition: that the local retain its autonomy and the right to choose its own officials.

If such proposals are made known to all the furriers, and combined with a widespread agitation for unity throughout the needle trades, they will awaken a hearty response from the workers, strengthen the sagging morale of the Left wing and put an enormous pressure on the officials of the International.

The Stalinist bureaucrats in charge of the Left wing furriers' union, of course, will oppose such a strategy and will try to suppress any free discussion of it in the union.

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Saturday, March 31st IRVING PLAZA 15th St. and Irving Place Get your tickets now, only 35c in advance at the International Workers School, 126 E. 16th St.

Revolutionary Youth Meet in International Conference at Luxemburg

(Continued from page 1)

- 1. The I. C. L. which could not send delegates. 2. The American, French, Belgian, German and Swiss sections of the I. C. L. 3. The Socialist Youth Association of Germany (SAP).

With the opening of the conference it was found that while a smaller number of delegates were present, actually, all the organizations assembled in Holland were represented at Luxemburg.

The reports formed the introduction to the political discussion. The political discussion of the international situation and the tasks of the youth was the most important question of the conference.

Proposals of S. A. P. Youth The representatives of the SAP, elaborating on their thesis, presented the unique, and not entirely new, point of view, that it is necessary to win the broad masses of workers

and worker youth to the support of and following such an event to then conference on principled questions declare and work for the new international. The comrades argued that while they agreed to the necessity of the new international, it was not the decisive question.

The SAP concluded their discussion with the proposal: to accept their thesis which did not contain the necessary declaration for the new international and the new youth international. Following the acceptance of this, to elect a buro, with a secretariat located at Stockholm which would have as its tasks the work of rallying the broad masses of youth around the banner of the principles contained in the thesis.

These proposals were unacceptable to the delegation of the I. C. L. which decided to reject the motions. To us it was inconceivable that the proposed Paris buro could carry on an intense activity for the new youth international without at the same time working and agitating for it on the basis of the principles of communism, which could not and should not be separated from the question of the new international.

The Stockholm buro which would stand on the position that the social democracy and Stalinism were bankrupt, would carry on its work without telling the workers what to do. We demonstrated that to wait until mass national organizations were in existence before building the new international could lead to nowhere, and that it was inverted "internationalism", since the reorganization and reassembling of the new organization of the working class could only be on the basis of the existence of the international movement.

After an intense and protracted discussion, agreement was reached between the two tendencies at the conference. The representative of the Socialist Youth Association (S. A. P.) proposed them to include in their thesis the clauses for the new youth international and the new international, to elect one buro with its secretariat at Stockholm, which would have the task of realizing the decisions of the conference in practice.

MILITANT PLEDGE FUND

Our call for weekly or monthly pledges to help sustain The Militant has brought some immediate results as evidenced by the list printed below.

We take this opportunity to make a special appeal to our readers and sympathizers to pledge definite weekly or monthly sums as a concrete manifestation of their interest in The Militant and the cause it represents.

In spite of the many difficulties, The Militant has continued publication regularly over a period of five and a half years, coming out as a tri-weekly on two special occasions. This was made possible only by tremendous sacrifices.

The Pledge Fund, if promptly and regularly remitted, can help to overcome these difficulties, stabilize the paper, and permit us the hope of making it a bi-weekly soon.

- THE PLEDGERS BROOKLYN BRANCH, LOCAL N. Y. 1. Paul King .25 weekly 2. G. Wright .50 weekly 3. E. Konikow .25 weekly 4. M. Beardslee 1.00 weekly 5. M. Sterling .25 weekly 6. F. Victor .50 weekly 7. J. Weber .50 weekly 8. S. Gordon .50 weekly 9. El Stone .25 weekly 10. M. Kling .50 monthly 11. S. Bleeker .50 monthly 12. T. Smith 1.00 weekly SYMPATHIZERS 13. A Teacher 1.00 weekly

it possible, with the acceptance of our proposals on the new international, to agree to the motions. All the other organizations present—with the exception of the Norwegian Workers Party—accepted the theses. As a result the basis for the creation of two buros became non-existent.

Appeal to All Revolutionary Youth With the above political basis laid, the conference proceeded to the more practical questions of the future. It was decided by the conference to extend invitations to all independent revolutionary youth organizations, including those organizations within the official international, who show leftward tendencies, to attach themselves to the decisions of the conference.

It was further decided to create a secretariat of this buro, consisting of three members and made up of representatives of the Socialist Youth Association (SAP) the Independent Communist Youth of Sweden, and the International Communist League, with its center at Stockholm.

Thus, the conference dispersed by the Dutch police, became a reality through the efforts of the ICL and the SAP. After a day of sharp and intensive discussion of a comradely character, we succeeded in overcoming the differences of the conference, and arriving at an agreement which makes possible for us to go a step forward.

The real work lies ahead. Everything depends upon how the buro and its secretariat proceeds to realize the conference decisions in life. This, after all, is decisive. In our opinion, the executive must emulate the activities of the International of Socialist Youth during

March Young Spartacus

The March issue of Young Spartacus contains articles interesting both to militants in the movement and the young workers coming to Communism. It features the lessons of the Austrian events and includes several articles on the war danger, the hotel strike, the tasks of the Spartacus Youth Clubs, and report of the New York Yipfel convention.

Plans are being made to publish Young Spartacus as an eight-pager regularly every month. Branches of the League and Spartacus Youth Clubs should immediately pay for their bundles. Yearly subs at the low price of twenty-five cents can easily be obtained if the paper appears regularly. Let us hear from you!

Salt Lake City OPEN FORUM Every Sunday 7:30 P. M. 1318 E. Second St. South Auspices: Communist League of A.

continued to carry the banner of internationalism and proletarian revolution. It must be an active body alive to the needs of the hour.

Because of the hurried character of the conference it was unable to discuss separately, nor to work out a concrete program of action on the war danger. Similarly with the question of Fascism and the struggle to win the mass of working youth. These are fundamental questions that have to be acted upon and solved by the leading body.

The youth organizations of the Internationalist Communist League will do all in their power to further this work. The buro can rely upon our active initiative and support in this direction. We feel confident that an application of the decisions of the conference, a persistent and intense activity on the part of the buro and the sections adhering to the conference, will make possible the creation of a mass Communist youth international based on the principles of Marxism.

Correcion

To the Editor of The Militant: Dear Comrade:

In cutting down my article "Organizing the CWA White Collar Workers" (March 17th) to about half its size, the blue pencil produced some errors. Particularly, in telescoping the last part of the article into one paragraph, I was made to say: "The Lovestonites must be forced to break their bloc with Socialist and reactionary elements", etc. As a matter of fact, in this particular situation, the Socialists are very valuable elements; and though some of them are following the Lovestonites in their unprincipled bloc, others of them are with the Progressive Group.

—EMERGENCY EMPLOYEE. (Ed. Note.—The error complained of above was made in the editorial office. Our correspondent was not responsible and we are glad to make the correction and to concur with his opinion regarding the socialist workers in the CWA.)

Shachtman Tour Los Angeles

MASS MEETING "DO WE NEED A NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN AMERICA?"

MUSIC ARTS HALL In Advance 10c, at Door 15c 233 South Broadway Tickets obtainable at: 224 S. Spring St., Room 218

LIONEL TRILLING

Noted Lecturer and Writer will speak on THE PROBLEMS OF A REVOLUTIONARY NOVELIST at the SPARTACUS YOUTH CLUB 126 East 16th St. on THURSDAY, March 29th, 1934 Admission Free

N.Y. Printers Demand Unionization

RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY MASS MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENT PRINTING EMPLOYEES Thursday, March 15, 1934.

WHEREAS The code signed by the President for the Graphic Art's Industry promises to improve conditions among the unorganized but fails to provide the means to achieve this betterment, and WHEREAS This code does not meet the burning problem of unemployment since it refuses to grant a thirty hour week, and WHEREAS The code as well as previous conditions in the typographical industry causes a deadly competition between union and unorganized men setting up different wage scales to the detriment of all THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That we, 500 printers assembled in mass meeting in Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Avenue, New York City, March 15th, 1934, under the auspices of the Independent Printing Employees. RESOLVED That the only way to eliminate the competition between printers and the deplorable conditions among the unorganized as well as to take advantage in any way of code provisions is by complete unionization of the industry and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That complete unionization can be attained only by the opening of the books of the union of the Allied Printing Trades Council and the admission of all the unorganized printers, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this meeting calls upon the unions to proceed immediately to open their books to every employee in the industry.