

reforms, and the little group has succeeded in holding Russia and in taking over many other nations. Their principles are no secret, they are clearly expressed in their writing. Not only that, they can easily be seen for just what they are if you read any of the many books that describe them. The books that perhaps interested me perhaps about as much as any I ever read along this line was Eugene Lyons's book, Assignment in ^{Soviet} ~~Revolt~~. This book came out in the 30's. Eugene Lyons was brought in New York, in the east side of New York. He was brought up there to hate the people that had anything. He was brought up to hate the exploiters as he considered them. And he became a journalist, he wrote an account of the Sacco-Vanzetti case which went into thousands of them were sold. He took, he became the assistant to the leader of the Soviet News Agency in New York and for years he carried on that work. He considered himself thoroughly at one with the Communists except that for some reason he refused to join their party. He always said it's a weakness in me but I can't bring myself to put myself where others order what I do and I have to do what they say, I just can't quite see that, but he said I like the principles, I'm for it, and working for it and everything, and one day, ~~the head~~ ^{of} the representative of the United Press came to him, he was a good friend of the (5 $\frac{1}{2}$) here and he said Mr. Lyons, our bureau in Moscow is empty, we need a leader, you go over and take it and he immediately talked with the head of Tass and the head said I think it's a good idea, you go over there, you'll learn Russian thoroughly, get to know Soviet position first hand, you can make your life really count for Communism, and Eugene Lyons went over as a representative of the United Press, thinking of himself as one who advanced communism by writing for American papers what would advance the Communist cause and when he got there he immediately began writing stuff for Russian papers about American position, which they distributed rather widely. Well, now this book tells, day by day, about the experiences of Eugene Lyons in Russia, as he came in contact with the powers (6 $\frac{1}{2}$) as he saw the gear that everybody was held under, as he saw the brutality, as he saw the tight system which would direct people's lives in whatever direction would serve the thought which those in power thought would cause the advancement of communism in the end. And step by step he gradually saw what