

March Issue of Labor Defender Shows More Improvement

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THE March issue of the *Labor Defender*, now on the newsstands, shows continued technical attractiveness in make-up as well as marked improvement in the political contents of articles. Some of these still suffer, however, from an absence of social background of the struggles dealt with, a lop-sidedness in stressing terroristic attacks on the workers while dealing inadequately with working-class resistance, counter-attacks and victories.

"Lessons from Austria," by William L. Patterson; "Smash Injunctions," by Michael Pierce, "Vive La Commune," by Sasha Small; "The Fight Against Fascism," by Leo Gallagher, are particularly worth reading. These articles not only picture the social background of the struggles dealt with, but bring out the heroic resistance of the workers

and apply the lessons of these struggles to the situation of the American working-class today. This is also largely true of "China Today," by John Phillips, although the article is marred by an all too-simple and unconvincing explanation of the highly complicated situation in the struggle of the imperialist rivals for Chinese markets and territory. Too, the article in pointing out the effects (war danger) of this struggle on the American workers ignores the utilization of starvation wages in China to force down the wages of workers in the imperialist countries.

Also worthy of special mention are Louis Colman's review of Hugo Gellert's pictorial presentation of Karl Marx's "Capital," "In the Beautiful West Indies," by A. Gomez, and the special departments such as "Young Defenders Corner" and "Voices from Prison."

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