

ing with a portrait of Karl Marx painted by one of them can never be forgotten. As in all of his films, Ivens makes a generalization: Borinage is not an isolated village (one recalls the isolation of *Man of Aran*); it represents only part of the great struggle all over the world.

It hasn't been possible to discuss all important problems involved in these films. Their importance to the independent producer, to the independent filmmaker cannot be underestimated. Certain of our left-wing film makers are firmly convinced that the documentary film is the only important film for us to exploit. Therefore it will be of great interest to quote Joris Ivens on the subject: "I firmly believe that the documentary has its limitations. All we can do with it, is to accuse and show the way. Unlike the acted film, there is no possibility of identification with the actor, or emotional relationship to the development of the plot. Thus we can never indicate the future."

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THE meeting held on March 22 by the Chicago Branch of the Friends of THE NEW MASSES was a huge success. Three thousand people filled the Ashland Auditorium to hear the main speaker of the evening, John L. Spivak, in his discussion of Europe under the present conditions of terror. William E. Browder, Business Manager of THE NEW MASSES, was the other speaker, and Ben Meyers, of the sponsoring group, was the chairman. Over 300 new subscriptions were obtained.

Another speaker appeared on the program in the person of Heywood Broun. He made an appeal for the joint benefit of the Chicago Branch of the Friends of THE NEW MASSES and the members of the American Newspaper Guild now striking against Hearst's Wisconsin News in Milwaukee.

A splendid organization of its forces enabled the sponsors of this meeting to put over one of the most successful events ever given in behalf of THE NEW MASSES.

James Wechsler, who writes on the recent hearings in Washington on the National Youth Act, is the editor of The Student Advocate, monthly publication of the American Student Union. Wechsler's book *Revolt on the Campus*, was reviewed in a recent issue of THE NEW MASSES.

issue, protests have been pouring in from readers who wish to add to the growing pressure against the two sedition bills now in Congress: the Russell-Kramer and the Tydings-McCormack Bills analyzed last week. Readers are urged to combat these dangerous threats to civil rights.

The drawings reproduced on pages 16 and 17 are taken from a new booklet *Viva Octobre* published by E. P. I. (Education par L'Image), a non-profit organization located in Brussels. There are nearly twenty reproductions in this booklet by Helios Gomez with subtitles and an introduction by Jean Cassou in French. Copies may be obtained by writing to the publishers at 41 Boulevard Charlemagne, Brussels, Belgium.

Among the articles which will soon appear in THE NEW MASSES are: "Austria's Underground," by John L. Spivak; "The Jesuits Back Fascism," by Bruce Minton; "The Artists Must Choose," by Peter Blume; "Art in the U. S. S. R.," by Louis Lozowick, and Alfred Hirsch's exposure of further activities of the Red-baiting National Republic.

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