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The Fundamentalists Controversy

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The present conflict within the American churches between fundamentalism and modernism is of sufficient social importance to require the careful attention of all who are interested in analyzing correctly American social and economic conditions.

wealthy churches supported by millionaires.
Among the Baptist Fundamentalists the bitterest object of attack is the Park Avenue Church in New York City which is supported by the Rockefeller family.

T. U. E. L. Picnic to See Lively Baseball Clash



A fierce diamond clash between the Old Militants and the Young Militants is scheduled to feature the 7th Annual T.U.E.L. picnic at Koltze's Park, this coming Sunday, in Chicago.

Old Militants: Maurer, 3rd base—Captain; Loebe, 1st base; Ford, Pitcher; Abern, Catcher; Johnson, Center field; Matheson, Left Field; Wolfe, Short stop; Phillips, Right field; J. Edwards, 2nd base. Young Militants: Zam, 2nd base; Murphy, Left Field; Ellman, 1st base; Angelo, Right field; Yusem, Third base; Glotzer, Pitcher—Captain; Zalisko, Shortstop; Herman, Catcher; Greenberg, Centerfield.

DRAMA

Lunacharsky, Author of "The Legend of the Bear's Wedding"



Russia's second contribution to the American cinema market, "The Legend of the Bear's Wedding" which is now showing at the Fifty-fifth Street Cinema, the newest little motion picture theatre.

Starring in "When a Man Loves," at the Warner Theatre. A new producing firm composed of Bernard Lohmuller, production manager and art director for the Earl Carroll Vanities, and Christopher T. Scalfie, company manager of the Vanities, are planning a musical show to be produced next month.

British Imperialism—The Mad Dog of Europe.

Great Britain, having failed to secure the expected endorsement for her policy of boycott and war against the Soviet Union at Geneva and in the various foreign offices, has determined to act alone and try to stampede the other nations into following her lead.

There has been no such tension in international circles since 1920 when the Red Army thrust back the Polish offensive. Of all the European capitals Moscow alone remains calm.

But that a madman is loose in Europe must not be forgotten. British imperialist government will decide on more extensive acts of provocation and violence if it succeeds in crushing the British labor movement.

The trade union bill and the character of the fight made against it by British labor becomes therefore of decisive importance.

Dispatches from Shanghai report that British warships loaded with tons of barbed wire and with deckloads of sandbags have sailed up the Yangtze for Hankow. This can be interpreted only as preparation by Great Britain for war on the seat of the People's government.

If Great Britain cannot provoke war her rulers will have suffered a defeat.

The whole force of the American working class must be thrown into the struggle to smash this war plot. We see now that the drive on the Communists and the left wing in the American labor movement has coincided with the international offensive—that like in all the other imperialist nations the reactionaries in America are trying to wipe out all possible centers of resistance to imperialist war.

The slogan of solidarity with the workers and farmers of Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan, China and the Soviet Union against war must be the rallying cry with which to gather into a solid front all sections of the American masses willing to struggle to prevent another blood bath for the world's working class.

The British Labor Party and the Break With the Soviet Union

According to London dispatches the Parliamentary Labor Party will not move for a vote of censure on the tory government for its raid on the headquarters of the Russian Trade Delegation and the breaking off of relations with the government of the Soviet Union.

This is not the language of workingclass spokesmen. It is the language of apologists for the tory government and for the system that this gang of second-story workers represents.

Instead of calling attention to the real character of the new Anti-Soviet drive led by Great Britain, those labor imperialists would draw the teeth of the resentment which the attack on the Workers' Republic is certain to arouse among the British working-class.

The tory drive against the Soviet Union will not be blocked by polite speeches in parliament, except so far as those speeches are calculated to arouse the masses into struggle against the Forgers' Government. In fact, the right wing of the Labor Party is heart and soul with the Tories in this conspiracy and there is more than a reasonable doubt that if the government was not assured of the benevolent neutrality of the king's labor fakers, it would never have acted with such disregard for its agreement with the Soviet government.

The workingclass movement of Great Britain is not represented by the right wing labor leaders. The masses are not going to lie down while workers and peasants of the Soviet Union are under attack, by the very government that crushed them during the general strike and leads the capitalist offensive against their already low standard of living.

Socialist Presidential Possibilities.

According to an announcement by Victor L. Berger, the meeting of the national executive committee of the socialist party recently held in Pittsburgh decided that a presidential candidate will be nominated on that ticket for the 1928 elections. The so-

Peasant Reaction.

Any person who has spent some time in the American "backwoods" realizes the important part that this question of Fundamentalism plays in the minds of a large percentage of the population. To many individuals, sometimes even to whole communities, Fundamentalism is the greatest issue of the day before which all other issues sink into insignificance.

Disregarding all the intricacies of dogma on which the question of Fundamentalism is based, we can generalize the whole matter by saying that Fundamentalism is a reactionary movement, a movement back to the ideas of their grandfathers, a protest against the modern spirit, against the changes in ideas that have come up in the last fifty to a hundred years.

Among the Country Poor.

What social classes are affected by this reaction? Firstly, there is some importance in the fact that the controversy has been fiercest among the Baptists and Methodists; protestant sects of emotional character which have their strongest holds on the poorer classes of the country, the petty bourgeoisie and workers of the small town, the poor farmer, the mass of the Negroes, etc. Secondly, the strength of the Fundamentalist movement is in the small town, on the farm, in parts of the country like the lower South where there is a low standard of living for the masses.

The Issue Obscured.

Religion is the opiate of the people. The fundamentalist controversy is a blind deceiving the masses about the true character of the social struggle. The advances of monopolistic capitalism are hidden by the dust of religious controversy. The masses are confused, are made to forget the real issue. Our task is to uncover the eyes of the backward masses, to show them that the direction is not backwards but forwards. Forward by organization of society that will have no place for economic oppression, mortgages, and wage slavery.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

I am a reader of The DAILY WORKER, but not a member of the party. I just want to ask you whether we will ever have a union again here in the stock yards of Chicago, where I work.

I don't like what you say about the priests. There is good and bad in all of us. In the last strike we had here, we had few priests on the picket line every morning. The some others were telling the strikers that if they didn't go back to work they would go to hell.

socialists want to get into the field early so they are to have a nominating convention in January.

To their convention are to be invited delegates of various farmer and labor "radical groups." We Communists are specifically given honorable mention. The socialist national committee does not think we are desirous of "co-operating." If the socialists expect us to accept their leadership and abandon our duty to the working class to warn them against the pitfalls of social-democracy, they are right. Certainly no group with a sense of responsibility to the working class can accept the program of the socialists and follow their leadership. To do so would be to land in the swamp of opportunist reaction.

But if the socialists really want to see a labor ticket behind which all groups in the labor movement who have broken with the capitalist parties can unite, we not only are desirous of co-operating but we will in the future, as we have in the past, do everything within our power to bring about unity of labor's forces behind labor candidates and a labor program.

In spite of the fact that the socialist national committee has already announced that it will have nothing to do with a united labor ticket and that they will enter the campaign alone, inviting other groups to accept THEIR program, we will still continue to fight for a labor ticket and, if possible, aid in building a labor party in the United States that will endeavor to mobilize the widespread discontent of the workers and farmers to contest every old party candidate in the country.

If the socialists persist in refusing to participate in such a movement we will stigmatize them, as we have in the past, as enemies of the working class who are totally unconcerned about the elementary demands of the working class for a united front in face of the terrific capitalist offensive that is raging against labor throughout the world.

If the socialists run a presidential candidate they will only expose to all the working class their weakness. They no longer have Eugene V. Debs to bear their standard and shield with his past record of service to the working class the present perfidy of the socialists who, at least in New York, are travelling the inclined plane of fascism by aiding the most reactionary and vicious elements in an unprecedented campaign of violence and provocation against the militant elements in the labor movement. If they persist in going it alone in this campaign it will be their last stand as a legal political party for they will not receive enough votes in most of the states to again get on the ballot without petitions.

We hope there will be enough class conscious delegates at the January convention of the socialist party to rebuke their national executive committee, repudiate their action and accept the Communist proposal for a united front in the coming elections that will enable labor's forces to stand united on a common program, at the same time permitting each group to put forth its own ultimate program while at the same time supporting the united ticket.

To refuse such a demand will brand the socialist party as a traitor and a disgrace to the working class, deserving of nothing but condemnation.

Gotham Rhymsters Decide to Do Something Useful at Long Last

Dear Comrade Editor: Intelligent proletarians (that means all of us) omnivorous proletarians, ditto, vegetarian proletarians and even those who dine exclusively on flesh meats are urged to come to Labor Temple Auditorium, 14th Street and 2nd Avenue on Thursday evening, June 9th, 8 P. M.

Were you ever a poet? If not you don't know what you have missed. The poets have gotten us into a lot of trouble but we forgive them, darn their hides. Because they are interesting and probably do some good. But doing good is the last thing that occurs to a poet which proves that a poet is neither born nor made.

What a self made poet wants to do, while he is normal is to disturb people. If a person is married and living with his lawfully wedded wife he paints the delights of concubinage for him. And if he is living in sin he expiates on the pleasures of conformity. In other words a poet is never in accord with his compeers. That's why poets are tolerated.

On the night alluded to a group of poets will posture for the benefit of The DAILY WORKER. Don't assume that we are ready to die because we accept a straw. We are really out for a jolly good time and our poets are unusual. That is, they don't take themselves seriously. They are not half as conceited as some of them sent self-addressed envelopes with their contributions.

You will hear a good deal more about this phenomenon before the night of June 8. But this is enough for once.

Fraternally yours, the publicity man of nucleus F-4 sub. I-B. W.P.A. In L. W. T.

P. S.—Tickets for this affair can be secured at The DAILY WORKER office 33 East First Street; Workers Party Office, 108 East 14th Street; Freiheit Office, Union Square, and 106 University Place.

Let's Fight On! Join The Workers Party!

In the loss of Comrade Ruthenberg the Workers (Communist) Party has lost its foremost leader and the American working class its staunchest fighter. This loss can only be overcome by many militant workers joining the Party that he built.

I want to become a member of the Workers (Communist) Party.

Name: Address: Occupation: Union Affiliation: Mail this application to the Workers Party, 108 East 14th Street, New York City; or if in other city to Workers Party, 1113 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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