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Next week marks the sec-

ond anniversary of the outbreak of the civil war in Spain. The significance of the struggle, the lessons to be derived from it, and an analysis of the present position of the

war and the prospects of its

termination, will be dealt with in a detailed study in our next

issue to mark the anniversary.

The article will be written by Max Shachtman. Watch for it!

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Czechoslovakia - Another

"Poor Little Belgium"

The entire liberal and labor press drools with chauvinistic enthusiasm at the very mention of the name of Czechoslovakia. The "socialist" New Leader and the "communist" Daily Workerto say nothing of their brethren of The Nation and the New Republic-outshout the capitalist press in acclaiming "brave little Czechoslovakia" and the resistance she is prepared to offer any Hitlerite intervention.

All the editorial writers are, of course, devout adherents of Peace. Like Roosevelt, they hate war. Whatever conflicts they may have among themselves, each puts forward his policy with the assurance that its acceptance will guarantee both peace and

Yet the case of Czechoslovakia shows that all of them are prepared for war. Not only that, but they have already.made up their minds as to which side of the coming war they will call upon the workers to lay down their lives for.

As in 1914, the trenches are to be piled high with corpses for the loftiest—oh, the very loftiest!—ideals: for Democracy, for the Independence of the Small Nations.

This time, however, it is not Little Serbia, or Little Belgium, but Little Czechoslovakia. But while the country involved is different, the trick is not.

Issue Is Not Self-Determination

The conflict between Hitlerite Germany is not over the right of self-determination of national minorities or of small peoples. It is not democracy that is at stake. Whoever says it is, is deliberately lying.

When Hitler seeks to incorporate the 3,000,000 Sudeten Germans into Greater Germany, it is not because he is animated by the great principle of allowing all peoples to determine their own governmental forms and allegiances. If he were, he would not simultaneously demand that millions of Negro peoples in England's African colonies be turned over to the control, oppression and exploitation of Germany regardless of the wishes of the

On the other side, there is absolutely nothing democratic about compelling the Sudeten minority to remain under the rule of the Czech bourgeoisie, especially when this minority has made amply clear its desire to join Germany. Under present circumstances, no revolutionist would advocate the incorporation of the Sudeten territory into the Third Reich, any more than he advocated the swallowing up of the Saar by Hitler. But the fact remains that the Czechs are holding the German minority against

Similarly, there is no regard for democracy or the right of self-determination by the Czech ruling class when it keeps artificially and forcibly under its domination the millions of Hungarians, Poles, Slovaks, Ruthenians and other national minorities whom the Allied victors of 1918 arbitrarily compelled to submit to Masaryk, Benes and Co.

Furthermore, Hitler doesn't give a hoot in hell about the democratic or racial feelings of his Sudeten blood-brothers. If he intervenes in Czechoslovakia, it will not be to "liberate" the Sudeten Germans (God help them!), but to take over the vast and powerful Skoda munitions works, and to complete his domination of Central and Southern Europe

French Imperialism Decisive Factor

The Czech bourgeoisie, however, will resist Hitler not for the sake of democracy or self-determination, but in its capacity of faithful vassal of French imperialism, of the French munitions magnates, Schneider and Creuzot, who control the Skoda works and other industries and financial enterprises of Czechoslavakia.

The Czech bourgeosie are not fighting to retain the independence of the country, for the simple reason that Czechslovakia, from its inception, has been nothing but a pawn of imperialist France and anything but independent.

In the general world war that would follow instantly upon a German-Czech conflict, the question of "independence" would disappear as completely as did the question of "Belgian independence" in the last world war.

The workers of Czechoslovakia would march to war against Hitlerite Germany in a just cause only on one condition: that the workers were masters of the country! To give an ounce of support now to Benes and Hodza means to sacrifice the life and independence of the labor movement, and of the workers and peasants in uniform, for the greater glory of French imperialism-nothing

The latter could wish for nothing better than to mobilize cannon fodder behind it on the basis of the war-cry of national independence, democracy, freedom of the small nations. The Second and Third Internationals are cold-bloodedly throwing their meat-hooks into the working class to provide France with her cannon fodder. That is the significance of the social-democratic and Stalinist campaign for Poor Little Czechoslovakia!

Minnesota Socialists Reject Party Of Norman Thomas, Join the S.W.P.

The following letter, sent to | Socialist Party expelled the revo-Roy E. Burt, executive secretary | lutionary socialists from your of Norman Thomas' Socialist party, and then instituted Party, speaks for itself. We hail vicious gag law in the party. the action of the Golden Valley | The Golden Valley local, to (Minnesota) militants in repudiat- comrade, has taken its stand with ing the moribund Socialist Party the Socialist Workers Party, the and warmly welcome them into only upholder and defender of the revolutionary fighting ranks revolutionary Marxism in the of the Socialist Workers Party .- United States today. The Socialist

Ed.) Roy E. Burt, Executive Secretary, Socialist Party, Dear Sir:

Your letters of June 15 and 16 to that party. inform the Golden Valley Local | We wish also to strongly protest that the Socialist Party has can- your sending a person who beceled its charter, and you ask that | longs neither to your party nor we at once return all records, to ours-Mrs. Erickson-to Golfiles, papers, monies of any kind | den Valley to inquire as to our in our possession to the national status, records, etc. office of the Socialist Party.

Your request amazes us. I don't have to remind you of the way in clear. which yourself and the other William Englebretson, Secretary, "democracy-loving" leaders of the

Party, such as it is, has no claim on our records or funds. We are functioning as a unit of the Socialist Workers Party, and all our efforts and money are devoted

I hope this makes the position of the Golden Valley Local crystal raternally,

Golden Valley Local, S.W.P.

Stalin Murders Foreign Communists Who Sought Refuge In The U.S.S.R.

Writer Gives Grim List of Victims Shot or Imprisoned by G. P. U. Without Semblance of a Trial

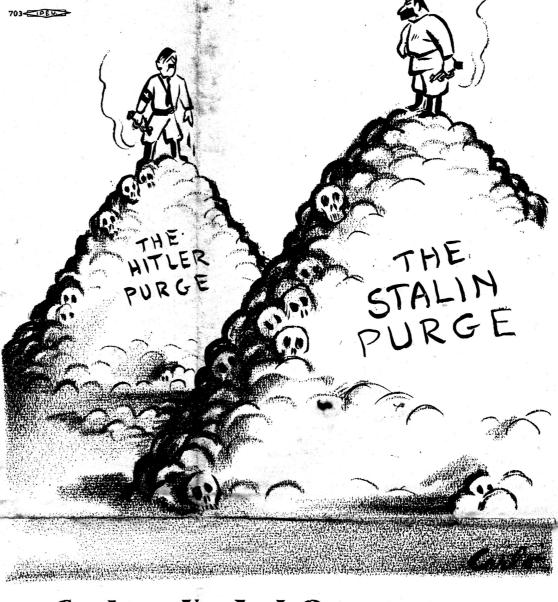
EDITORIAL NOTE - The recent imprisonment in Moscow of the head of the Hungarian Communist Party, Bela Kun, lifted a small corner of the curtain behind which hundreds of Hungarian, German, Polish, Greek, Rumanian, Esthonian, Latvian and other communists sojourning in Russia, have been murdered or imprisoned by the G.P.U., with-out even the semblance of a trial. We print below a sensational list of some of the leaders of the German and Polish communist parties who have been shot or jailed by Stalin in recent times. The article, by comrade "X," is translated from the May-June, 1938, issue of the "Bulletin of the Opposition," organ of the Russian Bolshevik-Leninists abroad.

I—Poland

Arrests and shootings of Polish communists began in the year 1933, after many Ukrainian and White Russian communists had already been arrested and executed. Even prior to the mass arrests, in 1929, the Comintern, with the assistance of the G.P.U., "adjudged" the controversy between the Right grouping in the Central Committee of the Polish C. P. (Varsky, Kostrzeva and others) and the Left grouping (of Lensky) by sending the majority of the Rights into exile. Lensky's group—the partisans of the general line-remained in leadership up to the end of 1937. In 1933 arrests among the Rights began, and in 1938 they made arrests among Lensky's

The Rights Accused The Rights were accused of assisting agents of Pilsudski to worm their way into the leadership of the party, and of maintaining contacts with the nationalist elements in Polish Ukraine and White Russia, and of having supported Trotsky in 1923-24.

A beginning was made with the execution of **Zharsky and his**



Catching Up And Outstripping...

ship and was elected by the Com- Polish military organization). To- | Party, N.P.K.)—had joined the wife, Matseyevskaya. Zharsky munist Party to the Sejm. Both gether with them, Sokhatsky party. All of them also confessed have been striking for a union was a member of the party from of them "confessed" that in 1919 (Bratkovsky—Communist deputy that they gave false information 1920 on (prior to that time he they had wormed their way into in the Sejm—and Voyevudsky— to the Polish C. P. concerning inwas a member of the left wing the party on the instructions of leader of the revolutionary peas- ternal relations within Pilsudski's

of the Polish Socialist Party); he participated in the party leader- tem and the P.O.V. (Pilsudski's izer of the Independent Peasant (Continued on page 3) STALIN FOUND GUILTY OF FRAME-UPS

DEWEY COMMISSION ISSUES EXHAUSTIVE REPORT OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE MOSCOW TRIALS, FINDS CRIMINALS IN THE KREMLIN

NOT GUILTY!

That is the verdict reached in the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Charges against Leon Trotsky at the Moscow Trials, which has just been made public in an impressive volume issued under the imprint of Harpers' Brothers, and already briefly reviewed in our last issue.

From the very beginning, the composition of the Commission was a guarantee that the Moscow Trials would be examined with the thoroughness, the intellectual integrity, and the determination to get at the truth behind the official charges, which was made so essential by the confusion and doubt aroused by the trials

The Composition of the Commission

Every one of the Commission members has been associated prominently with the radical, labor or progressive movements for years. John Dewey, philosopher, educator, and progressive, long known for his sympathy with the Soviet Union, was chairman of the Commission. Suzanne LaFollette, former editor of The Freeman, and mainly responsible for the actual writing of the magnificent final report, was the Commission's secretary.

Its members included the well-known labor journalist, Ben Stolberg; the anarchist leader, Carlo Tresca; the critic, John Chamberlain; the famous attorney of Tom Mooney (and Earl Browder!), who acted in a legal capacity for the Commission, John Finerty; and such distinguished personalities of the labor and revolutionary movements abroad as the former communist Reichstag deputy and biographer of Kary Marx, Otto Ruehle; the former member of the Executive Committees of the Communnist International and the Red International of Labor Unions, Alfred Rosmer; the leader of the conservative wing of Italian socialism, Modigliani; the noted Mexican revolutionist, Zamora; and many others.

They Only Shrieked Insults

No wonder the Stalinist press and Ambassador Troyanovsky covered the Commission with abuse and insults from the very moment of its creation! They knew only too well that it would adhere rigorously to its task of penetrating the lies and frame-ups of the Stalinist murder gang and getting down to the truth. That is why Troyanovsky, and the Communist Party and its best-known lawyer, Brodsky, refused the invitation extended them by the Commission to appear before it to argue for the findings of the

"Not Guilty!"—which is the title given to its report by the Commission—taken together with its companion volume, "The Case of Leon Trotsky" (the stenographic record of the hearings in Mexico), are historical documents of imperishable importance. The reader will not find in them the dreary, dry-rot of the ordinary legal brief. He will find, instead, a cool, dispassionate but highly exciting analysis of every single one of the important charges leveled at Leon Trotsky, the late Leon Sedoff and the other defendants in the two big Moscow Trials. And for this analysis, the entire labor movement owes deep gratitude to the Commission as a whole and in particular to its tireless, devoted, keen-minded secretary, Suzanne LaFollette.

Murderous Indictment of Stalinism

The report will bring the reader through the labyrinth of the Moscow Trials and out into the clear light of day. It not only deals with the direct legal aspects of the trial but devotes a most informative chapter to the famous "historical connections" of the Prosecuting Attorney. It not only absolves the defendants in the Trials of guilt of crimes they never committed, but it is a murderous, unassailable indictment of the Stalinist frame-up regime.

The Stalinists, their press and their "respectable" hirelings cannot answer the Commission Report, and it is certain that they will not even make the attempt. If they do not try to "kill it" by silence, they will do no more than confine themselves to repeating the old calumnies, so painstakingly and conclusively answered by the report, and to adding a few new samples of vituperation and billingsgate.

Truth Is On the March!

But the voice of the apologists for mass murder is growing feebler as the voice of condemnation rings out louder and more firmly then ever before. Truth is on the march and nothing can stop it! The Dewey Commision report is proof of this. It is a big part of the dramatic history of our times. It is a big contribution to the making of that history. It is a mighty weapon in the hands of the revolutionists who are working to cleanse the system of the labor movement from that most insidious and corrosive of all poisons — Stalinism.

Without this weapon, every worker will find himself but half-equipped. Hence our job: to get a copy of this remarkable document into the hands of every man and woman in the labor

Watch for Spain Article Next Week First Year of China War Shows Japanese Imperialism Doomed

Army Victories Not Effective Beyond Soldiers' Bayonet Points; Japan Plunges Toward Bankruptcy

CHINA'S STRUGGLE SHOWS WEAKNESS

By LO SEN

To attempt to strike a balance of the Sino-Japanese war as its first year draws to a close is like trying to pass judgment on a play after viewing the prologue.

Titanic struggles have been fought on Chinese battlefields. Nearly one million men have lost their lives. Millions of men, women, and children have been plunged into the direst misery.

As in Spain, only on an infinitely larger scale, the world has been treated to a ghastly advance showing of the horrors of the na by force of arms has already coming imperialist war. For that been proved, in this first year, to is what this war has been, for all be an adventure hopelessly its magnitude, for all its cost— doomed to defeat. China's vasta prelude, the curtain-raising ness, Japan's frailty, and the scene of a drama that has still struggle for power among the to be played out. Its theme is great imperialist nations of the the fate and the future of civili-

Workers Hailed to Court After Cops **Evict Them**

NEW YORK.-When trucks ar-

rived to move machinery of the Sagamore Metal Goods Corpora-tion from Long Island to Middletown, N. J., last week, 24 workers, on strike for ten weeks, barricaded themselves behind steel fireproof doors in a desperate attempt to prevent the concern from moving.

More than 300 employees, members of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Union, contract and a 20 per cent wage increase. The company planned the move to a new plant in New

Police Force Doors Jacob Morrison, president of the corporation, and three office workers were forced to remain in the plant as the 24 men held off the trucking crews. An emergency squad of police used crow bars to pry open the heavy steel through the improvised barri-

against the bold efforts of the fiscal year in April the national strikers to save their jobs and debt had swelled to 13,000,000,000 the 24 were arraigned in Felony Court on charges of unlawful en- is scheduled to increase by 50 try, damage to property, and detaining the corporation's president and his three clerks against their will.

Meanwhile, trucks carried the place the striking 300.

Japan's attempt to establish its imperialist domination over Chi-

world, all spell defeat for the ambitious robber who is seeking, belatedly, to imitate his older imperialist brothers in the game of conquest. Not even from the military point of view can Japan boast of

any important achievement in this year of warfare, especially when we consider the inferiority of Chinese military equipment and the even more important fact that the present bourgeois leadership in China has not dared to draw on the real resources that lie in the Chinese masses for resistance and counter-attack. Superficially regarded, Japan has scored an impressive series of triumphs. It has occupied most of seven provinces, or nearly a third of China proper. ports and all but one of the in portant railroads. But its control over this vast

area is of the most tenuous kind. All kinds of correspondents, including even the notoriously pro-Japanese Hallett Abend of the New York Times, have testified that Japan's control extends little farther than the points of its bayonets in the occupied areas. Should the present drive along the Yangtze River result in the capture of Hankow, the provisional Chinese capital, this fundamental fact will not be changed. Across every Japanese "victory" falls the shadow of ultimate defeat.

Already Crumbling

This is true, in the first place, because with the greater part of its task still lying ahead, Japadoors and then forced their way nese imperialism is already crumbling at home. Japan's capital resources are already seri-Retaliation by the courts ously depleted. At the end of its ivelihood appeared imminent as yen, a huge sum for small Japan, and in the current year this debt per cent. A country already so heavily drained has been unable to meet the new demands placed upon it. Tax returns in some of the newly-imposed categories lant's machinery across the have proved to be less than half Hudson to New Jersey, enabling those expected and counted upon. the company to permanently dis- In 1937, some 60 per cent of new (Continued on page 3)

Omaha Drivers Reply to Police Attack On Union; Appeal Sentence

OMAHA, Nebraska.—The cam-| have plainly implied that even a paign of the Omaha police against working driver is guilty of vagthe organized teamsters met with rancy, for Russell, by a vote of vigorous opposition when General the membership at a regular Drivers Local 554 challenged the meeting, was given a salary apcops' illegal seizure of the personal property and correspondence of Alfred Russell, 554 organ- courts can sentence a paid union

Dewey Hanson, an Omaha attorney, was retained by the union, and a suit for a writ of replevin was filed to force the police to return Russell's property, seized in a raid on his apartment. The suit was filed on the ground that Russell's constitutional rights have been violated, thus leaving the way open to carry the case to the highest courts.

Appeal Vagrancy Sentence The union also filed notice of an tempted to bar Russell as a delappeal against the 90-day sentence egate to the central labor body, by police court, which found Russell guilty of vagrancy, although munist." The rest of the delegates he is employed by the union and from Local 554, to a man, backed

at the time of his arrest. In passing the sentence against its own union officials without Russell, the police and the court interference.

proximating the wage of a working driver. If the cops and their organizer as a vagrant, what can the average employed worker expect, let alone the unemployed?

The material found in Russell's apartment was used by the police to promote a "red scare", with the intent of splitting the union. This failed dismally when the membership voted overwhelmingly to support the union leadership and to carry the fight to the police.

Another test on this issue came last week when reactionaries aton the grounds that he is a "Comwas working in the union office Russell's right to sit as a delegate, and the right of Local 554 to pick

LAGUARDIA POLICE CRACK DOWN ON NEW YORK JOBLESS

Arrest 22 Members Of W.A.A. For Demanding Bigger Relief Checks

NEW YORK.—The City Administration of Mayor F. H. La-Guardia, re-elected to office last year as a "democrat," a "progressive" and a "friend of the unemployed" with the aid of the Stalinist and Socialist parties, cracked down hard on this city's jobless last week.

Twenty-two unemployed victims of capitalism, demanding higher relief standards were taken into custody by LaGuardia's police. Seven of these were arrested at a demonstration staged by more than 200 unemployed at the West 53rd Street relief bureau.

New Deal Concern

Boasts Eviction

Successes

1933 to the end of May, 1938,

there have been some 30,000 evic-

feel "proud" of this record.

In 1933 the H.O.L.C. took over

\$3,091,000,000 worth of mortgages

building and loan associations, fi-

nance and mortgage companies,

New Jersey. Connecticut) alone

Bondholders Protected

protected, whereas the home-

owner "in urgent need of funds"

is made to feel the toe of the

which losses on resales of fore-

closed homes cannot begin to off-

set. These sums are augmented

fees. That business is good may

be gathered from the fact that

the average price for short-term

H.O.L.C. bonds is 101.25 and the

average rate of interest 1.75, and

that for long-term bonds the av-

erage price is 104.28 with an av-

This "good" business means

for the worker that he is being

evicted ruthlessly. Already the

H.O.L.C. has expropriated hun-

ireds of thousands of families.

On its hands it has at present

35,000 homes throughout the

United States, 10,167 of which are

in New York State. Some 6.000

of these homes are in the New

York City area. H.O.L.C. experts

predict that, not counting re-

The Poor Evicted

touching pictures of the dispos-

sessed. One was an old man of

had been unemployed for the last

ployed. All they could give to-

ward the support of the family

was \$17 per week between them.

took over the mortgage, their

home was liquidated. Another fa-

mily consisted of a man unem-

ployed for two years, with a wife

and four minor children. After

getting a \$20-a-week job, he mort-

gaged his home for \$2.667. Amor-

tization and interest payments

were so high that they meant

starvation. He defaulted and his

home was liquidated by the H.O.

ness is good and H.O.L.C. bonds

evictions by the New Deal loan

against interest, tax and fee pay-

ments and demand cancellation

of all arrears! Make the govern-

ment and the bondholders pay!

AT YOUR NEWSSTAND

ASK FOR THE APPEAL

Workers everywhere must stop

are up.

Some months after the H.O.L.C.

The bourgeois press gives

sales, they will some time in 1939

erage interest rate of 2.67.

Refusing to meet the demands of the jobless, the City Administration, besides instituting phony "investigations" to determine whether some wretched victim of unemployment is getting sometitled to, is now resorting to mass arrests of the discontented and a general attack on the Workers Alliance.

Local Four Takes Lead

About a month ago, Local 4 of the Alliance started and carried through a series of militant actions, including picketing. This culminated in last week's demonstration in which six other locals

Aroused by the failure of the relief bureau administrators to do anything for relief applicants kept waiting around for months, about 100 unemployed stormed the 53rd Street relief bureau to hear reports of the grievance committees. Hardly had the reporting begun than police arrived and immediately went into action.

Administrator Becker and Supervisor LaBella, two avowed ment cases." According to the liberals (Becker was until reccapitalist press, H.O.L.C. officials ently a Lovestoneite, while both are members of the Stalinist-controlled State, County and Municipal Workers Union), actually from banks and trust companies, summoned the police.

Those Arrested

Among those arrested at the 53rd St. Bureau, was Rhoda Pearson, Chairman of Local 4, and secretary of the Progressive Group of the Alliance. Speaking for the West Side (Manhattan) Committee of the Alliance, which arranged the July 8 demonstration, Pearson said in part:

"Is the Administration of the 53rd St. relief bureau afraid to have conditions in the bureau exposed? Are Administrator Becker and Supervisor LaBella determined to keep the public from finding out that they are continually refusing relief to men who are in need?

"Here are the conditions prevailing in the Single Men's Relief Bureau on 53rd Street:

"When men come for help they are told to come back in 10 or 15 days regardless of how badly they

"If men are rejected for some small reason, they have to fill out a new application and wait another 10 to 15 days for interviews. This may keep up until the man either starves or is evicted from his room. When a man is evicted, he is no longer eligible for home relief and the bureau refers him to the flop houses.

Interminable Waiting

"If a man who applies for relief is lucky enough to get by the first set of questionnaires, he then has to sit home for weeks to wait for an investigation. The whole procedure of this bureau is one of red tape, run around, and delay that forces men to actual starvation.

"When the Workers' Alliance came to this Bureau to expose these conditions and help men get relief. Becker and LaBella ordered the police to arrest seven people. These needy single men want relief, not arrests!" Pearson concluded.

The trial of the seven is sched uled for July 14. All progressive be the "proud" expropriators of and militant members of the 150,000 homes throughout the Alliance have been urged to attend the hearing.

In contrast to the militant action by Local 4, the Stalinist leadership of the New York Workers Alliance called off a scheduled 61 with nine children. He had city-wide "sit-in." Faced with this owned the house for 17 years, but retreat on the part of the Alliance leaders, the Welfare Department ten. Only two children were emhave now begun a more vigorous attack on the unemployed, resulting in the mass arrests.

Mass Action Needed

"This ganging-up on the unemployed, must be fought back, and with those weapons which the unemployed have displayed in the past-mass action and increased militancy. This is no time for retreats. As for us, we've just begun to fight!" a spokesman for Local 4 said.

Plans are now being laid for a larger demonstration at the W. L.C. So the story goes. But busi-53rd St. Bureau. Already the West Side of Manhattan has been flooded with thousands of leaflets issued by the West Side Coordinating Committee of the W.A., sharks! Home-owners must strike denouncing the arrests. Dozens of protest meetings have been held nightly throughout the West Side, and with the added publicity given to the arrests by the capitalist press, increased indignation by the workers, both employed and unemployed, has been voiced.

C.I.O. SUMMONS STRIKE IN C.P. SUMMER CAMP

Stalinists Slave Girls 12 Hours for \$7 a Week

NEW YORK. - Between 15 and 20 waitresses employed by Browder's Communist Party at its Camp Kinderland, Hopewell, N. Y., were called out on strike by the C.I.O. this week in an effort to force the Stalinist moguls industry.

C. I. O. pickets were pleasure resort, which has become notorious in union circles for the sweated conditions to which its subjects its employees. The waitresses, according to all A tragic story of the depression, available information, have been a story of working-class homeowners pitilessly evicted, is writreceiving the miserly wage of \$7 ten across the face of almost every one of the million mortgages day, while the Stalinist Party, alheld by the Home Owners' Loan leged champion of labor's rights, Corporation. Every day the New Deal writes a tragedy, every day has been waxing rich on their sets a family on the street. From exploitation.

The Communist Party claims it makes a net profit on its Camp tions in the New York region alone. Now the New Deal is Kinderland of some \$23,000 per season. The season lasts only "liquidating" 4,890 more families, of whom 3,309 are "unemployten weeks.

UNION BRIEFS

life insurance companies, estates National Labor Relations and individuals. The law creating Board trial examiner Tilford E. the corporation stated explicitly that the only borrowers eligible the Ford Motor Company reinfor assistance were those "in urgent need of funds for the prostate 192 workers and grant sole tection and preservation of their bargaining rights to the United homes, and . . . unable to pro-Automobile Workers of America. cure the needed financing He also recommended complete through the normal channels." disbanding of the Liberty Legion At present the government has of America, Inc., Ford's company more than \$600,000,000 invested in union, as well as granting 96 127,000 desperate home-owners in workers back pay from date of to receive remedial wages dating from the company's refusal to Looking over the entire balreinstate them and another group ance sheet one sees that in diof 57 are to be put on a preferrect contrast to the wording of ential employment list. the law, it is the government and the H.O.L.C. bondholders that are

1.200 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, Local 102, C.I.O. on strike since April 29 at the sheriff's boot, which is not any Philadelphia Storage Battery plant (Philco radio), voted unan-Deal" imprint on it. The governimously to reject the company's ment is piling up tidy sums at wage cut proposal and resume five per cent interest on its origwork. Retail Philco radio dealinal \$3,091,000,000 investment, plus ers will be picketed on a nationwhat it has loaned since 1933, wide scale and a boycott urged.

the Washing Machine Employby federal taxes and mortgage wage cut. Kirkwood is the sixth the future. man to be arrested by the boss government in its aim to break the strike. Intimidated by Govergovernment board.

NEW DEAL CROP PROGRAM BASED ON STARVATION

Bumper Harvests Promise No Relief for Hungry as Government Maps Plans of Destruction

By J. PYTLAK

In line with Roosevelt's policy to pay these workers wages equal of saving capitalism in a "democut down the bumper agricultural crops anticipated this summer and thereby, if possible, raise parading around the Stalinist the prices of wheat, corn and cotton. Confronted with the ment has purchased only 5,000,bounteousness of nature, the administration at Washington makes no serious attempt to put bread and clothing into the hands of the unemployed.

Its farm relief program on the other hand, is not directed to per week for a 12-hour working benefit tenant farmers and sharecroppers, who comprise half of the farming population, but the wealthy farmers and farm cor-

A Great Harvest

According to the May bulletin of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, the domestic supply of wheat will probably exceed 1,200,000,000 bushels with the completion of the harvest Of this total, 200,000,000 bushels will represent carry-over from that the "best" estimate for domestic consumption is 650,000,-000 bushels. This means, of can absorb that much wheat, Dudley has recommended that not that 650,000,000 bushels will satisfy the needs of American were planted this year, as com-

> This year, the government "storage" of part of their crops.. 'Storage" of wheat means not merely withdrawal from the market, but in all probability destruction, unless the government is able to sell it abroad in the form of a loan or loans which will be repayable in cash.

460,000,000 bushels, the highest

since 1923.

Big Farmers' Advantage

The government is offering farmers loans against crops at 60 cents per bushel, which would theoretically remove 500,000,000 bushels from sale. This, it is calculated, will more than eliminate any carry-over or surplus for next year. Because of the newness of the lending plan, however, ees Union, C.I.O., of Newton, it is expected that the amount Iowa, has been arrested on the of wheat "stored" or destroyed charge of criminal syndicalism. will reach only 200,000,000 For two months 1,500 workers bushels. Thus the big farmer have been on strike against the with funds on hand to carry him Maytag Washing Machine Com- over can make a nice profit if he pany because of a ten per cent sells out on a rising market in

In addition to this, the governnor Kraschel's call for 1,000 dep- farmer by making parity payuties to preserve "law and order," ments. If the farmer conforms get for his wheat, cotton or corn. the union has withdrawn all but to the A.A.A. program in genthree pickets and is mistakenly eral, he will receive supplementplacing its hopes in the boss-ary payments where he loses money due to the low price of

Denmark

Sweden

wheat. The money made available for this purpose is \$212,000.000. If this money were spent for the to, and conditions not worse than, cratic" way, the government is purchase of wheat for the unthose they would get in private doing everything in its power to employed it would buy some 353,about 51,000,000 barrels of flour. As a left-handed concession to what should be done, the govern-000 bushels of wheat to be milled

Crop Insurance Plan

in the bucket.

Besides reducing the "surplus' of 460,000,000 bushels by "storage" of 200,000,000 and purchase of 5.000,000 for relief, the government hopes to lighten the market by its crop insurance plan. This plan provides that when the wheat farmer has a surplus he may store it with the government for withdrawal in case of crop failure. The premiums are payable two years in advance and this year they will total between 50,000,000 and 100,000,000 bushels. Under the most "favorable" conditions, therefore, "surlast season. The bulletin states plus" wheat will amount to 155,-000,000 bushels this year.

A similar situation prevails in course, that the home market cotton growing. Time, June 20, reports that despite the fact that only 28,000,000 acres of cotton consumers. Foreign sale of pared with 34,000,000 acres in 90,000,000 bushels is expected, 1937, a crop of some 13,000,000 thus leaving a carry-over of bales is expected. The carry-over from last year amounts to almost as much. Cotton prices at 8.60 cents per pound are about four proposes to reduce the supply of cents lower than last year and bread by lending the big wheat well below the 1933-37 levels.

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Well below the 1933-37 levels. and world consumption is down 13 per cent.

prices have dropped to 57 cents

Prices-Not Needs

That the government's whole program is avowedly anti-social is not difficult to discern. It is nterested in prices, not in needs. Excessive surpluses, such as are indicated for 1938," says the take any stand on war, feeling A.A.A. bulletin for May, "will result in lower prices, no matter resolution supporting a referenwhat policy is followed." In an dum on all wars conducted by attempt to remedy this price the government was tabled by situation next year, Congress has passed a law still further to reduce the area under cultivationfrom 80,000,000 acres to 55,000,-000. The government is concern- of the embargo against Spain. it is to come out regularly during ed. not over the wages and living conditions of the agricultural question showed how easy it will laborer, or the farmer's burden be to work the professional workment proposes to help the big of debt and rent, but over the price that the big farmer will

Labor Must Act

Thus capitalism, even in its most liberal version — the New Deal-spells scarcity in the midst of abundance, deprivation and poverty for the producing masses in town and countryside. The organized labor movement should demand the turning over of all 'surplus" crops for relief of the dire distress afflicting the fastgrowing army of capitalism's unemployed victims, under a plan of direct government purchase, or in the case of the big farm trusts-expropriation.

Not a single man, woman or child must go hungry while there is an abundance of food! The interests of big capitalists and grain speculators must not prevail over the elementary human needs of the masses! Open the

Let these be the rallying cries and the fighting program of labor in face of the social debacle created by decaying capitalism!

In Waukegan, Ill., over 200 C.I.O. pickets, who were already under a court injunction against "disorder," marched into the courtroom of Judge Dady and once more expressed their defiance. They passed out handbills which attacked the judge and stated that his orders would not be obeyed. The union has kept the Chicago Hardware Foundry Company plant closed for five weeks to enforce its demands for vacations with pay, a written contract and guarantee against pay cuts.

C.I.O., A.F.of L. Get Together in Akron

AKRON, Ohio. - A co-ordinating committee to work with a similar committee from the C.I.O. was set up here by the A.F.of L. Trades and Labor Assembly last week. The purpose of the three-man committee, composed of representatives from the teamsters, building trades, and retail clerks, is to work out actual and potential jurisdictional disputes and to preserve harmony in the Akron labor movement.

Through the sane attitude of both houses of labor here, the bitter fights which have characterized A. F. of L. and C.I.O. relations in such places as New Orleans and Seattle have been avoided. The creation of the co-ordi-

nating committee, following upon the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. unity established after the police attack upon the Goodyear picket lines, is a further great into some 1,100,000 barrels of step forward and can well be flour for relief purposes, which imitated by labor elsewhere. is less than the proverbial drop In the period to come, the battering of the "recession" will make such co-ordinated effort all the more necessary.

OHIO TEACHERS SHOW GAINS BY **PROGRESSIVES**

Stalinists Defeated in Plan to Capture **Federation**

AKRON, Ohio. - The recent convention of the Ohio State Federation of Teachers recorded substantial victories for progresa decisive defeat for the Stalinist tempted to pack the meeting.

All important posts were won by progressives. Stalinist amend-forthcoming (August) issue of There will also be articles on the ments to the constitution, which would have cleared the way to- criticism of the article by Leon of the People's Front policy of ward their control of the organization, were defeated.

Call for Unity Among the resolutions passed

were the following: A resolution demanding the release of Fred The corn crop is reported to Beal; one calling upon the A. F. be normal, but by this Fall last of L to reopen unity negotiations central points made in Trotsky's nald, which, inaugurated in the year's surplus will amount to with the C.I.O.; a resolution con-300,000,000 bushels, 30 per cent demning the exchange of stu-means other than or in addition favorable reception by all readabove normal. As a result future dents with Nazi Germany; a rebushel, 60 cents below last North-Central Association en- kind. rule for W.P.A. workers; and a Dewey. resolution demanding the extension of N.Y.A. among the schools The C. P. collective security

resolution died in committee. The convention failed, however, to the subject too "controversial." A their cue from the C. P., the The whole approach to the war ers into a patriotic fervor, and exposed, at the same time, the political immaturity of the Ohio members of the American Federation of Teachers.

10,000 workers at the El Tenigua, Chile, have gone on strike against the Braden Copper Company, a subsidiary of the Kennecott Copper Corporation of Amer- National Street-Sales Week. An ica. The dismissal of several omy was the cause.

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Ex-Deputy Sheriff Is Killed As Mine Trial Proceeds In Harlan

of union activities, still in prog- ington. ress at London, Ky., two shootings last week added to Harlan County's reputation for terror week, the Board ordered the Harand violence.

sheriff and ruthless thug, was crimination against members of shot to death at a tourist camp the United Mine Workers and to 12 miles south of London, Chris Patterson, here under govern- of union representatives to enter ment subpoena and a witness be- Harlan. fore the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee in Washington last year, was held for question-

Violence Marks Trial who was convicted of murder in sible to make a living wage. 1933, but pardoned, claimed self-

Harlan, and John Isom, another government witness, was kidnapped but escaped by a clever tiny courtroom in London, at | izers to leave."

With the trial of coal operators | least one of the companies was and former peace officers, found guilty by the National Lacharged with bloody suppression bor Relations Board in Wash-

Board Gives Decision

In a decision handed down last lan Fuel Company to cease un-Frank White, former deputy fair labor practices, to end disend interference with the right

Twenty-four union men were ordered reinstated with back pay, and compensation ordered for 'employees discriminated against in their working conditions." The day before, Lee Fleenor, This verified testimony of witanother former deputy and de- nesses at the London trial, who fendant at the trial, was arrested told of union miners being asfor shooting and critically signed to places where the coal wounding Charlie Reno. Fleenor, was so sparse that it was impos-

Another incident brought out in the London trial is referred to Recently a government witness, in the Labor Board findings. On Lester Smithers, was slain in July 10, 1937, the decision reads, front of a saloon at Gulston, near Elzo Guthrie, president of the company, accompanied by several other persons, "all armed with pistols," entered the Postoffice at ruse. In addition, several in- Yancey, in which were several stances of intimidation and at- U. M. W. organizers, and said to tempted bribery have been re- a colored organizer, "Get the hell ported to government authorities. out of here. I ought to shoot your As defense attorneys for the Har- brains out." Then, the decision lan coal companies argued their adds, "with his hand on his gun, case before Judge Ford in the Guthrie ordered all the organ-

August New International To Have Article by Dewey

John Dewey, the distinguished | Other features of the August American philosopher and edu- issue of the New International sives in the organization and was cator, who recently served as include an answer by Max Eastchairman of the Commission of man to the criticism made of his union wreckers, who had at- Inquiry into the charges made latest article on socialism and against Leon Trotsky in the Russia by James Burnham and Moscow Trials, will appear in the a concluding reply by the latter. the New International with a situation in Palestine, the origin Trotsky on "Their Morals and the Stalinists, two discussion ar-Ours" which created so much stir ticles on the Labor party in the in the radical movement of this United States and the attitude country when it appeared a of the revolutionary Marxists, an couple of months ago.

Interdependence of Means and Maurice Spector, the "column on Ends," deals with one of the columnists" by Dwight MacDoarticle and raises the problem of July issue, has met with a very to the class struggle as the way ers; and a good deal of other solution demanding that the to attain the liberation of man-

resolution opposing the priority reply to the criticism of John with the business manager at 116

article on the political aspects of Dewey's criticism, entitled "The the crisis in the New Deal by

material. Orders for the August issue force class load standards; a It is expected that Trotsky will should be placed immediately University Place, New York City.

action of the C. P. Then, taking are evidently not carrying out ized for this! their duties. We wish to make it non-Stalinist patriots tabled a absolutely clear that the Appeal resolution supporting the lifting is depending upon this drive if the difficult summer months. Every time a literature agent fails to carry out his assignments, every time he falls further and further behind in paying his bill to the Appeal, every time he is unable to get comrades and friends to plug away for new subscriptions he is endangering our paper! This week's pitiful ente Copper mines near Ranca- falling off in subs must be stopped!

> A reminder that this week is street-corner meetings, hawk the phia, California, etc.?

The Drive is Lagging: We re- | paper from the best selling spots gret to have to report this, but in their section and bring the Apit is the unfortunate truth. Lit- peal before the workers. The erature and bundle-order agents whole branch should be mobil-

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China War Spells Doom For Japanese Imperialism

CHIANG KAI-SHEK GOV'T **WEAKENS CHINA'S FIGHT** BY SUPPRESSING MASSES

(Continued from page 1)

capital invested went into war | China as unconquerable as Sibe industries and in the first quar- ria was when it was overrun by ter this year this rose to 70 per the invading armies of the intercent. And these industries are a ventionist powers 20 years ago.

drain, not a source of revenue. But such a war cannot be While in the rest of the world made to order. In the years when prices are dropping, Japan's price it was a revolutionary peasant level was 13.8 higher in the first force, the Chinese Red Army was quarter of this year than it was able to withstand the superior in 1937. Exports, vital to the forces of the Kuomintang premaintenance of Japan's light incisely because it unlocked the dustrial plant, have fallen off 20 simple secret of successful parper cent with no prospects of retisan warfare. "Because the covery. Everywhere Japan's rimasses are interested only in the vals are gleefully pouncing on the practical solution of their probmarkets she had gained and lems of livelihood," Peng Tehwhich she is now obliged to huai, a Red leader once said, "it abandon at a rapid rate. Japan's is possible to develop partisan gold reserves and credit abroad warfare only by the immediate have sagged to the point where satisfaction of their most urgent cash alone will serve, and in this demands. This means that the important commodity Japan is exploiting class must be promptly now seriously lacking. disarmed and immobilized."

Stalinist Capitulation

In other words, the fight could

be carried forward against Japan

alization, in word and in action,

that this fight was identical with

ership of the peasants and fore-

Party. The Eighth Route Army-

the former Red Army - has

portunity events offered to it to

Death to Strikers

degree that the masses cease be-

continuing domination of the

bourgeois exploiters. This will in

turn depend upon the emergence

of a new revolutionary party

ago-and to carry on the struggle

Growing Stringency

On the home front, these difficulties have been translated into growing stringency, increasingly severe measures of gov- by rousing the masses to the reernmental control over industry and trade, the depression of an already low standard of living and corresponding growth first the struggle for the land, by inof apathy and soon of outright tensifying, not by suspending the hostility on the part of a population unwilling for very long to capitulation to the Kuomintang, accept propaganda tracts in the the Red Army abdicated this place of rice. Japan has already struggle. In return for a bloc barred the use of cotton domestically and rigid control has been established over the manufacture, trade and use of 17 major commodities including copper, gasoline, oils, pig iron, steel, wool fabrics, leather, rubber, lead, tin, zinc, nickel and antimony.

To cope with the multiplying difficulties, the Japanese government is transforming itself, step by step, into an outright military dictatorship. Japan's principal rivals, the United States and Great Britain, will not, certainly, come to her aid. Her friends, Germany and Italy, cannot do so. Unless the international situation alters radically in her favor, Japan is destined in the not too distant future to suffer the most profound internal convulsions.

The Chinese Bourgeosie

In continuing to offer resistance to Japan, the Chinese bour- | fraudulent "People's Council" | gathering the names of "troublegeoisie is gambling on this pros- an appointed body of docile Kuopect. From a Japan threatened mintang bureaucrats and a few with internal collapse it hopes to futile intellectuals plus seven everlasting serial plays, known secure the most favorable pos- captive Communist Party delesible terms. As against this, it gates—as a foretaste of the deals with the experiences of the counts on holding out until Brit- "democracy" which it promises. counts on noiding out until Brit- democracy which it promises, is and/or American imperialism. In this deception the Stalinists Francisco stock-broker. Paul, eldis finally compelled to intervene have participated with only the and save the Chinese bourgeoisie faintest whimper to the general the program's inception some from Japan by yoking it more effect that they had hoped for a years ago, was a representative securely to chariot wheels of the more democratic body. Actually of the "lost generation," a philo-City and/or Wall Street. Which the bourgeoisie is making just sophical pacifist war veteran who it is to be will be decided, in as certain now, as it did in 1927, nursed his wounds carefully and turn, by the outcome of the strug- to keep the workers and peasants gle between British and American | yoked to its wheel, to make them imperialism for world domina- bear the cost of the war and to tion. In the meantime the Chinese prevent them from rising to ment of a nation-wide hook-up, bourgeoisie will continue to ex- struggle in their own interest. ploit the limitless man power at its disposal-man power which has given a glimpse in the past year of its capacity for heroism 1935-36—a year of economic reand sacrifice—and to depend on covery—to reassemble their scatthe magnitude of the country it- tered forces and to conduct increasingly bold and militant self-to tire out the attacker.

Throughout the first year of strikes, were thrust back by the the war, the Chinese bourgeoisie war, which has caused such terhas dared only to conduct a pure- rific destruction in the chief inly military-defensive struggle. It dustrial centers and which natuhas succeeded in making the in- rally checked the brief economic vasion a costly adventure for Ja- upturn. To insure itself against for the purpose of protecting pan, as we have seen, but it has any attempt by the workers to realso shown that such methods ject the new loads now laid upon cannot effectively withstand the them, the Kuomintang governimperialist attack and will not, ment has established the death from advocates of alien ideas certainly, serve the interests of penalty for workers who dare to and trouble-makers of all sorts." Chinese national liberation. So strike or even agitate for a And, in reply to a question from long as the leadership of China strike. With these policies in gen- his younger brother, Paul told remains in the hands of the eral, the Communist Party, to his family-and several millions bourgeoisie, the outcome will be use Wang Ming's words, has de- of eavesdroppers—to gather the either a compromise with Japan clared itself "fully satisfied." or the subjection of China to the United States and Great Britain. Neither eventuality will free China. Neither will liberate the masses who are bearing the mote from present-day battlechief burdens of the conflict of fields, but the cause of Chinese which they are also the principal in the coming period only to the

A Revolutionary War

The war against Japanese imperialism will be forced to a victorious and liberating conclusion only when it is clearly linked in the minds of the masses with their own struggle in their own behalf. Only in this way will it be possible to galvanize the vast man power of the country. This will require bold social measures that will prevent the merchants, bankers, and landlords from continuing to load the costs of the war on the backs of the exploited. war on the backs of the exploited. fight when the Chiang Kai-sheks A still bolder revolutionary pro-abandon it—as they did a decade gram, identifying for the peasantry the aims of national liberagainst all who would seek to ation from imperialist aggression bar the way to the victory of the with their own liberation from workers and peasants in the Chithraldom on the land, will bring nese revolution of tomorrow. forth reserves of physical and moral strength against which the Japanese invaders will never be ASK FOR THE APPEAL able to prevail. Partisan warfare waged by such forces will make

How Stalin Gov't Aids China War

Writing to a friend in the United States, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese dictator, describes the assistance which is being given to China's fight against Japanese imperialism by the Stalin regime in the Soviet Union.

Says Madame Chlang: "Indeed, the Russian attitude toward China is exactly similar to that of the so-called imperialists. Russia wants no more to make an outward show of helping China than does America. Both seem to be animated by the one idea, to sell equipment for cash-and be sure of getting the cash first. We have to pay for Russian planes as we have to pay for American planes. We have to pay for Russian volunteers to fly them as we have to pay for Americans." ("New York Times," July 10, 1938.)

In its China policy, as in its international policy generally, the counter-revolutionary Stalinist bureaucracy consistently destroys the reputation of the first wokers' state as the true and disinterested champion of the nations and peoples oppressed by imperialism-a reputation built up, not under the the regime of Stalin, but under the regime of Lenin and Trotsky.

TO GENERATE with the bourgeoisie-in whom WAR HYSTERIA Stalin placed all his hopes for a Chinese foil against Japan-the Red Army surrendered its lead-

The conscious campaign of swore the mobilization of the American imperialism to whip up working class, already long since the lagging patriotism of the abandoned by the Communist American masses, a campaign initiated at the secret conference between Roosevelt, army and naplayed a brilliant but limited role in the military events of the past year. It surrendered the opnance capital, proceeds at an ever-growing pace.

play an infinitely more heroic A remarkable brazen piece of role on an incomparably higher plane. The bourgeoisie, for its part, was no more willing than heard on the radio the evening "anti-imperialist united front" of of July 7, on a program sponsored by the company selling eleven years ago to abdicate any "Tenderleaf Tea." Here an open of its own fundamental economic appeal was made to encourage every patriot snooper and busybody to cooperate with the Fed-With the connivance of the Communist Party, it has set up a eral Bureau of Investigation in makers.'

The program is one of those

With the growth of the program's popularity and achieve-Paul has progressed to some sort of a volunteer G-man, and is frequently absent from the family fireside on mysterious journeys. The workers, who had begun in It was the family discussion of one trip that set the stage for last week's bit of propaganda.

To Protect "Democracy" After praising collective security as the solution of the world's ills, and neatly poking holes in the fallacious theory of "isolahis mysterious expeditions were "democracy" on the home front. "We on the West Coast," said Paul, "are especially in danger names and addresses of these trouble-makers.

The further course of the war "Do you mean that the Federal in China will be determined by Bureau of Investigation would many factors, near to and relike the names of trouble-makers?" another member of the family asked. "Yes, and all potential trouble-

makers," the amateur G-man reing as "fully satisfied" with the plied. It is interesting to note that the West Coast, where one of the most militant and least patriotic labor movements in the United

States exists, is singled out for

The Intended Victims Just who are these "troublemakers" that the Federal agents are interested in enough to seek information from the vast radio audience of America? Japanese spies? Members of the Nazi

Bund? Not at all, we think, Soon enough will revolutionists be called "Japanese spies" and "agents of Hitler." The Stalinists have already let out that cry.

We have only to look back to the days of the last war to see who receives the brunt of the attack of the "patriots": the discontented workers, the rebellious strikers, the forthright revolu-AT YOUR NEWSSTAND tionists.

Divide and Rule Policy Explains Palestine Riots

have been slain and over 200 self-destruction. wounded in the fighting that has diately set off violent Jewish-Arab battles.

The Issues Stated everywhere, endangers imperial- in Britain's breast. ism and native landlordism. For this reason, Great Britain and the Arab Effendis (landlords) channels harmless to themselves. and Jewish people.

lan." England aims to divide her toleration of Zionism. Palestine into three parts — an armed intervention.

Britain Is Responsible In spite of all London's proin Palestine, imperialist Britain independence! bears direct and primary responsibility for the sanguinary fight-To maintain her hold over Utopian goal.

The long-smoldering antago- this Eastern Gibraltar, Mother nisms in Palestine have again England seeks to divide the Arab flared into armed fighting be- and Jewish masses by stirring up tween Arab and Jewish groups race riots. The explanation for and between Arab nationalists the Jewish-Arab conflict is to be and British troops. Great Britain found in this fact. Britain, aided has rushed two additional cruis- by the Arab landlords, who fear ers, close to 2,000 marines, and the nationalist movement for two battalions of colonial troops their own reasons, has succeedfrom Egypt to assist the 8,500 ed in imparting to the Arab soldiers already stationed in the movement a pogromist character, mandated territory to quell the thus leading it away from its leg-Arab general strike and uprising. itimate objective of colonial liber-More than 100 Jews and Arabs ation and threatening it with

The Zionist movement is carebeen raging since July 7. The fully utilized by Great Britain. spark which ignited the present This is especially true of its conflagration was the hanging of most reactionary section, the Ben Yosef, reactionary Revision- Revisionists, who seek to organist Zionist, by the British au- ize terror bands against the thorities. He had been convicted Arabs and offer themselves as of terrorist activity against the tools of British imperialism Arabs and his execution imme- against Arab nationalism. England has hypocritically promised to make Palestine a homeland for the Jews. But this is sheer dupli-The Arab movement, like city. No sympathy for the victims novements for colonial liberation of Anti-semitic persecution stirs

Empire Doors Closed As a matter of fact, the doors of the British Empire are closed have for years desperately sought to the Jews. Even the number adto divert this movement into mitted to Palestine is a miserable handful. Actually, Britain forbids The main aim of Great Britain, the Jewish masses to arm themsince it received the Mandate, selves, cuts down immigration has been to rule Palestine by fo- quotas to the bone, and prevents menting strife between the Arab the building of Jewish industry for fear of the development of The crassest proposal yet made an industrial proletariat. Britain sudski's uprising in 1926. (It is lutionary Proletarian Writers. by Great Britain is the "Partition is motivated by only one desire in

She seeks to use the Jews as a Arab state, a tiny Jewish State buffer against the Arab movewith an Arab minority of some ment, to lead the Arab national-300,000 population, and a British ists into the false belief that the military zone. This policy is de- independence of their land is signed to intensify still further threatened, not by British impethe friction between Arab and rialism, but by the Jews. Zionism Jew and would allow Britain a is permitted so that, Hitler fashvy heads and representatives of free hand over the entire area by ion, Britain can utilize the Jewish Bukshorn. They were all shot in the kings of United States fi- unlimited control over the mili- people as a scapegoat for the 1934. tary area. The attempt to put Arab masses. At the same time over this plan is at the root of Britain encourages Arab agitathe present conflict. The Arab tion against the Jews with the incitement-brazen, at least, at masses seek to prevent the divi-aim of instilling a deep hatred this stage of the game—was to be sion of their land by their own for the Arab people among the Jewish masses.

And for this, the Zionist moveof the Polish Y.C.L. Both of them ment is willing to support and were shot in connection with the with Thaelmann, they were both Sokhatsky case—for espionage. testations about the need for defend British domination of Pa-British troops to maintain order lestine and to fight against Arab Lensky and his group. After their his mother's influential connecexecution the Polish party press tions, he was set free in 1935,

Danger of Disunity The greatest danger facing the ing between Arab and Jew. Pa- Palestine people, both Arabs and lestine is for Britain a center of Jews, is disunity. The struggle the greatest strategical impor- between Arab and Jew benefits tance, protecting the route to In- only Great Britain and the impeas "One Man's Family," and dia, defending the Suez Canal, rialist system. The burning need intersecting important railway of the moment is a unified move-

Some More Questions

TO MOISSAYE OLGIN

By MAX SHACHTMAN

Since our Open Letter to you concerning the fate of your two old friends, Juliet Stuart Poyntz and Noah London, further information has come to our attention which warrants some comment by you.

We asked last week: "What assurance have you that tomorrow or the next day, you will not face—not the firing squad in a G.P.U. cellar, but the murderous slander campaign against the expelled scapegoat?"

We came a little closer to the mark, it appears, than we

For is it not true that you, who go to the Soviet Union almost every year for a visit, were refused a visa by the Soviet authorities when you tried to arrange for your periodic visit a few

Is it not true that the refusal was based upon the fact that, servile to the Stalinist machine though you are, ready as you always are to apologize for its hideous crimes, it nevertheless was apprehensive about your possible reaction to the "absence" of all your old friends that you would note as soon as you arrived in Moscow? That virtually every single one of your old acquaintances and associates in the old days of the Polish Bund, the socialist movement in which you were raised, the men and women who finally went over to the Third International, has recently been shot or imprisoned? That virtually every one of your old intimates of the Jewish Section of the Russian Communist Party has met the same fate?

And is it not true that, in order to assuage your feelings, which were so badly hurt at the refusal of a visa to the land you claim as your fatherland, the party here organized a series of "birthday banquets" and celebrations in the main cities, and finally sent you on a junket to California, which, while it has not established "complete socialism," at least has a safer climate if you know what we mean?

And is it not true that your good friend A. A. Heller, the angel of the International Publishers, staunch Stalinist like yourself, was also refused a Soviet visa at the same time, perhaps because the G.P.U. remembered the vigorous protest against its abuses made by Mrs. Heller the last time the couple lived in

Don't you think that your "public," whose flattering applause has always been such intoxicating music to your ears, is entitled to a plain-spoken statement from you regarding the matters touched on here? Don't you think, finally, that it might be well, in the same statement, to say a few words about the mysterious disappearance — not so mysterious, perhaps! — of your good friends of yesterday, Juliet Poyntz and Noah London?

Knifes Workers



INDALECIO PRIETO

rade Trotsky was an uncompro-

mising opponent of this tactic.)

Shot for "Espionage"

members of the Central Commit-

In the same year they shot

former head of the Polish the-

atre in Kiev-and Teshner (An-

ton Werner), member of the C.C.

They were all "exposed" by

Lensky Group Purged

of the novels "I Set Fire to Paris"

Skin," which created a sensation.

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member of the C. C. of the Po-

lish C. P. who was already in

exile for many years. Later, the

following were arrested (and

shot?): Lensky ("the Polish Sta-

well-known member of the Pro-

partment of Izvestia, and Un-

II—Germany

gres in the U.S.S.R. We give a

victims of Stalinist terror.

list, far from complete, of the

German Emigres Shot

Herman Kupferstein and his

wife departed from Paris for

Moscow in 1935. He was a promi-

nent member of the League of

Red Front Fighters (R.F.B.). In

1932, he had shot two officers on

Buelowplatz in Berlin. In Paris

he was one of the leaders of the

German communist emigres. He

was shot in Moscow as an agent

of the Gestapo. After his death.

the G.P.U. spread rumors to the

effect that 2.000 English Pounds

had been found in his possession

Ernst Ottwald-in 1927 he left

the ranks of the Nazis to join the

C.P.G. He played a prominent

role in the League of Revolution-

ary Proletarian Writers. Author

of a series of novels exposing na-

tional socialism (Nazism). After

Hitler's assumption of power, he

lived in Prague. In 1936, he left

for the U.S.S.R. together with his

wife, and there they both were

arrested as agents of the Gestapo.

Gunther - another well-known

during the raid.

schlicht.

fintern, and Bronkowsky.

Stalin Murders Foreign

Communists In U.S.S.R.

(Continued from page 1)

the Polish C. P. supported Pil- | member of the League of Revo-

not amiss to point out that com- Arrested in Moscow on the

Simultaneously with the arrest of the Central Committee of the

of Sokhatsky and Voyevudsky German Communist Party have

came the arrest of the following been arrested and shot as spies:

tee: Klonovich, Khrostel, Yulski- mele, and Schubert, a deputy in

proletarian art in Poland, and the closest henchman of Thael-

was filled with articles about the and fled to the U.S.S.R. where he

about the radiant plans for the Gestapo and the organizer of

future now that the "atmosphere | Thaelmann's arrest. In 1937 he

has been purified." Stalin, how- was shot. His wife was in the

ever, did not rest content with employ of the Paris office of the

these victims. Additional ones be- T.A.S.S. In 1936 she was fired. At

came necessary—and it was now present she is living together

the Landtag.

charge of espionage.

Executed as Spies

Heinz Neumann, Hermann Rem-

Werner Hirsch - a bourgeois

journalist, joined the C.P.G. in

of power, Hirsch was arrested

arrested. Hirsch was sent to a

concentration camp. Owing to

The following former members

PRIETO LETTER REVEALS HOW REVOLUTIONISTS IN SPAIN WERE WIPED OUT

How the Prieto-Stalinist government of Loyalist Spain "cleaned up" the revolutionists by sending them to the most dangerous sectors of the front to be finished off by Franco is revealed by Prieto himself in a cynically frank letter alleged to have been sent by him to Fernando de los Rios, Ambassador to the United States, shortly after the Barcelona May Days of 1937.

This letter, and the accompanying article, appeared in Independent News, Paris, for June 26, 1938, where it was stated that the letter was reprinted from Espagne Nouvelle, No. 50-51, and that it had previously been published in underground Spanish papers.

"At last the most important part of the clean-up behind the repression without violence and province, the machinery of the shortly. F.A.I. and C.N.T. has now been broken up; their most dangerous brigades of these elements rethat those who have returned to reason are today convinced, or at least tamed.

Saw Easy Task "But the strongest resistance having been broken, it will be very easy for us to carry on

lines has been accomplished. In without effort, but so efficaciously Barcelona, as throughout the that the work will be completed

"We still fear, however, that the what is still more important is maining at present at the front might leave to come to the aid of their organizations. But I believe they will not dare do so. It would be very difficult, moreover, for them to organize such a movement. Furthermore, we have decided to proceed on the various fronts with a series of offensives for which we shall use the F.A.I. and C.N.T. elements first as shock troops. We have also decided to transfer these elements to the most dangerous sectors. Thus the Rebels themselves will help us to complete the clean-up, for which we should be grateful to them.

Pleasing Their "Friends"

."By following this policy, we shall please, as you know, the us the most assistance and that policy from us." (Excerpt from a letter from Indalecio Prieto, dated May 25, 1937, at Valencia, and addressed to don Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador in

Prieto also confirms in very clear fashion the way in which the government itself proceeded to disorganize the Aragon front first destroying the revolutionary "exposed provocateurs" and was arrested as an agent of the military brigades by exposing them to the enemy's fire (it was thus that the 29th-Lenin-P.O.U.M. Brigade was dissolved and later. C.N.T.-F.A.I.) and then withdrawing thousands of men from the

In 1937, the following were It began with the arrest (and shot: Ziskind, former editor of execution?) of the well-known the Rote Fahne in Berlin; Nikowriter Bruno Jascensky, author laus Birkenhauer, former editor and "The Man Who Changed His secretary of the Political Bureau of the C.P.G. in Paris, and later, He was accused of ties with Ya- after the Seventh World Con-'Polish spy" Domsky, former the Paris Committee for the defense of Thaelmann.

Victims Pile Up

In the summer of 1937 Kurt Sauerland, the former editor of lin"), general secretary of the Roter Aufbau in Berlin, was ar-Polish C. C., Albert Henrikowsky, rested in Moscow.

Since 1936 the following have been incarcerated: the Austrian Of the former collaborators of physician Gerber, former collabo-Varsky and Kostrzeva, the fol- rator in the central theoretical lowing were arrested during the organ of the C.P.G., Die Internarecent purges: Valetsky (Horo- tionale; Boross, the former ediwits), Lapinsky, a prominent tor of the Internationale Presse member of the Berlin embassy, Korrespondenz, and later editor later the head of the foreign de- of the Rundschau, who was famous for his dispatches concerning the U.S.S.R. and his paeans of praise to Stalin; and Professor Halle, a prominent member of the C.P.G.

After the seizure of power by At the end of May 1937 they the Nazis, many prominent Ger-shot in Moscow Rudolf Haus man Communists fled to the U.S. (Hausschild), a specialist in mili-S.R., where a worse fate awaited tary questions in the C.P.G. them than in Hitler's Germany. whose articles appeared in Prav-In 1934 began arrests and execu- da and Izvestia. He "confessed" tions among the German emi- to esplonage for the Reichwehr.

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three countries that have given have lately demanded such a Washington.)

The contents of Prieto's letter are of capital importance. They demonstrate irrefutably the theo-Vandursky — poet, proponent of 1924 and from that time has been ry we have many times set forth in this publication, that the May mann. After Hitler's assumption days were carefully prepared by the Stalinists and reformists with but shortly set free. During one the complicity, as this letter inof his conspiratorial meetings dicates, of the minister of national defense.

Planned Mass Murder

Prieto knew, too, that the revolutionary organizations would not of the Ruhr Echo, in 1933-1934 recall their forces from the front because they were too conscious of the stakes in the civil war: that was why the government did gress of the Comintern, head of not hesitate to send revolutionary volunteers to fight, without artillery or aviation, an enemy ten times superior in equipment, heedless of whether that inferiority might lead to the demoralization of the war fronts, such as unfortunately occured on the Aragon front when the fascists launched their drive.

That is why the new military brigades, formed from elements politically supported by the Stalinists and reformists, as for instance the 41st Brigade, demoralized and without revolutionary spirit, ranks as well as leaders. crossed the French frontier without offering resistance or giving battle to the fascists, who were easily able to reach Lerida.

Disastrous Policy

Prieto's policy, which he himself reveals in this letter, led to all these disasters. Now that he has fallen into disgrace, he has plenty of time to meditate on the consequences of his betrayal of the Spanish proletarian revolution which he helped to destroy, he and the Stalinists, under the pressure of the "three countries that have given Spain the most AT YOUR NEWSSTAND assistance."

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Hypocrisy at Evian

The first sessions of the conference on political refugees at Evian, France, has quickly demonstrated how little the participating governments are prepared to alleviate the situation to any appreciable extent. The big powers, France, Great Britain and the United States, who alone possess the resources and diplomatic weight to aid the refugees, showed themselves far less ready to assume additional obligations than such small countries as Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Colombia and Peru.

Most hypocritical of the great powers was the United States, which had taken the initiative in convening the conference. In a windy speech, full of high sounding phrases, Myron C. Taylor, head of the American delegation and permanent president of the conference, declared that the business would be restricted to German and Austrian refugees. He also declared that the American government, which "prides itself on the liberality of its existing laws and practices" regarding immigration would not increase its annual quota, which means that no refugees over and above those who are at present able to enter the United States under the existing quota will be admitted to this country.

This news was conveyed to the delegates shortly before receipt of a telegram from President Roosevelt which said: "I hope for all success to the committee and its work, which is of such importance for a large part of humanity now plunged into despair."

The proposal of the American representatives that a separate and permanent body be established by the conference to handle the small minority of cases it was prepared to accept, and to regularize international procedure, was adopted in preference to the British plan to have the League of Nations assume authority over these cases. This was considered a diplomatic triumph for the American government.

In his opening words, steelmaster Taylor stated: "Some millions of people, as this meeting convenes, are actually or potentially without a country. The number is increasing daily. The increase is taking place, moreover, at a time when there is serious unemployment in many countries, when there is a shrinkage of subsistence bases and when the population of the world is at a peak." In other words, the imperialist government at Washington pays a hypocritical lip-service to the need for extending the right of asylum to the persecuted victims of European fascism, but when it comes to practical measures, simply refuses to do anything about it.

The three major powers ran the conference with the same iron hand and secret bargaining with which they rule all other affairs in the capitalist world. Colombia, speaking for the small powers, protested vainly against the highhandedness and secrecy of the giants.

The Evian Conference presents the repulsive spectacle of the richest and strongest capitalist regimes wrangling among themselves, hesitating to take the smallest steps toward helping the outcasts of the poorer and absolutely reactionary states. The million masses of refugees hold out their hands in vain while their lives are made pawns in a diplomatic game.

The W.A.A. and Politics

David Lasser, president of the Workers Alliance, has announced that his organization is going to throw all its forces into the political field in the Fall elections.

"Our organization is in the political field with both feet. We say this bluntly, we're going to rally the maximum amount of support for candidates who stand by the economic interests of the unemployed."

Becoming more specific, Lasser declared that the Alliance would place itself behind the candidates sponsored by the Roosevelt New Deal gang, including Barkley of Kentucky, Lewis of Maryland and Thomas of Oklahoma.

In plain English, Lasser has announced that the Workers Alliance, the organization of the unemployed workers who have suffered most cruelly from the crisis, is going to be converted into another of the numerous tails of the Democratic Party kite.

If you want another tragic illustration of how the Stalinists, with whom Lasser works cheek by jowl, have scuttled a promising labor organization, it is provided by this latest action.

Every unemployed worker who thinks for himself knows that even those miserable crumbs that have been doled out to him by the government, have been obtained only as a result of militant, aggressive action. Without organization and struggle, the position of the unemployed, bad as it is today, would have been ten

But the organization of the unemployed was not created by the Democratic Party or the New Deal; it was created against them, and independently of them. The struggles were not led by the Roosevelts, Barkleys, and Thomases; they were conducted against the government headed by these gentlemen.

Whatever gains the unemployed and their organization have to record were accomplished by means of independent class action.

Lasser and Benjamin, secretary of the Alliance, have been gradually changing all this. They have followed a policy dictated by the Stalinist "Democratic Front" and in express violation of the stand taken formally and officially by the Workers Alliance in regular

When the Workers Alliance was founded in Washington in 1936, as a merger of the three unemployed organizations then in existence, it declared for independent working-class political action, for a Labor party.

By what authority do Lasser and Co. now ignore and violate this decision? It meant collaboration with all other forces in the labor movement for the establishment of an independent party of the workers. It did not mean converting the Workers Alliance into voting cattle for Roosevelt and the Democratic Party.

Lasser is a prominent member of the Thomasite Socialist Party, whose recent convention in Kenosha reiterated the party's position in favor of a Labor party. By what authority does Lasser now ignore and violate his own party's decision? We would like to hear from Thomas, Laidler, Tyler and Co. on this point!

We, for our part, do not believe that a Labor party, particularly one with a program conceived by Harry Laidler or David Lasser, would solve the problem of the working class, or the unemployed, much less bring the workers into that domination of government power which they must have in order to put an end to exploitation and misery.

But is is a dead certainty that the attempt to tie the Alliance to the kite of one of the capitalist parties, which is pledged to maintain the rotten system that has brought so much misery and pain to the unemployed in particular, is a decidedly reactionary step. It not only does not bring the workers closer to their goal—it pulls them farther away from it. It is a cynical betrayal of the Alliance membership and of the position taken by its convention.

The main job of the American working class today is to break away, most rapidly and most drastically, from their dependence upon the political parties of their enemy, the capitalists. The main job is to find the road to independent working-class political action, with a militant program of struggle directed against the capitalist government and its system.

The Stalinists, and their partner, Lasser, are obstacles on that road. The unemployed, who have so magnificently demonstrated their ability to deal with obstacles in the past, will know what to do with the obstacles in their own ranks.

The Blackwell Case

Although under arrest and in prison in Madrid for more than a month, it is only now that word has reached the United States that Russell Blackwell, member of the Revolutionary Workers League of the U. S. prior to his departure for Spain, has been seized by the Loyalist au-

Blackwell, known in revolutionary circles in this country and in Mexico also under the name of Rosalio Negrete, has been in Loyalist Spain almost since the beginning of the civil war. His record in the movement in America as well as in Spain are sufficient proof that his political activity has always been motivated by loyalty to the working class. The fact that the entire Loyalist territory centered around Madrid has recently been put under control of the Stalinist commissar Fernandez, increases the apprehension that all of Blackwell's friends feel for his

Blackwell is the sixth known revolutionist of the United States who has been imprisoned and imperilled by the Stalinist-Republican G.P. U. in Spain. Only the most vigorous protest made it possible to force the release of the other five, Harry Milton, of the Socialist Workers Party; Sam Baron, of the Socialist Party; Huge Oehler, of the Revolutionary Workers League; and Lois and Charles Orr.

The same protest is now imperatively required to obtain the release of Blackwell, whose real "crime" is his opposition to the Stalinist garroters of the Spanish revolution. The organization with which he was affiliated before he left for Spain has already sent protests to Secretary of State Hull and to the Spanish ambassador at Washington.

It is necessary that all labor organizations follow suit in communicating their position to Ambassador de los Rios who represents a government which, behind its democratic pretensions, carries on a violent campaign of repression against all militants, Spanish as well as foreign, who have demonstrated a genuine loyality to the cause of the working class.

It's a Cockeyed World

Headlines a few days ago informed us: "HUGHES SAFE IN MOSCOW." We congratulate Mr. Hughes. Apparently he is the only one who is.

New Workers' Party Springs From SFIO Split

EDITORIAL NOTE. - The following analysis of the newlyreated Workers and Peasants Socialist Party of France, led by Marceau Pivert, and the circumstances which have led to its formation, is reprinted from La Lutte Ouvriere, organ of the Revolutionary ocialist Party of Belgium, section of the Fourth International.

In our opinion it is far more important to dwell on the transtionnaire" (the French Left Wing) on the long and dull debates of the congress of the French social emocracy itself or the clique naneuvers within it. The latter only demonstrate once more the putrescence of reformism and its faithful attachment to an exploiting and murderous imperialism as the proletariat a correct program their political regime. Our readers are already well acquainted with all these things.

First of all, let us examine what nas already passed into historythe further development of this conflict, the discussion of the Federation and finally, the split. 🦸

A Critical Letter

Early in April, the Federal ing the policy of national unity, which greatly displeased the gentlemen "at the top."

The National Conflicts Commis sion (a sort of grievance commit tee) upon request of the Perman-Administrative Committee the executive organ of the arty), took disciplinary action against Pivert and several of his riends, all members of the Bureau and of the "Gauche Revolutionnaire." It suspended them from all offices for from one to three years. Among the evidence used to convict Pivert was a letter he had written to Weitz, the leader of the Autonomous Socialst Youth (formed after the dissolution of the regular youth section of the Seine district some months before, or perhaps it was wo years ago-dissolutions and expulsions in the French social democracy have been so numerous that confusion as to actual dates s quite excusable).

This letter was of especial interest to the prosecution. In it, Marceau Pivert made a sharp attack party. The bureaucrats showed use in the organizations of the tions throughout the provinces. Second International. (Naturally, this does not prevent a certain Jean Maze from writing, in an long background of intellectual tionnaire" on the different problution," a Bolshevik party.

The Federal Council expressed formation of the "Gauche Revolu- its solidarity with the "guilty ones" and retained them in their into an independent party than respective offices. The P.A.C. replied with the dissolution of the i dissident Federation and reorganized the Seine Federation under a

"pure" administration. The bureaucracy, basing itself on purely statutory grounds, proaim in mind: it could no longer national unity, of the destruction of action against the bosses and of the living standards of the working people, of support for the methods of the imperialists. The crisis of the S.F.I.O. was simply a manifestation of the class struggle inside the framework of opposed the Federal Bureau of clashed with the representatives the Seine to the party leadership, of the bourgeoisie and the spokesmen of the labor aristocracy. A Legalistic Battle

But the leadership of the 'Gauche Revolutionnaire" wanted to remain on juridical ground; it sisting on remaining in this organ-Bureau of the Seine addressed a defended the uncontested right of etter to all the federations of federations to correspond with ens the working class. the S.F.I.O. (French Section of one another, and its sole preoccuthe Second International) criticiz- pation was to prepare for the Royan Congress and an appeal to the party. In this manner, the Left said, they threw responsibility for the split on the shoulders of Paul Faure and his clique—as if such responsibility had not already been sufficiently established with the creation of a new federation, the work of the Right Wing tendency grouped around the "Le Socialiste" clubs!

The P.A.C. was entirely satisfied with this attitude of the opposition, which showed such respect for its system of cloaked organizational maneuvers. In the meantime, it did not spare the latter from attacks, against which there was little if any resistance (the Luna Park meeting of the reformist federation from which the militants of the "Gauche Revolutionnaire" were expressly barred) nor from attempts at spreading dissension by refusing admission into its ranks of expelled members of the youth.

Precious time was lost by this opportunist waiting policy which resulted only in the weakening of on the ruling bureaucracy of his the Left Wing. The militants were politically disarmed; they were such a decided interest in this left stranded with the perspective letter that they even failed to of a possible reformation of the revolutionary clarity of Lenin? deny their guilt or complicity in S.F.I.O. It was therefore not surthe rifling of private correspond- prising to find tendencies of hesitence. This fact speaks volumes ation and resistance arising ants Socialist Party in joint acfor the police methods actually in against the new turn in the fac-New Party's Future

lems that are agitating the labor

movement at the present time. The speakers and writers of the 'Gauche Revolutionnaire" have often referred to the Charter of 1905 of the Socialist Party. But from 1905 to 1938 events occurred on which it is impermissible for an organization regarding itself as revolutionary to evade taking a position.

We do not believe that the S.F.

I.O. had to wait for the 1938 split

to cease being "a party of the class struggle and the revolution.' As far back as 1914, it became steeped in the treachery of national unity together with the rest of the Second International. This treachery has been confirmed over and over again subsequently: in the struggle of the social patriotic est government figures, issued fakers against the October Revolution of 1917, against the liberavoked the split with a political tion movements of the proletarians in Germany, Italy, Hungary, well as its inability to propose to tolerate a faction of opponents of Morocco, Indo-China, India, China, etc.; furthermore, by the active aid given to reconsolidation of the capitalist regime, by participation in the governments of the exploiters, by the illusions spread in the working class under the slogans of collective security, League of the origin of the conflict which the party; the progressive wing Nations, disarmament and the "struggle" for democracy.

On more than one occassion the 'Gauche Revolutionnaire' has denounced the failure of the People's Front. That did not prevent the dissolved federation from inization which deceives and weak-

The pacifist formulas and the phrasemongering about general disarmament and peace "guarantees" which fill the pages of its official organ cause us to have grave doubts as to whether it will give the Marxist solution to the foremost problem of our time, that of the coming war.

Finally, it is still questionable which international organization the W.P.S.P. will join. Will it request affiliation to the Second International, that "stinking corpse," or to the amorphous and opportunist "London Bu-

The W.P.S.P. wants to be a "class struggle party." But, if we are to take its name as indication, is not its intention to base itself on two classes, the proletariat and the peasantry? The latter can never have an independent policy, as every Marxist knows. Yet, in order to attract and pull along with it the agricultural workers and the poor peasants, a revolutionary party must jealously guard its working class character. That's what Lenin demonstrated in practice. Will the party progress from

Our French comrades are engaging the Workers and Peastion at the point of production and by means of frank and friendly criticism, are attempting We still do not know what the to clarify the questions agitating program of the Workers and the rank-and-file on the basis of article for the eclectic and neo-Peasants Socialist Party will be. common revolutionary experi-great conservative dailies have radical paper "La Fleche" devoted However, it is not hard to fore- ences. They are thus aiding in ceased to boost the blackshirt to the closing of Parliament, that see. It is enough to examine the the creation of a real "party of our social democracies have a positions of the "Gauche Revolu- the class struggle and the revo-

Mr. Cahan versus Mr. Hillman

An Editorial

The fight over the nomination of the man to fill the unexpired Senatorial term, following the death of Royal Copeland, has revealed an interesting situation in the American Labor Party of New York.

As soon as the nomination race began, a trial balloon was sene up in the press by the leaders of the A.L.P.-without any direct official responsibility being taken for it-in the form of a proposal that the Democratic Party accept as its Senatorial candidate the name of Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and vice-president of

On the heels of this announcement came a statement by Abe Cahan, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward and close associate of the Dubinsky-Waldman wing of the A.L.P., in which the aged social-democrat flatly opposed the nomination of Hillman, among other reasons, on the grounds that he was cooperating too closely with "the communists."

About the same time, Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and prominent leader in the A.L.P., also issued a statement in opposition to Hillman's nomination and in favor of the at present most prominent "official" candidate for the post, Governor Lehman of New York. In this statement, Dubinsky was shortly joined by Luigi Antonini, a vice-president of the International and chairman of the American Labor Party. Whereupon, Alex Rose, secretary of the A.L.P., announced that the Executive Committee of the party had not put forth any nominations as yet and was not responsible for the "rumor" about

Some have pretended to see in the dispute between the two sets of A.L.P. leaders a struggle between a progressive and a conservative wing. Among them are those who look upon the Dubinsky-Cahan position as "more progressive" because it is opposing the Hillman-Stalinist combination, which is notoriously against breaking from the Democratic Party. Others, on the contrary, see the Hillman position as "more progressive" because it proposes a "labor man" for the nomination instead of Lehman.

Neither position has anything to do with the reality. What we actually have is a fight between two bureaucratic cliques, who have no differences in principle whatsoever, and whose very last idea is to allow the membership of the A.L.P. to have a decisive voice in the whole

Dubinsky and Co., who have no use for them right now, simply want to keep the A.L.P. tied to the apron-strings of one gang of capitalist politicians in the Democratic party, namely, the one headed by Lehman, the well-known lover of liberty and progress who recently endeared himself to the unemployed by his proposal to "purge" the relief rolls because the jobless, unlike Mr. Lehman's banker friends, are living off the fat of the land.

Hillman and Co., who do make all the use they can of the servile assistance the Stalinists are so ready to give them, have taken a stand for Hillman's nomination: (1) not because they believe he will be nominated and (2) not because they are opposed to endorsing a capitalist politician on an old party ticket and want a "labor man" instead, but (3) only because they are part and parcel of the other gang in the Democratic Party, namely, the one headed by Roosevelt.

It is no secret that Hillman has conferred on the matter with Roosevelt. It is also no secret that Roosevelt and his clique are opposed to the nomination of Lehman, with whom the Fireside-sitter has had a falling out. Roosevelt hasn't the slightest idea of supporting Hillman as an actual candidate for Senator in the November elections. Hillman is simply put forward for the purpose of spiking the nomination of "My Dear Herbert," so that Roosevelt's real choice—as yet not clearly known—may be able to walk away with the nomination at the coming New York Democratic convention.

Meanwhile, the two groups of party bosses in the A.L.P. are seeking to keep the party a football in the factional fight going on in the Democratic Party. Hardly a noble role they have assigned to the A.L.P.!

Also, it occurs neither to the Hillman-Stalinist gang, nor to its Dubinsky-Cahan partnersin-leadership, to break completely and drastically with the corrupt old capitalist parties. And how could it? All of them are bound by a thousand threads with their allies and bosses in the capitalist camp. The A.L.P., to them, is merely an organization of labor voting-fodder. It is aimed to serve-not for the advancement of the independent interests of the workers, but as bargaining points over the table with the capitalist politicians, and for the promotion of the political careers of the labor bureaucracy.

A final interesting commentary is worth making. In the official resolutions adopted by Hillman's Amalgamated officials, denouncing Abe Cahan and his statement, we find a familiar touch. An innocent by-stander, reading the resolutions with their talk about "playing the game of Hearst" and the Liberty League, etc., etc., might imagine that they were written on the 9th floor of a certain 13th Street building.

A Letter from England

Armaments Alone Boom As Brief Spell of "Prosperity" Passes: C. P. Courts Liberals; Union Bosses Back War Plans

By A. B. ELSBURY _

this democratic country. The lat- port of Conservative M. P.'s! early in June, show a jump in the number of registered unemployed of 382,000 for May over during a month when employment is normally on the upgrade. Neither of the Popular Front papers here, the Stalinist Daily Worker and the liberal Newsment upon in their leading articles of the day.

Armaments Boom Apart from the armament in-

dustry, which is having a boom, other industries show significant figures of decline. British imports have dropped 11.2 per cent, exports 13.4 per cent. Building plans a drop of 20 per cent, Harland and Wolff, a leading shipping firm, showed no profits at all for last year. Railways' gross receipts declined half a million sterling. Rayon has fallen 22.7 per cent. Bad as this picture is, it would have been definitely worse, but for the Japanese attack on China with its resultant lessening of Japanese competition against British goods on the world market. Britain's horror at Japanese aggression is sweetened somewhat by this toothsome tit-bit.

Combined with the huge increase in the unemployed figures which now total over 1% millions s the steadily increasing cost of iving, affecting every article of common necessity. These concealed wage cuts are being supplemented with open wage cuts. In April 330,000 wage earners suffered reductions. Capitalism, whether democratic or fascist, appears almost equally costly for

Tender Toward Fascism

In the field of world politics Great Britain, or rather its ruling class, continues to show a touching tenderness towards the Fascist countries and a somewhat sterner exterior to its democratic allies. Premier Chamberlain has long been known for his bitter class-consciousness and his friendship for Mussolini comes as no shock to revolutionary workers who have followed his career. His position as premier accounts largely for the weakness of the avowed fascist movement in the country. The movement within the country since his appointment.

For largely the same reasons. too, their antagonism to the official trade union movement has abated considerably. The granting of a title to the general secretary of the Trade Union Congress, Sir Walter Citrine, carried with it a significance which every day becomes more apparent. Trade union heads are consulted openly with a view to aiding the armaments program, and they offer their services with alacrity for bulldozing the workers in preparation for the next war in lefense of capitalism.

Chauvinist Bureaucrats

Unfortunately for them, the Amalgamated Engineering Union, the largest union involved in the making of armaments, refused to behave like perfect gentlemen and to "play the game" of their posses, and Citrine's proposal for a joint board of government representatives, employers and unon officials appears, temporarily, to have ben squashed.

This chauvinism of the trade union leaders finds a reflection in the official Labor Party ("His Majesty's Opposition" as it is called in Parliament), which pursues a precisely similar plan of class collaboration. It votes regularly and automatically in support of all the armament measires but advances democratic instead of imperialist reasons for so doing. Its press organ, the Daily Herald, is run for it by a capitalist firm, Odhams, Ltd., which owns half the capital, and s an extremely valuable property. It relies upon the League of Nations and collective security to preserve peace and expelled the Communists during the "left" period of the Communist Party.

To Left of the C.P.

Reactionary as the leadership of the huge Labor Party is, it has well over a million members and is well to the left of the British Communist Party which has now fallen on the neck of the discredited and visibly decaying Liberal Party (the traditional party of British capitalism as opthe feudal and landed interests) area are considering the resoluin the sacred name of the Popu- tion calling for "unqualified suplar Front. The Communist Party port to a general strike ballot." swing towards Liberalism occa- which was adopted at the last sionally over-balances: A Daily delegates' meeting of the stand-Worker leading article on Feb. 24 ard organizations of the Chicago declared that the Parliamentary | and Northwestern Railway.

LONDON, England.—The brief, Labor Party should have softened period of "prosperity" has passed their vote of censure of the govin Great Britain almost before it ernments for its treatment of was noticed by the workers of Eden, so as to secure the sup-

The same story of the political and moral turpitude of the American Stalinists, recounted in the Socialist Appeal, can be repeated the figures of last year-and this of their British brothers; details alone differ, the line is the same. "Fascism is the enemy-Peace the ideal" is the professed program of these ci-devant revolutionaries The world is now di-Chronicle, deemed the news of vided for them as between good sufficient importance to com- capitalists and bad ones; between war-loving ones and peace-loving ones, the British, believe it or not, being included among the last. The theory of the class struggle and the fight for socialism has been consigned to the old lumber room in favor of the Popular Front.

Liberal Come-Back

Only the Liberal Party, which sees in the Popular Front a means of making a come-back on the lines of its French confreres, has accepted the Stalinist proposals. The Labor Party machine-for reactionary and temporary reasons — has cold-shouldered them repeatedly. A recent election, at Aylesbury, deserves examination, although its lessons, as usual, are being wilfully distorted by the Stalinists.

At the previous election in this largely agricultural and therefore backward area, the Conservative had been elected as against his runner-up, a Liberal, who had polled well and a Laborite who had polled badly. On the plea of "unity against Chamberlain" Liberals and Stalinists indulged in a tearing campaign against the official Labor candidate, a worker with Trotskyist leanings, in this new election. The Daily Worker dubbed the Labor candidate " a friend of Chamberlain." 'an agent of Franco" and so forth in the best Stalinist manner. Disregarding the Liberal-Stalinist front he fought the election on a comparatively militant Socialist program and had the satisfaction of more than doubling the labor vote at the expense of the Liberal who came last in the poll. The moral of the election is that the workers will respond to a militant labor policy despite all the red herrings of Popular

Frontism. Workers Are Hoodwinked

Nevertheless it would be incorrect to say that the Popular Front proposals are not gaining ground in the Labor and Co-operative movements. At the recent Co-operative Congress the vote in favor of the "Peace Alliance," the latest alias of the Popular Front, was over two million, though it was defeated by a two-to-one majority. Large sections of the workers, hoodwinked and deluded, actually support the Peace Alliance under the impression that it will ginger up the reactionary heads of the labor movement. The parallel of the troops who shot down the workers in Barcelona in 1936, under the officer-given impression that the workers were anti-republican, seems exceedingly apt.

The current Stalinist trick of switching revolutionary enthusiasm into pro-capitalist channels is, of course, by no means peculiar to Great Britain and the movement exposing it is as yet pitifully weak and divided in relation to the task before it. Three monthly printed journals are issued supporting the Fourth International, Fight, The Militant and the Workers International News, each of them creditable productions and doing good work. At the time of writing, negotiations are proceeding between the Fight and Militant organizations which, if successful, will result in a merger and the likelihood of a fortnightly if not week-

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Iowa Farmers Oppose Rail Cut

Labor and farm organizations in Iowa have gone on record against the proposed 15 per cent railroad wage cut and have declared themselves ready to initiate joint action. The resolution was signed by Wm. H. Jeffries, Order of Railway Conductors, temporary chairman; Al Couch, president, Iowa-Nebraska State Industrial Union Council; A. J. Johnson, State President, Iowa Farmers Union; James W. Soutter, secretary, Trades and Labor Assembly; and Wm. Beebe, president, Des Moines Industrial Unposed to the Conservative Party, ion Council. At the same time, which at first represented mainly railroad unions in the Chicago