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FILIPINO MASSES SHOW UNREST

North Luzon Peasants Rise Against Landlords As Mass Misery Grows

MANILA.—A wide movement of revolt of tenant farmers and agricultural laborers in the Northern Luzon Provinces is reported here. Secretary of the Interior Ventura has already issued orders to the provincial constabulary commanders for the military suppression of the movement.

The extreme misery of the tenant farmers, coming as a result of the merciless exploitation by the landlords and the recent fall in agricultural prices, has led to the organization of a vigorous movement for the alleviation of their conditions. In the same movement are also the farm laborers, whose pitifully meager wages suffered several cuts in recent months. The struggle has taken on militant forms in many parts of the Luzon Provinces, resulting in the destruction of landlords' houses, records, etc. Communist influence among the insurgent farmers and laborers is very great. The police are now trying to rearrest the fourteen Communist leaders recently convicted and now out on appeal made by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Since the American imperialist big stick is used to protect and to defend the landlords and bloodsucking usurers, the struggle of the masses in the Northern Provinces has also assumed an anti-imperialist and nationalist aspect.

BIG WAGE-CUT IN BUILDING TRADE

20-30% Slash Provided In New Agreement After Loss Of Strike

NEW YORK CITY.—A wage-cut of 20% to 30% is included in the new collective agreement signed by the Building Trades Council, for the various unions, and the Building Trades Employers Association. The acceptance of the cut followed the loss of the strike waged by the 30,000 workers involved the week before.

The International Union of Elevator Constructors and the Bricklayers Masons and Plasterers International Union, the latter not part of the Building Trades Council, have refused to accept the wage-cut and are holding out.

This drastic slash in wages, coupled with the fearful unemployment of building trades workers (in many cases more than half out of work), have reduced the conditions of the workers to incredible misery. The building unions, shot thru with corruption and gangsterism, operating on a thoroughly reactionary basis, connected up in a thousand ways with the contractors and employers, proved unable to resist the offensive of the bosses.

URGES NEW PARTY FOR NEGROES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An appeal to the Negroes of this country to break with the two big capitalist parties and to take their place, as an oppressed group in American society, with the workers and the farmers in the formation of a new party, "with an economic program to go to the roots of our industrial life," was made by Professor John Dewey of Columbia University to the annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here on May 19, 1932. At the same session Charles Edward Russell, former Socialist, condemned discrimination against the Negroes as a phase of the capitalist system which has now broken down.

A lively discussion took place on an "economic program" presented by W. E. B. DuBois and Herbert J. Seligmann. This program includes a number of progressive economic demands, such as systematic taxation of large incomes, social insurance, etc., which, however, in the report regards, in the characteristic utopian-reformist manner, as the road to a new social order. This program was attacked as "too extreme," as "too revolutionary," by Harry E. Davis, of Cleveland.

Results of French Elections

As the final figures in the French elections come thru, it becomes more and more obvious that in spite of the big mass swing to the left, the official Communist Party suffered a big defeat.

In Alsace, the Party lost the two deputies it had before. The Communist Opposition kept its one deputy and the Autonomists, with the support of the Communist Party, also kept their two seats, in spite of the fact that the official Communist Party, as well as the Socialists and the bourgeois parties, ran opposition candidates in all three cases. Here is the comparative vote:

DISTRICT	FIRST BALLOT	SECOND BALLOT
12 Paris	C.P. 2,499	C.P. 1,176
13 Paris	3,696	3,216
18 Paris	4,760	5,022
Clichy	4,762	3,577
St. Etienne	1,140	—
Loire	1,881	—
St. Ouen	6,109	5,202
Aube	—	no cand. 9,761
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In St. Etienne, the P.U.P. candidate was elected on the FIRST BALLOT. In the others, the P.U.P. candidates were ALL ELECTED on the second ballot.

The group which the bourgeois

had previously been Beron and Doeble. Some time before the elections, they had been expelled from the Party as "spies". The truth of the charges has not yet been ascertained, but, at any rate, both Beron and Doeble RAN AND WERE ELECTED. Beron received 8642 votes, there being NO PARTY CANDIDATE AGAINST HIM. Doeble received 6,348 votes against 380 for the Party candidate.

It is clear that these two individuals secured the support of the Communist workers and probably also of the Communist Party organizations in their districts. Regardless of the truth or falsity of the charges of the Party, this is indeed a sad commentary on the effectiveness of the Party's campaign and activities and of the confidence the revolutionary workers have in the Party's charges.

In France proper, particularly in Paris and its suburbs, the centrist party, "Parti d'Unité Proletarienne" (P.U.P.), scored big victories against the Communist Party. The following are some of the figures:

press classed together as "Independent Communists" or "Socialist-Communists" consists of several distinct groups as follows: P.U.P.—8; Alsatian Communist Opposition—1; Doeble and Beron—2.

OATH REPEAL BILL FINALLY PASSES

By Vote Of 77 To 69 De Valera Triumphs; Now Threats On Budget

DUBLIN.—The DeValera Bill to remove the oath of allegiance to the British Crown from the Free State Constitution finally passed the Dail, on May 19, by a vote of 77 to 69. The 77 votes represent a block of Fianna Fail and Labor party votes.

The bill now goes to the Irish Senate, where the DeValera forces are not as strong as in the Dail. It is not unlikely that the Senate will reject the bill. But the Senate can only postpone the validation of the bill for eighteen months. At the end of that time the bill, again passed by the Dail, becomes law after sixty days, with or without the approval of the Senate.

Capitalists Threaten DeValera

DUBLIN.—A group of big tobacco companies have issued formal warning to the Free State government that if the heavy tax on tobacco provided for in the new budget is not "eased," they will close down their factories in the Free State.

300 ARRESTED IN SPANISH RAIDS

Wave Of Terror Against Militants Supported By Socialists

MADRID.—A general order to arrest all Communists, anarchists and revolutionary syndicalists in Southern Andalusia, was issued, on the night of May 19, by the Cabinet here, in which are included a number of Socialists. Already over 300 revolutionaries have been arrested and are facing deportation. The raids arose out of an attempt on the part of the government to disarm the Andalusian workers.

A wave of strikes, primarily of a political character but also against wage-cuts and for unemployment relief, is sweeping Spain. The government has taken active measures to suppress them, especially the motor transportation strike in Madrid.

The incredibly vicious attacks of the government upon the labor movement has exposed its extremely reactionary character. It is not the government of republican revolution, as it pretends to be; it is the government of capitalist reaction and counter-revolution. And it is such a government which the Socialists support and take part in!

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JOBS FALL 2.7% IN APRIL

WASHINGTON.—Employment in industry as a whole suffered another decline of 2.7% in the month of April while employment in manufacturing industries fell 3.6% according to the report of the Department of Labor.

In addition to this increase in unemployment, those who hold their jobs suffered a cut of 5.1% in wages compared with what they had received in March.

Free Liberia

Garveyism points to a magnified Liberia as a symbol of a Negro sovereign state. How sovereign it is may be judged by the following lines taken from a New York Times wireless dispatch dated May 21 from Geneva:

"The Council of the League of Nations today approved the draft plan for the rehabilitation of Liberia . . . to serve as a basis for negotiations which the Council desires to begin with the Liberian government, the American Finance Corporation and the Firestone Plantations Company!"

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Wall Street Body Set Up to Control Economic Life Of Country and to Prepare for War

POPE FOR PRAYER AS CRISIS CURE

But Bitterly Attacks All Militant Labor Action In New Encyclical

A wail of dismay over the spread of atheism and over the growth of opposition or indifference to religion on the part of the world's masses together with a bitter invective against Communism and the militant labor movement, form the dominant themes in the encyclical letter issued by Pope Pius XI to the bishops of the Catholic Church on May 18. As methods of meeting the critical economic, political and social situation it

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Committee Of 12 Bankers And Industrialists Appointed To Supply "Leadership"; New Offensive On Masses Foreshadowed; Big Move To State-Capitalism

New York City.

Under the chairmanship of Owen D. Young, head of the General Electric Company, a committee of twelve of the most powerful capitalists in this country, both bankers and industrialists, was appointed on May 19 as a general directing and dictatorial body over the whole economic life of the country.

The members of the committee are: Owen D. Young, General Electric Company; M. N. Buckner, New York Trust Company; F. L. Carlisle, Consolidated Gas Company; W. S. Gifford, American Telephone and Telegraph Company; C. E. Mitchell, National City Bank; W. C. Potter, Guaranty Trust Company; J. E. Reynolds, First National Bank; A. P. Sloan, Jr., General Motors Company; W. C. Teagle, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey; A. A. Tilgham, Bankers Trust Company; A. H. Wiggin, Chase National Bank; and C. M. Woolley, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation.

The official purpose of this committee, called together in this city by George L. Harrison, Governor of the Reserve Bank of New York, is to "direct the utilization" of the millions of dollars being poured into the market by the Federal Reserve System in its credit expansion program, that is, to direct their "utilization" in such a way as to be of maximum profit to finance-capital. The semi-official, the openly avowed and strongly emphasized object of the committee is to "supply economic leadership to the country," to serve as Wall Street's representative and confidential executive organ in running the economic affairs of the land. The emergency arising out of the economic crisis has become so great that the real rulers of the land, the lords of the giant banks, are forced to supplement their permanent political machinery of domination by a special committee made up directly of the rulers themselves! Such is the real face of capitalist "democracy"! As long as everything goes well, the shabby mantle of "democracy" is allowed to hide the grim reality of capitalist dictatorship but as soon as the interests of capital demand it, the threadbare openly avowed and strongly brushed aside and the naked rule of the trusts and the banks stands exposed! This is the "government of the people, by the people, for the people" as it really is—a government of the bankers, by the bankers and for the bankers!

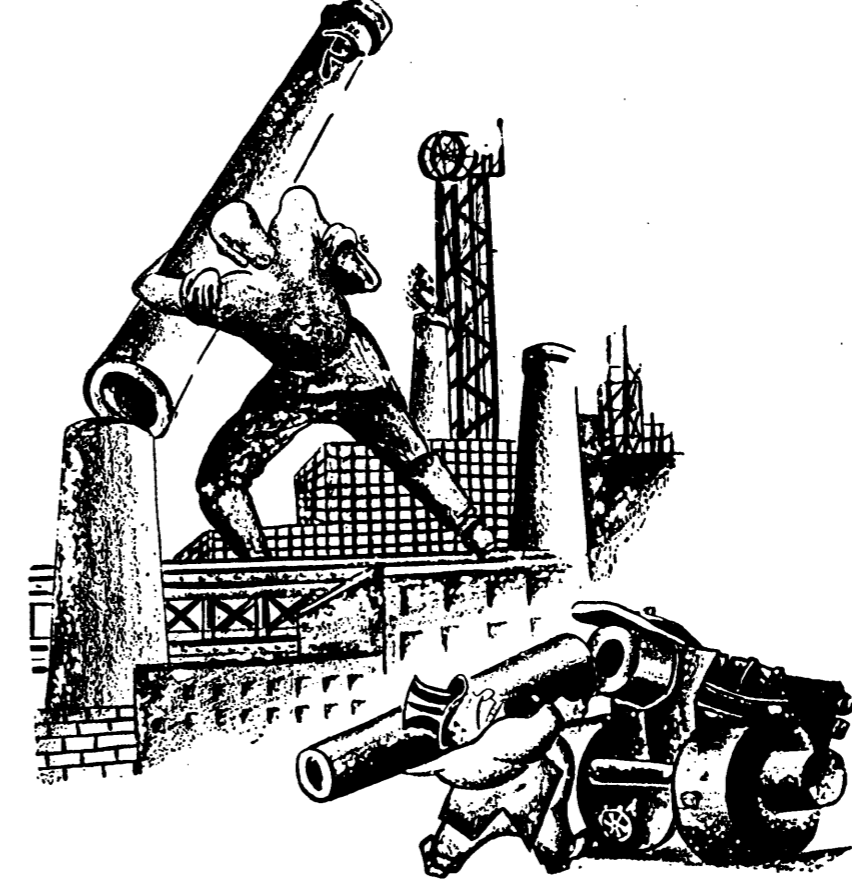
The setting up of a committee of bankers and industrialists with wide government powers in economic and financial affairs is another big step in the recent marked trend towards state-capitalism in this country, towards the merging of big business and the government machinery.

The Wall Street committee, with the directing threads of the country's whole economic life in its hands, will certainly use its powers to shift even more of the increasing burdens of the economic crisis on to the shoulders of the workers, farmers and lower middle classes and to "stabilize" capitalism at the expense of the masses. The outlook for the producing masses in this country is black indeed—wage-cuts, loss of savings, impoverishment and expropriation of farmers, poverty, misery, starvation! For the proletarian and farmer masses the only way out is ORGANIZATION and STRUGGLE against the big capitalists on the economic field and on the political.

The formation of a powerful Labor party, to unite all the organizations of labor and the farmers for political struggle, is a burning need of the day!

A supplementary purpose of the Young Committee, but a purpose which may come to be of dominating importance (Continued on page 2)

THE FATEFUL RACE!



The Soviet Union Is Feverishly Rushing The Construction Of A New Social Order—The Capitalist World Is Feverishly Rushing The Construction Of Armaments For A World Slaughter Help The Soviet Union Win The Great Race!

WALKER RECEIVED \$10,000 FROM BUS GROUP FOR FRANCHISE, QUIZ BARES

J. A. Smith Of Equitable Coach Company Gave Mayor Credit Letter In 1927 Which Walker Overdrew By \$3,000; More Revelations Are Coming

NEW YORK CITY.—Just twelve days after Equitable Coach Company was granted a bus franchise and one day before he signed the franchise, Mayor James J. Walker received a letter of credit for \$10,000 from J. Allen Smith, one of the chief backers of the bus company. This sensational exposure was made before the Hofstadter committee by Judge Seabury on May 20. Smith was the administrator of the \$282,000 slush fund put up by the Equitable backers for use in trying to obtain a franchise.

The bus franchise was granted on July 28, 1927, while the letter of credit was dated August 8. Walker drew on the letter while abroad in September 1927—and overdrew it by about \$3,000, which Smith also made good!

Mr. Seabury introduced all the relevant documents to prove his charges up to the hilt.

This is Jimmy Walker, the self-advertised "friend of the people," convicted as a common bribe-taker. And the exposure has only just begun. The barring of the Walker scandal cuts the "progressive" governor

of course, the Republicans are rejoicing at the exposure of the crude corruption of the Democratic mayor of the world's greatest city. But the Republicans are tarred with exactly the same stick! The greatest series of corruption scandals in modern history took place during the Harding Administration, while an investigation of the present Federal Administration or of the Republican communities up-State would certainly reveal just as rotten a situation. Corruption in politics can only be gotten rid of by getting rid of the source and breeding ground of all corruption—the corrupt capitalist system.

"MERRY-GO-ROUND" for "Workers Age"

"Merry-Go-Round", the play which Tammany tried to suppress, one of the best and most outstanding plays of the season, will be seen by hundreds of friends and readers of the Workers Age on the evening of June 7, when a benefit performance will be given for the Workers Age.

The present graft and corruption scandals in this city make this play, which is an exposure of capitalist civic corruption, of great current significance. Every worker should see it, especially as in this way he can help the Workers Age thru the difficult summer months.

Get tickets now at the office of the Workers Age, 228 Second Ave. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$2.50. June 7 is the date.

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