Radical Periodicals and their Place in the Library

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During the past two or three years, there has been an increasing amount of discussion concerning the place of radical periodicals in libraries.

At the Denver conference of the A.L.A. [1935], one session of the Periodicals Section was devoted to this topic; the matter was also discussed less formally at the Richmond conference [1936], though in the latter case the discussion was not reported in the "Proceedings." On the other hand, there is a steady flow of complaints concerning the absence of important radical periodicals from libraries.

At Denver a session of the Periodicals Section was given to the topics "How shall the Library treat so-called propaganda periodical literature?" Points emphasized in the papers read were: radical periodicals should be in the library but should not be paid for; their use should, perhaps, be restricted by keeping them on closed shelves and allowing only students and mature persons to have access to them. The discussion was abstract and quite "up-in-the-air." In five columns of Proceedings, not a single radical periodical is mentioned by name and there appears to have been no recognition of the fact that radical periodicals vary considerably in current interest, reference value and physical permanence.

When the question of radical periodicals comes up in library circles, attention tends to center on their "propaganda" aspects. Now propaganda may be defined, roughly, as the attempt to influence a reader toward a certain point of view or course of action. With reference to periodicals, it is quite impossible to find any journals dealing with social questions that are unbiased, free from propaganda. (A general list of propaganda periodicals is out of the question; it would be little more than an annotated directory.) BUSINESS WEEK, THE NATION'S BUSINESS, and FORBES MAGAZINE, for example, are all frankly committed to the upholding of certain policies concerning business, government, and labor, and their contents are selected to maintain that point of view. One of the most efficient conservative agencies of propaganda in this country is our old friend, the SATURDAY EVENING POST. It is only a couple of years ago that the ATLANTIC MONTHLY frankly and openly advertised its services to American industrialists for creating a more favorable attitude toward large corporations.

Now there is nothing wrong about this. No one would even think of removing these periodicals (the above, of course, are merely examples) from library shelves. But two propositions follow from a recognition of the fact that "propaganda" is universal in the periodical field: radical periodicals cannot be barred from the library merely because they contain propaganda; also, since "conservative" and "reactionary" journals abound in all libraries, if the library itself is to escape being an agency of propaganda, it must provide a more balanced diet. For example, anti-Russian material is found by the bushel in every public and college library in the country. Are not the librarians, therefore, under obligation to provide at least some pro-Russian material? Similarly with labor unions, civil liberties, negroes, literary and artistic criticism. There is no "impartial" material on these topics. Since bias and propaganda are inescapable, the librarian can only attempt to balance one side against the other.

Another fundamental point concerns the size and importance of the radical movement. The Communist philosophy is now the controlling force in one-sixth of the world; it is exceedingly important also in parts of China that have a population as great as that of the United States. An understanding of the political and diplomatic events in no country in Europe is possible without a thorough knowledge of the radical parties. In the United States, the radical movement is steadily growing both in numbers and influence. In any particular large city, it is a safe wager that there are as many people interested in THE COMMUNIST as there are who want, say, the HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW; probably more would like to see the INTERNATIONAL PRESS CORRESPONDENCE than would demand an expensive investment service. Incidentally, the circulation of the NEW MASSES in now approximately equal to that of the NATION. It is just as much the duty of a public library to help supply the demand for
radical literature as to meet the need for conservative journals.

A third point concerns the value of radical periodicals for reference purposes. In the strictest sense of the word, the second quarter of the twentieth century is a revolutionary epoch, in which two or three irreconcilable philosophies are battling for supremacy. This fact must inevitably affect all departments of a library's work. (Even in the "pure" sciences; note, for example, the conflict between Fascist, Liberal, and Marxist ideas of race and the importance of heredity, not to mention the battle over the philosophical aspects of modern physics.) In the social fields, the radical periodicals have a distinct point of view, a criticism of the existing situation which is quite different from opinions to be found elsewhere. The criticism of the New Deal, for example, made by the NEW MALES is sharply different from that made by the NATION. Whatever our individual opinion of the ideas in them, magazines like ART FRONT, INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE, MODERN MONTHLY, FARM HOLIDAY NEWS contain an immense amount of important reference material on labor unions, politics, civil liberties, negroes, farm problems, literary and artistic criticism, international relations, and other topics without which the library's collection will be extremely deficient. For the library to shut out this material will simply make the library itself a propaganda agency — for the conservative point of view.

The fact that most radical periodicals are not indexed is sometimes urged as a reason for not keeping them. In view of the fact that libraries are the chief supporters of the composite indexes and have a good deal of influence with regard to their scope, this is a rather lame excuse. It also urges that Boards of Trustees and prominent citizens would object. This only raises the more fundamental question as to whether the librarian is a professional worker and leader in education, or merely a clerk and errand boy.

But does this all mean that libraries should subscribe to all radical periodicals? Obviously not. Radical periodicals, though they do have a group unity, vary widely in current interest, reference value and physical permanence. One or two, like the NEW MALES, should be in every library that can afford the NATION or the CHRISTIAN CENTURY. Others, like the MODERN MONTHLY or the AMERICAN SOCIALIST MONTHLY, are somewhat poorer and of more limited interest and would fit appropriately only in larger collections. Still others, like NATIONAL EPIC NEWS or the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER, have only a sectional or regional interest. Some, such as the RURAL WORKER or FARM HOLIDAY NEWS or the publications of the Labor Research Association, will be of use only to special libraries. A few, such as HEALTH AND HYGIENE or WOMAN TODAY, because of the similarity of their contents to those of corresponding "bourgeois" publications will be of little use anywhere. Half a dozen, CLASS STRUGGLE or FIGHTING WORKER, for example, are so lacking in usefulness, so poor in physical make-up, as to be worse than useless anywhere. Each library must consider the group with reference to its own particular needs. The point is that the group of periodicals that have been roughly classified as "radical" contains much that is of great current interest and of considerable reference value. No library can afford to ignore them merely because of their political complexion.

The following list of radical periodicals includes, with certain limitations, practically all the radical periodicals that we have been able to find currently published in the United States, as well as a few European titles. It does not include a few which are of purely sectional importance, such as the SHARECROPPER'S VOICE, nor does it include new titles of which less than four numbers have been published. Shop papers and other local sheets are excluded. Conservative trade union papers are also excluded. Paging is usually from one issue and is intended merely to give some idea of the size. Other data have been checked with the most recent issue (March 1937). The notes on affiliation or political position are based largely on the writer's personal knowledge of the labor movement.

AMERICAN GUARDIAN, 17 West 3rd St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 4 p. 22.5 x 17. Oscar Ameringer, editor. Largely a personal organ. Mildly socialist in political complexion. News items and editorials on current economic, labor, and political events. Most of this appears in very similar form elsewhere. The paper is popular in many parts of the central and south West, and probably should be in the public libraries of smaller cities and towns in that region.

AMERICAN GUARDIAN, 21 East 17th St., New York City.
Monthly (quarterly until 1936). $1.50 yr. 32 p. 10 x 6.75 in. Official theoretical organ of the Socialist Party, U.S.A. Articles on American politics and the labor movement. Mildly left in political line. (It is dominated by the "militant" caucus.) Usefulness in reference work not as great as the COMMUNIST and
libraries that can take only a limited number of radical papers would find the latter more used. Partly indexed in the P.A.I.S.

ART FRONT. 430 6th Ave., New York City.
Monthly. $1.00 yr. 16 p. 11.75 x 8.76 in. Official organ of the Artists Union. Concerned chiefly with the economic position of artists and the activities of the more militant organizations. There is some material on the social significance of art, different “schools,” and related topics.

CHALLENGE OF YOUTH. 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois.
Monthly. 25¢ yr. 8-12 p. 17 x 11 in. Official organ of the Young Peoples’ Socialist League, youth auxiliary of the Socialist party. News stories on political and economic conditions of young people. Some material on larger political and international questions, but this is of quite ordinary character. Should be in public libraries where the socialist movement is strong, but elsewhere its value would be small.

CHAMPION OF YOUTH. 2 East 23rd St., New York City.
Monthly. (52 issues for $1.25). 16 p. 15 x 11 in. Apparently independent, but probably more or less guided by the Communists. Articles on economic and political status of young people. Militant and inclined to the left. Short stories; also regular departments on sports and movies.

CHINA TODAY. 168 West 23rd St., New York City.
Monthly. $1.50 yr. 18-20 p. 9 x 12 in. Published by the American Friends of the Chinese People, which is dominated by Communists. Articles chiefly on political, economic, and military events in China and Japan. The point of view is radical, but is not over-emphasized. Numerous photographs and occasional maps. Very useful in these days when information on the Far East is so difficult to get. This journal is one of the few sources where current information about the Chinese Soviets can be obtained. An excellent companion to the more conservative ASIA.

CLASS STRUGGLE. P.O. Box 947, Chicago, Ill.
Monthly. $1.50 yr. 50 p. 11 x 8.5 in. Mimeographed. Not too regular. Albert Weisbord, editor. Organ of the Communist League for Struggle, the smallest of the splinter groups. Its political line is difficult to define, but is characterized chiefly by a fanatical contempt and hatred for all other working-class organizations. Weisbord, under one name or another, writes about half the contents. Entertaining to the informed radical, and university libraries will want a few copies around for the classes in abnormal psychology, but otherwise it is quite useless.

COMMON SENSE. 315 4th Ave., New York City.
Monthly. $2.50 yr. 32 p. 8.5 x 11.5 in. Alfred Bingham, editor. Militant and half-radical middle-class political line. Independently owned. Is now the organ and chief exponent of the Commonwealth Political Federation, a recently formed third party organization. Definitely anti-Marxist and anti-Communist. The signed articles on American political and economic problems, militarism, etc., though they represent no consistent point of view, are always interesting.

COMMUNIST, THE. 50 East 13th St., New York City.
Monthly. $2.00 yr. 92-96 p. 6 x 9 in. Official organ of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Articles on Communist strategy and tactics, labor unions, political and economic conditions in the U.S. Much of the writing is rather stiff and less readable than in the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. But the Communist Party now constitutes one of the important political movements in this country and one or the other of these journals should be in all self-respecting college or university and larger public libraries, whatever we may think of the ideas expressed in them. The files have considerable reference value. Indexed in P.A.I.S. Bulletin.

COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE. Editorial office Moscow, U.S.S.R.
Separate editions published in English, Russian, German, French, Chinese, and Spanish. American edition handled by Workers Library Publishers. P.O. Box 148, Station “D” New York City, (50 East 13th St.)
Monthly. $1.75 yr. 120 p. 6 x 9 in. Official organ of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. Articles on the labor movement, politics, and government, and social conditions of the various countries of the world, as well as in international problems. Much discussion of the activities of the various Communist Parties. Broader in scope and more readable than the COMMUNIST. Indexed in P.A.I.S. Bulletin.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE, 1604 California Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Monthly. $1.00 yr. 30 p. 6.5 x 10 in. Mimeographed. Sometimes: INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE. Published by the “group of council Communists in America”; one of the smallest of the splinter groups. Articles, rather academic in tone, on American politics, Marxism, revolutionary strategy; some are of temporary interest to active radicals, particularly teachers, but have little reference value. Probably not worth keeping anywhere.

DAILY WORKER. 35 East 12th St., New York City.
Daily. $6.00 yr. 22 x 17 in. 6-10 p. Included here because likely to be missed. Organ of Communist Party, U.S.A. General news though emphasis is on labor movement. In the past three years, the Daily Worker has become a first-class paper, both technically and editorially. It carries the more important theses, reports, programs, etc. of Communist organizations. Excellent counter-irritant for the Hearst papers, Chicago Tribune, et al. Also a Sunday edition at $2.00 yr., but that would be less useful in most libraries.

ECONOMIC NOTES. Labor Research Association. 80 East 11th St., New York City.
Monthly. 65¢ yr. 10 p. 8.5 x 11 in. Mimeographed. Short news items, statistics and occasional charts on business and industrial conditions in the U.S. Working class point of view. The L.R.A. is organizationally independent, but is sympathetic to the Communist Party.
FACTS FOR FARMERS. Room 1009, Peoples' Life Insurance Bldg., Washington, D.C.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 8 p. 9 x 12 in. Short news items and interpretive notes on economic aspects of agriculture and relations between farming and other industries. Militant in tone and probably more or less sponsored by Communists but contains very little that is directly political. Agricultural libraries.

FIGHT AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM. 268 Fourth Ave., New York City.
Monthly. $1.00 yr. 32 p. 10.75 x 13.50 in. Illustrated. Official organ of the American League Against War and Fascism, a non-factional organization of liberals and radicals for combating the menace of Fascism and war. Popularly written. Articles on war and its results, armaments, civil liberties, and the activities of Fascist organizations in the U.S. and Europe. These topics are all very much to the fore and the paper would have considerable value, both for current reading and for reference work. Also, it would provide some counterbalance to the large amounts of militaristic propaganda that exist in all libraries.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, THE. 2159 West Division St., Chicago, Ill.
Biweekly (?); very irregular, 50¢ yr. 2-6 p. News organ of the Revolutionary Worker's League, one of the smallest of the Trotskyite splinters. Devoted chiefly to editorials and "exposes" of the socialists and communists. Not even funny and utterly useless.

INDEX TO LABOR ARTICLES. Rand School of Social Sciences. 7 East 15th St. NYC.
Usually monthly. $1.00 yr. 6-8 p. 8.5 x 11. Mimeographed. This is not really an index but, rather, a list of articles on topics of interest to the labor movement classified under about twenty-five broad headings with a few sub-heads. References include title, author, periodical, and date, but not volume or paging. There is some little duplication of the indexing in the Readers Guide, but items from 25 to 30 Socialist, Communist and Trade Union papers are also listed. The index is not cumulative and has several other limitations, but is useful as a rough guide to the current literature on labor problems.

INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE. Box 850, Central Post Office, Moscow, U.S.A.
Monthly. $3 yr. 9.75 x 6.75 in. Separate editions published in Russian, French, German, and English. "Devoted to the proletarian and revolutionary literature of all countries." Short stories, poems, critical articles, biographical sketches. Considerable space is given to the much debated question of Marxist literary criticism.

Weekly. $5 yr. 4-24 p. 10.75 x 8 in. Though published by a private individual, this periodical is under the political guidance and sponsorship of the Communist International. Articles, some of them thorough and scholarly, on political and economic conditions in most of the countries of the world, international relations, war danger, etc. Much of the material is not to be found easily elsewhere and has considerable reference value. Inprecorr (as the magazine is popularly known) was the only place in which the full proceedings of the seventh Congress of the Communist International (August 1935) were published, and a few libraries should acquire the 1935 numbers for that reason. The physical form of the periodical, single unstitched signatures of thin paper, is somewhat inconvenient.

LABOR ACTION. 236 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 4 p. 22.5 x 17 in. J. P. Cannon, editor. Organ of Western Federation of the Socialist Party. Many short news items on labor activities and a few longer articles on international events and radical politics. Trotskyite political position. Reference value slight; probably useful only in large labor collections.

LABOR FRONT. 126 East 16th St. New York City.
Monthly (irregular). $1.00 yr. (?). 9 x 12 in. Organ of the League for a Revolutionary Workers Party, another tiny splinter group. The paper is devoted chiefly to attacks on the "Stalinites," is not nearly as entertaining as Class Struggle, and is quite useless anywhere.

Monthly. 8 shillings ($2) yr. 60 p. 6 x 9.25 in. Communist in sympathy if not definitely controlled by the Communist Party. Articles on British labor, politics, and foreign relations. Indexed in International Index and P.A.I.S. Bulletin. Though subtitled "A magazine of international labour," the contents pertain almost wholly to Britain.

LABOR NOTES. Labor Research Association. 80 E. 11th St., New York City.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 10 p. 8.5 x 11 in. Mimeographed. (Formerly called LRA Notes.)

Advocate of revolutionary industrial unionism. Articles on current political and social problems, largely devoted to criticism of Socialist and Communist parties. Of almost no value anywhere either for current use or reference.
Brief items on wages, strikes, child labor, unemployment, and other labor problems in the U.S. See note under ECONOMIC NOTES.

MINING NOTES. Labor Research Association. 80 East 11th St., New York City.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 5-6 p. 8.5 x 11 in. Mimeographed. Notes and statistics on business and labor conditions in the mining industry. See note under ECONOMIC NOTES.

MODERN MONTHLY. 47 East 21st St., New York City.
Monthly. $1.50 yr. 9 x 12 in. 64 p. Slightly irregular in publication. "An independent radical magazine affiliated with no party" (title page), but at present it leans strongly toward the Socialists. Articles on the labor movement and the radical parties, stories and poems, some literary discussions. The intellectual and literary standards of the magazine vary considerably. Indexed in P.A.I.S. Bulletin.

NATIONAL EPIC NEWS. 120 North Union Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 12 p. 16.5 x 11.25 in. Organ of the End Poverty League, Inc. Upton Sinclair's organization. News of the Epic movement and some material — the quality of which is not high — on economic and political conditions. Dubious in value outside of California.

NATIONAL FARM HOLIDAY NEWS. 400 South Third St. Minneapolis, Minn.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 8 p. 17 x 11.5 in. Organ of the Farm Holiday movement. News of the activities of the more militant farmers' organizations and of political and economic events of interest to farmers. Useful for labor, agricultural, and economic collections.

NEW LEADER. 7 East 15th St., New York City.
Weekly. $2.00 yr. 8 p. 22.5 x 16 in. James Oneal, editor. Organ of the extreme right-wing Socialists who were until lately known as the "Old Guard" of the Socialist Party, U.S.A., but who have now split off and call themselves the Social Democratic Federation. Some material of no unusual value, on the Trade Unions, longer articles on the doings of the more conservative socialist organizations and a great deal of material on the factional fight within the Socialist Party. The Old Guard Socialists constitute a group of declining strength and significance and the paper has but little reference value.

NEW MASSES. 31 East 27th St., New York City.
Weekly. $4.50 yr. 32 p. 9 x 12.25 in. Very similar in scope to the NATION or NEW REPUBLIC. Notes, editorials, and articles on current political, economic, social, and international problems. Some discussion of literature and occasional poems and short stories. Some excellent cartoons. Frankly Communist in political sympathy but not blatant. Generally high intellectual caliber. The NEW MASSES should certainly be in every library able to afford the NATION, NEW REPUBLIC or CHRISTIAN CENTURY and its absence can only be interpreted as a case of political censorship in one form or another.

NEW THEATRE MAGAZINE. 156 West 44th St., New York City.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 32 p. Published by the New Theatre League, a non-political organization, more or less dominated by Communists. Devoted to the theater from the working class point of view. Articles on social implications of the theater, criticisms of current dramas, play technique, and the dance. Well illustrated.

NORTHWEST ORGANIZER. 226 East 6th St., St. Paul, Minn.
Weekly. $2.00 yr. 8 p. 12 x 18 in. Organ of the Northwest Labor Unity Conference which is — or was until recently — a Trotskyite organization. Made up entirely of news stories or trade union activity in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and vicinity. Militant and aggressive point view. Usefulness limited to libraries in the area covered and to special collections of labor material.

PRODUCERS NEWS. Plentywood, Montana.
Weekly. $2.00 yr. 8 p. 12 x 18 in. Organ of the Farmers Holiday Association of Montana. Some news of farmers holiday organizations and political events of interest to farmers in the northwest; considerable amount of purely local news. The political connections of this paper have been varied and its present line is not clear, but is probably Trotskyite in sympathy. Of doubtful value anywhere.

PROLETARIAN NEWS. 1545 Larrabee St., Chicago.
Weekly. $1.00 yr. 4 p. 17.5 x 11 in. Organ of the Communist Party. Articles on economic and political matters of interest to the working class. Proletarian in point of view. Useful for libraries interested in labor movements.

RESEARCH REVIEW. Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.
Monthly. $1.00 yr. 24 p. 6 x 9 in. Published by the Canadian Commonwealth Federation, a new and militant Socialist-leaning Canadian party. Articles on economic and political conditions in Canada from a mild left-wing point of view. Probably of limited interest outside the largest public and university libraries.

RURAL WORKER. 1 Union Square, New York City. (P.O. Box 176, Station "D")
Monthly. $2.50 yr. 8 p. 16.5 x 11.5 in. Published by the National Committee of Agricultural and Rural Workers, which is close to the Communist Party. Short news stories on the condition of agricultural workers and activities of their unions.
organizations. Current information in this field is hard to get and the paper would be useful in agricultural libraries and in large libraries that have special departments for economics and business.

SOCIALIST APPEAL. 1654 West 67th St., Chicago.
Monthly (somewhat irregular). 50¢ yr. 16 p. 9 x 12 in. A factional organ within the Socialist Party. Point of view largely Trotskyite. Devoted chiefly to controversial issues within the Socialist Party, theory, and programs. A considerable amount of anti-Communist material. Should be in public libraries where Socialist movement is active, but of limited value elsewhere.

SOCIALIST CALL. 21 East 17th St., New York City.
Weekly. $1.50 yr. 12 p. 15.5 x 11.5 in. Official organ of the "Militant" faction of the Socialist Party (mildly leftisht). News articles on activities within the Socialist movement, labor unions, civil liberties, American politics. Some longer articles on theoretical and programmatic problems of the Socialist movement. The paper is made up in tabloid style — many pictures. Reference value is small; usefulness limited to public libraries where the Socialist movement is active.

SOCISTRUSSIA TODAY. 824 Broadway, New York City.
Monthly. $1 yr. 30 p. 11.5 x 8.75 in. Published by the Friends of the Soviet Union, a Communist dominated organization. Articles, well-illustrated, on industry, agriculture, government, sports, science and the arts in the Soviet Union. Some of the articles are rather "pollyannish." The paper carries a good deal of material on industry, social insurance, labor and related matters and has considerable reference value. Probably better for library work than the MOSCOW NEWS. One or the other should be in all but the smallest public libraries.

SOUTHERN WORKER. Box 572, Birmingham, Ala.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 8 p. 17.5 x 11.5 in. Southern organ of the Communist Party, U.S.A. News items and a few longer signed articles on political and labor events in the South. Chiefly of regional interest.

STEEL AND METAL NOTES. Labor Research Assoc. 80 East 11th St., New York City.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 5-6 p. 8.5 x 11 in. Mimeographed. News notes and statistics on business conditions, wages, and labor conditions; chiefly in the steel industry but with some reference to automobiles and machinery. Working class point of view.

STEEL LABOR. 2600 Grant Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Bi-weekly. 50¢ yr. 8 p. 17.5 x 11 in. Organ of the steel workers' organization committee, subsidiary of the Committee for Industrial Organization. Not a radical paper in any sense, but the campaign to unionize steel is undoubtedly the most important thing in the labor movement today. As the chief source of news concerning the steel drive, the paper is clearly of major importance.

TEXTILE NOTES. Published by Labor Research Assoc., 80 East 11th St., New York City.
Monthly. 50¢ yr. 5-6 p. 8.5 x 11 in. Mimeographed. News, notes and statistics on business conditions, wages, strikes, profits, etc. in the textile industry. Working class point of view.

WESTERN WORKER. 121 Haight St. San Francisco, Calif.
Semi-weekly. $3.00 yr. 8 p. 22 x 17.5 in. Western organ, Communist Party, U.S.A. Newspaper devoted largely to labor news of the Pacific coast area.

WEEKLY PEOPLE. 45 Rose St., New York City.
Weekly. $2 yr. 6-8 p. 22.5 x 18 in. Organ of the Socialist Labor Party, the oldest of the radical organizations. Notes and editorials on current events. Some longer articles on program and theory. Also propaganda articles and party news. Dry reading and reference value slight.

WOMAN TODAY. 112 East 19th St., New York City.
Monthly. $1 yr. 32 p. 9 x 12 in. Articles and comment on various aspects of women's work and interest, stressing working-class angles. Apparently independent politically with very little material on politics. Same trade union news.

WORKERS AGE. 51 W. 14th St., New York City.
Weekly. 50¢ yr. 8 p. 16 x 11.5 in. Organ of the Communist Party Opposition, one of the split-offs from the Communist Party. Very useful articles and news notes on the trade unions, the radical parties and the international situations. Some occasional longer theoretical articles of fairly high quality. Critical of the Communist Party.

The copy of "Radical Periodicals and Their Place in the Library" from which this is reprinted was discovered at the Reference Center for Marxist Studies, NYC.