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# THE REVOLUTIONARY AGE

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COUNTRIES  
UNITE!

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## BIG ANTI-SOVIET PLOT REVEALED

### International Chamber of Commerce Plans General Anti-Soviet Action

Feverish preparations are now going on for the opening of the International Chamber of Commerce Convention in Washington next week. It is already clear that the Soviet Union will receive considerable attention and will be the central problem of the Conference.

The various International Chambers of Commerce have been confidentially circularized in preparation, with three important questions. These are:

1. Are you willing to supply detailed information regarding your imports from Russia?
2. Would your country agree to concerted international restriction of credits granted to Russia?
3. Are you willing to discuss with other countries a joint intervention prohibition of imports from Russia.

Apparently the plans are afoot for organizing a rigid boycott of the Soviet Union by commercial agencies affiliated with the International Chamber of Commerce. Echoes of these preparations were also heard the other day, when John J. Tigert, former Federal Commissioner of Education called upon the American Legion to fight against the 5-Year Plan "as a direct challenge to the economic structure, the security and safety of American standards and ideals. Upon the defeat of the 5-Year Plan depends the continuity of the American scheme of things."

The same note was struck by John T. Madden, Dean of the School of Commerce of New York University, at the third Annual Institute of Business the other day. Dean Madden spoke against the so-called "dumping" menace and declared that "the Russian system would succeed unless other nations cooperate."

## HOOVER DEFENDS HIS AID REFUSAL POLICY

### Declares Farmers Relief To Be "Dole" And "Spiritually Harmful" To People

WASHINGTON.—In opening the national convention of the American Red Cross, President Hoover defended his notorious opposition to any form of public relief to the unemployed or to the starving farmers of the drought-stricken regions. Financing of relief with public funds would have "destroyed the spiritual attributes of our people," he declared. The refusal of the Red Cross executive to accept the money offered by Congress "blocked the path to a dole," Hoover emphasized.

True enough! The Red Cross blocked the way to a dole—to relief for the starving farmers. And so the "bugged individualism" of the farmers was saved!

## BAGMAKERS IN N. Y. STRIKE

### Local 22 Leads Strike Of Olympic Co. Workers for Better Conditions

A 100% strike in the Olympic Suitcase Company, 86 Bleeker Street, continues in full force. The strike is against low wages and long hours.

The strike was called as a result of the Bagmakers' Union, Local 22, in which a rank and file committee was organized. The strike was called as a result of the many complaints of workers against the Olympic shop. Experienced men, who for years had made \$10 to \$60 for a 44-hour week in a union shop, were working there for 60 to 70 hours for between \$15 to \$25. The Negro workers especially were exploited, many of them getting from \$8 to \$11 a week.

Until now the bosses have been using the method of trying to divide the ranks of the workers by having conferences with some of them. But they failed in this scheme. Then they tried the method of sending out raw materials (leathers, etc.) out of which we make Gladstone bags to operation centers. Then the bosses turned to the police force—but also in vain.

But the workers of the shop and the rank and file committee leading the strike and the union as a whole are determined to make this strike a success.

## U. S. Government Sends Two Workers to Certain Death

### Threaten the Deportation of a Japanese and an Italian Communist To Murder Lands

WASHINGTON.—The request to allow Guido Serio, Italian Communist, to go to the Soviet Union so as to avoid being deported to Italy where a death sentence awaits him, was declared to be "impracticable" by the immigration authorities who are holding Serio for deportation. The same decision was made by Harry E. Hull, commissioner general of immigration, in the case of Sadachi Kamotsu, Japanese Communist, to whom a return to Japan means certain death.

America—the "land of the free!" America—the "free asylum for the victims of tyranny!" For being in this country "illegally"—the penalty DEATH! Here are two militant workers who have committed not the slightest crime, even according to capitalist standards, who are being de-

## ALDEN STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

### Gen'l Grievance Committee Decides End of Strike

WILKES BARRE.—According to the decision of the sub-committee of 14 of the General Grievance Committee the big Gen'l Alden strike in the anthracite region was called off after W. W. Engels, representing the operators, gave the definite promise that he will meet with the sub-committee and discuss the grievances and then meet each individual grievance committee of each colliery to settle the disputes of the miners favorable to the latter. The general opinion of the miners is that the miners will emerge victorious from these negotiations.

The miners feel that the strike was successful, for three reasons: (1) It exposed the district officials and changed the rule that the company does not meet anyone except International or district officials of the union. In this case the company is negotiating with the grievance committees. (2) The strike was pulled 100% with the greatest success in spite of the sabotage and opposition of the district officials. (3) The calling off of the strike has not left the miners demoralized. On the contrary, they feel encouraged and the been very much impressed by it.

## HITLER SMASHES REVOLT IN OWN RANKS; AIMS AT CABINET POSTS

### Stennes Expelled and Replaced by Major Schulz, the Notorious Murderer; Fascist Menace Grows

Serious divisions have broken out in the Fascist ranks in Germany, the Nazis. But judging from the developments and results in Berlin where Stennes, the head of the Sturmabteilung (a sort of a strong-arm squad section of the Fascist party) has come in conflict with Hitler, the latter has been fully victorious. Hitler expelled Stennes and 900 of his followers who criticized Hitler as a betrayer of the Fascist program. Some superficial observers have taken this incident and the forcing out of Frick, Fascist Minister of Interior from Thuringia, to signify the collapse of the Nazis. This is utterly false. Hitler has appointed as Stennes' successor, the notorious Schulz, who was associated with the murderous "Penne" bands who murdered many Communist leaders. Schulz also was the contact man between the Reichswehr and the Fascists in 1923.

All indications seem to point to the Fascist party, under the direct instructions of the biggest capitalists, is planning to enter the Cabinet and help in the formation of a new extremely reactionary government. Reports are widespread and undoubted in Germany that Hindenburg and Bruening have been holding secret conferences with Hitler. Likewise it is commonly known that Roehm, the chief of staff of the Fascist army known as the Stahlhelm, has been working closely with Hammerstein, chief of staff of the Reichswehr. Marx, leader of the Center Party (Catholic) has openly declared that the recent emergency measures which have brought about a virtual state of

liberally and consciously sent by the U. S. government to certain death? Is this anything but "legal" murder? Is the government that does such things anything else than a murder-machine?

The workers and farmers of America, and all liberty-loving people, must wake up. The government is conducting a drive against the labor movement in the interests of the bosses. The foreign-horn workers are the first to be hit. In this drive the government is ready to go to any extreme—even to murder!

We must smash the blood-thirsty schemes of the government! Serio and Kamotsu must not be sent to death! A united front of labor against the offensive of capital!

NEW YORK.—More than 1,100 foreign-horn workers have already been deported from New York City since the middle of January this year. Secretary of Labor Hoak announced on April 10. He declared that it was his aim to deport 100,000 foreign-horn by the end of the year.

## UNITED FRONT IN N. Y. ON MAY DAY

### Many Labor Organizations Combine To Arrange Meeting At Irving Plaza; Gitlow to Speak

A dozen different labor organizations in New York, including the Communist Party (Majority Group), the I.W.O., the C.P.L.A., and the Amalgamated Food Workers have made arrangements for a joint May Day meeting on Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m. at the large hall of Irving Plaza, 47 Street and Irving Place. Among the speakers will be Alex Howard, the miners' leader in Illinois; Ben Gitlow of the C.P.-Majority Group; A. J. Muse of the C.P.L.A.; Connors of the I.W.O.; Ghose of the Labor Friends of India's Independence, and speakers from German and Italian organizations. Louis F. Budenz will be chairman. There will be choral singing, and the German labor sports organizations will participate in the program. Admission will be 10c.

The joint committee organizing the meeting is issuing a statement calling for unity of the labor movement against the attack of capitalist reaction, pointing out the necessity of united struggle against the wage-cutting drive of the bosses, the attack on the foreign-horn, the war danger and attack on the Soviet Union.

martial law in Germany are aimed at a greater enemy, "the enemy on the left."

Despite these significant and ominous facts, the Social-Democratic Party bureaucrats and, in a large measure also the official Communist Party bureaucrats, are spreading notions that the Fascist menace is over. Nothing is further from the truth. The Fascists are simply adjusting their tactics for a new attack on the workers.

## News from Everywhere

Things picked up a little in the last couple of weeks. But not enough. From Passaic, from San Antonio, from Boston, from California, from Philadelphia, the Day's Wage appeal has met with much improved response.

And our special "Soldiers' Bonus," or anti-war, issue has hit every note. From everywhere we are getting news about it. Come to think of it, by the way, what did you do about boosting this issue? Do you think you'd be doing right by your

## SANDINO MEN WIN NEW PORT TOWN

### Cape Gracias a Dios Won by Insurgents; U. S. Rushes Battleships To Scene

PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua.—The renewed drive of the Sandino liberation forces within the last week registered a considerable triumph, on April 15, in the capture of Cape Gracias a Dios, a port just south of the Honduran border. Previous to this, the Sandino bands had met in combat with groups of United States Marines, in all of which the Nicaraguan nationalists were victorious.

Official reports declare that in the last few months, especially after the earthquake, the Sandino movement began to gain increased popularity among the people of Nicaragua. The complete discredit into which the Wall Street puppet government that was established some years ago by the U. S. Marines is being commented on as a factor making for the broadened basis of the Sandino liberation movement.

The cruiser Asheville and the light cruiser Memphis have left the Canal Zone under orders to proceed to Nicaragua for the "protection of American property and lives," i.e., for the suppression of the independence movement.

## POCKETBOOKERS PREPARE FIGHT

### Union Meeting Shows Fine Militancy; Workers Make Demands

At an exceptionally well-attended mass meeting of the International Pocketbook Workers' Union, it was unanimously decided to stand by the demands proposed to the manufacturers by the union and to reject the demands of the union.

The attendance and the spirit of the meeting proved once more that the workers are very much alert to their conditions and that they are ready to strike to defend their union and their demands. At this meeting, however, the workers once more had the chance to see the insincerity of the union leadership. With the help of militant phrases the officials demanded a two days tax to be paid within two weeks. The workers voted for this tax. But they demanded very loudly that the union should immediately call shop meetings as well as a meeting of all unemployed to elect delegates to a strike committee to control the money coming in on the tax. But the officials refused to give in to this demand, fearing even to take it to a vote. Instead they put thru a proposal to negotiate an agreement with the manufacturers. They took a vote on this question while the meeting was adjourning so that every one rising was counted as voting for, with no chance of voting against.

The present agreement with the manufacturers expires on May 1. The union demands, among other points: 40-hour week, unemployment insurance, control of machinery, etc. The boss demands are: a 25% wage cut, 10% reorganization twice a year, and joint control of the employment office.

The workers must demand the immediate organization of a strike committee. There is no doubt that if the demands are maintained, a strike machinery will have to be organized.

## REPUBLIC IN SPAIN; ALFONSO 'STEPS OUT'; CONSERVATIVES AT HELM

### Big Mass Demonstrations Mark Overthrow; France Recognizes Republic; New Regime Issues Reactionary Program

On Tuesday, April 14, Spain became a republic.

The huge republican landslide in the municipal elections a few days before had shown in the most unmistakable manner that the position of the monarchy was hopeless, that among all sections of the population of Spain the demand for a republic was overwhelming. Deprived of every form of support, its old foundations having already rotted away, the monarchy

collapsed! Alfonso, the last of the Bourbons, issued a declaration "stepping aside"—albeit not officially abdicating, and followed this declaration by leaving Spain for France on the way to England. The monarchy fell leaving a mass of empty ruins . . .



ALFONSO

On the morning of the fourteenth Spain woke up to find the power in hands of the leading elements of the republican junta, the signers of the December republican manifesto. The collapse of the monarchy and the institution of the new regime were accompanied by the wildest rejoicings and demonstrations on the part of the whole people to whom it seemed that a new era of "freedom and happiness" was opening. The "honey moon period" of the revolution.

The new Spanish republican regime was almost immediately recognized by over a dozen countries, chief among them being France.

The New Regime and Its Program  
The new government represents a coalition of all bourgeois republican elements together with the Socialists, with the extremely conservative republicans in the lead. Niceto Alcalá Zamora, only recently a monarchist, is President of the Republic as well as Premier, and most of the new cabinet are of the same type. The Socialists, who have control of a relatively strong labor federation, are acting as the tail-end to the bourgeois republicans and are providing them with whatever organized mass support among the workers that they have.

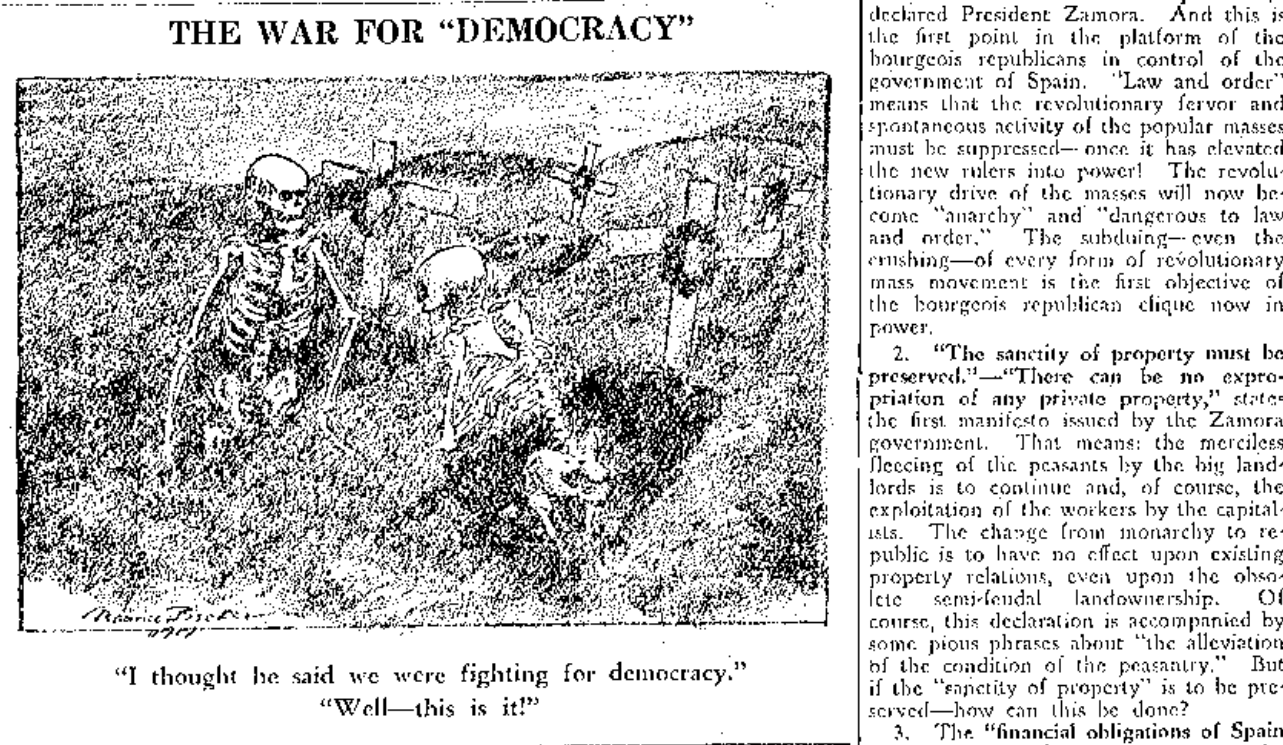
The new republican government immediately announced its political program:

1. "Law and order is our password," declared President Zamora. And this is the first point in the platform of the bourgeois republicans in control of the government of Spain. "Law and order" means that the revolutionary fervor and spontaneous activity of the popular masses must be suppressed—once it has elevated the new rulers into power! The revolutionary drive of the masses will now become "anarchy" and "dangerous to law and order." The subduing—even the crushing—of every form of revolutionary mass movement is the first objective of the bourgeois republican clique now in power.

2. "The sanctity of property must be preserved."—"There can be no expropriation of any private property," states the first manifesto issued by the Zamora government. That means the merciless fleecing of the peasants by the big landlords is to continue and, of course, the exploitation of the workers by the capitalists. The change from monarchy to republic is to have no effect upon existing property relations, even upon the obsolete semi-feudal landlordism. Of course, this declaration is accompanied by some pious phrases about "the alleviation of the condition of the peasantry." But if the "sanctity of property" is to be preserved—how can this be done?

3. The "financial obligations of Spain will be completely met," continues the pronouncement of the new government. "Our first task will be the stabilization of the peseta." This means that the stranglehold of the harpies of international finance will be maintained and the blood of the Spanish people will continue to fill the coffers in the banks of Paris, London and New York. For the specific gravity of foreign capital in Spain is very great.

4. A "bill of rights" has been promised—personal, civil, religious, and political liberty. But in the same breath the Vatican is semi-officially assured that "the



THE WAR FOR "DEMOCRACY"

"I thought he said we were fighting for democracy."  
"Well—this is it!"

## WAGE-CUTS SWEEP THE COUNTRY; BANKS LEAD IN ATTACKS

### Wages Down 20%, Living Costs 13%; Agricultural Workers Hardest Hit; Workers Must Hit Back

Under the direct instigation of the biggest banks, the wage-cut drive which has been on for some months has now assumed a sweep engulfing every industry throughout the country. Such big banks as the Chase National and the National City have written their clients, not only advising but actually insisting on wage cuts.

The influential financial paper known as *Business Week* finally declares in its last issue:

"Wage cutting has been considerably more widespread than is generally realized. A marked increase in wage cuts accelerating still further the trend that has quickened since the turn of the year, appears almost inevitable."

The excuse now given by the big manufacturers for their wage cutting is that business "came back" after having wage cuts in 1921-22. A significant fact which is never mentioned in the capitalist press columns is that the wage cuts have been much more numerous and heavier than has been the decline in prices during this crisis. The open-shop organization called the National Industrial Conference Board itself admits that while the living cost has declined about 13% since the stock market crash, wages have dropped about 20%. The United States Department of Labor indicates that out of the 13,000 manufacturing concerns reporting wage data to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 1,000 admit wage cuts. The farm hands fared worst of all, with a wage cut of about 30%. The United States is the pace setter in the wage cut movement today. Real wages have fallen even faster and lower than anywhere else. The outlook is that wage-cut drive will gain still further momentum. A well known financial authority sums up the situation as follows:

"It is pointed out that wage cutting . . . acts like a snow ball. The farther it goes the bigger it gets and the harder it is to stop. Many think wage-cutting has already passed the controllable stage; that it must go on now to its bitter end."

insurance or coming out with a Special May Day issue next week. And it will be a humdrum—if you make it possible.

Now do WE ARE STILL VERY MUCH TOO CLOSE TO THE DANGER LINE. This is an old line for us. It's the line of suspension of our fighting paper. Help us lose sight of this line.

Now do. Strike a blow for the REVOLUTIONARY AGE. Strike a blow for your class. Join the army—of the REVOLUTIONARY AGE builders and boosters. Here are last week's best:

Michalevich	\$1.00	Bessie Gussloff	2.00	E. Yampolsky (Phila.)	1.00	Mary Lutz	2.00
S. Wallace	1.50	Eli Keller (Passaic)	5.00	Meyer Kreamer (Phila.)	2.00	Richard 117	10.00
Sienzer	2.00	B. Herman (Passaic)	5.00	Independent W. C.			
Frances Goldberg	2.00	S. S. (Passaic)	6.00	D. City	10.00		
O. Singer	6.00	E. Dawson	5.00	Evlyn Zeller	5.00		
Zornine	2.00	Philo (A.B.)	2.00	on List 00309	5.00		
T. Fox	1.00	Anna Thompson	2.50	Sprecher	1.00		
Blacker	2.00	P. H.	2.00				
J. Shaffer (San Antonio)	5.00	Reva Weisman	3.00				
H. Lifshitz	5.00	B. Newman (Los Angeles)	4.00				
J. Anderson	1.00	H. Santos (Los Angeles)	6.00				
Zoa Schlachter	4.00	A. Cutler (Phila.)	4.00				
Pauline Goldberg	4.00	Clara Yampolsky (Phila.)	2.00				
Silverman	1.00	I. Walsky (Phila.)	2.00				
Zukovsky	3.00	Ida Effant (Phila.)	2.00				
B. Finchuck	4.00	S. Rubin (Phila.)	3.00				
Sylvia Rosenber	2.00	S. Bolaf (Phila.)	2.00				

## BRODERICK MIXED IN BANK SCANDAL

### Show Bank of U. S. Steal Had State Approval

As the trial of the directors of the Bank of the U. S., which defrauded more than \$400,000 depositors proceeds, it becomes clear that the scandal was put over with the full knowledge of State Banking Superintendent Joseph A. Broderick. There is so much glaring evidence of this that the State Legislature has authorized \$25,000 additional expenses for a special investigation of the State Banking Department, administered by its present head. The Bank of the U. S. collapse came after a whole series of bank failures in which workers and small business men lost years of savings. Steiner in proceeding with the prosecution of the Bank of the U. S. directors is anxious to involve Broderick in the mess as the latter is one of Governor Roosevelt's henchmen in the Democratic State machine.

Hitherto in the controversy between Steiner and Broderick, Gov. Roosevelt gave support to the State Banking Department head. Startling revelations will be made should such an investigation be proceeded with to any degree of thoroughness at all. It is likely that the failure of the City Trust Company, as well as the Chelsea Bank will be looked into. State Banking Department Superintendent Broderick is very gloomy over the prospects of the investigation. His predecessor, Frank H. Warder was convicted for an offense of a similar character.

KEEPING RIGHT WITH ISRAEL'S GOD  
Being a good Jew, Mohradel Rashinsky robbed only synagogues and sold the prayer scrolls to a synagogue supply house. Now that he is in jail, he demanded matzoths in place of the traditional bread and water. It is the only Jewish prisoner in Minnesota jail but if he is kept long will no doubt demand a "minyon" or prayer quorum of at least ten other good Jewish inmates.



Before the Young Communist League Convention

Two Years of the New Line

Statement of the Young Communist League (Majority Group)

Two years have passed since our last convention, since the expulsion of the old leadership of our League and of some of the most tried elements.

Let the Facts Speak!

These two years that have passed have given ample opportunity to show whether the new line and the new leadership can build the Young Communist League. Let the facts speak for themselves.

The Convention call issued by the National Committee says: "From 1,000 members at the time of the Party Convention (June, 1930), we have grown to more than 2,000 members."

The League in the Struggles of Labor In the period from 1926 to 1929, the League acted with increasing frequency as the leader of the young workers in struggle.

Today, industrial work on the part of the League is practically non-existent. The youth section in the needle trades no longer functions. All activity among the young miners and textile workers has ceased.

Anti-Militarist Work In anti-militarist work, from 1926 to 1929, a successful break was made with the pacifist traditions of the past.

Our Pioneer work was so notably successful that it was singled out by the YCI for praise. Ours was one of the few League in the YCI which had a Pioneer movement larger than the League.

In September 1930, the League could claim only 1,000 Pioneers! In May, 1929, the membership was between 4,500 and 5,000!

In the past, a number of district schools were held each summer where several hundred young workers received training for the class struggle.

The League Organization Organizationally the League has suffered. The membership has greatly declined.

Bluff and Fakery The real situation in the League is unknown to most of the members. The leadership has elevated bluff and fakery into a system in order to conceal the losses the League has suffered.

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the Convention call, the NEC admits there were but 1,000 members at the time of the Party Convention (June 1930).

The last two years have been years of disintegration and decay in the League. In spite of frequent changes in the leadership in the center (including the removal as "degenerates" of the very "proletarian leadership" forced on the League at our last Convention, Harvey, Rijack, etc.)

Today, in every country there are unusual opportunities for Communist work. A world-wide economic crisis exists. The bosses seek to place on the workers the entire burden of the crisis.

In America, the overwhelming majority of the organized young workers are organized under the control of the bourgeoisie.

The Revolutionary Movement in India

WHAT NOW IN INDIA?

A Declaration to the Congress Rank and File

We publish below a leaflet by a group of well-known members of the All-India National Congress on the occasion of the capitulation of Gandhi before the forces of British imperialism (the Gandhi-Irwin pact).

It is highly regrettable that Congress leaders should agree to consider the reforms proposed by the Round Table Conference. All the talks and negotiation for peace only confuse the situation brushing aside the cardinal issue.

The foreign rulers of our country will never voluntarily abandon their position of power and privilege. Nor can they be argued out of it.

Looked at from the point of view of the great majority of the population, the proposed reforms cannot be interpreted as containing the most rudimentary elements of freedom.

As far as the great majority of the people are concerned, nothing whatsoever is offered: so they cannot share the opportunist view—"Let us take what is available and fight for more!"

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themselves in the Fascist youth organizations, there to be used against the interests of their own class, to be used as the tools of counter-revolution instead of being the most valiant fighters for the revolution.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating" no less in the revolutionary movement than in the kitchen. A line which results in chaos, in decay, in loss of membership and influence, in the weakening of the position on the Young Communist League cannot be a correct line, theses and manifestos to the contrary.

Why is it that the Leagues of every country have policies forced upon them which have resulted so disastrously? The crisis in the youth movement cannot be dissociated from the general crisis in the Communist.

The Russian comrades see and admit the crisis in the other sections. In seeking to remedy these conditions, they place

Karl Marx on Ireland

More and more have I come to the conclusion—and it is only necessary to knock it into the English working class—that it (the English working class) will never be able to do anything decisive here until it breaks in the most determined manner with the Irish policy of the ruling classes, until it makes common cause with the Irish, indeed until it takes the initiative in the dissolution of the union of 1801.

The War has been a period of crisis for the West European nations, for imperialism as a whole. Every war makes away with all conventionalities, it brushes aside all pretensions, sloughs off the outlived, and uncovers the more deep-seated motives forces.

The English Republic under Cromwell plundered—Irishland. Non bis in idem! (Not twice the same way, Editor).

5. Question of the Resolution of the General Council on Irish Amnesty. England is the bulwark of European landlordism and capitalism; the point where official England can be hit hardest is Ireland.

For Ireland is the bulwark of English landlordism. If it falls in Ireland, it must fall in England.

Landlordism in Ireland is maintained solely by the British army. The instant that the compulsory union between the two countries ceases, there will break out a social revolution in Ireland, altho in antiquated forms.

Again, the English bourgeoisie has not only exploited Irish misery in order to push down the conditions of the English workers by the forced emigration of the Irish poor; it has also split the proletariat into two antagonistic camps.

BRAUNSCHWEIG - AND NOW EFFELDER

In the town of Effelder (Sonneberg district) the municipal delegation of the Communist Party of Germany joined with the bourgeois parties to elect a mayor, a registered member of the National-Socialist (Fascist) party.

Signed by: Sjt. Achut Bahawan Kohlihar, President of the last War Council; Sarder Kartar Singh, President of the Akali Dal, Parlap Singh, President of the local Akali Dal, Sjt. Muhammed Ibrahim, President of the National Workers' League, Sjt. G. L. Khandilbor, Abdul Mujced, V. K. Tende of the Bombay Gt. Marel Ferwandes A. Sabha Rao and P. M. Shetty of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Employees Union, Sjt. Joseph Am, Secretary of the Christian Nationalist Party, Sjt. V. B. Karnik, Sjt. V. Chetty, Sander Kubi, A. Dhairyanan, Unswath Patti, Mrs. Shashibai Patti, A. T. Shaikh, Charles Mascarenes, Dr. P. M. Shetty, and many others.

When the country will be covered with a net work of such local Committees, these will elect deputies to a National Assembly as the Revolutionary Democratic Sovereign Authority.

What we have said some weeks ago is now recognized and admitted by the majority of the economic observers: Practically no hope is now held out for any signs of recovery until the summer is over at the earliest.

Fifteen Years After the Easter Uprising Significance of the Irish Revolt

by N. Lenin

On the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the heroic Easter Rising in Ireland in April 1916, we publish below the most important paragraphs of that section of Lenin's article on "The Results of the Discussion on Self-Determination" published in Sozialdemokrat, October 1916.

The War has been a period of crisis for the West European nations, for imperialism as a whole. Every war makes away with all conventionalities, it brushes aside all pretensions, sloughs off the outlived, and uncovers the more deep-seated motives forces.

All of these facts show that the flames of national uprisings have flared up in connection with the crisis of imperialism not only in the colonies but also in Europe, and that national sympathies and antipathies have succeeded in coming to expression in spite of all threats and draconic repression.

At that time, the crisis of imperialism was still far removed from the stage of its highest development; the power of the imperialist bourgeoisie had not yet been overcome (the war "to a finish" can bring that about; at present it has not yet gone that far).

Rationalization and the Worker WHAT IS THE TAYLOR SYSTEM?

The simplest way of getting more men without any expense, that of making the workers toil harder, is as old as all written history. However, systematic attempts to improve the output of the individual worker, in a more or less scientific way, did, as far as records go, originate with the studies made by F. W. Taylor.

Taylor was a mechanical engineer working in various places, and everywhere endeavoring to improve the speed with which the work was handled. His first bit was making the workers pay a fine for each breakdown of machinery, thus considerably cutting down the time lost on break-downs.

For instance, at the Bethlehem steel works in 1898, he studied the loading of iron bars on a railroad car. He picked the huskiest worker, paid him extra wages for doing exactly as he was told, and directed every move he made. The worker was told how to pick up and hold a bar, how fast to walk, how often and how long to rest.

Taylor worked along the same lines in the shops, improving the tools and the way they were handled, and also introduced the so-called differential piece-rate system, with higher piece-rates above a certain output.

Taylor's ideas were later amended, as well as refined, and applied on a much larger scale. Manual operations have been dissolved into seventeen different kinds of movements, so-called "therbligs," such as search, find, select, grasp, and so on.

Electric power has, for the first time in weeks, registered a drop. The loadings again fell. Wage cuts were very likely soon to be proposed for the railway workers. The hopes for financial "blood transfusion" by Wall Street and Paris are not materializing.

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Was the Easter Rising a Putsch? In the Berner Tagwacht (May 9, 1916) there appeared, on the occasion of the Irish uprising, an article signed with the initials K. L. under the title: "The Song Is Over!"

The Russian revolution of 1905 was a bourgeois-democratic revolution. It consisted of a series of battles in which all dissatisfied classes, groups and elements of the population participated.

Whoever expects a "pure" social revolution will never live to see it; he is a revolutionary only in words and understands nothing of the revolution in reality.

The Russian revolution of 1905 was a bourgeois-democratic revolution. It consisted of a series of battles in which all dissatisfied classes, groups and elements of the population participated.

Not only are the jobs themselves studied, but also everything that may influence the worker on the job. Stools are designed to make the worker assume the right posture. Temperature and ventilation are often taken care of as a means of improving the performance.

When a piece of work passes through hundreds of operations break-down or slowing up of one man may hold up the whole line. Attention has therefore been paid to the questions of fatigue and exhaustion, a point that Taylor didn't care much about.

Revolutions and the "Small Nations" In this respect it is not possible to counterpose Europe and the colonies as against each other. A struggle of oppressed nations in Europe which is in a position to go to the point of uprisings and street battles and to damage the iron discipline of the army and the state of siege—such a struggle will sharpen the revolutionary crisis in Europe to a much greater extent than a much bigger uprising in a distant colony.

The dialectics of history is such that the small nations, weak as an independent factor in the struggle against imperialism, play the role of ferment, in freeing the true forces against imperialism and thus come to the aid of the Socialist proletariat.

We would be very bad revolutionaries indeed if, in the liberation struggle of the proletariat for Socialism, we did not understand how to make use of every wind of popular movement against individual abuses of imperialism in the interests of the sharpening and the extension of the crisis.

The misfortunes of the Easter Uprising The misfortune of the Irish lay in the fact that their rising did not come at the appropriate time since the revolt of the European proletariat was not yet mature.

Because of lack of space we have omitted the continuation of the Anti-Fascist Program of the German Communist Opposition. Watch for it in the next issue.

