# World's Workers Can Still Defeat Franco's Drive!

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# U.S. Strikes At Mexican Labor

# Twenty-One Years After

Twenty-one years ago last Autumn, Woodrow Wilson was re-elected President of the United States on the platform, "He kept us out of war."

Twenty-one years ago this week, the Congress of the United States, acting upon a message sent by President Woodrow Wilson, declared war upon the Central Pow-

This was the war, the President told the people of the United States, which was entered upon "to make the world safe for democracy," to guarantee the rights of small nations and racial minorities, to defeat autocracy and tyranny.

## **Lesson of History**

This was the war, the people of the United States learned from history, which brought death to twenty million young men and women; immeasurable suffering to countless millions more; untold destruction of the world's goods produced by the labor and skill of the workers of the world; renewed and deepened injustice, tyranny, military dictatorship and Fascism.

These were lies that Wilson told us, these stories of democracy, the rights of minorities, and the need to defeat militarism. They were lies to cover the grasping hands of Morgan and Rockefeller and Mellon stretched out to protect their vast investments and swell their fabulous profits at the price of the blood of the workers. Fascism: that was the full, ripe fruit of the

Today, with the wounds of the old war still festering, with its sorrows still undimmed, its wounded still walking the streets, wasting in the hospitals or rotting in the gutters, its destruction still unredeemed, Wilson's successor prepares the new war.

## Follows Path of Woodrow Wilson

More cunning, more brilliant, more ruthless than his spiritual father, Franklin Roosevelt makes ready. Seeing around him the ravages of the economic crisis, watching the tearing fabric of the social system which nourished him, knowing the frantic needs of American capital, he moves headlong toward the only solution which imperialism has to propose: toward war.

While twelve million unemployed, while tenant farmers and part-time workers, slowly starve, he pours hundreds of millions and billions of dollars into battleships and bombers and machine guns and poison gas.

His lieutenants in the War Department and in Congress draw up the bills for universal conscription and the full details of the military dictatorship which will grip the country from the first day of the war.

With his ringing phrases and his persuasive voice he launches the slogans designed to capture the minds of the people for the war. Again we are to fight for democracy, against tyranny, for the sanctity of treaties and international morality, for peace.

# Roosevelt's Idealistic Camouflage

Franklin Roosevelt has learned his lessons well. Profits, fields for investment, rivalry for cheaper raw materials—the realities of war—become transformed through him into shining moral imperatives. In the name of all that is sacred he will lead the people of the United States into the massacre to save American finance-capital.

But there were other lessons also taught in the War of 1914-18, and other teachers than Woodrow Wilson. Liebknecht, Debs. Luxemburg, Lenin, Trotsky, taught another lesson.

We have learned the lesson which they taught us. Proceeding from their lesson, we say to Roosevelt, to Morgan and Rockefeller: We will not support your war! No words or acts of yours, or of your henchmen, no promises or bribes or threats will change us.

# The Real Enemy—Imperialism

We have our own war to fight! In that war it is you who are the enemy. We fight that war today, tomorrow, and until it is forever won.

Our war is the struggle of the working class for the emancipation of mankind from the terrible and rusted chains of capitalist enslavement.

We will break those chains! We will cast them, and you, from our shoulders and go forward to a society of freedom, justice, and humanity.

The world socialist revolution! That is our reply to

# New York Jobless Protest La Guardia's Relief Slash

NEW YORK .- Several thous- Lehman and dealing largely with and members of the Workers Al- the question of taxation, a copy liance picketed City Hall in a of which was given to the Alliance drenching downpour of rain last delegation by one of the Mayor's Saturday. Shouting slogans "Stop secretaries. the 10 per cent relief cuts," "Tax the rich and not the poor," "We want jobs," the pickets circled City Hall while a delegation vain- on, sections of the pickets, in-

ly attempted to see the Mayor. LaGuardia left through a side LaGuardia," Stalinist leaders of door for his home to spend the the Alliance immediately got busy day with his well-fed and well- trying to quench the militancy clad family. He did, however, of the gathering and to halt any leave a news release attacking

# Stalinists In Usual Role

While the picketing was going censed by the 10 per cent cut, As the pickets gathered, Mayor shouted "Down with 10 per cent

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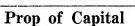
# Fresh Wave Of Strikes Hits France

Workers Open Offensive Despite Treachery Of Popular Front

By ARGUS

French labor is again on the march, driven to renewed militant action by the rising cost of living and the refusal of the employers to grant compensatory vage increases. More than 30,000 workers, including those at the Citroen automobile works, are already on strike, with added thousands threatening to quit

The French Communist Party





LEON BLUM

is toying with the idea of a "nationwide general strike." With what aim in view? "As the best means of backing the Popular Front government's fight for life." (New York Times, Mar.

# Lesson Forgotten

Forgotten is the lesson that the general strike poses immediately the life and death question of the workers' direct struggle for power. The Stalinists are backing the government of Leon Blum. What matter, then, if they use the sharpest weapon of the working class struggle lightmindedly and for aims which have nothing in common with the workers' interests? They certainly have no intention of leading the workers in a struggle for power, now or in the future.

Who threatens Blum's government? The Right parties in the Senate who are blocking Blum's arms expenditure proposals. They want a government of National

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# "The Church Militant"

"Within their confines, a people decrees, and righteously and correctly so, that, though blood flow, property should be safely protected, lives of citizens put out of peril or danger, the sovereignty of the State made inviolate and remain unbroken.

"This is war, but this war we must have, under penalty of social chaos, of wreck and ruin to the most sacred interests.

"There must be rulers, and they must hold the sword in hand." Who attered this rabid declaration? It was Mgr. Aloysius C. Dineen, pastor of Holy Innocents Church, in the course of a St. Patrick's Day sermon delivered by him in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, on March 17, 1938, at a service conducted by Cardinal Hayes.

Could anything illumine more clearly the role of the church as an arm of the capitalist state, a protector of capitalist property, an instrument of imperialist war?

# Stalinists Try To Oust **Martin From UAW Post**

Groom Frankensteen For Presidency With View To Pushing "Collective Security" Fakery

Party has initiated its most elaborate and ambitious undertak- to be overcome, and if the U.A. ing in the auto union in a care. W.A. is to be lined up with the fully planned, nation-wide cam- Roosevelt war machine, other paign to crucify and oust Homer means must be devised. The des-Martin for his opposition to perate ravings of the Daily Work-"collective security," to capture er have proved more of an obs-control of the United Automobile tacle than a help to the sinister Workers-or to wreck it.

These incontestable facts came to light at a convention of the Unity Group held on Saturday, March 19, at the Fort Wayne Hotel, Detroit. Delegates representing Unity Group caucuse came from locals spread over a wide area. Wyndham Mortimer, Ed Hall, Nat Ganley and John Anderson, Stalinist stalwarts. were in command, with Walter Reuther and George Edwards of the Socialist Party trailing be-

# The Latest Maneuver

The current Stalinist maneuver consists in shifting the head-on war stand to an ostensibly militant union program excoriating Martin for "bureaucracy," financial extravagance and even malfeasance. The demagogic and week by the issuance in Moscow of this program gives the campaign a most insidious and dangerous character.

The apparent failure of the slander campaign, in which the Communist Party issued thousands of leaflets headed "Disruption or Unity-where is Homer Martin Going," reprinting a Daily Worker editorial which accused Martin of everything from being a "Trotskyite-Lovepaganda department," has caused the Stalinist tops to tack pedition, is on his way out.

DETROIT. - The Communist | If the powerful anti-war sentiment among the auto workers is

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# EXTENDED TO **POLAR HEROES**

After An Alleged Secret Trial

Extension of Stalin's blood purge to the Northern Sea Route Administration headed by Dr. Otto Schmidt, was heralded this seemingly progressive character of an official denunciation of this branch of the Soviet government. As was only to be expected,

activity" was discovered in the administration, which, it seems, is being held responsible "for the perilous position of Soviet icebreakers and ships drifting helplessly in the Arctic Sea.'

# On His Way Out

It is clear: Schmidt, who di-(Continued on page 4)

# Can Prevent Spain's Doom

**Popular Front Crumbles** Before Franco's Big Catalan Drive

The desperate struggle to save Spain from the doom of a Fascist victory last week entered its most acute

Tragic events have had to happen to make it plain once more that the victory of the struggle against Fascism rests upon the independent struggle of Spanish and world labor in its own interests.

All the "democratic" allies who were going to help defeat Franco's rebels — the the "democratic" capitalist politicians, Negrin & Co., to whom power was surrender-Spanish workers' cause.

# Preceded By Political Defeats

The political defeats suffered by the workers during the last two years, culminating in the bloody repression of the May Nineteen More Are Shot days in Barcelona in 1937, are now being followed as a direct result by heavy military defeats for the Loyalist cause.

Driving relentlessly forward Italian planes, men, and artillery, General Franco's rebel armies have advanced into Catalonia. A battered, weakened Loyalist army has had to give way steadily.

Franco's men were less than 35 miles from the sea and less than 100 miles from Barcelona. criminal anti-Soviet wrecking the Loyalist capital. Their advance threatened to amputate the Catalonian head from the shrunken body of Loyalist Spain.

# Central Issue

In Barcelona the People's Front government which has known only how to be the organizer of defeats, was calling stoneite - Japanese Agent" to rected last summer's polar flights upon the population—the masses speaking like "Henry Ford's pro- to America and the polar weather of the people - to make heroic observations by the Papanin ex- sacrifices to prevent Franco from making his victory final.

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# Labor Alone Silver Move Made To Aid Oil Robbers

Action Seen As First Step In Sharp Struggle Which May End In Imperialist Intervention Through Mexican Fascist Bands

# Jingo Campaign Is Unleashed

Acting under pressure of the powerful Rockefeller oil interests, the "peace-loving" and "democratic" government of President Roosevelt has commenced a vicious economic war directed against the terribly-exploited people of Mexico.

This economic war, undertaken in retaliation for the expropriation of American oil properties in Mexico, starts with the suspension of United States silver purchases from Mexico. But it may well develop into imperialist intervention, either through secret aid to reactionary organizations in Mexico, which would be encouraged to over-"democratic" governments throw the Cardenas government, or through the sending of Britain and France, and of American military forces to Mexico, or both.

#### Jingo Campaign On

The reactionary press of this

country, repeating its tactics of ed-have contrived only to 22 years ago, when the United bring about defeats for the States last intervened in Mexicampaign which verges on open calls for military intervention. Outdistancing all its rivals, the New York Daily News "wonders" whether Leon Trotsky hasn't had something to do with Cardenas action in expropriating the foreign oil holdings.... "wherever Trotsky goes things soon begin to ferment." Lombardo Toledano and his Stalinist mentors in Mexico, on the other hand, accuse Trotsky of being an agent the struggling Mexican toilers.

of Mexican silver (next to the oil taxes the principal source of

# Navy Maneuvers 🕏 **Proceed Under Close Secrecy**

Prepared in Hawaii For Japanese

The Pacific war games of the United States Navy, second series within a period of twelve months, are now well under way, but details of the exercises, in which are participating 150 fighting ships, plus 500 modern aircraft, manned by 3,600 officers and 55,000 men, are being kept closely-guarded secret. So strict is the censorship that efforts in official Washington to attribute to the war games a purely "routine" character encounter universal disbelief. They may well be the actual prelude to the war which very plainly is being prepared, with full consciousness and determination, by the imperialist government at Washington—a war which, in the first place, will in all probability tyrants of Brazil, Cuba, etc. He be fought against Japan.

huge arms program of the Roosevelt administration, involving expenditures running into billions of dollars, the navy games, which are taking place along a 5,000 mile line from Alaska to Samoa that actual war is in preparation.

# They Understand

The Japanese imperialists have no doubts that the war will be (Continued on page 4)

ment) was preceded by an intensive press campaign for the defense of "the legally-acquired interests of great value" of American business south of the Rio can affairs, has unleashed a jingo Grande. Leading the agitation was that liberal matron, the New York Times. Where pocket-books are endangered, all the high ideals of democracy are quickly discarded. Defend Fantastic Profits

income of the Cardenas govern-

To be sure, the Times itself must recognize "the right of the Mexican government to expropriate property, whether owned by its citizens or by foreigners. of the fascists and the oil com- To be sure, it must admit that panies. They and the Daily News have one thing in common, however: they are both enemies of under Mexican administration, an offer which the British and Ame-The decision of the Roosevelt rican companies flatly rejected government to suspend purchases as "unacceptable." For what they want, above all, is not reimbursement for their property but the maintenance of the fantastic profits which they amass through plundering Mexico's natural riches under their own administration.

The cessation of the silver purchases, however, is only the beginning of Yankee reprisals. It is a signal to American private capital to join the economic boycott. The plan is to precipitate in this way the collapse of Mexican currency, in order to arouse Internment Camps Being the agrarian and urban population against the Cardenas government. Thus Mexico will be crudely presented with the alternative: capitulation or civil war.

Spurred onward by the Spanish struggles, Mexican reaction has long kept itself in readiness to spring. The "impoverished" landowners and business men long for the flesh-pots of Porfirio Diaz' regime. Calles conspires from his American asylum. In Mexico itself, the reactionary peasant-general Cedillo, untilrecently a minister in Cardenas' government, provides his private army in northern Mexico with arms and airplanes from the United States.

# Roosevelt Collaborates

To defend the profits of the American financial oligarchy, the "anti-feudalist" Roosevelt collaborates willingly with the absolute will not act otherwise in Mexico. Taken in conjunction with the Over bleeding Mexico threatening clouds of civil war are again gathering. The barons of "liquid gold" will again, if necessary, as they did in the past, furnish the enemies of the Mexican people with money and arms, in order by way of Hawaii, leave no doubt to perpetuate their dictatorship over the workers and peons.

Externally Washington would, in that event, retain its mask of "neutrality." But only so long as it hopes to win through economic

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# Minneapolis Takes the Lead! UNIONS DECLARE ANTI-WAR STAND

In the following resolution, adopted on March 23, the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, representing 50,-000 trade unionists, went on record with a policy of class-struggle opposition to all imperialist wars:

WHEREAS organized labor is aware of the cruel deception practised upon it in the last "War to Make the World Safe for Demcracy"; and

WHEREAS the world is threatened with another such war, in which the workers and farmers will once more be called to lay down their lives to protect and expand the imperialist interests of the big bosses: and

WHEREAS the employers' press is engaged in a systematic campaign to create a jingoistic war spirit, and the radio and motion pictures are being utilized to whip us up to accept war;

WHEREAS war preparations are being rushed in this country at a frenzied pace, as is so clearly revealed by the actions of the National Administration in launching a gigantic program of naval and military expansion, including over a billion dollars for arms in the regular budget, twelve hundred millions additional for new warships in the Vinson Bill just passed by the House of Representatives, and other military bills now being drafted at the direction of the Administration; and

WHEREAS the government's preparations for war are a mortal danger to organized labor, as is revealed by the plans for a military dictatorship in war-time prepared by the War Department and embodied in the Sheppard-May Bill, with its provisions for compulsory conscription, arbitrary fixing of wages, prohibition of strikes, punitive discipline of unions and labor leaders, and governmental control of press and radio; and

WHEREAS the National Administration has already engaged on a course of throttling opponents of war, as was revealed by the lynch spirit organized against the Farmer-Labor congressmen and others who supported the Ludlow Amendment requiring a popular referendum before Congress can declare war; and

WHEREAS the purely pacifist, non-working class opposition to war has already collapsed in Congress, as witness the speed and the three-to-one vote by which the Administration pushed through the House the Naval Expansion Bill; therefore be it

1. That the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, voicing the determination of fifty thousand trade unionists, declares its firm opposition to any war launched by the Government;

2. That we demand that all the funds now proposed for the military budget and naval expansion be transferred immediately to the relief of the unemployed:

3. That we demand the immediate withdrawal of any and all armed forces of the United States from the Far East, since it is only Big Business and not Labor that has any interests there

4. That we assert militant labor's determination to support the workers and peasants of Spain against the Fascist hordes who seek to crush them, and to support the brave Chinese people in their fight for independence against the Japanese invaders and all other foreign exploiters;

5. That we shall join with all other forces in the labor movement who share our views for the purpose of consolidating the strongest possible movement of resistance to war and to the (Continued from page 1)

The coming campaign of rumors and accusations against letely since the board had already Martin will revolve around three decided the question. Whence principal points:

1. Financial extravagance and irregularity.

Bureaucratic tendencies, abuse of local autonomy, abuse ing capital on this question now of rights of Executive Board only for political purposes. If members, restriction of the rights successful, they will merely estabof the rank-and-file, gangster-

3. Implied and possibly open charges of collusion with the auto companies.

Funds will be lavishly spent and organizers toured up and side of board meetings. down the country to harness the rank-and-file to this Stalinist cabal. The movement is to cul-Caucus convention in the form of a motion for a special convention, but quickly dropped it in binson, a usually well-informed Convention he reported the adoption of a resolution by General Motors Local 216, Los Angeles, calling for a special convention "to remove Martin and all his Obviously this Stalinist caucus could not have been acquainted in time with the temporary tactical switch in the party General Motors conference. line, and so they spilled the beans prematurely.

#### Groom Frankensteen

Finally, there is one other significant fact which gives the show away, strips the campaign of its flimsy progressive covering and exposes its really reactionary objectives. That fact is: The Communist Party is grooming Richard T. Frankensteen to take Martin's place as the next president of the U.A.W.A.

Such a plan fits in admirably with Frankensteen's scarcely concealed ambitions. This is indicated by the current unity between Frankensteen and the C. P. in Labor's Non - Partisan League (reported elsewhere in this issue), by the united front in the recent Hamtramck municipal elections, by the obvious inactivity of the C.P. caucus in the Dodge local elections despite an opposition Unity Group slate running against Frankensteen's men, by the failure of the Daily Worker to associate Frankensteen with Martin on the war question and Frankensteen's silence on "collective security." If it is still too far-fetched to assume a friendly alliance between Frankensteen and the C.P., we might refer to a six-point memorandum containing the terms of this

But this is too sour a dose for one gulp, so the C.P. is not revealing it for the time being. Frankensteen is known to be to the right—far to the right—of

If anyone is a real red-baiter, if anyoné has employed gangster methods, if anyone has sought for support among Black Legion elements — it is Frankensteen. Obviously this card can be sprung only in a convention. To play it now would give the hand away and arouse the antipathy of the rank-and-file, who would view exchanging Frankensteen for Martin in the same light as exchanging Lewis for Green.

# Deceit and Lies

The most cursory review of the new program of the Unity Group ceit and lies.

The very first point in the a worse agreement! We will unweekly letter issued by the Unity doubtedly hear more such accu-Group calling the March 19 con-sations before this campaign is vention deals with "the alarming over. trend.... towards bureaucracy. And yet the letter is prefaced by a statement calling "for the abolition of all caucusing by any group in the International Union." Thus the first step of the Unity will be to abridge the democratic rights of the rank-and-file by abolishing all caucuses! Here is the fine Italian hand of the C.P. Caucuses are permissible in

Was this bureaucratic? Most was the Unity Group then? It was trying to make peace with Martin-at any price! In fact, meeting + a very stormy one - Edwards to caution him openly halt.

voted after the executive board meeting to drop the issue comp arises their present tender soli-

citude for local papers? In view of past performances of the Stalinists, it is clear they are maklish more receptacles for their "collective security," pro-war

2. The gag resolution prohibiting Board members from discussing decisions of the board out-

No doubt this, too, was bureaulegitimate indignation of the cratic. But why the sudden desire to go to the rank-and-file? Why did they not raise this howl minate in a special convention of after the letter to General Motors the U.A.W.A. The Stalinists giving it disciplinary powers was union in the eyes of the working put out a feeler at the Unity signed last September, or again class. last December? Perhaps their hands were tarnished also? Or why did they not demand this face of the cool reception and right during and after the Pontiac even opposition. More prepara-strike? We know now that the tion will be required to put over difference over how to outlaw this proposal. But that this is that strike and send the men their objective was revealed in back to work was a matter not a feature article by A. W. Ro- of policy but of method. In other words, just what are the real News the day after the Unity warrant the expression of divergent opinions from the executive board to the locals? Nothing but the right to unscrupulous factionalism is involved here.

> 3. The signing of the present supplementary agreement with General Motors without consulting the workers by calling a Organizing Committee, put on the gency, Roosevelt will not recoil people.

This was the most bureaucratic action of all. But, as the Bible says, let him who is withratification. This has been called constituted themselves a supreme himself. court to determine what is good and what is bad for the workconcerned about the bureaucratic General Motors supplementary agreement. But how can the struggle against such methods be entrusted to a group which sanctions them provided only they are perpetrated by the "right'

# Irresponsible Action

Looking at the matter from a broader point of view, the present consistent champions of the It would have to expropriate Mazey, President of the Briggs Greene Balch, economist, of Welthe new supplementary agree- have conducted this struggle land-holdings as yet untouched, ment is based on the knowledge while the opportunists were try- to nationalize the banks and that nothing can be done about ing to patch up any kind of peace confiscate foreign capital, to it. The agreement is a bad one, worse than the last, but the the rank-and-file to swallow at union is in no position to strike at the present time, particularly over this issue. Three months ago, when rank-and-file militants demanded that the General Motors in the steel and mining unions. to the peasant masses, liberate conference get down to business the Unity leaders acted as hatchet men for Martin to keep the peace.

> Today, their raising of the issue, with no proposal for action, is a clear piece of irresponsibility. The proceedings of the Unity Group convention showed how little concern this clique felt for delegating powers to the rankand-file. First they cut off a speaker calling for the Executive Board to turn over its negotiating powers if and when another General Motors conference is called. Then one of the top men proclaimed it would be useless for him to attempt to negotiate a new agreement, because before and persuade them to hand down

# Blackens Martin

Then the conference was treated to a very delectable financial report by Ed. Hall. He alleged that Martin has been running up Group to eliminate bureaucracy an expense account of \$2,000 a month. This is, a serious charge, especially at a time when all organizers have been laid off for lack of money. Why are no charges brought? Why all the with the Communist Party in the "self-defense"—but only so long whispering over so serious a as their policy does not prevail. matter? Perhaps Hall would not given you nothing but a lot of What is this complaint about like to wash his dirty linen in headaches and more explaining public together with Martin's? | for the reactionary antics of the 1. The abolition of local union At the January meeting of the Stalinists, while it has given papers at the Executive Board Executive Board it came to light them a convenient radical covermeeting after the Milwaukee con- that Hall had piled up a hotel bill during the Milwaukee convention of \$1,045-in a period of you from exercising a genuine certainly. We pointed this out at two weeks or less! Hall is not radicalizing influence on the least six months ago. But where concerned about the amount of U.A.W.A. But more serious today, money squandered but about the it will make you partner to the individuals doing it. It remained most sinister aims yet advanced

# MARXIST SCHOOL

April 6 - Wednesday Evening HOW THE CIO UNIONS OPERATE — Bill Morgan -

THE ORIGINS OF THE "TROTSKY-STALIN" CON-FLICT - Joe Carter - 8:45

Other courses of the School are: Elementary Socialism, Monday, 7 P. M., Hal Draper; Marxian Economics, Tuesday, 7 P. M., J. G. Wright; Principles of Revolutionary Socialism, 8:45 P. M., Maurice Spector.

against a proposal to appropriate local finances for Unity Group expenses.

The entire issue of finances is undoubtedly injected into the campaign to add bitterness and suspicion. And an issue of this order, raised in the manner described, is calculated, more than any dozen other accusations taken together, to discredit the auto

#### The Ford Drive

What else? The drive to organize Ford's. The poor results in this campaign are undoubtedly due in part to inefficient methods but they are equally due to unfavorable objective conditions and to the entire policy of the C.I.O. No one can logically criticize the same time rapping the policies in the Little Steel strike which resulted in an abrupt halt in all organization activities. The only real purpose of raising the Ford issue is to blacken Martin. We have yet to see Frankensteen, who is the director of the Ford carpet by the Unity Group.

plants. Many, perhaps most, of intervention, following the exthe Unity Group leaders do not ample of the great pacifist, Wilout sin cast the first stone. One come with clean hands to a dis-son. year ago Hall and Mortimer, cussion on this issue. Competitive "helmsmen" of the Unity Group, plants have been ignored and left Washington seem to hope that treacherous intervention. negotiated the first supplement- unorganized-often to the point the difficult economic situation of ary agreement but never submit- of extreme, danger to the orga- his country, exhausted by century- imperialist struggle! ted it to the rank-and-file for nized plants-in not a few of the long exploitation, will force locals now under the control of Cardenas into capitulation. But to the attention of the Unity Unity Group leaders. The ques- the Mexican government is now Group. What is their answer? tion today is not one of placing the prisoner of the Mexican The supplement "was not object the blame—there will be plenty workers, who are desperately tionable to the workers" but of time for that-but of getting determined to put an end to the presumably the present agree- out and organizing these plant" ment is. A fine criterion! The The Unity Group is faced wit pitulate only at the price of beleaders of the Unity Group have this test no less than Martin coming the Chiang Kai-shek of

From beginning to end, the program of the Unity Group is ers in the plant. We are no less transparently clear. Its objective: method involved in signing the union for Roosevelt's war pro- be waged successfully, must inthat is the real slogan,

# A Principled Fight

vigorous opponents and the most rica. with him. But we have always curb the commercial profits of fought our fight on the basis of imperialism through a monopoly principles. We will continue to of foreign trade. Concentrating do so now and in the future. Our the entire riches of the nation struggle is no different, funda- in the hands of a proletarian mentally, in the auto union than state, it could turn the land over

over the present campaign country. launched by the Communist Unity Group. We warn the auto cess can mean only transfer of leadership from one bureaucratic of the Mexican people. group to an infinitely worse one.

Look at the internal regime in the Communist Party. There is no more democracy in that party then you can stick in the corner of your eve. Look at the record of the Communist party in unions union. Gangsterism, unity with will reveal that it is shot through he could get started Homer Mar- racketeers, frame-ups, suppresand through with hypocrisy, de- tin would phone General Motors sion of minorities, dictatorial practises that would make Bill Hutchinson green with envy! Do vou want that kind of system in the auto union, which despite all abuses, has become known as the most democratic organization in the labor movement?

A Warning We warn the sincere rank-and file of the Socialist Party in the auto union in Flint and Detroit. Your leadership, from Walter Reuther to Ben Fisher, either through design or impotence, has kept you chained to an alliance Unity Group. This alliance has ing. This alliance has prevented the Stalinists in the Unity Caucus for Walter Reuther and George in the union. It is time to call a

# SWP Leaders In Mexico City Support Workers' Struggle

In the last issue of the "Socialist Appeal" we reported that representatives of the Socialist Workers Party in Mexico had publicly declared their solidarity with the anti-imperialist struggle of the Mexican workers in connection with the expropriation of the oil fields held by British and American oil companies. The full text of the declaration, issued March 19 by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the S.W.P., and Max Shachtman, editor of the "Socialist Appeal," is as follows:

"The expropriation of the oil properties held by British and American oil companies as announced last night by President Cardenas is bound to meet with the enthusiastic approval of enlightened workers everywhere. In greeting this bold and courageous measure we express not only the sentiments of the Socialist Workers Party of the United States but, we are sure. of millions of workers in our country. Our brief visit as tourists to beautiful and hospitable Mexico has been made doubly pleasant by the announcement of this governmental action taken in the interests of the toiling people.

"We have no doubt that the decree issued in regard to the foreign oil campanies will engender a campaign of agitation and misrepresentation against the government. That in our opinion is all the more reason for the workers of the United States to come out in support of the Mexican government's action. We shall urge our own party and all progressive workers in the United States to give full support to the Mexican people in this fight. It is no more than the simple duty of Socialists to defend the Mexican people in their fight for economic and national independence and to urge the laboring masses of the United States to take a stand, not on the side of the oil companies, but on the side of the masses of the Mexican republic.

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(Continued from page 1) 1 conspirators. Even now, American reprisals or backing Mexican trade unions have declared their Martin, Kenyon, robber bands. In case of emer-solidarity with the Mexican from transforming his "friendly Failure to organize competitive neighbor" policy into open armed ly pushed forward.

foreign yoke. Cardenas can ca-

## Revolution Is Need

On the other hand, the feuc "get" Martin and line up the with the oil companies, if it is to gram. No opposition from the evitably exceed the limits of caauto workers to the new war!- pitalist legality. Real success of the anti-imperialist struggle is possible only through the methods of the proletarian revolution. We hold no brief for Homer Under proletarian rule, Mexico allies. We have been his most colonial countries of Latin Ame-

of the rank-and-file. We without compensation the vast Our opposition to Martin, how- them from debt, and organize ever, in no way lessens our alarm the productive forces of the

It is precisely the limitation of Party, acting under cover of the Mexico's anti-imperialist struggle within the boundaries of capitalworkers of this campaign! Suc- ist legality which constitutes the greatest brake on the liberation

> Frank Kluckhohn, the Mexican correspondent for the Times, reactionary and friend of the G.P.U., reports with great satisfaction that even the France of the People's Front rejects Carconspiracy of the oil magnates become increasingly clear.

They who provide Japan with the oil of California and British Iraq, are preparing a "moral" tion in Mexico. Through the oil oil products, they intend to force Democratic incumbent. Cardenas into dealing with Japan and Germany.

# Solidarity With Mexico

But this maneuver must not made to rebound against the LOUIS (LINN)

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workers to present immediately resolutions for adoption by their For the moment, London and unions against Washington's Solidarity with Mexico's anti-

This action must be energetical-

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# Stalinists Back **Governor Murphy** For Re-Election

### Mazey, Head of Briggs Auto Local, Alone In Opposition

County has passed into the hands writers. of the Stalinists and the first ap-

Local. United Automobile Workers of America. Mazey's criticstate legislature to consider the mittee. serious unemployment problem was greeted with derision and speeches about "practical polivernor on the spot before his Republican opponents.

# **Short Memories**

Among other things, it was quite noticeable that the Stalinist-Frankensteen combination was suffering from a lapse of memory. About a month ago 150,000 members and sympathizers of the U.A.W.A. demonstrating on Cadillac Square, were treated to the American Radio Telegraphists some of Murphy's generous pro- Association wrote: "This Comdenas' offer to sell oil only to mises, read out by none other where is has control: the furriers, the non-fascist countries. The than Frankensteen himself: "I portunity to wish you every suctions of the countries of the non-fascist countries." will call a special session if necessary.... Rather a budgetary deficit than starving men.'

The Detroit News quoted statements of participants at the con- campaign for Beal's release. ference, branding Mazey's rejustification for future interven- marks as "tactless." Presumably it is considered as "tactless" to defense headquarters, at 19 W. boycott of the "democratic" go- allow the misfortune of unem- 44th Street, New York City, from vernments against Mexico, forc- ployed auto workers to interfere all parts of the country. ed to export 80 per cent of new with the political fortunes of the It is not at all surprising,

therefore, that Mazey was overwhelmingly defeated for the post of county chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League and Richsucceed. The conspiracy must be ard T. Frankensteen, assistant president of the U.A.W.A. and latest Stalinist white-hope, elected by a similar majority. Elections to the executive board returned at least nine out of 15 CABARET, SWING BAND, FLOOR members definitely known to be Communist Party members or sympathizers. Even Frankensteen was alarmed at this composition and it is reliably reported that he has threatened to resign as chairman unless some of the Stalinists withdraw.

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### Curran Aids Navy Recruiting Action

NEW YORK .- Armed with mimeographed copies of a letter signed by Joseph Curran, general organizer of the National Maritime Union, recruiting officers of the Merchant Marine Naval Reserve are engaged in visiting union halls in efforts to induce seamen to enlist.

Curran's letter states that following "a conference between members of the District Committee (of the N.M.U.) and representatives of the Navy Department" a resolution was passed by the District Committee which states: "On the basis of the report

made by Captain Bookwalter as to the aims and purposes of the Merchant Marine Reserve, we feel that the report shows and the statement of the Navy Department shows that there is nothing anticipated by the Reserve as being harmful to the organization of the National Maritime Union of America, but the District Committee feels that we, as a trade union, cannot take a stand directly advocating our members' joining any other organization."

Not being prepared to take a militant stand against the war preparations of the Roosevelt government, Curran and his crew leave it "entirely to the discretion of the members" of the N.M.U. as to whether they should enlist in the Naval

# Hays Join Beal **Defense Group**

### Many Join In Nationwide **Movement For His** Liberation

NEW YORK .- Homer Martin, nternational president of the Inited Automobile Workers of the growing number of prominthe Non-Partisan Committee for labor leader serving a 17 to 20 Goldie Schrammel and Mrs. Clessor order to handle grievances but the years prison term in North Ca- ora Mullen. The district W.P.A. job and to be ready at any time the nation-wide movement for DETROIT. — Labor's Non- Beal's liberation includes labor Partisan League of Wayne spokesmen, educators, jurists, and the committee was admitted and opening of the project belongs

Miss Dorothy Kenyon, recently propriate action under its new designated to the League of Na-Martin, or his water-boys, the could quickly reorganize and auspices was to endorse Govern- tions commission for the study Lovestoneites, or his reactionary awaken the enthusiasm of the or Frank Murphy for re-election. of the legal status of women, The only vocal opposition at joined the Beal group on the eve the conference came from Emil of sailing for Geneva. Emily the International Congress of ism of Murphy for having failed Women at the Hague, also ento call a special session of the listed in the non-partisan com-

Other new members include tics." His argument that Murphy Arthur Garfield Hays, wellwas no more concerned with the known defender of civil liberties, unemployed than any other ca- who was a voluntary attorney pitalist politician was met by for Beal's defense in the trial in taunts that a special session 1919, after the Gastonia textile could serve only to put the go- strike; Dr. Horace M. Kallen, author and philosopher; Sara Bard Field, the poet, and Charles Erskine Scott Wood, author.

The work of the Non-Partisan Committee has just received the indorsement of the National Executive Committee of the Work- fidence in the correctness of your men's Circle, a fraternal order program.' with over 1,000 branches in the United States and Canada.

The Executive Committee of Appeal: mittee wishes to take this opcess in your work." The Marble Union, Local 4, sent wishes for line." "the greatest of success" in the

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# Loones Ouster Uncovers Strife In Seamen's Union

Union culminated in the expul- split with "radical elements" in sion of Octave Loones, editor of the union, significantly omit any the Rank and File Pilot and a condemnation of the class-collamember of the stewards depart- boration and sell-out policies of ment, at a membership meeting the Stalinist leadership. From his of the stewards department last statements, there is no reason to

Publication of the Rank and newspaper that exposed the sell- Government. out features of the recent tanker agreement negotiated by the New York District Committee of the N.M.U., and has been attacking the leadership generally, had precipitated a crisis within the union, with strong sentiment against the Stalinist-controlled N.M.U. leadership.

#### Attacks Editor, Stalinists

During a discussion of the Rank and File Pilot at a meeting of the deck department last Tuesday, Joseph Curran, general organizer of the N.M.U., denounced the editor and his backers as "pie-card artists" interested only in securing paid positions within the union.

He also attacked the activities of the Communist Party in the N.M.U., charging their members with "spending most of their time instead of aiding and bettering out to the bosses in the interests the conditions of the seamen." Curran's charges against the gram.

NEW YORK .- Internal strife Communist Party, heralded widewithin the National Maritime ly in the capitalist press as a believe that Curran has abandoned his policy of conciliation with File Pilot, an unofficial weekly the bosses and capitulation to the

#### Lenient to Opportunists

While Curran attempted to diferentiate himself from the "official" Stalinists, the current issue of the Rank and File Pilot veered in the direction of a more lenient attitude toward the opportunistic District Committee, and centered its fire on the "official" Stalinists, such as Jack Lawrenson, a member of the District Committee.

Long letters, accompanied by photostatic copies of documents, proved what has long been known, that the leadership of the N.M.U. is dominated by the Communist Party. Such "exposures" are worse than useless and can accomplish nothing unless it is clearly shown that the policy of the Communist Party is to shackle the seamen and sell them of their "democratic front" pro-

# Allentown Project Reopens As Result Of Militant Action

ALLENTOWN, Pa.-Through stration in Harrisburg. It also down on February 25 without and elicited an assurance from March 9.

project as soon as it was closed kept. America, Congressmen Thomas and assisted them in setting up fused to see the committee, but project again. after a threat to rush the office, Full credit for the prompt rereceived a promise that the pro- to the aggressive action of the ect would open within two weeks. reconstituted "Unemployed" Le-Not relying on vague promises, agues. The Stalinist-controlled

swift action by the Lehigh County took up with the area relief of-Unemployed League, the W.P.A. fice the question of relief for the sewing project which closed women until the project opened, notice and without provision for the W.P.A. placement division placing the 270 women employed that all women working on the on it on relief, was reopened on project when it closed would be re-employed. The workers were The Unemployed League called prepared to take over the W.P.A. a meeting of the women on the offices if the promises were not When the project opened, the

R. Amlie of Wisconsin and Jerry an organization. A committee of League's representatives were on Voorhis of California are among six of the most militant workers hand to see that all women were was elected from the project to taken back and that there was ent Americans who have joined act jointly with a committee from no discrimination. The organizathe League consisting of Lester tion of the workers on the prothe Defense of Fred E. Beal, the Heckman, the organizer, Mrs. ject is continuing to function in rolina. A list of new recruits to officials in Bethlehem at first re- to combat efforts to close the

the committee transmitted its Workers Alliance never so much demands to the W.P.A. admini- as mentioned the lay-offs.

# Appeal Army

We are becoming convinced ourselves that the Appeal not only improved - but has actually become a paper that meets with the approval of comrades and sympathizers all over the country. From Baltimore comes the following comment:

"We want to express our appreciation of the Appeal. It really gets better with each issue and makes us proud to be associated with a party which puts out such a paper. Its make-up pleases the eye and its articles have an assurance and aggressiveness that can only come from a firm con-

And from Vancouver, Canada, comes another boost for the

"It is a pleasure to read the Appeal with its clear and proletarian viewpoint as counterposed to that of the G.P.U. organs and the reformist sheets Carvers, Cutters and Setters with their class collaborationist

Comrade Jack Hartman of New York was sufficiently en- the drive is over. Boston is now Similar messages are reaching thusiastic about the Appeal drive giving Chicago a run for its to go out on the street and sell money. 44 Appeals in two hours. This proves that street sales are an effective method in boosting challenge that Chicago received? Appeal circulation during and We haven't seen any results after the drive.

And speaking of the drivehas we'll have to do some hustling if we look at the figures for the past week:

#### New Subs-Week ending March 25th

Safford, Arizona Los Angeles Chicago Vincennes, Indiana Boston Flint, Mich. Jersey City Cleveland Racine, Wis. Argentina New York

Total Bundle order increases have ropped off for the past week, too. Boston increased its bundle by 25 and Louisville, Kentucky, added five more to theirs. Comrade Leonard, literature

agent in Boston, has already doubled the Boston bundle order since he took over the job and he'll do more than that before

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# Britain Not Yet Ready To Fight Hitler

Chamberlain Declines Role Of Savior of "Democracy"

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain delivered in the House of Commons on March 24 his eagerly-awaited speech on British foreign policy. The speech demonstrated:

1. That the differences and antagonisms between the "democratic" capitalist states and the "fascist" states are not of an "ideological" character, but reflect, rather, the fundamental rivalry which is the characteristic of the entire imperialist world;

2. That "democratic" Britain is more than ready to make a deal Mussolini), if thereby the knifeedge of Hitler's expansionism can be turned away from Britain European continent, the British Moscow foreign office. and her French ally in the direction of-the U.S.S.R.

#### No Advance Commitment

Chamberlain made it clear that Britain would not commit herself in advance to defend Czechoslovakia against German aggression, even if France goes the length of assisting her central needs a free hand to decide when in war time. European ally in the event of a German attack.

"This position," he said, not one which His Majesty's Government could see their way to accept in relation to an area where their vital interests are not concerned in the same degree as they are in the case of France and Belgium.

He was careful, however, to add that British assistance might be given to Czechoslovakia against Germany, and that if either France or Belgium are of reserve planes of identical attacked by Germany, Britain will without hesitation come to their type, and it is understood that a total strength of 10,000 planes

## Stalin Proposal Dismissed

Contemptuously dismissing the proposal of the Stalin government for a conference of the "democratic" powers to consider measures for restraining "aggressors." the Tory Chamberlain was able to make use of the prolin's foreign policy as making for war. Said he:

"The proposal appeared to involve less consultation with a view to settlement than concert- to the imperialist war machine; a "counter-weight" against the Arthur Sharfin, Helen Ravitch, ing of action against an eventuality that has not yet arisen... (Such a conference) would aggravate a tendency toward es- and working conditions. For the the reaction went so far as to residents at an East 17th Street FUND FOR CHINA tablishment of exclusive groups government plans to draft un- release from prison all the lead- address once used by the Robinof nations which must be inimical to the prospect of European vast scale in order to augment zation, the Cagoulards. The Sta-

ped by the creation of a bloc of minimum wages restrictions. democratic" capitalist states be to protect "democracy" against general strike in 1926 and who along, namely, that "democratic" of treachery, to do all in their eign lands.

# Democracy and Fascism

The Marxists have gone further. They have pointed out not yet developed, largely because that the bourgeosie in the "de- of the tightly - bureaucratized mocratic" countries will them- character of the trade unions. selves establish a fascist regime That it will develop is certain. when the institutions of their It should not be forgotten that ment to their continued rule over militant struggle, through their tion, can any worker swallow sian Soviets after the Bolshevik ONLY bulwark — against fasc- with the basic economic interests

rent wages and hours dispute at

the Goodrich plant.

To Settle Rubber Disputes AKRON.-A tentative proposal | nual living wage set-up which to set up in the rubber industry would provide for the employan arbitration board headed by ment of a guaranteed number of an industrial coordinator, is now workers annually, for a guaranunder consideration by the Na- teed number of hours, and for tional Labor Relations Board as distribution of earnings at the faction of the masses with the workers of the Parisian Citroen nite, March 2.) The French work- Bolshevik-Leninists and the left-

of the workers.

Consider Arbitration Board

war chariot.

ment of its plans, the N.L.R.B. bility that the "managed capitalcontemplates lengthening of the ism" plans of the Roosevelt ad-

a possible "solution" of the cur- end of the year, etc. A combination of events and proposals, including one made by Feeling out the reaction un- a local councilman along similar officially through the press be- lines within the last few days, fore making definite announce- points to the increasing proba-

working day above the six-hour ministration are to be greatly ment), in spite of its promises, limit, coupled with indefinite extended in rubber and other has intentionally abolished the ing to use this wave of strikes render. Surrounded by dark re- France who are in a direct posicommitments regarding wages. basic industries in the field of Matignon agreement" (reforms as a proof to the bourgeoisie that action, it will show the European tion to proffer serious material The plan is being presented labor relations in the coming subsequent to the great strikes only through their intermediation proletariat, the road of libera- aid to their embattled Spanish ostensibly as a guaranteed an- period.

# New Wave Of Strikes Hits France

**Loves Peace Too** 

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

imperialists will fight.

the time for war is ripe.

as previously planned.

is aimed at.

reports from London declare, are

to be placed an unknown number

Labor Traitors Busy

Preventive War Possible

Workers Open Offensive Despite Treachery of Popular Front

(Continued from page 1)

Union, a government less susceptible to working class pressure, to which to entrust the imperialist arms program. The Stalinists, loyal servants of the bourgeoisie, want a leading role in preparing the imperialist war. They want to be recruiting sergeants in the "Democratic" Britain will make ranks of labor. The ousting of war on Nazi Germany only if and the Blum government and the when Hitler menaces Britain's creation of a National Union imperialist interests. The rise of cabinet would leave them out in 'Greater Germany" under Hitler the cold. And so, with all the has destroyed Britain's ancient criminal irresponsibility for role as arbiter of Europe's fate. which they are noted, they prowith Hitler's Germany (just as If and when Hitler, after round- pose to use the might of organiznow she is making a deal with ing out his "mittel Europa," ed French labor to further their challenges France and nears his aims, which are nothing more goal of becoming master of the nor less than the aims of the several months came Monday with the G.P.U., is also still

#### Gift to Bourgeoisie

Meanwhile, Blum's popular They may, as Chamberlain so front government has hastened clearly hinted, even embark on a to lay an important gift at the preventive war against Germany feet of the 200 families of if Hitler's armies march into France: the unanimous adoption false American passports in the rica was that she feared that Czechoslovakia. But Chamberlain of the law providing for the momakes no prior commitments. He bilization of nation and economy

French finance - capital can sleep quietly. It now has full Meanwhile, British imperialism hastens the building of its mighty power from the representatives of the working class for the legal war machine in preparation for 'the day." Apart from the vast establishment of a totalitarian dictatorship. However, it is not newspapers then indicated that navy and army building proby any means satisfied with this. grams, all efforts are being bent It considers that the time has port photographs made for Ruto insure a first line strength of come to put an end to the lux-1,750 fighting planes within six ury of a popular front governmonths, instead of within a year ment, in order to gain a free hand both in internal and external Behind these first line planes, matters.

part be happy to be rid of the telling newspaper reporters in a the alliance with Stalin. But nei- buys photographs from him, that ther of these two parties dares all critics of the Moscow trials as yet to assume the responsibil- are allies of "Trotskyite-Bukity for this step. For a moment harinite - Gestapo - Japanese As an integral and indispens- it seemed that the Moscow trials agents. able part of the government's might serve them as a pretext war plans the cooperation of the for breaking with their embarworkers is being sought through rassing Stalinist partners, in the General Council of the Trade order to participate in Britain's Union Congress. The government deal with Germany at the ex- with this case confirms the reposal in order to discredit Sta- proposes to double the rate of pense of Russia. But Hitler's peated statements made in the armaments production. If the thrust at Austria frustrated Appeal that the Robinson pass-

T.U.C. accepts the government these plans. proposals, it will mean not only For months the Socialists and the harnessing of the labor unions Radical Socialist tried to create ists involved, besides Garber, are it will mean that the workers in Stalinists through the enlarge- Marshall Shaw (one-time hero of industry will be forced to sub- ment of the government toward Corliss Lamont's "Friends of the mit to a lowering of their wages the right. Their concessions to Soviet Union"), and a number of skilled labor into industry on a ers of the secret fascist organi- son-Rubens couple. Rubens' form the labor force, and the unions linist organ, Humanite, carried Chamberlain has smashed to are to be asked to abrogate rules mild protests against this step. bits the Stalinist illusion that the providing restrictive conditions But for it there was no question still in Butirky Prison in Mosadvance of fascism could be stop- on new entrants, including here of a fight against fascism. A one-hour protest strike would The traitors of the General have forced the Chautemps gowhose self-assumed task it would Council, who sold out the British vernment to revoke this measure.

What interested and interests fascism. Imperialist Britain, have already pledged their sup- the Stalinist leaders, above all, through its leading mouthpiece, port to the government's arms is to frustrate maneuvers designhas now made clear what the program, may be expected, in ed to eliminate their influence Marxists have proclaimed all keeping with their long record over French foreign policy. For this purpose they would even be capitalism has no interest in power to harness the workers ready to sit in one government maintaining "democracy" in for- completely to the imperialist with the right-wing parliament- place working class activity in Toronto (Canada) ary sponsors of the fascists.

#### No Opposition Yet Reaction Fears Workers

Opposition from the ranks has But all the efforts of the left wing for a national union government are in vain. The reaction insists on unconditional renunciation of the People's Front, that is, on a break with the Sta-"democracy" become an impedithe British workers by their limists. The Senate, fortress of the right wing, does not let any and exploitation of the working own Councils of Action, forced occasion slip by to remind Blum class. Today, in the light of the government to end its milit- of that, and has recently, as a Chamberlain's very clear declara- ary intervention against the Rus- political demonstration against the People's Front, partially rethe Stalinist lie that capitalist Revolution. Similar action may fused to grant armament credits. democracy and the defense of be expected when the war plans The reaction, naturally, does not capitalist democracy is any kind of British imperialism collide fear either the Stalinists or the of a bulwark — much less the sharply, as they inevitably must, People's Front. What it is really afraid of is the still unbroken strength of the working class, upon which the Stalinists lean for

In order to retain their posi-Stalinists play with the fire of the class struggle. Accustomed to dominate their party by decree, control the action of the work- form of "social peace": through place, declare that "the externaing class at their own whim. But the tested method of the sit- situation makes social peace more resolute turn toward the revoluthey are mistaken. The dissatis-

is steadily growing. Several weeks ago the conven-North, representing 42 union bo- atives in the government are in- from the social scene. dies, adopted a resolution charg- capable of attaining. ing that "the government (that is, the People's Front govern-



velled to the Soviet Union. Did Garber make them? Arrested Photographer

Ossip Garber, Held In Rubens Passport Fraud, Is Well-Known In C. P. Periphery

A Stalinist Sympathizer

By JUNIUS

The first "break" in the Robinson-Rubens-G.P.U. case in night with the arrest in New York of Ossip Garber, a Fifth Avenue photographer. He is charged with being a member of

he had been linked with pass-

#### A Known Stalinist

Like almost every figure in the case, Garber is a known sym-The Radical Socialists, as well pathizer of the Communist Party. as the Socialists, would for their Only last week he was heard

## Arrest Confirms "Appeal"

Thus the first arrest on this side of the water in connection port game was a Stalinist performance. Among known Staliner attorney is also a Stalinist.

Mrs. Rubens herself, of course, is a Stalinist. She is apparently cow, having repudiated the offer

continually from factory to factory, despite the patriotic appeals of the popular front leaders.

# Anti-Labor Law Sought

For two months these leaders have been trying to carry through parliament a law which would Rochester Branch a straightiacket. It is a question of a "modern labor statute," a law for "conciliation and arbitration." Such measures are not new. In the post-war period the reformists everywhere created similar laws, intended to insure the stability of the bourgeois regimes against the fighting ac-

tions of the working masses. tion in the People's Front, the not want to entrust the People's Front with the arbitration.

ers, for their part, demonstrate ment when the People's Front,

# Stalinists For Sale

The Stalinists are again tryof June, 1936). Strikes extend can social stability be reached tion.

of the United States Government to aid her. Rubens, whose entire record establishes his connection

#### Family's Mouth Shut

The New York Post, in reporta conspiratorial ring which aid- ing the Garber arrest, ventures ed in obtaining for Adolph Ar- the guess that the reason Mrs. nold Rubens, G.P.U. agent, the Rubens repudiated aid from Amenames of Mr. and Mrs. Donald would guarantee the death of her L. Robinson on which Rubens and husband at the hands of the his wife entered Russia last fall. G.P.U. In a recent article in the Garber's name first entered the New Leader, Herbert Solow discase more than a month ago, closed that the family of Mrs. who smashed the first armed outwhen he was hailed before the Rubens in Florida has received Federal Grand Jury investigat- from her a secret message coning the passport fraud. Several veyed by the U.S. State Departintervene on her behalf. As a consequence, it is believed that the family instructed their attorney, a Mr. Throop of New York, to undertake no action. The State Department, moreover, is absolutely passive as far as the Moscow prisoners are concerned, and also refuses to make fetters of the People's Front and city room which occasionally on the Robinson-Rubens-G.P.U.

What the Stalin regime proat least one of whom, Mrs. Runot clear. The scheme of using them in one of the show-trials, a scheme which Isvestia and the Daily Worker indicated was afoot some months ago, was postponed. This was necessitated, apparently, by the publication of New York Sun and the New Leader, as well as in the Appeal) which exposed the nature of the frame-up plans and the G.P.U. connections of Rubens.,

in China to nearly \$150. The short-lived Teruel victory: fund now stands as follows: Wm. P. K. Gates, Kansas San Francisco Branch .... Minneapolis Branch Astoria Branch

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of the new strike waves: that | "democratic" cause in Spain. On the other hand, the work- they occur precisely at the mothese bureaucrats think they can that they still know only one and the Stalinists in the first down strike. Thirty thousand imperative than ever" (L'Huma- tionary policy urged by the results of the People's Front era auto plants and of the northern ers show that, even facing the wings of the POUM and the metal factories have begun to wan danger, they are not at all anarchists, the creation of a new conquer, through their own inclined to renounce the class revolutionary party which can tion of the Metal Workers of the strength, what their represent- struggle and disappear silently mobilize the workers and pear

The French revolution is on the | It is not yet too late! Great

## French Technicians Denounce The Trials

Declaring that the Moscow frame-up trials of the Stalin regime would hinder the accomplishment of international trade union unity, the Executive Committee of the Federation du Nord of the French Technicians Union, affiliate of the General Confederation of Labor (C. G. T.) denounced the trials in a resolution made public on March 25.

"Cur movement of technicians, 80,000 strong," the resolution said, "is participating in the struggle for the emancipation of the workers. The atmosphere of intellectual probity in which this struggle is being carried on can allow neither silence nor approval of the gross improbabilities which feature the Moscow

# LABOR ALONE **CAN PREVENT** SPAIN'S DOOM

(Continued from page 1) But exactly here lies the cen tral issue of the civil war: defeats will be transformed into victory by the heroism of the masses only if the masses are aroused and inspired by the realization that they are fighting

for a better life for themselves. It was that spirit which animated the barehanded workers breaks in July, 1936, in Madrid and in Barcelona. But it is that spirit which has been progresment, pleading with them not to sively crushed and broken by the People's Front regime. Under that regime the workers have met with one deception after another. The high hopes of a complete revision of the rotten social order against which they had been unflaggingly fighting for six years were smashed, one after another. Out of the desipublic the data it has gathered perate struggle of the first days of the anti-Franco upsurge emerged not a workers' and

peasants' regime but thanks to the Communist Party and the poses to do with its prisoners, People's Front, a new edition of the same bourgeois regime which bens, is an American citizens, is they wanted to destroy forever.

# Jails Filled

And soon the jails began to fill with all who resisted this evolution and sought to continue the fight for a workers' Spain. articles in this country (in the And soon in dark streets and on highways agents of Moscow's G.P.U. threw the bullet-riddled bodies of workers' leaders, Nin, Berneri, and who knows how many hundreds-or thousands of

The brutally hounded Spanish section of the Fourth Internation-MOUNTS TO \$143 al, tirelessly carrying on its pro-Sums received by the Nation- paganda and agitational work al Office during the past week despite the persecution and its have boosted the fund being rais- own lack of resources, issued the ed by the Socialist Workers Party following appeal to the workers for the Fourth Internationalists at the celebration following the

"We can assure and follow up Previously acknowledged \$117.31 the Teruel victory only by strug-.50 gling against the bourgeoisie. De-3.15 fend the collectivizations, which 10.00 are threatened by the People's 1.00 Front government! Freedom for 2.10 the 15.000 imprisoned revolution-2.50 ists! Legality and liberty for the 3.15 press and for workers' organiza-4.00 tions! Workers' committees to distribute bread and food! Free-\$143.71 dom for revolutionary propagan-Of the foregoing sum, \$1,15 da among the soldiers! Workers, has already been remitted to spread these slogans in your de-

Meanwhile outside of Spain the "democratic" nations played with the heads of the Spanish masses like pawns across the chess-table, trying not to save "democracy In the Germany of Bruening However, the days of the reform- in Spain but to sell it as dearly and Schleicher, the famous ist services of appeasement are as possible in return for a deal shlichtungsverfahren," that is, gone. Encouraged by the immifrom the Fascist powers. Stalin the arbitration of conflicts bet- nent fall of the Spanish popular kept Russian aid down to a miween workers and bosses, served front, the French fascists, just mimum and in France the People's to condemn the trade unions to released from prison, are prepar- Front checked the instinctive impotence and the workers to de- ing their day of revenge. On the surge of the French workers in feats. The French Stalinists other hand, the French workers, support of their Spanish brothers. themselves admit openly that appraising the merits of pacifist All over the world "solidarity" the aim of the proposed law is and democratic methods through was reduced to futile "urging the to organize "social peace." If at the experiences of Spain and government" to do this or that. the present time the French Austria, are passing over the In this country Roosevelt's gobourgeoisie hesitates to accept heads of the leadership to direct vernment, the apple of Browder's this law, is is only because it does struggle with the class enemy. eye, made carefully sure to see This is the great significance that no serious aid went to the

# There Is Still Time

The workers' cause in Spain is in peril but it is not yet lost. A ants, can still turn the tide.

march. Even if a sudden war responsibility rests upon the explosion overtakes it prematur- workers of all countries but ely, it will retreat but not sur- especially upon the workers of

# SOVIET UNION NOTES

Purge Goes on—New Trial Of Red Army Generals Is In Prospect—Soviet Deputies Begin To Get The Axe By JOHN G. WRIGHT

#### Stalin Intensifies Purge

After each of the previous trials, the blood purge was intensified. The same procedure is being followed as an aftermath of the most recent Moscow frame-up. Reports of executions all over Russia are again appearing in the press.

Several trials are in preparation. The most prominent names mentioned in this connection are: Antonov-Ovseyenko, Rudzutak, Mezhlauk, Bubnov, Krylenko, Kaminsky, Lubimov, Bogomolov, Yurenev, Davtyan, Yakubovich, Karsky, Asmus and Rosenberg.

Apart from Voroshilov, Budenny is the only well-known army leader who has not yet fallen into disgrace. Bluecher's name has not appeared in the press in recent weeks. Marshal Yegorov has been arrested, together with the head of his staff, General

So many prominent Red Army men have been seized by the G.P.U. that it is possible another trial involving only the military personnel will be staged. Such a trial-which would doubtless be held behind "closed doors"- would involve: Marshal Yegorov, Zhukov (head of Yegorov's staff), Gorbachev (member of the Military Council of Defense), Alksnis (head of the Air Force), Orlov (head of the Navy), Generals Dybenko, Belov, Rybalko and others.

The arrest of Marshal Yegorov is the first indication that Stalin's purge has already extended into the ranks of the deputies recently elected to the Supreme Council. Yegorov was a fullfledged deputy, and as such "immune" from arrest except by vote of the Presidium, as provided for by the Stalin "Constitution." (There has been considerable speculation as to the precise functions of the Presidium. Apparently, one of its most important duties is to provide a cover for Yezhov's handiwork.) No such vote of the Presidium has been made public, although several deputies have already been arrested.

#### Sidelights On The Last Frame-Up

In the campaign conducted around previous trials, a prominent part was played by "resolutions" passed at "mass meetings" which were given prominent display. Characteristic of these resolutions in the past has been the invariable pledge: to "make good" the damage done by the wreckers, and to over-fulfill the plan. The tone of the resolutions revolving around the frame-up of Bukharin-Rykov et al has been strikingly different. No mention is made of improving the functioning of plants, collective farms, tractor stations, etc. Instead, the resolutions are filled with denunciations of "additional" acts of diversion, wrecking and so on, allegedly perpetrated by the "plotters," and to which they did not confess but of which they were nevertheless guilty. We cite a few instances from a single issue of Pravda:

"The enemies of the people also sought to wreck the locomotive and freight car repair plant at Tbilissi. They worsened the working conditions of the workers, disrupted the supply of materials to the plant, sought to arouse dissatisfaction among the workers." (Pravda, March 8.)

"The gang of bandits also operated in our factory. The bandits and wreckers caused a tie-up of capital investments, bought equipment for hundreds of thousands of rubles that was absolutely worthless and useless in the plant, hindered the expansion of the plant, sought to liquidate the large nail-works, broke down the boiler-works No. 2, left the factory without fuel and so on." (Idem. Resolution of the Krasnaya Etna plant at Gorki.)

"The Trotskyite-Bukharinite bandits also operated in the Uglich district. They have caused great injury to our socialist economy. The vile enemies liquidated the collective farms Svoboda and Zuevo, deprived the collective farmers of land given them in parpetuity, left the cattle in the collective; without feed, ploughed over fields and pasture-lands. In 1936 alone they destroyed 5,470 head of horned cattle, 11,616 pigs and sheep, 612 horses. They also wrecked the trade network, disrupted the building of schools in the village of Platunov, Orzine and elsewhere. It is impossible to enumerate the crimes of these scoundrels." (Idem. Resolution of a "Meeting of Workers, Collective Farmers, and Employes of the City of Uglich and Uglich District in the Yaroslav Pro-

As testified to in the trial, Trotsky received a "subsidy" of 250,000 marks from Germany precisely during the years when German marks were so inflated as to be virtually worthless. They were sold in the streets of New York, among other things at the rate of 100,000 marks for 5 cents. Remember?

# Vyshinsky On Zinoviev In 1925

Before he became prosecutor for Stalin, Vyshinsky wrote a book: Sketches in the History of Communism. It contains a chapter on the "Third International" with innumerable servile quotations from Zinoviev, Bukharin and other "spies, moral degenerates, swine, foxes, etc."

We cite from the book: "From the very first day of the war, the revolutionary section of the Marxists led by Lenin, Zinoviev and Rosa Luxemburg conducted an energetic campaign against the war, against the conciliationism of the Second International, and exposed all of the treachery of the leaders who had betrayed Marxism" (Sketches in the History of Communism, Vol. II, p. 336, Moscow 1925).

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# Bravo Minneapolis!

The Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, representing fifty thousand trade unionists, has blazed a trail for militant action by the entire labor movement against the war plans of the imperialist government in Washington.

In a resolution, published in full in this issue, the militant workers organized in the C.L.U. go on record as opposed to any war launched by the government, thereby recognizing that such a war will be fought, not in the interests of the toilers, but in the interests of the exploiters.

This is an explicit recognition of the imperialist character of the Roosevelt administration, the class character of the state as the executive committee of the ruling class.

It is all the more valuable because in this period the true character of the government is being obscured by the pacifists and Stalinists, who seek to endow Roosevelt with "peace-loving" qualities, to present him to the workers as a "progressive," and thereby lead the workers into the trap of patriotic support of the ruling class and its government for the coming imperialist war.

The only real struggle against imperialist war is the class struggle of the workers against capitalism and its imperialist government. The Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, in embodying this fundamental principle in its program of struggle, has given a stirring lead to all the forces of labor in this country. Trade unions everywhere should emulate its example.

# The Gainesville Speech

Bravo, Minneapolis!

Roosevelt, the silver-tongued demagogue, is still in excellent form. In no country has capitalism produced a more astute and skillful representative, a more able defender, than the present incumbent of the White House. His peculiar value to the ruling class consists in his ability to appear before the masses as the defender of their interests, an opponent of all that is backward, reactionary and oppressive.

In a speech at Gainesville, Georgia, on March 23, Roosevelt delivered a wordy lashing to the "feudal" overlords of the industrial south who keep wages down to the barest starvation levels and fight tooth and nail every attempt made by the workers to better their lot.

For Roosevelt, however, the horribly depressed living standards of workers in the industrial south are a product, not of capitalism, but of feudalism. Said he: "To those in and out of public office who still believe in the feudal systemand believe in it honestly—the people of the United States. . . are going to say 'we are sorry, but we want people to represent us whose minds are cast in the 1938 mold and not in the 1898 mold'.'

This is Roosevelt's value to the capitalist class: that he is able, with all the

At Meeting On Moscow Frame-ups

skill of an accomplished demagogue, to represent the exploitation and sufferings of the workers as the product of an alien "feudal" growth within the body politic, as something extraneous to capitalism, and not, in reality, a product of capitalism itself.

Since Roosevelt pretends to be so deeply concerned for the welfare of workers in the "feudal" South, it is also pertinent to ask why he uttered not one word in favor of the anti-lynching bill when that measure was being wrecked by the filibuster of the Southern Democrats. The contrast between deeds and words is all too apparent.

The Gainesville speech was hailed by the "democratic" and "liberal" bour-geois press and—as was only to be expected—by the Stalinist Daily Worker, which has its own theory of "good" and "bad" capitalists, enlightened exploiters and "economic royalists." Roosevelt and the Stalinists stand on common ground. Both defend capitalism and capitalist "democracy," desiring merely to reform out of existence their bad features.

But—and this is the nub of the question—capitalism in the era of its decline cannot be reformed to yield a better living and more freedom for the workers. On the contrary, living standards must be more and more depressed, freedom (for the workers) more and more curtail-Finally, comes fascism. Progress can be attained only by overthrowing capitalism and creating a socialist so-

Those who defend capitalism and deceive the workers as to the real cause of their sufferings are obstacles along the road of social progress and enemies of the working class. In this category are included Roosevelt and his Stalinist supporters.

# Stalinist Gangsterism

In last week's issue of the Socialist Appeal we carried an account of the hooligan tactics employed by the Stalinists in their attempt to break up the anti-Nazi demonstration organized by the Socialist Workers Party and the Young People's Socialist League in New York's East Side on Sunday, March 20. Since then, several similar incidents have come to our attention.

At the noon hour, on Wednesday March 23, an organized gang of Communist Party rowdies swooped down on an open-air rally our party was holding in New York's garment center at 38th St. and Eighth Avenue. They succeeded in disrupting that meeting. On the evening of the same day, a squad of some two to three hundred C.P. stalwarts gathered at the doors of Palm Manor, on Pitkin Avenue, in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, shouting "Boycott the Meeting of the Trotsky-Fascists." They tried to intimidate workers from attending our anti-war mass meeting in that hall. This attempt failed and our meeting went through on schedule.

It goes without saying that the S.W.P. and the Y.P.S.L. are preparing to meet this increasingly menacing tactic of the Kremlin Butcher's American strong-arm men in the manner that it merits. No threats, no acts of G.P.U. terrorism will prevent us from going through with our revolutionary propaganda against the coming imperialist war, our fight against Fascism or our exposure of the counterrevolutionary frame-ups in Russia.

Now, we learn from reliable sources that word is being passed around in the Fur Market to use knives against Trots-

We warn the gentlemen of the Communist Party's Central Committee that we will invite members of civil liberties associations to all our meetings in the future. Furthermore, we warn them that for every act of violence or hooliganism perpetrated against our members by their hired thugs and hoodlums, the Stalinist Central Committee, with Mr. Earl Browder at its head, will be held directly res-

#### The thirty or forty faithful pre-Lynn Gets Taste of 'Democracy' sent listened silently.

Party of Lynn held a very spe- or suspected of sympathy with denounced loudly such police under the Stalin regime. He esticial kind of a meeting Monday the S.W.P. he was met at the methods, and again those pre- mated the U.S.S.R. as it was Commission (exclusively controlnight, March 21. Their leaflets door by the prosecuting attorney sent listened silently. After her ten years ago and believed that urged the reader to hear about of the evening, one Jack Green, "The Moscow Trials," the wreck- local C.P. Organizer, and told ing, Fascist career of the Trots- that Trotskyites were not wanted to guard against those suspect- surely support China materially "political bureau" (Tsing Shi-pu) kyites, and particularly "the at this meeting. Our sympathiz- ed of heretical political tendenc- and even with military aid. Ac- was formed to replace it. As dispying and treacherous activities er replied that he was neither a ies. of a handful of Lynn Trotsky- Trotskyite nor a member of any

tribution of the leaflet was by attorney repeated, no means widespread. It was not that you leave.' until the very night of the meeting that a comrade was told by a member of the Workmen's Circle of Lynn about the meeting. From all indications, only a selected, handpicked audience was desired.

# Stalinist "Democracy"

Since Trotskyism in general, at the trial. A sympathizer of "Yes, this is a sample of our injected another dose of anti- er Red Army-Ed.). the Lynn S.W.P. attempted to democracy," was the answer. Trotskyite venom.

LYNN, Mass.—The Communist attend the meeting. Recognized ed back toward the door. She stood the role of the Soviet Union

# Woman Pushed Around

Later, four members of the self-defense. Questions would be being a "Trotskyite." Lynn S.W.P. entered the hall. now we are confronted with a fense of the 4th Internationalists. wholesale invasion." A comrade asked: "Isn't this a public meet-

A comrade, advanced in years and well-known in the local labor movement, had hardly entered Chiang Kai-shek overestimated

and their "confessions." But the it is said, was recalled and arasked that could not be answer-No, it was too risky. Better to

the hall when she was set upon the support he would receive by a local C.P. zealot and shov- from Great Britain and misunderdeparture a sentinel sat with the once he had embarked on war in turn controls the mass moveback of his chair against the door with Japan, the U.S.S.R. would cording to a rumor current in That this meeting is a replica Hankow, Dmitri Bogomolov, the shek appointed his own rightworking class organization, but of similar meetings held by the Soviet Ambassador to China, pro-

in our next issue. -Ed.

waging war against the Japan-

ese imperialists as it was at the

beginning. Faced with a dilem-

ma aptly expressed by Wu Ting-

chang, minister of industry, who

declared that "if we make peace

there will be great internal dis-

turbances, while if we go to war

a great defeat will result," the

the Chiang Kai-shek clique,

of war. This choice was due to

the pressure of all the military

forces (including even Chiang

Kai-shek's own military subordi-

nates), public opinion largely

reflecting the sentiment of the

radical petty-bourgeois intelli-

gentsia, and the unrelenting

perialists who left no door open

Chiang and the U.S.S.R.

At the beginning of the war,

to compromise.

Dear Comrades:

(new SovietAmbassador to China) incredible charges, the accused guests. A comrade asked: "Is this and fears of the rank-and-file ed the "radical" petty bourgeoisie, at least intended to be present a sample of your democracy?" could be stilled and into them in the Eighth Route Army (formbut they still repose great hopes

All the Kuomintang cliques,

jected to frightful physical torture. He was taken to Nanking and again tortured by the Kuomintang jailers in an unavailing effort to force him to renounce his revolutionary convictions and betray gime has been "democratized." In panin, who earned his fame and earth from its axis. his commades. His cowardly jailers fled with the approach of the Japanese army, and our comrade was liberated by a friendly watchman, who supplied him with clothing and a little money to enable him to reach Hankow. Owing to its length, we are obliged to print the letter in two installments. The second installment will appear It would take many pages to with the exception of the one led write the hard but interesting by Sun Fo (son of the late Dr. story of my life during the past | Sun Yat-sen-Ed.), have lost conten months and it is more im- fidence in the Soviet Union. Sun portant I write something about Fo continues to dream of military the great events now happening support from the U.S.S.R. He even believes that if Mao Tse-The Kuomintang government tung (chairman of the former world to The Kuomintang government tung (charman of the formet masses. He seeks to get more geared to the new frame-up-raise its voice in a thunderous and Chou En-lai (a prominent

A LETTER FROM CHINA

the war. He is therefore well qualified to interpret the Chinese

situation to revolutionists abroad. His arrest occurred in Shanghai

in April, 1937, approximately one year after he had served a four-

and-a-half-year sentence in a military prison, where he was sub-

government, or, more correctly, to failure. (Chou En-lai has since

chose the more risky alternative the government, but this has

#### China from the U.S.S.R.—Ed.) Time Not Ripe

Army-Ed.) are given posi-

tions in the Kuomintang govern-

Government would undoubtedly

give military support to China.

Sun Fo is now in Moscow, but

been given a minor position in

brought no additional aid to

time has not ripened for peace" harshness of the Japanese im- with the Japanese imperialists organizations. At the beginning

January, a "leftward" movement Lung-chi, a prominent nationalwas under way. The Sixth De- ist, was arrested for delivering a partment of the Military Affairs led by the C.C. Group, which rector of this bureau, Chiang Kai-Other than this leaflet there that he was interested in the C.P. throughout the U.S. is mised Chiang that the Outer The three vice-heads are Chou finance minister H. H. Kung as was apparently no attempt to "Moscow Trials" and wished to certain. Fashioned after the Mongolian army would be mo- En-lai, the "Communist" leader; his tool, tried to persuade Pai publicize this meeting, and dis- hear all sides. The prosecuting Moscow judicial pattern, all that bilized to attack Manchukuo in Gen. Huang Chi-hsiang, leader Chung-hsi to propose acceptance "We prefer was lacking were the defendants order to aid China. Bogomolov, of the Third Party (a populist of Japan's terms. But Pai, just political grouping - Ed.); and as cunning as Chiang, declined C.P. could not permit the ac- rested just for having made that Chang Li-sun, former chairman to play this role, for then the cused the elementary right of promise. Now he is accused of of the organization department Kwangsi clique which he leads of the Kuomintang and a close would have lost the powerful Today, Chiang is apparently friend of Chen Li-fu, leader of weapon which it has previously This time, Green had already ed, the sincere but duped rank- disillusioned. Great Britain ad- the C.C. Group. (The C.C. employed against Chiang (Pai begun his harangue but he greet and-file Stalinists would be ex- vises him to make peace, while Group, which derives its title Chung-hsi, leader of the Kwanged the late comers with: "and posed to the real nature and de- the Stalin government, through from the names of its two leaders, si clique of generals, has since Wang Ming, Luganets-Orelsky Chen Li-fu and Chen Kuo-fu, 1927 been a bitter opponent of tion. who are brothers, is a faction Chiang Kai-shek and has always and Miss Anna Louise Strong, within the Kuomintang leader- used his own pretended antiand the Socialist Workers Party ing?" Green replied that it was hold a private, or semi-private has told him plainly that the ship which vies with all other Japanese attitude as a weapon of Lynn in particular, were to a meeting only for members of meeting, with no embarrassing U.S.S.R. is unable to aid China factions for Chiang Kai-shek's against Chiang. With anti-Japanbe attacked with the familiar, the C. P., their friends, and interruptions, where the doubts militarily. This has disappoint favor. This group organized and ese slogans, he revolted against led the terror against revolution- Chiang in the summer of 1936. ists conducted by Chiang Kai-

'Blueshirts" in 1932-35.—Ed.)

from a Kuomintang prison in Nanking on November 25, 1937, on Ho Chang-han, Blueshirts leader the eve of the Japanese occupation of the city, and since has travel- as its head; (2) mass movement, victims of Stalin's murder regime perilling Soviet icebreakers. led extensively through China observing the situation produced by headed by Gen. Huang Chi-hsi- whenever ordered to do so, will ang; (3) propaganda, headed by not save him. Kuo Mu-juo, a famous Chinese Communist poet, known as the "heroes" for use in distracting means of this departmentalized letariat from the woes visited show that the Kuomintang re- regime. It may well be that Paaddition, there has been created title to hero by staying nine an organization known as the months on a drifting ice-floe, is al Defense," including all the order to effect the shake-up prominent figures in the country. smoothly, it is necessary to cover Even our comrade Chen Tu-hsiu | Schmidt with totalitarian mud, was invited to join, but he re- to defame him, to railroad him

# "Left" Trickery

The creation of these organs means of which Chiang Kai-shek especially if he is to be made the public. material support from the U.S. commander in the former Red S.R., but as far as I know the to saddle Schmidt and his col- protest against the ever-growing thing more than sell China 64 ciencies in the fulfilment of So-spattered dictatorship. ment, that the Russian Soviet airplanes on credit!

I have described briefly the his efforts are evidently doomed government—Ed.) during the past month and a half-that is, during the period after the breakdown of the mediatory peace efforts (between China and Japan -Ed.) conducted by Hitler's ambassador, Dr. Oskar Trautman. Prior to that, the situation was quite different, especially while Chiang Kai-shek, of course, is the peace negotiations were actmore astute and more realistic ually in progress. The Sixth Dethan Sun Fo. Since as yet "the partment of the Military Affairs Commission suppressed all mass (his own words), he will not of December martial law was openly break relations with the proclaimed and all meetings and U.S.S.R. Rather, he is quite demonstrations were prohibited. "polite" toward the "Commun- A student of the Kwang-Han Middle School was shot while A few days before I left Hank- taking part in a demonstration ow, i.e., in the latter half of on December 9. Professor Lu speech at the demonstration.

# All Fovored Surrender

At that time, all the Kuomintang leaders favored capitulation before the terms offered by Hirota (Japan's foreign minister-Ed.). A conference was held in Hankow, attended by all military leaders. Chiang Kai-shek, using Now he is commanding his own shek through his gangster armies against the Japanese in Central China and is in apparent The new "political bureau" was | "unity" with his old rival—Ed.)

# Navy Maneuvers Proceed Under Closest Secrecy

(Continued from page 1) Kiyoshi Noda, chief of the Japanese informatemplates overseas operations.

ese imperialism went on to say, eas operations, she would not those camps.... need a fleet of the size contemplated in the Vinson Bill. I canseas operations." Modifying this statement, he added that "at east Japan must be one of America's objectives, but not necessarily the only one.'

Just as the Japanese imperialsts have no doubt that Roosevelt's big navy program is directed first of all against them, to the American imperialists, too, are convinced that Japan will be the enemy in the coming war: Reporting the situation which

island of Oahu following inauguration of the Pacific war games, the New York Times correspond-

"While the fleet is attacking directed against them. Thus Oahu this month citizens may ponder on what conditions would be in the city were hostilities tion bureau, asserted very blunt- actually under way. The army ly on March 24, according to a knows just what it would be United Press dispatch from necessary to do. Numbers of Tokyo, that the United States aliens are under suspicion benaval expansion program, "of cause their sympathies are with which Japan is obviously one the land of their birth, Japan. It object," is unnecessary unless is pretty well established that the American government con- the army has picked out the sites for its prison camps, should a "If," this spokesman of Japan- war occur, and that the army intelligence service has a good America is not thinking of over- idea of those who would go into

"While army officers characterize the procedure as routine not think otherwise but that and say that it has occurred many Japan is the object of those over- times before, it is known that a check was made last week on young R.O.T.C. students at the University of Hawaii to learn whether they had been expatriated. Those who had taken the step were asked to produce documentary evidence to that ef-

"Both army and navy here have become publicity shy. No news, outside of routine personal matters.... is given out by anyhas arisen on the Hawaiian one but the authorized chiefs of intelligence of both services. Even deaths are carefully inent at Honolulu wrote on March vestigated before details are made public."

# Stalin's Purge Reaches Polar Expedition Heroes

(Continued from page 1)

Stalin constantly needs new Romain Rolland of China." By the attention of the Soviet pro-'Advisory Committee on Nation- slated for Schmidt's job. But in out of view.

# Charges Will Mount

represents "left" trickery by Schmidt is only a beginning tov, former president of that reaims to deceive and cheat the So- center of a public "trial." As the \ It is high time for organized whose aim will be, first of all, Soviet Government has done no- leagues with all blame for defi- crimes of Stalin's bestial, blood-

viet polar plans (which everyone The fact that he has been de- was hitherto led to believe were corated as a "hero of the Soviet going fine, incidentally)—it will The author of the following letter, a leading member of the Com- divided into three departments: Union," and that he has been probably be "discovered" that munist League of China (Fourth Internationalists), was released (1) military training, with Gen. prominent among those who have Stalin's intended victims were resjoined in defaming the frame-up ponsible for much more than im-

It may be "proved" that Schmidt met Trotsky at the North Pole, or communicated with him by radio, and that together these "Trotskyite wreckers" plotted to stir up the polar bears against bureau, Chiang Kai-shek aims to upon them by the genial leader's Stalin's regime, to put the seasons out of joint, and remove the

## Fantastic-So What?

Fantastic inventions? But what else have we been treated to in Stalin's "trials"?

With the denunciation of Otto Schmidt came the announcement from Moscow that 19 have been shot in Soviet Kazakstan after a "secret treason trial," emong The official denunciation of the victims being U. Kulumbe-

# situation in Hankow (present actual seat of the Kuomintang N.Y. Unemployed Protest La Guardia Relief Slash

tax slogans.

the Alliance shouted slogans fect. through a loud speaker which the crowd took up and echoed back. Standing in a drenching rain, City has \$60,000,000 in a reserve wet to the skin, having just received their checks with a 10 per cent cut, the crowd responded enthusiastically to every suggestion of militancy coming from the leadership. But these were few and far between. Finally the loud sing My Country 'Tis of Thee.' And led by those super-patriots the Stalinists, some of the halfstarved, poorly-clad, soaking wet payments in full. pickets chanted the patriotic an-

# Speakers Stall

Then came the speakers. Oscar Fuss, vice-president of the Alliance, reported enthusiastically say about this either. on some "fair words" received from the master of demagogy, President Roosevelt. Jerry Benton reported for the delegation to the Mayor. Not by one word Hand-out propaganda for Roosedid he intimate that the Mayor had walked out on the delega-

He read the Mayor's propa- starvation of the unemployed.

(Continued from page 1) | ganda release, leaving the imprescriticism of LaGuardia. They sion that the delegation had met even placed a taboo on anti-sales the Mayor and that this was the answer. Stripped of its propa-After the picketing the de- ganda verbiage, the Mayor's remonstration moved to Foley lease was a flat refusal to res-Square to hear the report of the cind the cut unless the taxes, indelegation. While awaiting the cluding additional sales taxes prodelegates, one of the leaders of posed by him, were put into ef-

The Mayor did not mention, nor did Jerry Benton state, that the fund as an extra guarantee for the bankers which could have been tapped for the unemployed. Money Enough

The Mayor did not state, nor speaker squawked "Now let us did Jerry Benton mention, that the City could readily borrow sufficient money to meet the relief

> Neither did the Mayor state in his release that the City has sufficient funds in hand to continue full relief payments for several months. Benton had nothing to

No criticism of LaGuardia Deflect the anger of the unemployed into taxation disputes. velt and LaGuardia. That's the Stalinist line of the Workers Alliance leaders in the face of the

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