











## NOT CRUSHED—ONLY DIVERTED

After five days of struggle against the invading government and Clerical-Fascist Heimwehr armies the Socialists in Austria have been crushed. After this unglorious victory of the brutal Heimwehr's and Chancellor Dollfuss' military forces over unarmed, and some very inadequately armed workers, with their wives and children at their side, a new rampage of hate spread among the people. Many Socialists were hanged. Hundreds were put in jail and others driven to concentration camps. Thousands of workers were chased out of their homes, especially in Vienna. Socialist halls, their printers, cooperatives, banks etc., were taken over by the government as a "reparation for the damage done by the Socialists in the civil war."

Doomed from the very outset, the defense by the Socialists and workers was an uprising of no mere local import. Its significance and determination could not but strike terror to the hearts of all who have been the historic enemies of the repressed workers everywhere. That it was finally put down by the superior guns of an armed government allays no fears of the oppressors. And Austria will now be Fascist, though not without a struggle as to which kind of Fascist it will be.

But Austria will not stay Fascist. Neither will any country remain Fascist long, in the historical meaning of time. The people are determined to begin to enjoy the fruit of their civilizations, the advantages of their technical skill, and the gifts of nature, all so long denied them. No form of government which continues the denial can long prevail. And Fascism continues that denial. No system of government which persists in allegiance to the profit system can do anything else.

## THE KARL MARX HOUSE

Even the capitalist papers have found it necessary, as purveyors of news, to give pictures of the Karl Marx housing project in Vienna, now said to be practically demolished in the civil war, and to state that it is, or was, seven-eighths of a mile long and that the apartments rented for \$1.50 a month.

## IS IT A NEW DEAL?

This was the question asked by Mr. Stuart Chase, noted economist, who gave his analysis and answer at the Chicago Forum, Sun., Feb. 18. Mr. Chase approached the topic as one who had made a study of the economic order and published a book by the title of "The New Deal" even before the Rooseveltian administration, and as one who looks upon it scientifically one year after the inauguration of that method.

Before attempting to answer the question directly, Mr. Chase give a history and development of the capitalistic system which was born when Watt invented the steam engine and which came to an end with March 4, of the past year. This he did to explain the natural reasons why the system was doomed to its own death.

various types of constructive work that could bring about the necessary changes. First of all, the government must get control of all the money, all the banks, all the credit of the nation. In the second place, there are all types and varieties of public services to be performed — services which are social and not aimed for profit. Of these the speaker mentioned the need of medical care, stating that only 3/5 of all the people in the United States are receiving medical care, and that by estimation we need 20,000 more doctors, 60,000 more nurses, and 500,000 more hospital beds. There are four million illiterates in the country. Here is need for more teachers. Public works need be expanded. Working hours must come down and wages must go up. There must be disallowance of the huge public debt. All of these measures will have to be adopted in a greater or lesser degree before we can hope for recovery.

## Before the Court of World Opinion

The Chicago Daily News is not a Socialist newspaper. It is rather, a mouthpiece of the Republican Party represented by such men as Herbert Hoover, which The Daily News supported in the last presidential campaign.

the Vienna municipality which for years they were unable to capture by constitutional methods. Their vengeance has gone to the extent of defacing public monuments in which socialist leaders figured.

## OF THE RACE OF HERO SPIRITS

So much has been said in song and story about the easy-going amiability of the Austrians that most foreigners forget it was Austria which for generations ground under its heel Italians, Czechs, Slovenes and other liberty-loving peoples.

Revolting as have been most of the developments of the last ten days, by no means all of them sully the name of Austria. Besides the sordid illustrations of human meanness, there have been superb manifestations of courage and unselfish devotion to a cause. If Austrian martyrdom shocked the world, incidents of Austrian bravery and willingness to die for an ideal inspire the world.

## GRIM DANUBE TUNES

"Socialists with machine guns and hand grenades are fighting Fascists in the streets of Vienna. In Germany 6,000,000 Communists let themselves be flattened out by the Hitler machine without a show of resistance. This is one more example of how events in this confused post-war era simply will not run true to form."

"As between the Austrians and the Germans, it is accepted doctrine that the people of the Danube are a soft folk, addicted to waltz tunes and light conversation in the coffee houses, whereas the Germans of the north are men of blood and iron. As between the Communists and Socialists, we have the former's word for it that Communists are the militant vanguard of the working class, whereas Socialists are cowardly lackeys to the bourgeoisie. It follows that when it is a question of barricades and gunfire there simply can be no comparison between a Prussian Communist and a Viennese Socialist. In practice it has been just the other way about."

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Capitalism, he said, worked up to that time in spite of the truth that many suffered at its expense. Nevertheless, the formula upon which it operated ran out, and this leads to the reasons why the depression cannot recover. During this order, energy, with its rapid development in all forms of inventions and devices, increased forty-fold. Capitalism reinvested this increased energy at a compound interest rate. This, too, was the speaker's definition of the word capitalism. Such a system, he explained, is, in the long run, foreign and intolerable to nature. However, during the years of its life, with the exceptions of crises here and there which were relieved by various events, a fairly good equilibrium was maintained, and the system worked. There arose a division into two sectors—the consumers' sector and the capital goods sector. In a capitalistic state, the formula works as long as a fairly even balance is maintained between the two sectors. But the distribution of the national in-

## The speaker then suggested

March 4 marked the climax of the breakdown. There were only two paths left to travel: either go back to the time of scarcity and primitiveness or fight for a new formula and a new order. In the opinion of the speaker, Roosevelt chose the latter road, although, he added, it is experimental, and it has not gone far enough. A new formula demands purchasing power. There can be no recovery without getting around the barriers outlined. The consumer must be financed directly. So far, the Roosevelt program has not been sufficient to meet these demands.

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From the practical point of view, how else can we interpret Mr. Chase than the following: He has admitted and proved that capitalism has taken a tumble so great that it can never arise to its feet through natural methods. He has stated that the present administration is attempting to mend the shattered chaos by employing various plays and experiments. But he also stated that he was non-partisan, and did not advocate a complete socialization. Would he have gone far wrong if he had simply said as did the man in the audience who arose and spoke as follows: "I happen to be a doctor by profession, and when I cut a man open and find a cancer I don't cut it out by bits and sew the fellow up. I simply cut out the whole thing. Couldn't Roosevelt adopt a program like that?"

## SUNDAY'S PROGRAM

On page 5 of this issue appears an advertisement for the program Sunday, March 4, at the CPS Hall, commemorating The Paris Commune and the recent Socialist rebellion in Austria.

office of Proletarec. Admission at the door will be 50c. We ask our friends to attend this affair Sunday, March 4, and enjoy the afternoon and evening with their comrades. It is a joint manifestation of all Chicago JSF branches. We have a good program with prominent speakers who will give talks on the historical Paris Commune and the recent butchery in Austria. We urge you to attend and invite your friends.

## COMRADES, SLEEP

The guns of death, the leaden rain, The shrieks of women, children, slain, The driving sleet of shot and shell That bloody holocaust of hell. Vienna's streets are red with blood, And shambles rot where homes once stood, Torn by bullets, slashed with steel, Because they dared the Iron Heel. Their living presence gone, instead, The pallid faces of the dead Are watching: Death-sealed lips still say, "We died that you might hail The Day." Is martyr's blood ever shed in vain? "No!" thunders back the deep refrain, Across the mountains, plains the blue, "Sleep, comrades, sleep. The line holds true." H. Sanbury Ogden.

## "BANKER'S HOURS"—1934



## SEARCHLIGHT

We are going to ask our many friends to make use of every available moment this week to help bring a large attendance for the vast program Sunday, March 4. It is a combined affair of all four Yugoslav Socialist clubs in Chicago which will commemorate the famous Paris Commune and at the same time serve as a protest against the massacre of so many Austrian workers by Austrian dictator Dollfuss. You, who are sympathetic to the movement, you who see what the reaction has brought to the workers in the countries across the pond, you who pride in having liberty and democracy, better know that it shan't last unless we organize to retain it. Come to the performance Sunday and in that way express your solidarity with the poor souls who suffer, who bleed, who die that you and I may have liberty.

Frank Crosswath will be the principal speaker at the joint affair on Sunday, March 4. Those of us who heard our good colored comrade speak in Washington, D. C. for the Continental Congress last year marvelled at his oratory. We want others to hear this brilliant orator and we want them to gain some of that inspiration that was ours, after hearing Crosswath. Incidentally, the Continental Congress Executive Committee will be in session in Washington, D. C. on March 2 and 4 to weigh the effects of the "New Deal" and to call the Congress Convention for this year. From the advance notice secured it looks like it's going to be a great analyzing session with widespread evidence coming direct from affected peoples.

We Americans take the whole thing too lightly. We are too easily fooled and bluffed by all kinds of "new deals" with the same old stacked cards. We need a good, strong, solid organization in order to be able to tell our governmental servants what we wanted. Start now, Sunday, March 4, and become more class conscious and more attentive to your fellowmen who wish you only good. Come to the performance, you'll see and hear what others have gone thru in order that you may have life, liberty, happiness and some freedom.

Slovene local No. 61 Chicago Workers Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 1, 1934. Frank Zaitz, editor of Proletarec, will be the guest speaker. Because of the "New Deal" and the CWA and PWA many have figured it wasn't necessary to have an unemployed club but we kept together just the same and now find out that unemployment is still as bad as it has been and with the CWA laying off there will be an increase in the ranks of the unemployed. Visitors are invited and workers are asked to join. The meeting will be held at the SNPJ Hall.

This cooperation of Socialist branches is bearing great fruit for the Lowlands district. We have had numerous meetings and rallies, the most recently being the protest meeting against Austrian barbarism last Wednesday, with most satisfactory results. The August Claessens meeting, two weeks prior, and the semi-monthly lectures have given our comrades and sympathizers an opportunity of learning all sides of the question as in no other season before. And the joyful thing about it is that we draw fairly reasonable crowds and certainly, excellent crowds, compared to many others.

What? they don't believe in hell any more? Religions are taking on a modern tinge so a majority of Protestant ministers want to do away with that version which has to do with hell. Religious people should wake up and learn the truth. If there was anything to the various forms and denominations why can a Hitler combine them into one, all his own? The Socialists have tried to teach the people to disbelieve superstitions and fantasies but "loose minded" Fascists want a religion to keep the people in servitude. Anyway some religions are taking on a more modern aspect as the young begin to disbelieve in its qualities.