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For the Fourth International!

Will Starve As War

Budget Mounts

The miserly proportions of the

financial provisions made by the

Roosevelt administration for re-

being asked to vote, have been

Roosevelt for the remainder of

According to an estimate made

by the administration, this de-

Saturday, March 5, 1938

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Stalin Stages New Frame-up

War Moves Speeded Up

American States In War Alliance

A favorable report by the House Military Affairs Committee on the notorious May Bill, revised version of the Sheppard- fluence that the Independent lief of mounting unemployment, Hill Bill, and preparations on the floor of the House for speedy flected a growing and increas- war budgets which Congress is passage of the huge special Naval Appropriations, last week brought the Roosevelt war program to new heights. Overwhelming endorsement by Congress of the Naval Appropriations was freely predicted for the near future, with the authorized sum in all probability going far beyond the \$800,000,000 originally projected.

Thousands of telegrams from American Legion posts and other jingo organizations were pouring measure of union democracy from Washington demanding passage of the Sheppard-Hill learn that it could not so easily May Bill. In its present form this measure provides for universal conscription (draft) of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 31, a proposal unprecedented in American peace-time

Military Dictatorship

Along with the draft section is included blanket authorization for a one hundred percent military dictatorship not merely for the time of the war, but as long as the "emergency" might last. A legal basis is given for the definition on all forms of labor and trade-union activity as treas-

The impact of the current crisis in European affairs served to bring out the fundamental plans to use relief agencies as a exponents of reformism they out lawyer and lackeys. The "ma- cation" which lies at the root of according to reports reaching identity of "collective security" and "isolation." Prime Minister next war. This came out into the sical schools. Chamberlain's turn toward a deal with Mussolini served to dampen temporarily the enthusiasm of the "quarantine the aggressor" bloc of Congressmen; the Congressional isolationists to them to enlist for military serhowl for still larger naval and vice. military armament as the answer to the European events.

"Wings of Democracy"

The Administration is utilizing the European crisis as a springboard for re-emphasizing the fundamental plank in its imperialist policy: namely, undisputed U.S. domination over the entire two American continents.

Six of the gigantic new army bombers, by far the most powerful fighting planes in existence, P.S.U., member of the C.E.C. roared their way down through and the Political Committee, edit-Panama and Peru to play the star role at the inauguration of the new President of Argentina, the rich banker and industrialist, Roberto Ortiz. The peoples of the Central and South American nations were being told in no uncertain terms just which side their bread is buttered on.

wave channels were granted to connected with Lenin, "who, imthe General Electric Company mediately recognized his great and one of its subsidiaries for abilities and talent." daily "non-commercial" broadcasts to South America, and plans were announced for direct U.S. Government broadcasts in the same direction. The sugared message of Roosevelt "neighborliness" thus enters into big-scale from Germany, Italy and Eng-

revived about the possibilities of a Pan-American military alliance. In spite of the fact that for years alleged preparations to "blow up Secretary Hull has denied any bridges" and "throw bombs."

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732 In Teachers Union Take Anti-War Stand FDR Offers

NEW YORK .- A referendum on affiliation to the American League for Peace and Democracy By Roosevelt in Teachers Union, Local 5, resulted in victory for affiliation by a vote of 1,955 to 732. The vote was preceded by an intensive campaign by the majority group, favoring affiliation, and Prepare To Knit Latin by the Independents, who are op-

> The oppositional vote of 27 percent was the largest ever polled against the leadership since the present administration took control of the union. It showed the considerable growth in ingroup has enjoyed and also re- as compared with the inflated ingly intelligent appreciation of the real nature of "collective brought into prominence by the security" — the issue around \$250,000,000 deficiency relief apwhich the referendum campaign propriation recommended by was fought.

> fight against affiliation, not on the basis of futile pacifist isolationism but upon a program of ficiency appropriation, if passed, militant workers' action against will enable the W.P.A. to emthe capitalist war-makers. In the ploy an additional 2,500,000 course of the struggle the Inde- people between now and the end pendents also won a remarkable of the fiscal year. an administration that had to

For Recruiting into U.S. Army

Cooperate To Put Men In Uniform

open February 25 when the New York Times reported that the U.S. army recruiting service had lists of unmarried men on home but this bloc joined as one with or work relief, in order to get

> W.P.A. therefore sent out letters into consultation. (Continued on page 2)

The Independents waged their the fiscal year ending June 30.

"Revolutionary" Criticism The Stalinist-controlled Nationrailroad its policies through. al Executive Committee of the

Workers Alliance, has taken issue with Aubrey Williams, assistant W.P.A. administrator, on this figure and has declared that the appropriation is sufficient to give employment to an additional

policy of directing their "revolu-

find the Stalinists completely silent on the fact that People's asked the up-state W.P.A. for Champion Roosevelt first sent his Commission at New York. In mocalled "the people" (i.e. the N. According to the report, the E.C. of the Workers Alliance)

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Trotsky Nails Fresh Attack Meager Sop To Jobless On His Asylum

To Gag Him As New **Trial Opens**

On February 23, 1938, the C. T. M. (Mexican trade union federation dominated by a Stalinist clique under the leadership of Lombardo Toledano and Hernan Laborde, secretary of the Mexican Communist Party) without any previous discussion adopted a resolution attacking Leon Trotsky and repeating all the slanders concocted by Stalin against the leaders of the October Revolution -slanders which were completely exploded and branded as sheer frame-up by the impartial Commission of Inquiry under the leadership of Dr. John Dewey. The following is the text of Comrade Trotsky's reply to this infamous resolution.

By Leon Trotsky

COYOACAN, D.F., Feb. 24.-Mr. Lombardo Toledano and his clique, after lengthy and assiduous preparation, have made a malicious attempt to deceive pub-2,900,000 people, or 400,000 more lic opinion in this country. The than the official estimate. "material" on which they based 'material" on which they based holding out on the unemployed. Trade Unions of Mexico (C.T. The Commission, point by point, This is in line with their general M.) does not represent anything refuted all the accusations of Ya-

new: it is the material of Ya- goda, Yezhov, Vyshinsky, Stalin, Military, Relief Agencies tionary" criticism, not against goda, Yezhov, Vyshinsky. It is and their international lackeys. the capitalist system and its po- the material of Stalin. On the The twenty-first paragraph of the the banner of the Fourth Interlitical administration as a whole, basis of this material thousands verdict states: "We find the Pro- national, a violent lynch drive, the "economic royalists," and the only guilt was that they detested Trotsky's role before, during, and its instruments, is being waged bad" administrators in Wash- the dictatorship of the Kremlin after the October revolution." It against the C The Roosevelt Administration ington. As the twentieth-century clique and felt contempt for its is exactly this "fantastic falsifi- of China (Bolshevik-Leninists) channel for recruiting for the do all the reformists of the clas- terial" which Lombardo Toledano the slanders of Mr. Toledano and here from our comrades in uses in order to deceive Mexican his helpers. It is not at all surprising to public opinion received the necessary evaluation in the findings of the International Inquiry \$250,000,000 appropriation request | ral height, past, irreproachabil- | books and articles. As in October, to Congress and only afterwards ity of reputation, personal dis- 1917, I defend the interests and interestedness, each member of rights of the workers and peas- Kuomintang government at Han- grant contradictions in the prethis Commission, beginning with ants in the U.S.S.R.—against kow, where he arrived recently vious trials, to rid himself of all its president, Dr. John Dewey, the new, insatiable and tyrannic- from Moscow, is calling for "the possible critics and opponents,

Hundreds of Thousands Answers Toledano's Move Known GPU Agent Goes To Mexico

Fears that definite plans are on foot to assassinate Leon Trotsky were heightened this week with receipt of word that Georges Fournial, a known agent of Stalin's GPU, has arrived in Mexico City, ostensibly as delegate of the International of Educational Workers, one of those vague paper organizations which serve the Kremlin Borgia as a cover for his international plottings.

Fournial's arrival at the place of Trotsky's asylum followed revelation in last week's "Socialist Appeal" that a man named Rossi, alias Rous, the actual murderer of Ignace Reiss in Switzerland last year, had been assigned the job of murdering Trotsky. Among Rossi's belongings were found a map of Mexico City and suburbs, a map of Mexico, a number of American addresses, and, most important of all, a duplicate of Rossi's application for a visa to visit Mexico.

Real Views Available

My real politics are accessible to all. They are set forth in my surpasses Lombardo Toledano (Continued on page 3)



NIKOLAI BUKHARIN

GPU TRIES TO FRAME CHINESE **BOLSHEVIKS**

Chinese Comrades Spike Stalinist Charges **Against Them**

Tying in closely with the inernational campaign being conducted by the Stalinists against the revolutionists gathered under Shanghai.

Leading the campaign in China as Wang-Ming,) Chinese representative on the Executive Committee of the Communist International, who, under the protect-(Continued on page 4)

Last Surviving Old Bolsheviks **Facing Death**

Bukharin, Rykov, Rakovsky, and Eighteen Others Tried on New Frame-up Charges of Treason and Murder

BUKHARIN WAS ALLY OF STALIN

BULLETIN

Nikolai Krestinsky, former first vice-commissar of Foreign Affairs, ripped the Stalin frame-up fabric wide open at the opening session of the Trial of 21 on Mar. 2, by repudiating his "confession" that he had engaged in espionage at the direct orders of Leon Trotsky.

To an astounded court, Krestinsky declared: "I am not guilty!

When Judge V. V. Ulrich reminded him that he had "confessed," Krestinsky repeated: "I am not guilty!"

With the customary suddenness that characterized all the previous frame-up trials, Moscow announced at the end of last week its plans to open up the latest of its frightful travesties on justice, this time involving the lives of 21 men, headed by such prominent architects of the Russian Revolution as Alexis Rykov, Lenin's successor as Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars, Nikolai Bukharin, former chairman of the Communist International who, together with Rykov and Stalin, formed the ruling trio in Russia from 1925 to 1929, and Christian Rakovsky, first head of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. Henrik Yagoda, until recently the head of the G.P.U. who organized the two big trials against Zinoviev-Kamenev in 1936 and Radek-Pyatakov in 1937, is also included.

Charges Go Back to 1921!

The accusations against the 21, who have been senenced in advance by the Stalinist machine, exceed by far anything that has yet been witnessed. The defendants are not only charged with the murder of Kirov, but with having assassinated Maxim Gorky, V. Kuibyshev, and V. K. but against the "bad" capitalists, of people have been shot. Their secutor fantastically falsified with provocation and slander as Menzhinsky, ex-chief of the G.P.U.

As if this were not sufficiently fantastic, the announcement of the trial includes the charge that Leon Trotsky has been a spy of one foreign power since 1921 and of another one since 1926, and that Bukharin, Trotsky and others conspired as early as 1918, that is, immediately after the revolution, to overturn the Soviet Government is Chen Shao-yi (known abroad by murdering Lenin, Stalin and Sverdlov!

Stalin in Desperation

The very wording of the charges reveals that, in his deing wing of the reactionary termination to cover up the flato terrorize the population as a

whole, and to distract attention from the utter collapse of his entire course in foreign policy. Stalin has become supremely desperate and mad. For no person in his right mind, who has the slightest knowledge of the Russian Revolution, can place the slightest credence in the outrageously absurd accusations that are levelled at the defend-

That Stalin has again succeeded in extorting confessions from his prisoners, confessions written for them in advance, goes without saying. Otherwise, he would never risk the explosion of his frame-up system that would follow if the men were brought into a public court. But whatever the presoners

Rose with Stalin; appointed by feel themselves compelled to repeat by heart in court, nothing ance, from which post he was in the world can make the charges

Ex-Ally of Stalin

The only association between volutionary movement since any other, was not with Trotsky, but with Stalin. Between 1923 Spent 1914-1917 at the front, rested several times and exiled. and 1929, Bukharin, Rykov, Stalin where he was promoted to rank After February revolution, mem- and Voroshilov marched arm in of officer. After October revolu- ber of Ural provincial commit- arm in a relentless crusade amember of the Borotbysti (left committee. October 1917: elect- ers. At the end of that period, wing of the Ukrainian S.R.'s), ed Commissar of Justice. August, during which the four and their which fused in 1920 with the C. 1918 to end of 1922; served as associates mutually defended each other. Bukharin-Rykov-Tomsky were opened up on by the Stalin machine, which threatened them with expulsion unless they capitulated, which they finally did.

The right wing faction of Bukharin was restored to important Soviet and party positions and simply resumed their previous campaign against "Trotskyism."

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Last of Lenin's Colleagues Face Doom

N. I. BUKHARIN

Born 1888. "One of the leaders and theoreticians of the C. or of Pravda, member of the E. C.C.I." (Small Soviet Encyclopedia). Son of a school-teacher. Participated as high-school student in 1905 revolution. Entered Bolshevik party in 1906. Member of Moscow Committee, 1908. Arrested several times. Exiled at end of 1910 to Onega, whence he At the same time new short escaped abroad. Became closely

While abroad was arrested by Austrian police as a "spy," but was set free on intervention of Austrian Socialists. Says the Small Encyclopedia: "this charge was too absurd." Deported to competition with the broadcasts Switzerland. In 1915 went to Sweden, where the Swedish police arrested him as an "agent of Simultaneously, rumors were Lenin" for his anti-militarist propaganda, charging him with

the Novy Mir.

After the February revolution Japan and Siberia.

the Communist International. After his capitulation to Sta-

in, was sent on European tour by Stalin. Delivered speeches in Paris. At approximately the same time, Rakovsky was sent to Japan. These trips will undoubtedly be used in the trial to establish links between the defendants and foreign enemies.

Bukharin was one of the committee of 30 which drafted the Stalin Constitution.

A. I. RYKOV

Born 1881. "One of the most thought of such a plan, last week Deported from Sweden. Went to eminent members of the Bolshevik 1889: participated in revolution-rested in Moscow in 1911 and ex-

came illegally to the United ary movement since 1900. Arrest-1896: participated in labor mo-served until 1916. Active parti-sion, where as chairman of the States in 1916, where he edited ed in March, 1901. Went to Ge-vement of Switzerland, Germany cipant in October revolution in Central Commission he guided neva in 1902, immediately sent and France. 1896-1903: worked Petrograd. 1920: appointed to the work on the drafting of the back to Russia for underground in Rumania and Russia; collabo-post in Cheka, became head of Five-Year Plan. made his way to Moscow through work. Participated in 1905 revo- rated on Lenin's Iskra (under pen G.P.U. under Stalin. Organizer lution, member of Petersburg name of Insarov). 1907: arrested of Zinoviev-Kamenev trial. "All his qualities make Buk- Soviet of Workers' Deputies. by Rumanian government and deharin one of the best beloved 1906: exiled to Siberia, escaped ported. During Balkan wars and personalities of the Russian re- to Moscow. 1907: arrested and World War arrested on several volution." (Small Encyclopedia.) exiled to Taganrog. Went abroad, occasions. 1915: Participated in Referred to by Lenin in his returning to Russia in Summer Zimmerwald Conference. May Testament as "the most valuable of 1909. Arrested almost imme- 1917: freed from prison by Rusand biggest theoretician of the diately, escaped, arrested (per-sian soldiers. January-March party," and the "favorite of the formance repeated many times 1918: headed struggle against whole party." 1919-1926; head of over). Exiled in Narym when counter-revolution in the Ukraine. February revolution broke. Mem- 1919: Chairman of Council of ber of Presidium of Moscow So- People's Commissars in the Ukviet shortly after. Member of raine. 1923: ambassador to Engfirst Council of People's Commis- land. 1925-1927: ambassador to sars as Commissar of the Inter- France. Oppositionist; expelled, ior. February 1918: Lenin's de- exiled, capitulated in 1934. Sent tion worked in the Ukraine as tee and of Ekaterinburg city gainst Trotsky and his supportputy in Council of People's Com- by Stalin to Japan (undoubtedly Commissars. Member of Polit-Zinoviev-Kamenev trial. buro since 1919. One of most highly honored personages in the Soviet Union.

C. G. RAKOVSKY

missars and Council of Labor and in preparation for the trial). Ap-Defense. Lenin's successor as pointed head of Gynecological chairman of Council of People's Medical Institute. Arrested after

H. G. YAGODA

Born 1873. Old revolutionist. youth. Joined party in 1907. Ar- Council of People's Commissars). ference. Originally in Opposition. Norway, then Denmark. Finally party." Participant in revolution- ary movement in Bulgaria. 1890- iled. Drafted into army in 1915; Soviet State Planning Commis-

C. F. GRINKO Born 1890. Participated in re

volutionary movement (with the Social-Revolutionists) at age of 16. Expelled from university in 1913 for participating in student of a high-school teacher. In restrike. Drafted into the army,

an Soviet government, occupying | Committee of party. 1919-1921: several important posts (member of All-Ukrainian Revolutionary tee. Member of Central Execut-Born 1891. Son of an artisan. Military Committee; People's ive Committee of the Soviets Official Stalinist biography states Commissar of Education; chair- under Lenin. October 1921: made that he was active in the revo- man of State Planning Commis- Soviet Ambassador to Berlin. lutionary movement since his sion; Chairman of Ukrainian 1922: participated in Hague Con-1926-1929: vice-chairman of Capitulated to Stalin.

1929: deputy People's Commissar of Agriculture.

latter to Commissariat of Finremoved during the recent purge. stick.

N. N. KRESTINSKY Born 1883: Old Bolshevik. Son

where he remained until 1917. 1902; joined party in 1903. Ar-People's Commissar of Finance. 1919-1926: worked in Ukrain- 1917-1921: member of Central secretary of the Central Commit-

PROTEST THE TRIAL OF 21! Stuyvesant Casino, Second Ave. and Ninth Street

Speaker **MAX SHACHTMAN** Editor, Socialist Appeal

Mass Meeting FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 8 P. M.

S.W.P. Replies To Slander Of 'New Republic'

Ex-Liberal Organ Caught Lying In Issue of **Bridges Ouster**

The following letter was sent to the New Republic last week by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers Party:

To the Editor of the New Republic:

Your department of Washington Notes by T.R.B. in the New Republic of February 23, comments on the new attempt to deof affidavits by ex-members of the connect Mr. Bridges with mem-Your correspondent adds: "The been revealed, but it is understood the Stalinists. they are former Stalinites who have turned Trotskyist.'

Like all other informed people! who have watched the recent fooled by words alone. evolution of the New Republic, I fully understand the design behind this deliberate attempt to besmirch a political tendency by reference to anonymous "Trotskyists." Since the New Republic gave its editorial blessing to the Moscow frame-up trials, it is only natural that you should extend the technique to the American scene. I am not naive enough to Military, Relief Agencies ask you to correct this statement | Join Hands To Put Men in regard to the alleged "Trotskyists" who have allegedly become stool pigeons for the Department of Justice. I do challenge you to be more specific. Who are these "Trotskyists" to whom your correspondent refers? Give us the names!

Slander Retracted

Some weeks ago the Western relief rolls and costs." Worker, California organ of the Communist Party, accused Harry Lundeberg, Secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, of state New York. "Some district instigating the new deportation movement against Bridges. Mr. commissioners had already begun Lundeberg filed notice of a suit a system of direct communication for libel. Thereupon the West- with army officials on the recruitern Worker promptly printed a ing of persons from relief." front page retraction and apology. The frame-up and slander area "outside of New York City. game around this issue continues. The Times' own story states that

the official Stalinist press to the cruiting officer for the Second New Republic and the indictment Corps Area, disclosed that rehas been switched from Lunde- presentatives of the army, navy berg to nameless "Trotskyists"; and other branches of the armed otherwise the game remains the service had attended a meeting same. No doubt the Western January 10, in the offices of Worker's experience with Lunde- Lieut.-Col. Brehon B. Somervell, berg has taught you caution in local Works Progress Administhe use of names in connection trator." with such foul accusations. But you will not be able to duck the issue by this contemptible device. You will still have to put up or shut up.

Beal Unmentioned

tion, have brought pressure to in the matter to the New York propriation of \$800,000,000 (now bear on Professor Albert Sprague W.P.A. officials." Coolidge of Harvard University All this is merely a smoke- employed for mass slaughter in and Miss Jessica Henderson of screen to cover up the beans the coming war. Boston, the two guarantors of which Col. Magruder has spilled. abandoning the defense.'

history of the American labor notices sent out by the army and movement. This is real news and navy proved completely ineffectthe stool pigeons are named by ive, since not one person on rea body of well-known and res- lief joined the military service, the workers, employed and un forming classes, conducting ponsible people. Why does the shows that the army will have New Republic keep maliciously to compel them to join. silent about the Beal case and shield the despicable stool pigeons liberal New Republic has merely and relief rolls are to be used become an unofficial organ of the as the recruiting grounds of the frame-up and stool-pigeon gang first batch of soldiers for the war. identified all over the world as Stalinists.

James P. Cannon, National Secretary Socialist Workers Party Feb. 22, 1938.

PROTEST STALIN'S TERROR!

Friday, March 4th, at 8 P. M. STUYVESANT CASINO Second Avenue and 9th Street

JERSEY JOBLESS WIN CONCESSIONS

NEWARK-Acting in conjuncion with many C.I.O. and A F. of L. unions, as well as the Workers' Alliance, the Trade Union Committee on Unemployment of Essex County has succeeded in winning many new concessions from local relief and W.P.A. authorities in Essex County.

Under the driving force of the progressives' program, the militants of the committee have been able to overcome the do-nothing respectable People's Front program of the Stalinists, and have developed a strong demand in many trade unions for more intensive activity in relief affairs.

The chief Stalinist in the committee has been revealed as a letter-writing, resolution-passing bureaucrat who has never at any port Harry Bridges on the basis time presented a clear-cut aggressive program for the unem-Communist Party purporting to ployed. Under the driving force of the militants, he has been bership in that organization. forced to make militant statements that are not at all becomidentity of these accusers has not ing to the present program of

The unemployed, however, are fast recognizing the consistent militants, and will not easily be

WPA Rolls Used For U. S. Army Recruits ed indebtedness for its boom growth. As a consequence there

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to all local public welfare commissioners outside of New York City" asking them to cooperate with the army in its recruiting as "a means of reducing your

This plan to squeeze the unemployed into the army was put into effect immediately in upreports.... showed that local

The action was not limited to The medium has changed from | "Col. L. B. Magruder, acting re-

What was the outcome of the conference? Magruder, according to the Times report, "came out of the conference with the conviction that persons who refused On the general question of to accept military posts would be stool-pigeonry it has been noticed dropped from federal relief that you have avoided all men- posts." The next day, Col. Somtion of the indecent campaign of ervell contradicted him and "inthe Communist Party to hustle sisted that no thought had been swelling the army of unemploy- localities since then and outlined job that would do credit to a law under which it had barred Fred Beal back to North Caro- given to compelling able-bodied ed to 13 millions or more. The the prospects for future growth. lina to serve a twenty-year prison young W.P.A. employees to en- deficiency appropriation will take Like a red thread through the have maintained mass picket refugees from Fascist countries. term, imposed on him for his list on threat of severance from care of only 2,500,000, according reports ran the description of the lines, organized effective flying In leaflets distributed throughstrike activity at Gastonia. The the relief rolls." In Washington, Non-Partisan Committee for the everybody played dumb. First the the remaining 500,000 are to be difficulties in subduing the re- work movements on the part of ed out that the ruling was a pre-Defense of Fred Beal publicly War Department spokesmen allowed to starve. Or, if the Sta-volutionary reactions of militant the company, and have arranged lude to an attack on all demostated that "active Communists, said.... it was a "local matter." linist estimate is accepted and workers in their party, and the relief for the strikers. Art Shields and Willam F. Dunne, And, of course, "the W.P.A. 2,900,000 get jobs, 100,000 will possibilities this affords of atof the Communist Party's Interna- authorities likewise tended to starve. At the same time, Roosetional Labor Defense Organiza- localize whatever was being done velt blandly asks for a naval ap- ranks.

to join. Col. Magruder's "con-This is real stool-pigeonry viction" did not arise from thin without precedent in the entire air. The fact that the recruiting

The truth is that all government activities are directed toof the Communist Party who wards the coming war. The Civilwould deprive him of all defense ian Conservation Corps are ready while it manufactures an accusa- for war. The W.P.A. is doing tion against anonymous "Trots- considerable army work. Various kyists" in the case of Bridges? states have already passed con-The answer is clear to all who scription laws in preparation for know what is going on: the ex- the coming war. And the work

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Akron Teachers Fight Layoffs With Union Aid

Board Drops 38 In Face Of Militant Union Resistance

BY BLAKE LEAR

AKRON-For the first time in Akron history, school teachers dared speak up in defense of their jobs when the Akron Federation of Teachers opposed the Board of Education's plan for wholesale

Although 38 teachers were laid off, this was achieved only by secret rump session of the Board of Education after five weeks of battling during which the Teachers were supported by representatives from the Akron Industrial Union Council and the rubber locals.

The rump session was convened under the pressure of the Ak-Beacon-Journal and the Chamber of Commerce, fear the penetration of anti-layoff ideology into the rubber shops, the basic industry of Ak-

The Akron education system, one of the worst in the United States for cities of its size, is paying the price of a large bonded indebtedness for its boom are no kindergartens, the first grade is on half time, half of the high schools run in two shifts and school is held in buildings long since condemned by the State Fire Warden.

By cutting the school year only three days, the proposal supported by the Federation, all 38 teachers could have been retained. In supporting this proposal, however, the Teachers stated that at best it was only a stop gap, and that a more fundamental revision of the system's finances through either a special election, legislation which would free money for the schools, or through further state aid, would have to be made.

The campaign of the Federation of Teachers was led by Chalmers K. Stewart, President, and Donald D. Burns, Corresonding Secretary, progressive eaders of the organization. They were elected in a recent election in which the progressives defeated a Stalinist-reactionary bloc.

MONEY FOR WAR NONE FOR RELIEF

Deficiency Appropriation Fails To Meet Most **Pressing Needs**

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Official estimates disclose the national convention, the delegates against overwhelming odds. fact that at feast 3,000,000 men reported from the various advanced to \$1,100,000,000) to be

On the subject of Roosevelt's Beal's bail bond, urging them to It is not true that the recruiting war budgets, the Stalinist manage trade unions have joined them withdraw their support of Beal, of unemployed from the relief ers of the Worker Alliance but have failed in that. Various rolls is a "local matter." The maintain a discreet silence. Why? members of the Non-Partisan Times report shows that it is al- Because the war preparations of Committee for the defense of ready going on in up-state New American imperialism meet with are trade unionists, members of Fred Beal have received messages York. It is not true that the un- their approval, although, as yet, C.I.O. and A.F. of L. unions seeking to intimidate them into employed will not be compelled they do not dare say so quite ranging from auto, steel and openly and explicitly.

Militant Action Needed

the Workers Alliance, basing it- erected to coordinate interself on the true interests of all branch activities by aiding in employed, draws attention to this public forums, assisting in the crying contradiction: that while organization of new party Roosevelt prepares to spend sums branches in hitherto unorganizrunning into billions for the des- ed communities, and facilitating truction of human life in the the strengthening of the party rapidly-approaching war for the in the unions by the exchange of aggrandisement and profit of the experience and advice. exploiters of the American workers, only paltry sums are asked to save human life, to save the unemployed victims of capitalism who are threatened with the oss of their homes, with privation and hunger, with disease, with death by slow starvation.

The Progressives seek to rally all workers for united assault upon capitalism-upon the system of hunger and war-with the

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THE SOCIALIST APPEAL

Spy Scare, Somewhat Too Neatly Timed, Rouses Jingo Newspapers

The capitalist press is being filled with the most sensational stories about the discovery of a big "Nazi spy ring" in the United States. Government agents have already apprehended two men and one woman—it is said that others are about to be added to the list - and charged them with military espionage in behalf of a foreign power. It is broadly intimated that the foreign power is none other than Germany.

The arrests are meat and drink to the jingoistic press, which has joined readily with the Roosevelt regime and its spokesmen to work up a frenzied war spirit on the basis of which the professional patriots hope to swing through without difficulty the biggest peace-time naval appropriations budget in American his-

Spurred by Washington

The Washington authorities, of course, are not behindhand in this drive. Quite the contrary. They spur it on with all the powers at their command. It is highly significant that while the State Department dilly-dallied and stammered, when it was not entirely silent, about the "Robinson-Rubens" case, which so plainly involves the whole G.P.U. machine in this country, a sharply different attitude has marked the behavior of Washington with respect to the alleged Nazi ring of

We do not, to be sure, have any conclusive evidence about the crime of espionage with which the arrested persons are charged. Even if it were clearly demonstrated that they were guilty of the charge, we would beg to be excused from participating in the chauvinistic hysteria which the press is working up. We are not such gullible idiots as not to know what every government official throughout the world—and every informed person, for that matter-also knows. We refer to the well-established fact that every government in the world has an espionage service, whose agents are active in spying on every other government in the world, seeking to acquire for themselves, by bribery, theft and similar methods, the military and diplomatic secrets of the country to which they have been assigned.

What we do have, however, is some very suspicious evidence that all is not what it seems to be with this peculiar "Nazi spy ring." One of the prisoners says he was engaged in his job merely by sending a request to the German secret service in an envelope addressed to a German newspaper. How simple! Just like applying for a job advertised in the "Help Wanted" columns!

Some Peculiar Features

The origin of the discovery is also not without interest.... and surprise. The spy, we are told, simply calls up the Passport Bureau, says his name is "Mr. Weston, Under-Secretary of State," and asks for 50 blank passports. This is really a bit thick, as the English say. Can it be that Nazis are so much more stupid than they are said to be? It would seem that such a naive step would not be taken even by a spy who had come by his profession through a correspondence school

And when it is added that the 50 passports were for use by Nazi agents in traveling to the Soviet Union, and that there was found—how conveniently!—in one spy's pocket a picture very much like that of Mrs. Rubens-Robinson; and when it is borne in mind that "Mr. Weston" gave himself up to the government excuse us! we meant "was apprehended by the government" - right on the eve of the announcement of the New Moscow Trial, we are tempted to believe that the whole affair hangs together just a little bit too well.

A Little Too Neat

In fact, if one of the agents of the G. P.U., disguised as a Nazi spy, had cooked up the whole business—and Heaven knows we could never, never suspect the spotless G.P.U. of doing anything so dirty!-it could not have fitted together more prettily.

Frankly, we await further developments - especially what Moscow may have to say-fortified against any "surprises" that certain gentlemen may have in mind. For after all, in concocting affairs of this type, what is there left to surprise anybody with?

Ohio-Michigan **District Meets**

SWP Organizations meet At Cleveland To Plan **Building Drive**

BY R. FERGUSON

industrial area.

tracting such workers to our

Work In Unions

Likewise the delegates' reports showed that all comrades who are eligible for membership in and are pursuing coordinated work therein. A great majority of the comrades in the district rubber to office workers, teachers, retail employees, etc.

A district committee repre-Cnly the Progressive Group in sentative of all the branches was

Clarke Field Organizer

George Clarke of Detroit was elected field organizer, and R Ferguson secretary for the district. As the first concrete step in launching the new district organization, Comrade Clarke was sent on a speaking tour of all the branches to initiate a regular series of public forums. Concluding with the singing of the Internationale, the hall-full of ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE delegates, alternates and visitors left the convention knowing the party was on the right track in its struggle to win to its banner the decisive section of the working class in this industrial "Ruhi Valley" of America.

N. J. Chemical YPSLs Fight Rule Plant Strike In Ninth Week

solid, 325 members of United Mine Workers Chemical Division, have ended the ninth week of a bitter strike against the United Color and Pigment Co., a rich

convention to set up a district unless a wage-cut was accepted actionary ruling barring all nonorganization and to lay plans for by the workers. Despite lack of citizens from New York City a concerted Socialist Workers organizational help from the In-colleges. only last summer, has carried on held a mass meeting outside as ject. Inspired by the decisions of the a spectacular and solid strike the climax of a vigorous cam-

have lately lost their jobs, thus branches the work done in the conducting the strike is doing a Legislature to reverse the old seasoned labor organizer. They all aliens, including many young to the same sources. Presumably Communist Party bureaucrats' squads to discourage back-to- out the city the Y.P.S.L. point-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINNEAPOLIS

SOCIALIST PUBLIC FORUM: March 6: CARLOS HUDSON, "The Situation Inside the Far-mer-Labor Party and the Coming War."
March 13: MILES B. DUNNE,
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On Alien Students

INEWARK .- With ranks still Picket Board of Higher **Education To Force** New Decision

NEW YORK. - Several hund-

paign led by the Y.P.S.L., the The rank and file committee Board decided to ask the State cratic rights similar to the antialien hysteria and purge during the World War, and called for an immediate struggle against the law. In a few days over 1,500 signatures were collected in a petition drive. Caught off guard, Young Communists in some schools attacked the campaign and in other schools supported it!

Having achieved a certain amount of success with the passage of the Board's recommendation to the Legislature, the campaign will be continued by the Y.P.S.L. until complete victory is secured. To this end the Y.P. S.L. now demands that the Legislature drop the old law and that in the meanwhile, the Board return to its former, looser inter pretation of the law.

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Pro-Labor' Congressmen Abandon Beal's Defense

two congressmen, Rep. John T. other Communist Party mem-Bernard of Minnesota and Rep. bers) jumped bail in 1930 to go to John M. Coffee of Washington, the Soviet Union; because in 1933 in resigning from the Non-Par- he left the Soviet Union and on tisan Committee for the defense returning to the United States of Fred E. Beal, former member criticized the prevailing reime in of the Communist Party now in the Soviet Union; because he opjail in North Carolina for his posed the C.I.O. in his native activities in the Gastonia strike city of Lawrence, Mass. in 1929, was severely criticized by the Committee this week as unworthy of public officials elected with labor support.

mittee to the two Congressmen states, inter alia: "General statenents purporting to emanate liberals, Socialists and Farmer-Laborites have appearthat Fred Beal is unworthy of

Stool Pigeons Put

Informers Cause Many To Lose Jobs On WPA Project

all independent militants out of defense committee requests' our the labor movement the Com- fight for Beal's freedom. The ofmunist Party members of the ficial organ of the Socialist Writers' Project recently publish- Party, the Call, unlike the soed, in their monthly paper, the called 'Lawrence Socialists' quot-Red Pen, the names of all Pro- ed by the Daily Worker, supports ject workers who refuse to sub- this Committee. mit to the Party line.

The Red Pen, eager to remove from the W.P.A. those who disagree with the C.P. war line and ists"who signed the attack on dictatorial union policies, accus- Beal which appeared in the Daily ed the dozen writers named of Worker of Feb. 24? Not one of oafing on the job writing "fas- the persons signing it is a Socist brochures for the W.P.A.," | cialist or a member of any workof being "hooligans of the ing class political party. The "union busters" spies."

Stalinist Supervisors

wave of dismissals.

Twenty-three independents on the project, supported by many Count Vittorio Orlandini, a fascchemical company with a long red students, led by the Young others, have just issued a signed CLEVELAND. — Gathering in anti-labor history.

Cleveland February 13, delegates from the branches in the Ohio-December when Detroit region met in their first refused to renew their contract included by the Loung others, have just issued a signed leaflet answering the Stalinist charges and exposing their stool-true, is regrettable. But what is to be said of the Stalinists and the contract includes the charges and exposing their stool-true, is regrettable. But what is to be said of the Stalinists and the contract includes the charges and exposing their stool-true, is regrettable. But what is Detroit region met in their first refused to renew their contract ing last Thursday to protest a reconvention to set up a district unless a wage-cut was accepted actionary ruling harring all nonto be said of the Stalinists and their press, which, in chorus with the threat to their jobs, have expressed their contempt for this bons, are howling for the impri-Party-building campaign in this ternational, the union, organized Shortly after the pickets had slanderous campaign on the pro- sonment of a proletarian fighter,

NEW YORK.—The action of | defense because he (with six

Only One Charge

"Since you do not specify your complaints against Beal, we are A letter addressed by the com- led to assume that you mean to refer to the above charges. We wish to point out that this Committee, composed of persons of diverse political viewpoint passes no judgement on Beal's poed in the Daily Worker charging litical or trade union views or activities. We are defending Beal against only one charge: the frame-up charge of murder brought against him in North Carolina in 1929 to punish him Finger on Writers | Carolina in 1929 to punish him for the crimes of organizing a nion and leading a strike.

"Beal's innocence of murder admitted even by the Daily Worker of Feb. 24, 1938. The American Civil Liberties Union, which, with the Communist Party, defended him in 1929, has through its director, Roger N. Baldwin, Pursuing the line of driving offered to 'aid in any way the

Who Are They?

Who are the Lawrence "Socialand first two signers, Joe Salerno and Charlotte Marchese, quit the Socialist Party over a year ago, and left in our possession a do-It is common knowledge that cument denouncing the S.P. and nost of the supervisors on the its aims. The next signer, Thomas Project are members of the C.P., Nicholson, is a reactionary who and that failure to contribute to left the S. P. over two years ago, the pet Stalinist Leagues For or before the Old Guard left the Against This or That, the drives party. Most of the other signers to save peace and democracy, are old-time members of the Itamay be tantamount to dismissal. lian Federation of the S.P. which Many a non-Stalinist project has not held a charter in the S.P. worker was placed on the firing for over five years. Furthermore, lists last June for political in there is no local of the S.P. in transigeance and independent Lawrence, and there are no memthought. Red Pen is obviously bers of the S.P. residing in the laying down the line for the new city. From this alone we can see that behind the document there

> are lies and deceit. a victim of capitalist frame-up?

Appeal Army

Returns have just started com- Olivia, Minnesota, sent in two ing in from locals that have subs and writes: started getting busy on the Ap-

peal drive. the following subs came in: San Francisco Chicago Boston Lynn, Mass. Olivia, Minn. St. Paul Minneapolis St. Louis New York Toledo Houston, Tex. Philadelphia Foreign

Total subs. 23 Bundle orders have been increased in several locals and congratulations are due to the liter- creased by five copies each week ature agents who have already for an indefinite time and Comstarted the drive seriously. Local Lit. Agent Increase Rochester, N.Y., Charles Hess 10

Boston, Mass., Sol Thomas 10 Goshen, Ind., John Malone Newark, N. J., R. Negin Montreal Can. H. Goldenberg (Decrease)

John Enestvedt, way out in local library?

"We have started a sub-drive,

and we are offering a copy of the For the week ending Feb. 26 Moscow Trials with each subscription... "The picking is slow, and the

spaces are wide and far between

out here, but we hope to get in

a few subs-if not until after our Anti-War meeting—during the last days in March. If comrades in cities realized what it means to get even one sub in farming districts where the 'spaces are wide and far between', John Enestvedt's record

as a sub-getter would be a good

mark to shoot at. Newark, New Jersey, says that their bundle order will be inrade Mendelsohn says that time is way off in the future.

How about writing in to the Akron, Ohio, Charles Martel 15 Appeal and letting us know what 5 you are doing in the sub drive. 5 We want suggestions that might London, Eng. Margaret Johns 10 be passed along to other locals. How do you get your subs? How 5 do you distribute your bundle orders? How do you get the Ap-Total increase in bundles 50 peal placed on newsstands? Have you placed the Appeal in your

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New Trial Is Climax Of Two-Year Purge

The new trial now being staged in Moscow comes as a logical and revealing culmination to the long series of frame-ups which were inaugurated immediately after the assassination of Kirov

Actually, there have already been seven trials since Dec. 1 1934, the date of Kirov's murder concerned directly with the as sassination itself or directed against the Trotskyites in general, As the charges progress and the list of victims mounts steadly the truly vicious and totalitarian motivation behind these judicial farces becomes strikingly evident. It is worthwhile to outline the process as the frame-up system moved to its present horrible climax.

The trials developed as follows (1) the trial of Nikolayev and others, Dec. 28-29, 1934 (over a hundred defendants finally convicted and shot for the murder of Kirov); (2) the trial of Zinoviev-Kamenev, Jan. 15-16, 1935 (defendants found guilty of "moral responsibility" for the Kirov assassination and sentenced to prison); (3) trial of G.P.





ANDREY VISHINSKY

U. boss Medved and others, Jan. 23, 1935 (further convictions for Kirov murder, involving G.P.U. agents); (4) trial of Kamenev viev-Kamenev, Aug. 1936 (all version; all executed); (6) the tion upon every related point. Novosibirsk trial, Nov. 19-22, The International Commission ing memorial to his son written 1936 (group of "Trotskyite of Inquiry, headed by Dr. John by Leon Trotsky, which will be wreckers" convicted of sabotage and shot); (7) trial of Pyatakov-materials from many parts of the were read by comrade Erber. ecuted for alliance with Hitler establish capitalism, as well as

complicity in the Kirov assassination to direct and purposive cow Trials were a frame-up. complicity; from terrorism against one man to terrorism against the whole bureaucracy; from sabotage and diversion as of the espionage services of Gerfrom ex-Oppositionists, long since ones must be staged. To elimincapitulated to the Stalin regime, ate the last vestiges of opposiless henchmen. Alongside the ed to the "Trotskyite scum." of them held in strictest secrecy, flights to Coyoacan must be incoursed an ever wider and more bloody stream of peremptory blood-purges and executions without benefit of trial, until the whole generation of Old Bolsheviks, and many not so old, were carried away in its wake.

Only two of the trials had any semblance of being "publicly' staged: the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial of 1936 and the Pyatakov-Radek trial of 1937. In the first of these trials, the defendants, without exception, grovelling as abjectly as they did, could discover themselves guilty of no cardinal crimes greater than those of terrorism and murder. In the second trial the startling accusation was made that not only the defendants then being tried, vented, new Hotel Bristols must but all the previous ones long be uncovered in Mexico City, since convicted and executed, fresh links, through the hapless had conducted their nefarious Robinsons-Rubinses or others like activities as agents of German them, must be forged between fascism and Japanese militarism, Trotsky and the Hitler-Mikado with the breathtaking aims of team. precipitating war, preparing the acies was identified as Leon Trot- tumbling down about Stalin's sky, charged with having the head.

Liberals Ask Stay Of **New Moscow Frameup**

Calling upon the Stalin government to exhibit a "decent respect for the opinion of mankind," a group of prominent liberals, headed by Oswald Garrison Villard, Will Irwin and John Haynes Holmes, wired an appeal to the Soviet Government through Ambassador Troyanovsky on Feb. 28 asking postponement of the Trial of 21 until a qualified international commission could attend the hearings.

"Nothing could be more harmful to the interests of the Soviet government itself," they, wired, than another trial "that would further shake the faith of civilized mankind in Soviet justice."

A similar telegram sent by an equally prominent group following the announcement of the Radek-Piatakov trial in January, 1937, was never answered.

The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trotsky, which supported the work of the Dewey Commission in its study of the previous Moscow trials, which it pronounced to be frameups, issued a statement declaring that the new trial of 21 was an effort "to cover the previous failures." The committee asked that wires of protest be sent to Ambassador Troyanovsky at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, demanding that the lives of the 21 be spared.

echnical collaboration of his late son. Leon Sedoff.

Fantastic "Evidence"

The records of these two trials, published in many languages throughout the world, are startling for their lack of documentary or factual proof. The testimony is unique in its general avoidance of concrete names, places and dates. Wherever the G.P.U. bunglers tried to base themselves on specific references their fabrications crumbled to bits at the first test: Holtzman's story of his meeting with Trotsky and his son

Hotel Bristol episode); Pyataand others, July, 1935 (after kov's account of his airplane Kamenev, unlike Zinoviev, refus- flight to Oslo; Romm's myster- the hall. ed to make further, more fantastic ious meeting with Trotsky, in Emest Erber, National Chair-confessions); (5) trial of Zino-Paris, and the other products of man of the Y.P.S.L., paid triover-zealous G.P.U. fantasia— bute to Sedoff as a leader of the sixteen defendants found guilty all were crushingly refuted by gounger generation in the fight minute and detailed documenta- for the principles of Marx and

in Copenhagen (the ill-starred

world in the course of its lengthy out of seventeen defendants ex- investigation, and finally turned in a vindication of Trotsky and and Mikado and plans to re- Sedoff which was at the same time the most terrible indictment the usual terrorism, sabotage, of Stalin's inquisitorial regime. Prof. Dewey and his associates

Public Scepticism Increases

simultaneously with the expansuch to wrecking in the service sion of the charges to their present gigantic proportions. But venge his death, but we disdain many and Japan, with the purpose there is no retreat for the terrible the methods of the gunmen. Ours of partitioning the country and totalitarian steam-roller. To re- are the methods of the class overthrowing the workers' state. inforce the crumbling trials of struggle. The roster of victims expanded the past, new and more fantastic until it embraced all those who tion and of the October revoluhad once harbored "deviationist" tion, more and more staggering sentiments, and finally caught up amalgams must be forged. The in its all-inclusive fold some of former Right Opposition, the Stalin's most faithful and ruth- Bukharinites, must now be linkrecurrent juridical "trials," most Within this formula new airplane

Presides Again



v. v. ulrich

But the structure of the framedefeat of the U.S.S.R. and its up, as it grows to its appalling dismemberment, with the ultimate proportions, develops ever more purpose of establishing capitalist glaring cracks and fissures. The rule in the country. Throughout, new trial, staged to bolster up the guiding spirit and prime the previous series of frame-ups, mover of the maze of conspir- will inevitably bring them all

"Son, friend, fighter" Trotsky Nails Fresh



Leon Trotsky and his son, Leon Sedoff, who died under mysterious circumstances in Paris on Feb. 16. In a memorial dedicated by him and Natalia Sedoff to the proletarian youth of the world, Trotsky reviews the career of young Leon, "son, friend and fighter," who devoted more than half of his 32 years to the cause of the proletarian revolution. The memorial, of which an excerpt appears in the current issue of Challenge, organ of the Young People's Socialist League, out this week, will shortly be published by the League as a pamphlet.

"Good-by, Leon," it concludes. "We bequeath your irreproachable memory to the younger generation of the workers of the world. You will rightly live in the hearts of all those who work, suffer, and struggle for a better world. Revolutionary youth of all countries! Accept from us the memory of our Leon, adopt him as your son-he is worthy of it-and let him henceforth participate invisibly in your battles, since destiny has refused him the happiness of participating in your final victory.

Leon Sedoff Honored By 700 At New York Memorial Meeting

Shachtman, Erber Pay Final Tribute To Late Warrior

NEW YORK .- More than 700 revolutionary workers jammed the hall in Manhattan Plaza Sunday evening, February 27, to pay tribute to the memory of Leon Sedoff, Trotsky's son who died suddenly in Paris on Feb. 16. The meeting opened with the arrival of an honor guard of 150 members of the Young People's Socialist League who marched behind red banners from the City convention of the Y.P.S.L. to

Lenin. Excerpts from the mov-

Life Reviewed

Max Shachtman, editor of the Socialist Appeal, reviewed Sedoff's life and services in the revolutionary movement to which he found the entire "trial procedure devoted his talent and energies Charges Grow as Trials Progress flimsy and vicious;" on the basis from boyhood. Recounting the of voluminous documents and extragic fate visited on Trotsky's Over a period of two years tensive historic research they family by Stalin, he said the rethe charges expanded from moral agreed that Trotsky and Sedoff actionary forces that hounded were innocent, and that the Mos- and reviled them cannot crush the proletarian revolution.

"We dedicate ourselves," said, "to rescuing Sedoff's name Public scepticisim has grown from the foul slanders with which they have tried to besmirch it. We are pledged to a-

Wire To Trotsky

Maurice Spector, of the editorial Board of the New International and formerly of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, stated that Leon Sedoff would take his place among the martyrs of the revolution, comparing Sedoff's struggle for the principles of Marx

1610, 100 Fifth Avenue.

NATALIA TROTSKY proletarian defeats, and persecution of revolutionists to the

courageous stand of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht during the last war. The following telegram was sent by the meeting to Leon

Trotsky: "Seven hundred revolutionists, gathered in New York tonight to pay homage to that stainless young soldier of the world revolution, Leon Sedoff, share with you and his mother the deepest grief at his untimely departure from our ranks. Leon will live in the hearts of revolutionary fighters the whole world

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Attack On His Asylum

(Continued from page 1) Fascism which guaranteed the which guaranteed the victory of Fascism in Germany, Austria and other countries, and which are laying the basis for the victory of General Franco. Throughout the world I defend those irreconcilable methods of struggle against imperialism which Lenin, Rosa Luxemburg, and Karl Liebknecht, my old friends and companions-in-arms, applied; opposing the methods of the now thoroughly putrid Comintern which crawls on all fours before 'democratic" imperialism. betraying the interests of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples for the sake of caste privileges for the Soviet bureaucracy. Such are my views. I do not intend to change them. I carry full res-

consibility for them. After the decision of the Inernational Inquiry Commission have no reason to enter into political or juridical altercations with Mr. Lombardo Toledano. But I will be able to explain the truth to the people who have build their game on the accusa-

Inspired By Moscow

They act, of course, not upon their own initiative. Their inspirer lives in Moscow. The verdict of the International Commission, the published steno-Kremlin, Reiss, Barmine, and many other facts during the past blow to the Kremlin clique. My latest book, "The Crimes of Stalin," has already appeared in several languages. I hope that it will also appear in Spanish. Progressive public opinion throughout the world, with ever greater disgust, is turning away from Stalin. This explains the furious attempt of the G.P.U. to force into silence. Mr. Lombardo Toledano and

his clique are mistaken, however,

if they think that they will suctrusted to them. Many much ed by force from designating his stronger than they have tried to actions and himself by those accomplish this task before without success. The Czar taught me and Lenin in a period of reaction, prison in contumacy because I did of time in deceiving a considerto seal my mouth in the Petrograd Kresty Prison. But it is written on the pages of history that I have not learned to be silent on command. On the other hand, during forty years of revolutionary struggle I have seen in the ranks of the workers' movement not a few careerists who can not only be silent but also slanderous on command.

Crawl To Stalin

If I had wished to remain si-

his agents, does not doubt that al aristocracy. In Spain I defend Toledano will be unsuccessful in those methods of struggle against forcing me into silence by some ancient warmed-up slanders. It victory of the Soviets in the Civil is exactly because of this that War (1917-1920), and I oppose the Stalin is preparing other meruinous methods of the Comintern asures, considerably more realistic. But for these plans, about which we will speak in due time, Stalin as a preliminary needs to work he requires Lombardo To-

ledano. against the Mexican government temptuous laugh. But it is imothers immediately. If you throw | Foreign Trade under Stalin. enough mud, as the saving goes, some of it is bound to stick!

Odious Slanders

been deceived by him. It is this tion that I am breaking my obthat Mr. Lombardo Toledano and ligation about "non-interference his clique fear. Their whole ma- in the internal politics of Mexico. chination at the Convention, as The importation of odious slandthe authors themselves have ers from Moscow and their transquite clearly revealed, follows but lation into Spanish these gentleone single aim: to seal my mouth. men identify with the internal politics of Mexico. I announce: no one has ever demanded of me and I at no time promised anyone that I would renounce the right to defend my political honor from slanderers, and my ideas-from their opponents. I graphic report of the Inquiry at pledged the government of General Cardenas that I would not former responsible agents of the interfere in the internal politics of this country according to the Walter Krivitsky, as well as general understanding of the word "politics." This pledge I year, delivered an irreparable am fulfilling with absolute conscientiousness. But if on the streets of this capital someone should shove his hand into my pocket in order to steal my documents and letters, I would consider myself completely in the right to seize the criminal's hand. And let the owner of the hand Stalin, Voroshilov, Kalinin, Budnot scream after this that I am enny, Cherviakov (suicide), Go- missar of Agriculture. Never an interfering in the internal poli- loded (missing), Mussabekov Oppositionist. tics of Mexico! Lombardo Toledano tries to despoil something fendant). bigger, my political honor, and demands at that—O democrat, O revolutionist!—that I be hinder-

names which they deserve. silence for four years in prison and twice exiled me to Siberia.

Kaiser Wilhelm sentenced me to prison in contumacy because I did

With the political program and public actions of Mr. Toledano, nor with his references to Lenin, which belong in the sphere of the Committee. Then made secretary also among the physicians who not wish to keep quiet in Switzer- unintentional humor. Likewise I of the C.C. of the Communist allies of the Czar expelled me in concerning the kind of machina- with 1931, third secretary of the crime. King Alfonso XIII threw Toledano to palm off on the C. of the C.P.S.U. At the XV in 1927. to force me into silence. With sion upon a question about which was expelled), was elected canimperialists threw me into a Ca- not the least conception. But it 1935 elected to C.C. Solid supnadian concentration camp. The is completely clear that when porter of Stalin throughout. Alawyer Kerensky, who was successful during a certain period forged material mobilizes the Red Square at Kuibyshev's fuwhole convention against me, a able part of public opinion, tried private individual, a political exile who has no relations whatever with the trade unions of Mexico, and does this with but a single aim-to force me into silence or to deprive me of the right of asylum-then Mr. Toledano acts not as a representative of the internal politics of Mexico but as an agent of the foreign politics of the G.P.U.

ibility of this unworthy function! Compelled To Answer

Let him then carry the respons-

The readers of these lines will lent about the crimes of the Sta- understand without difficulty lin bureaucracy against the work- that neither the present circumers and peasants, they would stances of my personal life nor have raised me high on their the general character of my shield and the Messrs. Lombardo work afford me time to occupy Toledanos of the whole world myself over Mr. Toledano. But would have crawled before me as this question is something altothey now crawl before the Krem- gether different. It is a question lin clique. The Norwegian Social concerning public opinion in the Democrats, older brothers in country which has shown me and spirit to Toledano, discovered my wife hospitality and which only one means with which to during the past year I have force me into silence about the learned to value and to love. It G.P.U.: to throw me into prison. is because of this, and only this, But through a book, my son, whom that I consider myself compelled only death has now brought to to answer with this declaration silence, answered for me. Stalin, the carefully prepared slander who understands this better than of the Mexican agents of Stalin.

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SOVIET UNION NOTES

Trial Defendants Include Last of Lenin's Colleagues — They Now Face Their Turn Before Firing Squad By JOHN G. WRIGHT

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A. P. ROSENGOLTZ

Born 1889. Old Bolshevik, Party member since 1905. Arrested in poison public opinion. For this 1907. After February revolution, member of Presidium of Moscow Soviet. October 1917: member of Several months ago this man Revolutionary Military Commitasserted at a public meeting that tee. 1918: member of Council of I was plotting a general strike People's Commissars. 1918-1921.: served on fronts during civil war; in the interest of Fascism. In also member of Revolutionary his turn, Mr. Laborde-partly a Military Committees of 5th, 7th, helper of Toledano in slander, 8th, 13th and 15th armies. 1922: partly his master—asserted after member of Collegium of People's this at a public manifestation Commissariat of Finance, 1923that I was conspiring with "fasc- 1924: placed in charge of Air ist generals." The answer to this Force. 1925-1927: attached to 'accusation" was a general con- embassy in London. At XV congress of party, elected member possible to embarrass these gen- of Central Committee. This fact tlemen. They cast these accusa- alone indicates his hostility to tions aside only in order to present "Trotskyism." Commissar of

·F. KHODZHAEV

Born 1896. Former president Messrs. Slanderers continue to of Uzbekistan, removed June, 1937. Listed in Small Encyclopedia, as prominent Communist in Uzbekistan. Participated in national revolutionary movements since 1914. Established contact with Bolsheviks after October revolution, joining party in 1920. 1920-1924: chairman of Council of People's Nazirs (Commissars), member of C.C. of C P. of Bokhara. Chairman of People's Commissars and member of C.C. of Uzbek C.P. since formation of Uzbek Soviet Republic. Staunch Stalin supporter. Honored many times. Decorated with Orders of the Red Banner and the Red Star. One of 30 Commissioners appointed at VII congress of Soviets to draft Stalin constitution.

Pravda of Jan. 31, 1935, carries front-page photo of Presid ium of VII All-Union Congress of Soviets. Caption under photo: 'Listening to Tukhachevsky's speech (subject: "Red Army Mighter than Ever Before" (shot), and F. Khodzhaev (de-

AKMAL IKRAMOV

Born 1898. Joined C.P.S.U. in February, 1918. Carried on Trade Union Convention a deci- congress (when the Opposition the overwhelming majority had didate to Central Committee. In Member of commission which drafted Stalin constitution.

V. I. IVANOV

Born 1893. Former chief of lumber industry under Stalin. Party member since 1915. Served

Next?



MAXIM LITVINOV

in civil war. On southern front 1920-1921. During same period secretary of Yaroslav district committee of C.P.S.U. 1924-1927: secretary of the Central Committee of Uzbekistan, 1927-1931: secretary of North Caucasian regional committee. Elected candidate to C.C. at XV and XVI Congress. Never a Trotskyite.

* * * I. A. ZELENSKY

Born in 1890. Worker-Bolshevik. Former head of Consumers' Cooperatives under Stalin. Joined party in 1906 in Samara. Arested in 1908 and exiled to Oren-

| burg; escaped; arrested again and sent back into exile. 1921.: arrested and exiled to Narym; escaped in 1931. Caught and escaped again in 1914. Arrested in 1915, escaped in 1916. After February revolution, organizer of Moscow district committee of the party. Later Chairman of district committee. 1921-1924: secretary of Moscow committee. 1924-1931: secretary of Central Asiatic Bureau of the C.C. of the C.P.S.U. From 1931 on: chairman of Centrosoyuz (Soviet foreign trading organization). Elected candidate to C.C. at

Purger Purged



HENRY YAGODA

tenth party congress. Member of C.C. from the XI congress. Not an Oppositionist. Elected at XV congress to C.C.

M. CHERNOV

Former Commissar of Agriculture. Strong Stalin supporter. Not listed in any Soviet encyclopedia. Elected at VII Soviet Congress (1935) to C.E.C. of the Soviets. 1935: People's Com-

Of the doctors listed: Dr. L. V. Levin (head of the Kremlin hospital) signed the statement issued by G.N. Kaminsky, then Commissar of Health, on the death of Ordjonikidze, Commissar of Heavy Industry who alleg-I have never concerned myself party activity until 1922, when edly died at his home on Feb. 18, with the political program and he entered Sverdlov Communist 1937. Prof. Pletnev was reputed signed the death certificate of now leave aside the question party of Uzbekistan. Starting Joffe, Oppositionist and former ambassador to Tokyo, Berlin and tions that made it possible for Central Asiatic Bureau of the C. Peiping, who committed suicide

> This leaves among the political unknowns" the following: V. Kruchkov (identified as secretary to Gorky), B. B. Sharangovich (former secretary of the White Russian Communist Party), S. A. Bessonov (former secretary to the Soviet Embassy in Berlin). Dr. I. N. Kazakov, P. Zubarev, V. Maximov. (Note: There was an oppositionist named Bessonov who capitulated to Stalin. His relation to the accused Bessonov is not known to us.)

FDR Speeds His War Preparation

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a prominent spokesman of the State Department casually remarked that it had for long been a cherished dream of U.S.

Thus the blue-print of Roosevelt imperialism comes more full into the open. Fastening its stranglehold on the two Americas, it strengthens its long arm to keep open the market and investment fields of the Far East. Knowing with complete realism that its aims require war for their fulfillment, it forges the arms and the ideas which it hopes will wring out of that war the maximum of privilege and pro-

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Safeguard Trotsky's Asylum!

Once again the right of asylum for Leon Trotsky, great leader of the world revolutionary movement, is being threatened by the forces of reaction. The speech delivered last week by Lombardo Toledano, Stalin-inspired leader of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, was the opening gun in the newest campaign to drive Trotsky from his refuge in Mexico.

Toledano's provocatory and contemptible speech preceded by but a few days the announcement of the trial of all remaining representatives of the leading cadres of Russian Bolshevism whom Stalin has at last decided to murder. The connection is all too obvious. Stalin will feel freer to go through with his latest frame-up trial if he knows that Trotsky is either interned, or-better vet-his voice stilled in death.

With Toledano's aid the Stalin murder gang hope to force President Cardenas to expel Trotsky from Mexico, thus, once more, making him easy prey for the assassins of the G.P.U. But they miscalculate. As in the past, all honest and enlightened men will rally to the defense of the exiled revolutionist against the counter-revolutionary Stalinists. The movement for his defense is already under way. Let us build a protective wall of iron solidarity around Leon Trotsky!

The hounding of Trotsky is not something new. Ever since 1929, when he was driven from the Soviet Union into exile in Turkey, the bloodhounds of the G. P. U. have been baying on his trail. In August, 1936, just as the infamous Zinoviev-Kamenev trial was getting under way, the Norwegian government, under pressure from Moscow, silenced him by internment.

Again today, with another infamous trial in progress, the frame-up managers in Moscow want Trotsky silenced. This, and this alone, is the explanation for Toledano's attack on the pre-eminent leader of the Fourth International. An aroused and indignant world movement, intent on defending Trotsky against his persecutors and traducers will defeat scheme of the Moscow assas-

That Letter

What none of the capitalist newspapers has taken the slightest notice of, much less emphasized, with regard to the Stalin letter to the young Kursk communist Ivanov, is its relation to the foreign policy of the Soviet bureaucracy. From this standpoint, the letter is of signal importance.

For the past three years, the whole foreign policy of the Soviet Union and the strategy of the Third International. has been oriented towards a united front of all the "democratic" countries against the "fascist aggressors".

Only the other day, in a speech at the University of North Carolina. Soviet Ambassador Troyanovsky made a public appeal for an alliance among the United States, France, England and the Soviet Union—the four "great democracies"-for the preservation of the peace of the world. .

With the Communist International, this took the form of the People's Front policy, which was aimed at bolstering up capitalism in the "democratic" countries as the price for its existing or prospective military alliance with the Soviet Union.

France was regarded as already a close ally of Moscow and defender of its territorial integrity; England and the United States were regarded as being

on the very verge of becoming an ally. In pursuance of the same line, the Soviet bureaucracy became the most sturdy and vociferous proponent of the discredited nest of pirates that sails un-

der the flag of the League of Nations. This whole marvelous combination, however, was based on hope and illusion and not on the realities of imperialist politics and the class struggle. For, in the past year especially, and most particularly in the past couple of months, it has become as plain as a pikestaff that the imperialist bandits of both the "democratic" and the fascist camps are much more interested in coming to an understanding among themselves, a settlement of their dispute for a time at least, than in defending the abstract ideals of "de-

mocracy" or the concrete boundary lines of the Soviet Union.

This trend reached a sensational climax in the Eden-Chamberlain dispute that followed upon the virtual annexation of Austria by Hitler. The great "democracies" proved very little concerned with outward political forms, and Chamberlain rushed to arrive at an accord with Italy as a preliminary to the

achievement of a Four-Power Pact— England, France, Germany and Italy. And the Soviet Union? And collective security? And the independence and integrity of Ethiopia? They are all lost in the shuffle and bustle of the imperialist powers to improve their respective posi-

That explains why, in a political-programmatic document devoted to the question of the defense of the Soviet Union, Stalin has not one single word to say, not even a remote hint, about the standard formulae which have been daily repeated as slogans by the Stalinist party and diplomatists for the past few years. Nothing about the League of Nations, the famous "pebble in the road of war." Nothing about collective security hitherto the loudest cry of the Stalinist patriots. Nothing about the united front of the "democracies" and nothing about the People's Front.

And the reason for this eloquent silence lies in the complete, patent and undisputable bankruptcy of Stalin's foreign

England is ready to come to a settlement with Italy and Germany. The latter are not unwilling. Why and how is this possible? Because it would give England a release from Europe and enable her to concentrate all her forces against Japan's challenge to her domination of Asia. As for Germany, an agreement with England (and consequently with France, which plays no independent role on the continent and can play none) would mean that she could turn her full attention to the East, that is, against the Soviet Union.

The net result of the "statesmanlike" the "practical", the "realistic" policy of Stalin, has been to maneuver the Soviet Union into a more isolated and imperilled position than she has occupied for more than 15 years. And the Stalin letter is an implicit recognition of this sorry fact.

Does the letter herald a turn in policy? Yes, a forced one. Not towards revolutionary internationalism-Troyanovsky is 100% correct in ridiculing such an interpretation. Stalinism is incapable of a revolutionary line. But it means, in all likelihood, the beginning of the end for the pet slogans of the Stalinist People's Front. Already Walter Duranty, unofficial spokesman for the Kremlin, has announced that the "collective security" slogan is being discarded by Moscow. What a cruel blow at Browder this will be, and what difficulties it would present to any man who did not, like him, have a flexible spinal column!

But whatever may be the exact nature of the turn, it is evident that Stalin has reached the end of a blind alley. The danger to the Soviet Union has been enormously enhanced. It can be saved from the accumulated threats to its existence only by the independent class action of the world proletariat. To organize this action—there lies the great task of the Fourth International.

Labor's "Friends"

Two "liberal" Congressmen-Representative John T. Bernard of Minnesota and Representative John M. Coffee of Washington—have resigned from the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E. Beal as a result of "revelations" concerning the frame-up leader of the Gastonia textile strike which appeared last week in that organ of truth and enlightenment, the Stalinist Daily Work-

Both these gentlemen won their seats in Congress with the aid of labor votes, accorded them because of their supposed labor sympathies. They are prepared to play ball with any labor organization and to associate themselves with any labor cause which evidences a capacity to roll up working-class votes on election day. In the defense organization built to aid Beal in his fight for liberty against the labor-hating Bourbons of the South,

they scented a chance for vote-catching. Now along comes the Communist Party and its Daily Worker, proclaiming Beal an "enemy of the people" because he has engaged in honest criticism of the murderous Stalin dictatorship in the Soviet Union and its army of corrupt allies in this country. The two Congressmen proptly resign from the Beal Committee without making the slightest effort to verify the Stalinist accusations against Beal.

If and when these labor champions appear for re-election, their services in deserting a genuine labor fighter in his hour of need will doubtless be remembered gratefully by the Stalinist machine, which is intent on stilling the voice of Beal-an opponent of Stalinism and all the rottenness for which it stands -by having him railroaded to jail for twenty years. All the more reason for the genuine friends of labor to stand firmly and unflinchingly behind Beal in his fight for liberty.

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How Not To Fight War Chinese Trotskyists -: An Editorial Statement :- Fight G.P.U. Methods

An Editorial Statement :-

ganizations. Indeed, as Lenin more than once war feelings the Committee aims to exploit. pointed out, this development must be understood INFER THAT ROOSEVELT MIGHT at bottom as an integral part of the war prepara-

Confronted with widespread and genuine antiwar makers.

The present "Keep America out of War" movetimes. This movement has not yet, of course, characterized by what has happened up to now.

SPONSORS OF MEETING SUDDENLY DISCOVER A "PROGRAM"

It was started by the Lovestoneites and the Altrehabilitate their hopelessly decaying political fortunes-though it is already getting out of their hands. Its origin was handled in the typical manner of "innocent" stooge organizations, reminiscent of the classic Stalinist maneuvers in this house to "talk over" what steps might be taken things to say about People's Frontism! 'against the war." A proposal was made to spon-

and other cities. The modest sponsoring committee for a New York meeting finds itself part of a vague "national organiation" which now talks about a "national congress." Under the disguise of a 'call" for the New York meeting, the sub-commitnames of all of those who had for one reason or another agreed to sponsor the meeting-somethe one "detail" of consulting the sponsors about the call to which their names was signed.

FIND THEMSELVES FARTHER RIGHT THAN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Fascism find themselves part of a setup distinstages only by being much further to the right. The "Keep America out of War," Committee, let

some anarchists, liberals, preachers, Quakers, writ- the fight against war. reaucrats. Like all such blocs it is based not upon a plan for joint specific actions (as would be the ers of a dozen shades of opinion, a few labor bu- MOVEMENT IS BLOW AT ease with a united front) but upon a political pro-

This program, as tentatively given in the call to the New York meeting is naturally not "final" in precise verbal form. Nevertheless, a program of the same general type therein given follows necessarily from the whole conception of this of the workers. That is the truth. movement as well as from its social composition. Analysis of the program in the call to the meeting character of the movement.

and reactionary. To begin with, the central slogan, claim this truth from the housetops, and to ex- Chin) use Japanese money to pubsource only of the gravest illusions. When taken the way to sell them out most hopelessly and they spread all kinds of slander n conjunction with the last statement in the call tragically to the war-makers.

History has shown that in democratic imperial- | - "We can keep America out of war if American ist nations the pre-war period is a time of the citizens (sic) act at once!"—it is a blatant lie, and mushroom growth of pacifist sentiments and or- a gross deception of the very masses whose anti-

FORSAKE DRIVE TOWARD WAR

"The President himself", says the call, "has war feelings among the masses, the pacifist ideas declared no clear program of war and peace ..." divert these feelings into channels entirely harm- Thus the inference is permitted that the President less to the imperialist interests. The anti-war may actually be persuaded to head for peace. This, spirit is blocked from finding its only effective at a time when the President has set his course Trotskyist," has been arrested shirts, Chiang Kai-shek's strongoutlet in an anti-capitalist direction. The masses openly and ruthlessly toward the war! The reas- and is facing trial for treason, are ideologically disarmed, and turned over to on for this sentence is, of course, to leave room having been "caught red-handed the China Times at Shanghai. He peace leaders" who are simply the hypocritical in the organization for certain types of New while trying to signal Japanese fronts of imperialism. When the time comes for Dealers (including the Ludlow-bloc Congressmen) warplanes raiding Linfing, Eighth 'Trotskyists' named by Wang serious business, they are ripe for plucking by the who would not allow a direct attack on the chief Route Army headquarters in Ming, Hsui Lun-shan is the only leader of American imperialism.

Similarly, no direct and specific attack is made ment is thus a significant and normal sign of the on any individual or organization! Evidently no 73 hand grenades, eight revolvers was expelled more than six years feelings are to be hurt by the "Keep America out taken final form; but it is already well enough of War" movement! It will be one big happy family in search of Peace.

Throughout the document the words "our" and we" are used in a manner to which no patriot rated by the counter-revolutioncould take exception: "...we do not need a bigger ary Stalintern to discredit the army or navy to protect our shores." This is quite revolutionists. Our comrades in man-Thomas Socialists as a desperate effort to in keeping with the addressing of the call "To the Shanghai, who on the spot are Citizens (our bolds) of New York." There is not exposing Stalin's frame-ups on a mention of "workers", classes, or the class strug- Chinese soil, have given us Chang Oriental Press in Shanghai. His gle in the entire call. There is not a line about Mu-tao's political biography. the struggle against capitalism, which, evidently, is presumed to have no connection with the strugfield. A miscellaneous group of writers, preach- gle against war. And among the sponsors of this ers and liberals was called together in Thomas' call are many who have in the past had harsh

Among the programmatic planks is to be found sor a public meeting in New York on March 6, at the following: "5. American cooperation for interwhich individuals with various points of view would national peace—but no alliance with any nation formed, he acted as the represpeak against the war and against collective se- or group of nations for war ... " This is inserted, sentative of several reactionary curity. A small committee was selected to handle apparently, to make room for "respectable" advocates of collective security who are uneasy about fore the outbreak of the Shang-The New York meeting was paralleled by meet- their present Stalinist company (at the time, by hai fighting in August, 1937, he ings in arrangement for Philadelphia, Cleveland, the way, when Stalin himself is preparing to throw approached the Communist collective security over).

This program corresponds accurately to the heterogeneous Lovestoneite-to-New Deal social composition of the movement. (It was not at all an accident that no one representing the revolutiontee issues a political program for the sprouting ary position of the Socialist Workers Party was organization, and calmly signs to this program the asked to participate, and that the suggestion of one Committee member to invite an S. W. P. P.U. "Obviously," our Chinese he remained loyal to them at the speaker for the public meeting was vigorously comrades write, "the Stalinists moment of death, the Stalinists how, in the great majority of cases, forgetting rejected.) The speakers list for the public meet- attempted to utilize Chang Mu- now denounce him as a blooding sums up neatly: Thomas and Wolfe for So- tao to prove that the Communist stained assassin.' Such is Stalincialists and Lovestoneites; Homer Martin as the League accepts gifts from the ist gratitude to the few faith-"labor figure"—the same Martin who last week Japanese imperialists. More than ful among their members. Such announced through the Scripps-Howard Press de- likely, Chang's proffered gift votion to a war in "defense" of the United States; came from Moscow's ample cof-fers." If and when Chang is Ironically enough, in this way many individuals in the past noted for their principled opposition to the retired liberal, Oswald Garrison Villard; the will doubtless tell the the Stalinist American League against War and former liberal and present opponent of all "gov- world in his "confession" that ernment interference in business," John T. Flynn; the Chinese Bolshevik-Leninists guished from the American League in its early Senator HaFollette in person to represent the actually accepted the money. New Deal; and the inevitable retired general of all pacifist medleys—this time Major General Wm.

t be clearly noticed, is in no sense whatever a C. Rivers. An appropriate crew to handle such a ists in China was signalized by Chinese version of which appear-United Front. It is a political bloc of various ten-ship! For Thomas and Lovestone it is clear that an article published by Wang ed January 4 in the vernacular dencies and individuals: Socialist, Lovestoneite, defensists and patriots are their natural allies in Ming in the November, 1937 is-

One must speak the truth plainly on the iss of war. The "Keep America out of War" move- kyite agents, led by the bandit ment is in no respect a blow at the war and the Chang Mu-tao, tried their utmost pitulation of the C.P. to the rewar-makers. It is a blow at the revolutionary to foment war between Nanking struggle against war. It is a device for the decepand Sian... The Trotskyites, tion and disorientation of the people, above all headed by the thrice contempt-

The struggle against the war is the struggle monthly from the Japanese secret against capitalism. The way to fight the war is service in North China.... to s therefore legitimate evidence in judging the to make the workers' revolution, and that is the conduct wrecking work.... The only way to fight it. This is the truth; and Trotskyists Hsui Lun-shan, Chen This program, however much it may reflect pre- whoever hides this truth is guilty of crime and Sui-tsia and the bloodstained asvailing anti-war moods, is thoroughly deceptive treachery against the people. We propose to pro- sassin Chen Chuo-san (or He-'Keep America out of War, which is also pose at every turn those who seek to manipulate lish special newspapers and peused as the name for the organization—can be the the anti-war feelings of the masses in precisely riodicals in Shanghai in which

New Stalin Frameup Trial Opens In Moscow

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Bukharin Friend of Gorky

The accusation of murder in ing him, cannot be ascertained. ups in history. Just the contrary, he would, if anything, go out of his way to preserve Gorky for he, like everybody else, knew that Gorky fre-

Stalin and Sverdlov in 1918. Early in 1918, when a lively he worked together with Trots-

In the brief period of the fal- many was imposing upon Russia, ing out between Stalin and Bukharin and a whole group of Bukharin, when the latter was Left Communists, as is known, putting out feelers to Zinoviev opposed signing the treaty. So, and Kamenev, who had mean for a time, did Stalin. Bukharin time repented and recanted, later revealed, in an article in Trotsky wrote several articles the Moscow Pravda in 1932, that, in the press showing that it was jestingly, he and some of his utterly impermissible for the supporters had suggested to the Left wing to make a bloc against opponents of the treaty, that Le-Stalin with the Bukharinist Right nin be kept in custody for a few days so that a revolutionary war could be launched against Germany and Lenin could be prevented from pressing for the signing of the treaty. The whole the case of Gorky, Menzhinsky story, known for at least 15 breaking point. What earthly charge about a plotted assassinareason Bukharin, for example, tion, is a sheer and despicable who was a warm personal friend invention, characteristic part of of Gorky, would have for murder- one of the most infamous frame-

Assumption Absurd

If it were true, one would have quently intervened to restrain to assume that both in the case Stalin from too violent measures of Trotsky and Bukharin, of against all opponents, real and Rykov and Rakovsky, Lenin worked together with them as his It is impossible to find language closest associates in the party to describe the charge that Trot- and in the government for five sky was a foreign spy as early years, without having the eleas 1921 and that he and Buk- mentary intelligence to discover harin tried to assassinate Lenin, their perfidy. In Stalin's case, one would have to assume that

harin and Rykov for twice as long a period, without the slightest inkling of their conspiratorial plans.

stand condemned as the most stu- them all and expose at one blow as it has in other countries. It is pid and gullible incompetent that the falsifiers and their criminal clear that an integral part of ever occupied an important post, amalgams. and if for no other reason, would deserve being driven out of the like Chang Mu-tao," they write, includes the intensification of the

But the facts are much more simple. Stalin is destroying the capitulated to the Kuomintang such vile and dishonest methods last survivors of the Russian Re- but betrayed many of his old neither can nor will stop our volution and its heroic period. comrades. He was a member of struggle against Japanese im-The hands of this bloodthirsty the Central Committee of the perialism. despot are strangling the last breath of life in the throat of the Soviet republic. Each new trial is another spike driven through its heart. With each step he takes, Stalin drags the country closer to the abyss. His every action Dear Editor: is a blow at socialism and an unand Kuibyshev strains the wild- years to the Soviet public, was leasning of the lotter and not in any red in the Painters' Union. democratic form but in the form of fascism.

> world, and the increasing discontentment of the masses in the Soviet Union itself, cannot be stilled by the blood of Stalin's thing happened which has ocmartyred victims.

Protest The Crime!

These voices must be raised ouder and louder in an imperious demand: Put an end to these horrible

rame-ups! Release the political prisoners

of the Stalinist despotism! Down with the regime of the monster in the Kremlin, whose liscussion occurred in the country ky and Rakovsky for as many name is a curse on the lips of Party administration the local is over the signing of the Brest and more years, and with Buk- every honest worker!

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Another Frame-Up

traitors in China.

ing the provocations of the capitulators. Chinese Stalinists to American soil, reported Monday from Hankow that a man named Chang Mu-tao, Shansi province." In Chang's one who ever held membership home, the report says, were found in the Communist League, and he and 742 cartridges... "as well as ago. a supply of Trotskyist literature. We nail this story to the masthead as yet another in the long list of frame-ups being perpet-

. Who is Chang Mu-tao? A Trotskyist? No! He is an agent of the G.P.U. Once a member of the Chinese Communist Party, he quit the ranks several years ago but never completely severed his connections with the Stalinists. For some time, we are in-North China warlords. Just be-League with an offer to donate \$1.00. Recognizing this offer for what it was, our Chinese comrades instantly declined it.

honored methods of Stalin's G.

Preparation of the Stalinist campaign against the revolutiontional, wherein he wrote: "...durible renegades, Huang Ping and Chang Mu-tao, received \$50,000 against the Communist Party, Kuomintang, and all anti-Japanese mass organizations.

Who Are They?

Who are these other "Trotskyites" named by Wang Ming? because of our increasing in-In that event, Stalin would Our Chinese comrades identify fluence, will grow like a fester

> is an ex-Stalinist and one of a slander campaign against us. countless number who not only Such slander, such provocations,

Chinese Communist Party. Arrested in 1932, his statement of capitulation was published in 1934 by the Kuomintang in a unique pamphlet entitled Transformation (Tschuan Bian), which The Daily Worker, transplant- is a veritable bible of Stalinist

"The 'Trotskyist' Hsui Lunshan was expelled from the Communist League of China in 1931. "the Chinese He subsequently joined the Blue arm gang, and became editor of is now in Hankow. Of all the

Exposed Moscow Trials

"The 'Trotskyist' professor, Chen Sui-tsia, formerly of Fuh Tan University in Shanghai, is politically unconnected. Entirely upon his own initiative he wrote an appraisal of the Moscow trials which was published by the book, wherein he concluded that the trials were frame-ups, was suppressed by the Kuomintang government at the request of the Soviet embassy.

The 'Trotskyist' Chen Chuoshan was an active member of the C. P. some years ago.

Trapped by Kuomintang spies who were assisted by Stalinist traitors, he refused to capitulate although threatened with death. He was lined up for execution with several others, but miraculously escaped death when the bullets struck him in nonvital parts. Threatened again with execution, he finally capitulated to the Kuomintang, was set at liberty, and lived thereafter in political obscurity in Shanghai. Here we discern the time- He is the author and translator of many Marxist works. Although moment of death, the Stalinists are the 'Trotskyists' accused by

Truth Proclaimed

The brazen slanders and falsifications of Wang Ming are being answered by our Chinese comrades. In a long programmatic Evening Post of January 7, the sue of the Communist Interna-Chiang Kai-shek in December, izing in the sharpest terms the ignominious and treacherous caactionary regime of Chiang Kaishek and the reactionary Stalinist campaign against revolutionand arming of the Chinese masses as the only means of driving out the imperialist invaders, the let-

"Our position with regard to the present war is crystal clear. It is consistent with our views as expressed in published programs during the past ten years, in our contemporaneous publications, with our activity in the struggle today. The current methods of abuse, slander, frameup, and assassination now in unashamed vogue among the international parties of the Comintern find their expression in China in Chen Shao-yi's slander, which, Chen Shao-yi's mandate from "The 'Trotskyist' Huang Ping, Moscow returning him to China

Letters from Our Readers

Permit me to write in your newspaper about what has occur-

Under the Communist Party leadership things are beginning The voices of indignant protest to be stirred up again. More than that have risen throughout the ever, the members of Local 848 are feeling it. Never in the 35 years of the local's existence and under any administration has a curred now. We will soon be

afraid to attend meetings. Local' 848 has always been progressive local for all alike. Every member had the right to express himself against the leadership without fear. Even Comrade Weinstock and his fellow-Stalinites, when they were barred from every other local, found his pen. If these fights are not

a welcome in 848. But now under the Communist not the same. When a member

In the Painters' Union | gets up to speak against Weinstock he is hissed and booed until he is forced to sit down, as if it were a conspiracy, Lately Weinstock has brought

into the union a new element of members, especially in 848, where opposition against his leadership is growing stronger. Naturally, this new element are Weinstock's supporters who don't attend all meetings but know just when to show up.

When the members have an important problem upon which they want to vote, and the Stalinites feel it is going to be against their favor, they start a disturbance until a fight breaks outwith the aid of the new members who immediately reach for their knives as a writer reaches for stopped in time, there will be plenty of bloodshed

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