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## AARON GROSS DEAD!

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Aaron Gross, militant needle trades worker and Communist, died here on Saturday, Jan. 3, 11:30 P. M., of heart failure.

Comrade Gross was born January 28, 1893, at Chranow, Poland. He came to the United States just before the war and immediately became active in the struggle of the needle workers in this country. He had been a member of the Social Democratic Party in Germany and thus passed into the Communist movement here. From its very organization he became a leading member of the Communist Party (Majority Group).

## 'LEFTS' SHOW STRENGTH AT CITY CONVENTION OF SOCIALIST PARTY

### Muster 41 Against 61 on Trade Union Question; Sharp Conflict on Soviet Union Resolution

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—By a vote of 61 to 41 the right wing bureaucracy in the Socialist Party of New York defeated the trade union resolution of the Stanley left wing group.

Both resolutions were presented to the city convention of the S. P. which opened on Saturday, December 27, with some 150 delegates in attendance. Even before the official opening of the convention it was evident from the heated discussions in the corridors that there would be plenty of "fire works," as one delegate put it. The three questions on which sharp differences existed in the committee that prepared the resolutions, were the unemployment question, the trade union question and the attitude to be taken toward the Soviet Union.

The unemployment issue in the discussion on unemployment, and the presentation of the Unemployment Insurance Bill, the left wing failed to score. They satisfied themselves with a criticism of the S. P. failures to develop an unemployment movement and by submitting a series of non-committal motions, all of which, with one exception, were accepted unanimously.

## Scientist Sees Era of World War and End of Capitalism

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 30.—In a paper presented to the American Anthropological Association meeting here, Dr. Leslie A. White, assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, declared that the capitalist system of society is doomed everywhere, to be supplanted, as it has been in Russia, by a further stage of social development. He also sharply criticized former Secretary of State Kellogg who recently asserted in his Nobel prize speech, that "there was no possibility of another war." Dr. White's paper was entitled "An Anthropological Appraisal of the Russian Revolution."

## GREEN TRIES TO SMASH VA. STRIKE

### Tells Danville Workers To End Strike, Submit to Arbitration

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 31.—In addressing seven thousand workers, mostly strikers, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, urged the ending of the strike. He "suggested" that the men and women on strike return to work and that the "dispute" be submitted to a board of arbitration headed by Admiral Ryd or former governor Harry F. Byrd.

## Eastern Railway Consolidation Planned by Hoover

### Economic Situation and Coming War Preparations Factors in Gigantic Merger; Will Drive At Least 75,000 Men Out of Work; Workers Must Demand Six Hour Day; Railway Unions Must Be Amalgamated

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A plan for consolidating all Eastern railways (with the exception of New England) into four great systems was announced on December 30 by President Hoover for the conference of Eastern railway executives called together by him. Hoover declared that the plan was the result of a series of meetings, held in New York City, of the executives of the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, and the Nickel Plate systems.



## ATTACK MARINES IN NICARAGUA

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 1.—Eight United States marines were killed and two wounded yesterday in a skirmish between a Marine patrol and a band of Nicaraguan Sandinista revolutionaries. This is the first serious clash since November. It is expected that it signifies the opening of a new offensive by Agustino Sandino. Whether this will mean a revival of the anti-imperialist movement in Nicaragua is not yet clear.

**VERY IMPORTANT!**  
New York Members of the C.P. Majority Group MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Friday Evening, January 9, 1931 at 63 Madison Avenue  
Subject: Recent Developments in the Socialist Party, the CPLA, and the Tasks of the Communists.  
Reporter: WILL HERBERG.  
BE SURE TO BE PRESENT!  
National Bureau Communist Party of the USA (Majority Group)

## PEASANTS REVOLT IN SMYRNA

Under Reactionary Cloak Discontent of Masses Expresses Itself  
**REPRESSION PLANNED**  
ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 30.—Vigorous measures are being taken by the Turkish government at Ankara to suppress a serious rising that has broken out and spread in the Menemen area of the Smyrna province. Martial law has been declared throughout the province and additional troops have been sent to the affected areas. These measures followed an all-day session of the People's party (the ruling party of Mustafa Kemal) held at Ankara.

## Civil Liberties Union Will Fight Deportation

The Civil Liberties Union will seek to have a deportation order against Wolf Gordin of New York revoked and the bail of \$500 cancelled. Gordin while on route to California by bus, was carried across the Mexican border at El Paso and back into the United States at some point in Arizona, where he was arrested and held for deportation on the charge of "illegal entry." Gordin was born in Russia and has lived in America for several years. As he cannot be deported to the country of his birth so long as there are no diplomatic relations with that country, the American Civil Liberties Union will contend, as it has done successfully in similar cases, that it is improper for the Labor Department to hold him indefinitely under bail.

## QUICK "REVOLT" WINS IN PANAMA

Apparently U. S. Inspired Rebellion Triumphs  
PANAMA CITY, Jan. 4.—The government of the Republic of Panama, headed by President Florencio Harmodio Arosemena, was overthrown early January 2 in a rapid-fire revolt. A provisional government, headed by Harmodio Arias, was established. Senior Arias commented very touchingly on the "good offices" of the United States minister Davis. It is significant also that one of the first acts of the rebels was carefully to protect the United States banks in Panama City (Chase and National City) so that "not even the papers on the desks were disturbed."

## REVISED TARIFF IN FORCE IN CHINA; LIKIN TAXES ALSO ABOLISHED

But Measures Are Only On Paper As Nanking Can Not Carry Thru Any Real Reform Policy  
SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—The Nanking government has announced that on January 1 the new higher tariff schedule will go into effect and that on the same date all likin and similar taxes will be abolished.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31.—A new revolt has broken in South China. Chang Pa-wei, the leader of the old "iron-sides," and Pai Chung-shai, leader of a Kwangsi faction, have joined forces to invade the Yunnan province. In this they are aided by two Yunnanese generals who have revolted against General Yun Lung, Nanking's governor of Yunnan.

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AARON GROSS—AN APPRECIATION

AARON GROSS is dead! Leader of so many working class struggles, valiant fighter on behalf of the furriers, on behalf of the needle trades workers, on behalf of the labor movement, on behalf of the workers of America and the entire world—he died in the struggle.

Together with Ben Gold and as the real brains of the combination, he led the big and successful struggles against the bosses, police, gangsters, and A. F. of L. bureaucrats in the fur industry. Beaten and strabbed on the picket line, he lay for months in the hospital and emerged to return immediately to the struggle.

A member of the National Committee of the CP-Majority Group he kept his place in its leadership until the ravages of the dread disease that possessed him had gone too far. Then he went to California—"tired of the struggles" ran the shameful comment of the official Party—and strove to build and strengthen our movement on the West Coast, till the very moment of his death.

He died loyal to his cause, his party and his class. He died fighting! His life was not as long as many but such a life is not measured in years but in acts. He lived more, did more, accomplished more than those who niggardly guard their forces to last out a century.

BIG BUSINESS GOVERNMENT

TODAY the connection between government and big business is so open that the big banking houses regularly shift their employees into and out of government positions—wherever they will do the most "good".

The latest example is the entrance of S. Parker Gilbert into the House of Morgan after completing his big job for them, nominally as a government employee, in the German reparations administration. Similarly Lanont goes from finance to the Secretaryship of Commerce.

Robberies Grow as Result Of Economic Pressure

In his remarks upon concluding the eleven years as warden of Sing Sing prison, Lewis E. Lawes declared that the percentage of men admitted to Sing Sing on robbery charges more than doubled within the period. In 1920 the percentage was 18%.

A series of recommendations which, if adopted, will result in sweeping changes in method of penal administration is contained in a preliminary report by the State commission investigating prison administration and construction, made public last week by Governor Roosevelt.

A. PARKER GILBERT GETS HIS REWARD

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—S. Parker Gilbert, former agent general of reparations payments, will become a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, effective January 2, 1931.

The German Conference

German Communist Opposition Holds Third Conference

The conferences of the German Communist Opposition have always had a special significance for the international Communist Opposition as a whole. The first conference dramatized before the whole world the opening of a new stage in the history of the Communist movement—the definitive, even the temporary split of the organized Communist movement and the beginning of a period of parallel development of the Communist International and the international Communist Opposition.

THE DISPUTED QUESTIONS
No attempt to evaluate the various viewpoints presented at the conference on the disputed questions will be made here, for obvious reasons. This article will limit itself primarily to stating the nature of these differences of opinion as clearly as the limited space will permit.

THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE
The ideological preparations that were made for the conference could well serve as a model for the Communist Party today, which sorely needs the vigor and self-confidence which can only be supplied by independent ideological activity.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE CONFERENCE
The conference was attended by 68 delegates from 19 districts. In addition there were over 80 guests from all over the country while a number of representatives of foreign opposition groups who had come to the International Communist Conference, to be held immediately after the German conference, were also present.

THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE
The conference was opened on Saturday evening, December 13, by Comrade Heinrich Brandler, who after a few preliminary remarks and the acceptance of the order of business, introduced the first reporter, Jacob Waler, on the Activities of the National Committee.

THE DISPUTED QUESTIONS (continued)
1. The Question of Fascism
On fascism the original differences of opinion had simmered down to practically nothing in the course of the discussion. The original differences had touched the class roots of fascism, the course of fascist development in Germany, the role of the bourgeoisie in fascism, etc. No differences whatever on these questions were manifested at the conference.

2. The Question of the Workers Government
The question of the workers government, as discussed at the conference, amounted essentially to a critique of the 1923 German events. The majority of the National Committee, as represented by Comrade Thalheimer, declared that:

3. The "Russian Questions"
But surely the most interesting and important of these disputed questions were grouped under the head of Attitude to the USSR and the CPSU. These differences of viewpoint will here be presented entirely in the words of the official documents—the thesis of the National Committee and the amendment brought in by Waler.

THE POLITICAL RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
The political resolution of the National Committee was adopted by a vote of 50 against 5, with 18 abstentions. The Draft Platform was approved, 57 for, 2 against, 2 abstaining. The proposals on the composition of the next National Committee were adopted unanimously. Both the disputes on the Russian question and the question of the workers government were decided by the vote on the political resolution and the Draft Platform.

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BOOKS

THE BEGINNINGS OF CRITICAL REALISM IN AMERICA, 1830-1890, vol. 3 of Main Currents of American Thought, by Vernon Louis Parrington. Harcourt Brace and Company, 1930.

With this volume Prof. Parrington completes his great work on Main Currents in American Thought. And yet does not complete! Planned to treat the period from the post-Civil War to the present, the work was cut short by the sudden death of the author in France last summer. The work stands completed to about 1900. About half of what the finished volume would have been remains undone.

THE OCEAN'S THE LIMIT
As a New Year's gift to the American people Hoover, the pacifist President, proclaimed the London Naval treaty, "limiting" our navy by providing the expenditure of one billion, two hundred and fifty million dollars for new cruisers by 1936.

Hoover's Tryin' Awful Hard
To Hoover everything is an aid to unemployment—except unemployment relief. Now he discovers that the consolidation of big railroad trusts into four super-trusts is "an aid to unemployment".

Will Roger's New Year Message
If we could have eaten and digested optimistic predictions during 1930 we would have been the fattest nation on earth.

Fashion Hint
All of our feminine readers who intend to spend the rest of the winter at Palm Beach are advised to buy a Panama bathing suit selling at \$26.25, and create a sensation in chic while playing backgammon on the beach.

SEC. DOAK JOINS APPLE-SAUCE VENDORS
William N. Dope, the new secretary of Labor, gave out the following New Year's message on unemployment:



BETWEEN HAMMER AND ANVIL

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