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MURDERER OF TROTSKY

Trotsky's Fight Goes On Under The Banner Of The Fourth International

Death Follows **Brutal Attack**

Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution, died in Mexico City on August 21 at 7:30 P. M., victim of a brutal assault by a GPU assassin.

He fought for life for 26 hours after Stalin's hired murderer had driven a pickaxe into his brain.

It was his last battle.

But he did not surrender until he had indicted the monster in the Kremlin as the organizer of his murder. He did not surrender until, in his very last words which he insisted upon dictating before he lost consciousness, he had handed on the banner of the Fourth International to the men and women throughout the world whom he had gathered together in the World Party of Socialist Revolution.

"Please say to our friends," he concluded, "that I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International. Go forward!"

It was characteristic of his great genius that, certain he was dying-immediately after the attack he told Joseph Hansen that "I will not survive this attack"—he devoted his last moments of consciousness to urging forward the activities of the Fourth

Equally characteristic was his conduct as he fell under the mortal blows of the GPU assassin and Trotsky's secretary-guards rushed in, arms in hand, and flung themselves upon the assassin.

"Let him live!" cried Trotsky repeatedly. Not out of kindness! But to assure the possibility that from the assassin might be wrested additional confirmation which would help to damn the Kremlin Cain in the eyes of the working class of the world. The Hand of the GPU

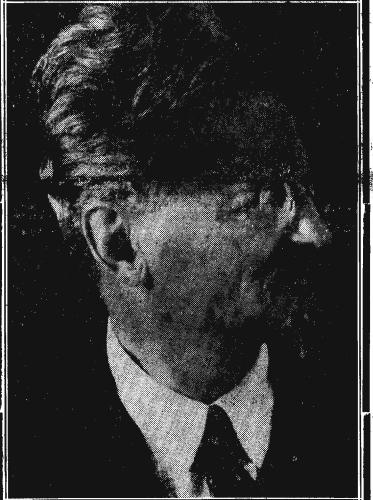
Thanks to Trotsky's dissection of every available bit of evidence, key participants in the May 24 attempt to murder him are now in prison formally charged with that crime, a number of them having confessed their complicity. Having learned from the unfolding of that crime how Stalin's GPU works, the federal police authorities were quick to recognize its trademark in the successful follow-up to the May 24

Col. Leandro Sanchez Salazar, chief of the detective bureau, told reporters yesterday that he is convinced the assassin's real name is Monrod, that he is a Belgian, and that he came to this continent as an agent of the GPU, the Stalinist secret police.

General Jose Nunez, Mexico's chief of police, also said yes-"We are working on the theory that Monrod had accom-

plices and we are making a minute investigation." (Continued on page 3)

Leon Trotsky 1879-1940



Just after he was attacked on the evening of August 20, Trotsky said:

"I will not survive this attack .Stalin has finally accomplished the task he attempted unsuccessfully before."

Later at the hospital, just before he lapsed into the coma from which he never revived, Trotsky called Joseph Hansen to his bedside and dictated his final message:

"I am close to death from the blow of a political assassin . . . Please say to our friends I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International. Go forward."

The Socialist Workers Party is planning to hold the funeral of Leon Trotsky in New York City.

"We plan to hold the funeral here," James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the party announced, "to give the working class of New York an opportunity to show their reverence for the memory of this great leader and their hatred and contempt for Stalinism, the gangster machine that murdered him". Arrangements for the funeral are still in process as we

go to press.

Fight Now As Never Before, Comrades!

Statement Of The National Committee

trasses of the Revolution and the mass muriful the socialist future of humanity. level of the whole heroic generation that Armed with these weapons the appreciaci

Trotsky was murdered in cold blood by an agent of the Kremlin-Borgia. With his last words Trotsky accused Stalin of the crime, and the whole civilized world proclaims him guilty. To all his unspeakable murders and betrayals Stalin has now added the crowning infamy, the assassination of Trotsky.

STALIN'S HORRIBLE MOTIVE CLEAR

The motive of the murder is as clear as the guilt of the murderer: insatiable hatred of the man whose truth and loyalty to the cause of the workers contrasted so sharply to Stalin's own falsifications and treachery; mad thirst for revenge against the fearless and incorruptible fighter who had exposed and pilloried Stalin before the world; ruthless determination to silence the voice of his accuser on the eve of new abominations and betrayals of the working class of Russia and of the world.

Unable to refute the penetrating analyses of Trotsky, or to answer his devastating criticism, Stalin in desperation finally drove a pick-axe through his brain. In the incredibly horrible manner of the murder itself there is contained a deep symbol of its meaning and its motives: he struck at Trotsky's brain!

Stalin has struck a terrible blow at the whole movement for the liberation of humanity. The heaviest disaster that has befallen the workers and all the oppressed, in this time of world calamity, is this destruction of its strongest heart, its greatest brain. The vanguard of progressive humanity is deprived forever of Trotsky's indefatigable labor, his incorruptible devotion. Lost is his wise counsel, the inspiration of his dauntless courage.

TROTSKY'S IDEAS ENDURE AND WILL PREVAIL

But the great fruit of Trotsky's more than forty years of dauntless work and struggle remains imperishable. For Trotsky, who stands on a historical eminence by the side of Marx and Lenin, worked like them not for a day, but for eternity. The richest products of his

Leon Trotsky, organizer of the Russian genius are preserved in his writings. They con-Revolution and its true representative, has stitute both a faultless analysis of the decay finally been done to death by Stalin, the be- of capitalism and a clear program of struggle

of all the world will arise out of the bloody welter of the present society and fight their way to freedom. They have been deprived of the physical presence of Trotsky. But no power on earth can destroy the mighty inheritance he has left behind—the gift of his

incomparable genius to the cause of humanity. Trotsky, conscious that the ring of assassination was drawing ever closer around him, worked indefatigably up to the last hour to add to this inheritance. The last big product of his labor was the Manifesto of the Fourth International on the War and the Proletarian Revolution. This Manifesto constitutes the program and the banner of the impending revolution against the civilization-devouring war and the decaying social system that produced it. No Stalin, no Hitler can destroy that program!

NOT ONLY LEADER BUT ARCHITECT OF REVOLUTION

Comrade Trotsky was not only the teacher of the vanguard of the proletariat. He was also its organizer. He was the architect of the Fourth International, the new international association of revolutionary workers. It is arising on firm foundations in all countries of the world. The Fourth International will be the greatest monument to the memory of Trotsky. It will be the instrument for the final realization of the aim to which he devoted his entire life—the liberation of all humanity from slavery, exploitation and war.

We, his disciples, are overcome with grief at the loss of our beloved teacher, comrade and friend. But we shall not give way to this grief. We shall transmute it into fighting energy. Comrade Trotsky's last testament shall not be forgotten: "Please say to our friends-I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International. Go forward!"

Today we stand with clenched fists at the grave of our martyred leader. Tomorrow we take up the forward march with firmer determination and greater energy. Trotsky is dead! But the party of Trotskyism will live and conquer!

Leon Trotsky Memorial Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 1940

8:00 P. M.

Hotel Diplomat 108 W. 43rd St., N. Y. C. Hear Trotsky's last recorded speech.

James P. Cannon, Farrell Dobbs, Antoinette Konikow, Murry Weiss,

Roosevelt and the leaders of Congress from both parties have surrendered completely to the demands of the armament

That is the plain meaning of the deliberately-misnamed "excess profits bill" which House and Senate committees, with White House approval, are now recommending for enactment

The real purposes of the bill are:

1. To permit the armament companies to deduct from their income, before arriving at the net income on which taxes must be paid, 20% of the cost of new plant or equipment. That means that at the end of five years the companies would have new plants and equipment completely paid off out of the sums received from the government for planes, battleships, etc. They call this pay-off "amortization".

2. To wipe out altogether the profit limitation, embodied in the Vinson-Trammel Act, which limits profits on plane and ship contracts to 8 per cent on competitively bid contracts and 7 per cent on those negotiated privately. Under the "excess profits" bill the sky is the limit!

AFTER deducting the amortization allowance of 20 per cent, and AFTER deducting the "average normal profits" that the companies have been making during the last four years, then the "excess profits" taxes will apply against the

Only from 25 to 40 per cent of this remaining income will be taken by the government by these "excess profits" taxes.

The firm of Dow, Jones-Wall Street's analysts-have figured out what the tax would mean to representative big business firms during their best recent year. U. S. Steel would have netted \$89,000,000 instead of \$95,000,000; United Aircraft a net of \$7,447,000 instead of \$9.375.000; General Motors, \$210,500,000 instead of \$238,500,000 net profits, and

WHEN THIEVES FALL OUT

Senator Clarke gave the show away at a meeting of the House and Senate committees, when he asked Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Sullivan:

"Isn't it a fact that the excess profits feature of this bill is merely sugar-coating to get the public to swallow the amortization feature and the repeal of the Vinson-Trammel Act profit limitation?

"With the President asking for another four or five billion dollars every time he gets back from a week-end trip, \$190,000,000 (the total return on this tax for 1940 expected by Sullivan) is just a drop in the bucket, isn't it?

"It is to convey the impression that we are soaking somebody to pay for this program, when as a matter of fact it is just a drop in the bucket."

Sullivan, of course, evaded the question. And Senator Clark only asked it because he and a bloc of mid-Western senators were putting pressure on the National Defense Commission to locate plants and grant contracts to mid-West States. They got that assurance the next day, and Clark hasn't said a word since!

SABOTAGE SPEEDED THIS BILL

We have also learned a little—the whole story was told in secret sessions of Senate and House committees, but most of it is still suppressed—about the strong-arm methods used by the armament billionaires to speed up their getting this bill.

In order to frighten any slow-moving Congressmen into moving faster for the bill's passage, Secretary of War Stimson last week had to tell part of the truth; that, despite all the money voted by Congress, only 33 planes have been con-

The profiteers simply refused to sign contracts until Congress adopts this infamous bill!

Part of the testimony given at a secret committee hearing by Rear Admiral Furlong, chief of ordnance, has now been revealed. Typical was this telegram from one corporation: "WE PREFER NOT TO OPERATE UNDER VINSON ACT.

Do we have to underline what this means? The government can conscript tens of millions of young workers and send them to their death. The workers can't say "No". But the profiteers can say No to government contracts guaranteeing them & per cent profit! Why can they do that? Because the government is THEIRS.

All talk of taxing "excess profits" is a fraud and a de-

lusion. There is no such thing. The only method that would mean anything would be to

CONFISCATE ALL PROFITS FROM ARMAMENTS.

But the armament kings would answer that, as they have already answered any attempt to limit their profits, by refusing to take government contracts.

That's why there is only one program in this matter which the workers can support:

Expropriate the armament industries! Take them away from the profiteers!

Let ownership of these industries henceforth be vested in the state, with workers' committees controlling the wages and working conditions!

That's the only way to deal with these bloodsuckers!

THE WAR DEPARTMENT'S "PROMISE"

The people of this country hate and fear the spectacle of capitalists in control of the armament industry and in a position to charge all the traffic will bear.

That's why, in an effort to soothe the feelings of the people, Assistant Secretary of War Patterson announced on August 7 that "one of the major goals of the defense program" is "a permanent munitions industry, owned largely by the Federal government".

It turns cut that this is a promise to be carried out only in time for "future crises". For the present, even those plants built by government funds-60 of them-are to be turned over to private corporations on lease, to be run, of course, for profit.

In other words, the War Department's promise of government ownership of the munitions industries is a fraud.

But that's what the people want—to take away the armament plants from the capitalists.

Expropriate the munitions industries!

There's Only One Way To Stop The May Bill Pretends to Protect Ho Of Conscripts---But Does Not May Bill Pretends to Protect Homes

Conscript's Family As Unprotected As

Without This Bill The gentlemen in Washington ave been getting reports from their home towns indicating that he conscription Bill in its present form is not quite palatable. The heads of families, especially, who have such obligations as rent leases, payments on a car, insurance policies, taxes on real estate etc., cannot see how the proposed army pay of \$21 or even \$30 a month would enable them to meet hese expenses. Quite naturally. ense, are taken from their famivict their families for non-pay ment of rent, the finance companies take away their cars, the insurance companies lapse policies, or the tax collector confiscates their homes for non-payment of

In an effort to pour oil on these troubled waters, a bill, proposed by the War Department, has been introduced in the House by Chairman May of the House Military Committee.

The association of this reactionary's name should make workers look on this piece of legislation with a fishy eye. And, indeed, this is one of the crassest attempts to hoodwink the work-

WHAT IT "GIVES" Under the terms of this bill, the conscript would be assured: (1) That for three months his landlord could not evict his wife and children from his home, giving them time to move into cheaper quarters. But: THE UN-PAID RENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE GOOD WHEN THE CONSCRIPT FINISHES HIS ARMY SERVICE! This means that when you return home, you will have to pay double rent immediately; the current rent each month plus the back rent you owe. This, of course, will be very easy when you join the ranks of the unemployed after release 'rom the army . .

MAYBE YES, MAYBE NO (2) That the finance company could not seize his car for nonpayment of the installments, EXalready made-or part of them- dence. in order to regain possession of the car, or make 'such other disposition of the case as may be . . Please note: the equitable' court MIGHT . . . or then again, by inference, it MIGHT NOT! (3) That his insurance policy would not lapse for non payment of premiums, but would remain program, is even more significant in force, up t o\$5000, face value. than was at first assumed. Aside Green's declaration concerning from under the Lewis machine.

After he got out of the army, he premium WITHIN ONE YEAR, to keep the policy in effect. This means that when you return home you will have twice the normal insurance expense during the first direction of AFL-CIO unity, vear, or else your policy will law had not been written.

TAXES PILE UP (4) That if he failed to pay

gardless of whether or not you tax collector get theirs first! can return to your job, you have KIDDING US ALONG to pay the back taxes on your by the tax collector.

became due, the tax collector the service man's pay toward the finance company cannot take could not sell his property, but obligations he left at home. In- away their car, that their insurwould wait until he left the mili-stead of being able to send the ance will remain in effect, and tary service, when THE TAX measly \$21. to your wife and fam- that their homes cannot be sold WOULD BE DUE WITH INTER- ily, the government could see to by 'the tax collector while they EST AT 6 PER CENT. In other it that your landlord, insurance are in the army. words, when you return home, re- company, finance company, and

These are just some of the vihome immediately, plus 6% in clous provisions of this bill. It This is no help to the conscripts. terest, or your home can be sold is a gigantic fraud meant to delude the prospective conscripts The bill also provides that in into a false sense of security. most cases the government would They will be told that their fam- companies, the landlords, and the be authorized to deduct part of liles cannot be evicted, that the government tax department!

For their own protection, workers must expose this plan in their unions and mass organizations. ests of the finance and insurance

they do not consider it fair and equitable that they, in the name of Patriotism and National De- JACK MALONEY AND LOU MILLER tes and allowed only \$30 a month to send home, while the landlords BEGIN FEDERAL PRISON TERMS

Lou Miller Writes Inspiring Letter To Farrell Dobbs

SIOUX CITY, Ia .- Jack Maloney, organizer of the Drivers Union of this city, and Lou Miller, member of Drivers Local 554 of Omaha, entered federal prisons last week. The other five union iail, where they are awaiting commitment papers.

Jack Maloney was committed to Sandstone prison in Minnesota. and Lou Miller to Leavenworth

The Eighth Circuit Court of Ap-

in 1938. The "G-men", under spebuilt up a charge of allegedly

Lou Miller, when word came that the appeals court had refused to review the case, sent the folorganizers are still in the county lowing letter to Farrell Dobbs: Dear Farrell

> This is the last letter I shall be able to write you as a free man for some time.

I do, however, take this oppor tunity to express my sincere appeals, sitting in St. Paul, recently preciation of the financial assistdenied the appeal of the seven ance and moral support you and union'sts from a conviction which your organization have given me was the result of a frame-up end during the past several months gineered by the Federal Bureau in my efforts to secure justice of Investigation as an aftermath in the high tribunals of this land. of a drivers' strike in Sioux City As you know, a decision has

Sidney Hillman Working With Green For "Unity"

AFL's About-Face on Smith Amendments May Be Part of Deal With Roosevelt

Indications that considerable | Green regarding the Smith of the government's National De- tee this week. fense Advisory Commission, in payment of the installments, EX. his efforts to secure AFI COCEPT BY COURT ACTION: The peace in line with the defended court might order the finance program of the Roosevelt admin company to return the payments, istration, are increasing in evi-

According to well-informed week that the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department will be recognized as the sole labor representative on all construcfrom béing a direct slap in the the Smith Amendments as signi artificially fostered CIO-Constructee this move is now considered

taxes on real estate when they about-face pronounced by William arising out of national defense stands.

headway has been made by Sid- Amendments to the Wagner Act, ney Hillman, Labor Coordinator before the Senate Labor Commit-

Well-Informed Comment

"A survey of labor and personnel executive opinion yesterday

would have to pay up the back face at John L. Lewis and his ficant in this light, and continues:

cial orders from Washington, step- final and under these circumped into a local situation, and stances there is nothing left for me to do but take the consequence damaging a truck into a federal I want you to know that in spite of the verdict which has declared me guilty. I shall serve time as a free man, in thought. I have at all times tried to play

been made which seems to be

the game as a true unionist, fight ing for those principles which every true union man has in his heart. I do not intend that this letter should in any sense be an obituary, rather I want to arous the union consciousness of every

working man and woman. Let the injustice which has be fallen me serve as a warning to every ardent unionist to guard against the pitfalls and dangers which may be in his fight for economic freedom. I should then feel that the price which I have been called upon to pay will not nave been paid in vain.

Remember me as one making a plea for continued organization, continued courageous leadership and continued fight for justice in the Fraternity of Labor.

exigencies which the Administration and labor observers at first feared might aggravate matters between the two factions." Hillman's Game

In other words, Hillman is apcreating the presequisites for a According to a special article "labor peace" under the auspices in the usually well-informed New of Roosevelt's defense program. York Journal of Commerce of Au- What forms this will take or how rapidly it will be culminated is not as yet predictable.

John L. Lewis and his machine sources the announcement last indicated a wide-spread belief in the CIO-which is opposed to that less antagon'sm is apparent the peace program of Hillman for between the AFL and the CIO purely opportunist reasons-still currently than at any time since remain a formidable obstacle John L. Lewis broke away from But such moves as these two recition work under the government the parent labor organization." procating actions by Hillman and The Journal then points to Green cannot help but cut ground

Aircraft Unionization

Attacked In Advance!

Congressman Martin Dies announces from Los Angles that he has "uncovered a plot to bring about a general strike in South- of these boys did not know when ern California aircraft factories.' His statement comes on the heels of the decision by the St. Louis convention of the United Auto Workers (CIO) to launch a largescale organization drive in the the boys to do a little strikeaircraft industry.

The aircraft CORPORATIONS for social entertainment and a bit have been conducting a general of spending money. strike against the acceptance of government contracts for airplane Green's New Stand On construction. They demand tax Wagner Act Changes credits to assure themselves of super-profits from the armament versive activity" among the work-

He has found seven finks in the political "friends" of the CIO the Senate. (Dies is only the first to speak) are thus preparing to give heavy support to the aircraft corporations in their opposition to the union's campaign.

The UAW leaders will have to nuster more guts than they have displayed in the Ford campaign if the organization drive in the aircraft industry is to succeed.

FBI Fingerprint Drive Intensified

The FBI already has many acres of finger-print files in Washington. They have long conducted an "educational campaigh" to obtain prints wherever and whenever they could. Lately, this tensified and it is beginning to bear more fruit.

WPA employees working in Army and Navy posts and on "other national defense projects" must parently well on his way towards have their prints taken. Forty WPA workers on a New York City-sponsored project to "prepare for any war-emergency-that-may confront the city" have also been finger-printeð.

The New York City police department has laid down new regulations requiring the finger-printing of night club employees. The unions are fighting this order.

How They Recruited National Guardsmen

Representative Massingale bring the official labor movement gue in the House debate on the "The immediate cause of the under his pro-war wing, Roosevelt National Guard bill. He told how National Defense Committee, has tion Workers Organizing Commit- AFL's sudden loss of enthusiasm is preparing the ground by man- the chambers of commerce in arranged for the AFL to have for the Wagner Act amendments euvers and horse-trades inside of Oklahoma had urged enlistment jurisdiction over construction as a more concrete step in the apparently was the assurance its ranks. To achieve this end by high school students and that work under the armament proagainst CIO raids on AFL craft he could not have chosen a bet- the National Guard in many in- gram. Hillman has denied this It is pointed out that shortly unions provided by machinery set ter agent than Sidney Hillman. stances furnished the best social report, but the AFL continues to lapse just the same as though this after that announcement, another up recently by the National De- As the recent events indicate, Hill- entertainment for youth. He add- insist that it is a fact. sensational development in the fense Commission . . . The les- man is doing a good job-for ed that the students also wanted If the AFL-Hillman horserelations between the two labor sening of tension between the Roosevelt and for the imperialist a little spending money. Since trade is a reality it will introfederations was revealed in the AFL and CIO paradoxically is politics for which the latter they had enlisted only to have a duce a series of new factors into good time socially and to get a the question of AFL-CIO unity.

little pocket money, Massingale felt that it was unfair to sent them into military service outside the United States.

The good Congressman failed to inform his costituents that most they enlisted that they would be used as scabherders, as they were recently when the oil workers went on strike. It seems that he doesn't think it unfair to ask breaking now and then in return

AFL Président Green, appéarprogram. Dies isn't the least bit ing before the Senate Labor Comworked up about this open-fisted mittee to testify on the bill to grab by the corporations, but he revise the National Labor Relas always quick to suspicion "sub- tions Act, altered the stand he previously took before the House Committee regarding some of the provisions. The Senate Commitplants who describe "the (strike) | tee reports Green now says that scheme as having a double object he acquiesced in the amendments tive crippling the national de- while they were in the House with fense program and hindering the idea that those unacceptable American aid to Britain." The to the AFL could be altered in

If this is the case, it must be said that Green is guilty of criminal negligence toward his duties as a representative of the AFL workers. The workers get little enough consideration from Congress under the best of circumstances. When all Green's criticisms of the amendments past and present, are added up, he still hasn't got much of a position. The AFL has been so anxious to strike a blow at the CIO through amendments to the National Labor Relations Act that they have blinded themselves to the dangers of the situation they are creating. The National Association of Manufacturers is stepping in with the idea of emascucampaign has been vigorously in- lating the Act in such a way that the amendments will prove a boomerang against the AFL as well as an injury to the CIO.

But even taking the AFL program for what it is worth, this action by Green means that he abandoned an important field of battle without firing a shot and thus weakened the fighting power of the AFL on this question by more than 50%.

We aren't convinced that Green told the whole story when he gave the Senate Committee this reason for his change in attitude. It has the earmarks of part of a horsetrade with Sidney Hillman, CIO vice president, who is rapidly drifting into open conflict with of John L. Lewis. A second factor is the report that Hillman as the "labor coordinating expert on the

Labor Needs Own 'Home Defense' Guards!

Congress is authorizing the President to call out the National Guard for military duty anywhere in the western hemisphere. This Act further concentrates the war-making power in the will of the Chief Executive, after the fashion of totalitarian states, by converting forces, hitherto exclusively reserved for service at home, into an instrument available for military intervention on at least three continents.

There has been almost no attention given to a companion move of even greater importance to organized labor. This is the administration's scheme to mobilize regiments of "Home Defense" Guards to replace the National Guard as soon as the latter enters active service. These plans, already well under way, constitute the most direct threat to the labor movement.

In order to grasp the full meaning of this proposal, it is necessary to understand the role of the National Guard. It was established as a consequence of the great strikes which marked the repirth of the labor movement during the 1870's. The railroad and other workers displayed so much militant power in these strikes that the bosses were thrown into panic. They required a reliable armed agency of the state to supplement their private Pinkertons and strikebreakers.

Imposing armories were built in the midst of the largest cities as drill-halls and fortresses for these watchdogs of the bosses.

Since that time the National Guard has served its masters well as a Pretorian Guard. Whenever the workers could not be dealt with by "normal" strikebreaking and terrorist methods, the Governors, as the executives of capitalist class rule, have been prevailed upon to call out the National Guard and place them at the disposal of the

bosses. Without going back further than the past six years, every worker will remember how the National Guard was used to intimidate or break up union picket lines in the Minneapolis teamster and the national steel, textile, and auto

Their Main Enemy At Home

The capitalist rulers of the United States are getting ready to wage a twofold struggle against two different kinds of enemies at the same time.

They must have trained troops in large numbers to fight against their imperialist rivals and to regulate the affairs of colonial countries. But the capitalists, who guide themselves by the rule: "the main enemy is in our own country", are also taking administrative and military measures to carry forward their war against the workers at home.

The absorption of the National Guard into the Regular Armý leaves a gap in their "domestic" defenses that local and state police can't fill. Therefore the President, War Department and Governors are promoting the organization of "Home Defense" units.

It is extremely significant to note that in his statements to the public Roosevelt did not explain what the "Home Defense" regiments were to defend and against whom. And no capitalist paper was rash enough to ask embarassing questions which might give the game away.

Incredible tales of shooting parachutists and ferreting out saboteurs and fifth-columnists had to be invented to show the necessity of Home Guards. But, it may be asked, why whole regiments of such guards in every community from the heart of the Middle West to the Atlantic

and the Pacific? Where is the enemy in our midst so strong as to require such forces to meet

The answer is obvious to any worker who will reflect a moment about the matter. These Home Guards are being trained, not to protect the mass of people against foreign invaders, individual saboteurs, or isolated enemy agents, but to protect the capitalist minority and to keep down the workers.

Anti-Labor Groups As Guards

This is evident in the way the government has chosen to organize the Home Guards. According to the President's plans, these corps will be built up around World War veterans through such bodies as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In most communities these veterans' posts are the mainstay of the most reactionary elements. They are controlled by hardshell small businessmen and loud-mouthed, fat-bellied peanut politicians who snap to attention at the commands of bigger bosses. They have formed the nucleus of vigilante committees in all parts of the country from the agricultural valleys of California to the Ohio steel districts.

The War Department has vested the direction of the Home Guard movement in the hands of these fascist-minded organizations as a matter of careful calculation and capitalist policy. If you have heard or read the speeches of the Mayors, the Chamber of Commerce heads, and the Legion Commanders at the meetings now being held to organize these Guards, you can instantly detect their anti-labor, anti-democratic, and Ku-Klux

During and after the last war, similar Home Guard units were instrumental in leading armed mobs against "labor agitators". Their formation today will place in every community a body of armed men available again to act against the workers whenever the bosses see fit to unleash

What must the workers do about this potential menace?

For Union Defense Guards!

It is important to point out, first of all, that such a situation underlines the absolute necessity for the workers to have their own political organization. If the trade unions possessed their own local, state, and national Labor Party and candidates, they could either vote them into office or be prepared in political debate to expose in time the anti-labor tendency of these Home Guards. In either case, the possibility of these Home Guards getting out of hand could be considerably curbed.

Aside from their own independent political action, however, the trade unions have a way to prepare their defense against possible attack by forming their own Union Defense Guard units.

Workers' organizations are entitled to the same rights and privileges as veterans' organizations. Instead of allowing the Legionaires to monopolize the defense movement, every trade union ought to set about to form Union Defense Guards. They should demand of the government the necessary equipment, training camps, and technical assistance.

Labor's answer to the War-Department's drive to organize Legionaire-sponsored Home Guards should be: Labor Defense Guards under trade-union supervision and control.

Leon Trotsky Lives On In Our Program; Ours Is Now The Task To Fight For Its Realization

Death Follows Brutal Attack

Assassin Says "They" Had Threatened To Kill His Mother If He Failed

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After reporting Monrod's first alibi, that the attack came in the midst of a political quarrel, Nunez dismissed it by saying: "He premeditated the attack on Trotsky, for he went to Trotsky's home with the pick concealed under his raincoat and also carrying a revolver and a poniard (dagger)."

Other Methods Failed

Stalin's GPU undoubtedly resorted to the desperate device of compelling one of its creatures to kill Trotsky without much chance of the assailant escaping, when it became clear that a repetition of the May 24 attempt could not succeed. All weak chinks in the fortifications of the house had been taken care of since May 24. Even an army could succeed only by laying long siege. Hence the method used by Monrod.

The limitless power of the GPU over its creatures was indicated when the assassin cried out, as the guards seized him after the attack:

"They made me do it. Otherwise they would have killed my

No amount of questioning afterward would get him to reveal the whereabouts of his mother. He had recovered his poise and proceeded to act out the part assigned him by the GPU.

To justify Stalin's crime, he had been instructed to say that he "broke with Trotsky" when the latter asked him to go to Russia to commit "acts of sabotage." A thoroughly preposterous alibi, for every person with the slightest understanding of Marxist politics knows that such methods are alien to Trotsky and the Fourth International. But Stalin's arsenal is reduced to such flimsy arguments—and to the assassin's weapon.

Was Long Prepared

Undoubtedly but one of many plots simultaneously being carried forward by the GPU against Trotsky's life, this one had been even longer in preparation than the May 24 attempt. In the latter, participants confessed, direct preparations began some five months before the attempt. In the final attempt, preparations began as long as two years ago.

It was then that Jacques Monrod managed an introduction in Paris to some Americans visiting there who had connections with the Trotskyist movement. He played the oldest game of all: pretended attachment to a girl. He followed her to the United States, arriving here shortly after the outbreak of the war. He himself was careful not to come in direct contact in the United States with the organized Trotskyist movement. He reserved all his chances of escaping detection for one try in Mexico.

There, through his American wife, he secured the opportunity to become acquainted with the Trotsky household by occasional visits. Undoubtedly the information he gathered made figure in the history of man's tions; he defended his theory in of the Communist Party of the easier the work of the assassins' band of May 24. When that struggle for liberation, Stalin and the newspaper Nachalo, the cenfailed Monrod was compelled by his superiors in the GPU to his journalistic and professional tral organ of the Menshevik fac- of the Council of People's Comdo the job himself.

Came With Weapons

With his weapons concealed under his clothes, he went to the house Tuesday at about 5:30 p.m. He met Trotsky in the patio near the chicken yard, where he told Trotsky he had written an article on which he wished advice.

Trotsky then invited Jackson into his study but without previously notifying his secretaries. The first indication of something wrong was the sound of terrible cries and a violent struggle a teacher. in Trotsky's study. The two secretary-guards who were closest immediately left their posts and rushed to the dining room next to Trotsky's study.

Here they met Trotsky coming from his study with blood streaming from his face. One of the guards-Joe Hansen-immediately overpowered the assassin, felling him with a blow. The other, Harold Robbins, helped Trotsky to recline on the floor of the dining room.

Apparently the assassin had hoped that Trotsky would drop unconscious under the first blow from behind with the pick-axe. Instead Trotsky had struggled as he received repeated blows on his head and throat.

Trotsky thought that first blow had been a bullet. As he lay on the floor he told Joe Hansen: "Jackson shot me with a 1898 exiled to Siberia; soon after revolver. I am seriously wounded. I feel that this time it is the escaped abroad and participated went to the United States. On

Joe Hansen tried to convince him that it was only a surface wound and that it could not have been a revolver. Trotsky would not be convinced. "No," he told Joe, "I feel here (pointing to his heart) that this time they succeeded."

His Final Concern

But not on that fact did Trotsky dwell in those last minutes of consciousness left to him. Not on Stalin's success in murdering him, but on what must now be done by those whom he called upon to carry on the banner of the Fourth International.

At the hospital he asked Joe Hansen if he had a notebook so that he could jot down precisely a declaration. Two things were in it. The indictment: "I am close to death from the blow of a political assassin." And the conclusion: "Please say to our friends—I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International.

That was just before he lost consciousness. When he did, he never regained it. Thereby his declaration became his last words.

We can be sure that he would have wished it that way. If there were to be no more words, then let the last ones be the words of a fighter exhorting those who come after to continue the fight. For that was Leon Trotsky.

Farewell, Leon Trotsky

There are no words in which we can say our farewell to Leon Trotsky, man and revolutionist.

But we reproduce here the words Trotsky found to say on the day he learned of the death of Lenin in 1924, a day of loss equalled in irreplaceability only by the day the terrible words: "Trotsky is dead" crashed in their turn upon us.

The names of Lenin and Trotsky are inseparably associated in the history of the great October Revolution. Today the words of farewell penned by the one are the words of our farewell to the other.

"Lenin is no more." These words crashed upon our intelligence like a gigantic rock falling into the sea. How can we believe it, how can we admit it? The mind of the workers of the whole world will refuse to accept this fact, for their enemies are powerful and dangerous, the road before them long and painful, the task they have undertaken immense-the greatest that history has ever known, and not yet completed. Lenin is necessary to the working classes of the world as perhaps never in the history of humanity has a man been

The second phase of his illness, more serious than the first, had lasted for ten months. In the bitter expression of the doctors, the organs of circulation were "playt, ing" all the time. It was a terrible game, with the life of Ilyich as plaything. We had reason to expect an improvement, and even complete restoration, as much as we could a catastrophe. All of us were expecting recovery, but it was the catastrophe which supervened. The nerve centers controlling his respiration refused to serve any longer and extinguished the flame of that titanic

And now Ilyich is no more. The party is an orphan. The working class is an orphan. That is what one feels before everything else, on learning of the death of him who was our teacher and our guide. How can we go forward along our path, comrades? Shall we not wander now that Lenin is no longer with us? No. Leninism remains. Lenin is immortal in his doctrine. his work, his method, his example which live in us, which live in the party he created, and in the first workers state of which he was the head and the helmsman.

Our grief is as immense as our loss; but let us lend a thanks to history for allowing us to be born as contemporaries of Lenin and permitting us to work by his side and be his disciples. Our party is Leninism in action; our party is the collective guide of the workers; everyone of us contains something in him of Lenin. How shall we march forward in our path? With the light of Leninism in our hand. Shall we find the true road? By collective thought and the collective will we shall

Tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, next week, in a month's time, we shall still be saying to ourselves that it is impossible that Lenin is no more. Yes, his death will for long still seem to us unbelievable, inadmissable, monstrous, arbitrary, unnatural. Let the wound which opened in the heart of everyone of us, at the memory of the great man who has disappeared, recall constantly to us that our responsibility has been doubled, let us be worthy of him who taught us. In our mourning let us close our ranks and hearts for new combats. Comrades, Lenin is no longer with us. Farewell, Ilyich, Farewell, leader.

The Biography Of Trotsky Is Part Of World History

written into the history of nearly Mensheviks. Even prior to the the insurrection', but was shortly 50 years filled with world-trans- revolution, in 1905, he advanced freed through pressure from the forming events. The story of his his own and today particularly Petersburg proletariat. After the life is part and parcel of the noteworthy theory of the perma Petersburg Soviet went over to story of the three Russian revolu- nent revolution, in which he astions in 1905 and 1917 and of the served that the bourgeois revolu- Chairman and in this capacity tremendous events that have since tion of 1905 must pass directly he organized and led the insur-

Trotsky who has now entered into memory as well as into history gether with the Executive Comwill tower still higher as the mittee on December 3, 1905, he 22. He formed the Left Opposies everywhere the revolutionary lessons of which he was so great

Lenin's Summary

answers to all the lies and falsithe revolution.

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hacks tried with total lack of tion published during Novembersuccess to weave a web of lies and December, 1905, in Petersburg. falsifications. The living Trotsky After the arrest of Khrustalovtowered ever far above his mis- Nussar, he was elected Chairman erable would be traducers. The of the First Petersburg Soviet of Workers' Deputies. Arrested toheavy pressure of events bring was sent into life exile to Ob- tion to fight Stalin in 1923. He home to greater and greater mass- dorsk, but escaped en route and emigratéd abroad.

Joins Bolsheviks

"Trotsky chose Vienna to live in, and there he issued a popular A succinct summary of Trotsky's labor newspaper, Pravda, to be political biography appeared as a circulated in Russia. He broke note to the first edition of Lenin's with the Mensheviks and attempt-Collected Works, in Volume XIV, ed to form a group outside of all part 2, pp. 481-482, published by factions; however, during the facthe State Publishing House in tional struggle abroad he made Moscow in 1921. Here in these a block with the Mensheviks and few lines, edited under the sharp the Vyperod group against the eye of Lenin himself, were the block between Lenin and Plekhanov who fought the liquidators fications concocted in later years From the very beginning of the by the usurpers and betrayers of imperialist war he took a clearcut internationalist position, par-"L. D. Trotsky, born 1881 ticipated in the publication of (1879), active in the workers' cir- | Nashe Slovo, in Paris, and adher-

"Deported from France, he in the Iskra. Delegate from the his return from there after the Siberian League at the Second February Revolution, he was ar-Congress of the Party. After the rested by the government of Ker-

The life of Leon Trotsky is split in the Party, adhered to the easky and indicted for leading the Bolsheviks, he was elected into the socialist revolution, being rection of October 25. Standing Around the life of this titanic the first of the national revolu- member of the Central Committee missars; Commissar of Foreign Affairs up to the signing of the Brest Treaty, then People's Commissar of War."

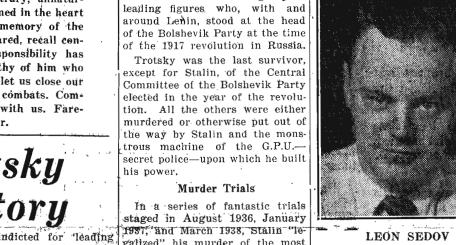
As Commissar of War, Trotsky organized and led the Red Army to victory in the Civil War, 1918was expelled from the party by Stalin in 1927 and exiled to Alma Ata in 1928 and to Turkey in 1929. Then his odyssey led him to France in 1933, to Norway in 1935, and to Mexico in 1936. And in Mexico, in 1940, Stalin's assassin's finally took his life.

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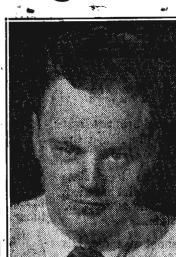
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prominent of Lenin's collaborators, among them Gregory Zinoviev, Nikolai Bukharin, L. B. Ka-Christian Rakovsky, Simultaneously in continuous purges the details of which were rarely made of thousands of the best militants sure, refused to investigate. of the revolutionary generation of Trotsky himself was hounded from the Seine. the Bolshevik Party. In addition out of refuge in France and again minions whom he feared were added to the list of those struck The entire general staff down. of the Red Army and Navy, the entire industrial and trade administration of the Soviet State. the governments of the various Soviet Republics, and literally thousands of officers and officials were swept into the darkness of GPU dungeons, never again to

Stalin had made the "mistake" permitting Trotsky himself leave the country in 1928. In the years before Stalin's assassins finally reached the exiled leader, Stalin satisfied his vengeful lust by hounding the members of Trotsky's family to their deaths, one after another.

Family Destroyed

Trotsky's daughter, Nina, denilosis in Moscow in June, 1928. Her sister Zinaida was driven by of poisoning workers wholesale,



and disappeared. Trotsky's last son, Leon Sedov, his friend and co-worker, died suddenly in a menev, Rykov, Pyatakov, and Paris hospital on Feb. 15, 1938, under suspicious circumstances

and public pressure of the Krem-Mexico, Stalin's political hirelings tried to force his expulsion again but failed. His gunmen therefore took up the pursuit. On May 24 this year a band of Stalin's gunmen stormed the Trotsky home and sprayed his bedroom with machine gun bullets. He and his companion Nathalia escaped as by a miracle.

would soon come and despite all do away with Trotskism. the precautions it did come with the fatal results we know. Only Nathalia is left now for Stalin's

Other Murders

Stalin's use of hired assassing has not been by any means con fined to Trotsky alone. Outside of the Soviet Union during the last ed medical care, died of tubercu- four years Stalin's GPU has carried out a whole series of political murders and kidnappings of revopersecution of her father and her- lutionary militants of the Fourth self to take her own life in Ber | International and of other seclin in January, 1933. Their broth- tions of the labor movement which er Sergei, who shunned politics opposed the designs of Stalin. In and contented himself with the Spain Stalin's GPU gunmen fastlife of a scientific worker, was ened themselves like leeches to arrested by Stalin in 1937, accused the struggling body of the Spanish revolution and drew the blood



Leon Trotsky and his lifelong comrade and companion, Natalia Sedov Trotsky

Form Long Roll Now bieri, anarchists, Andres Nin, of the POUM, Marc Rein, son of the Second International leader Abramovich, Kurt Landau, Austrian militant, adorn this roster. Moulin, leader of the Spanish Fourth

> er secretary to Trotsky, was kidnapped in Barcelona in September, that same year, and has never been heard from since.

> Internationalists, was done away

with in 1937. Irwin Wolf, form-

Reiss and Klement In 1937 Ignace Reiss, a GPU foreign agent, broke with Stalin, zed with the Fourth International. On Sept. 4, 1937, his bulletriddled body was thrown from a car near Lausanne. Switzerland. Swiss and French bolice later established the guilt of known GPU assassins, one of whom, Rossi, later went to Mexico.

August Klement, secretary of the Fourth International, was which pointed to the GPU. The kidnapped in Paris on July 13. 1938. Two weeks later his headless and legless body was fished

To this list Stalin in May this Harte, the young guard brutally murdered at the time of the unsuccessful assault on Trotsky's home. And now, his crowning achievement, the name of Trotsky

But all the blood shed by this super-Mafia has not succeeded and will not succeed in exorcising the specter that still haunts the Kremlin and the cowering dictator who lives there. He has done Trotsky predicted a new attempt away with Trotsky. He cannot

DRAFTED MEN KEEP SENIORITY UNDER NEW CONTRACT

ST. PAUL, Minn.-Warehouse Employees Union members will retain their seniority standing and receive leaves of absence from their jobs for the duration of their military service, it was established in a rider which the union insisted on adding to the general contract just signed with the emoloyers' committee.

The union, an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of reamsters, recognized that during the last war the teturning soldiers were thrown into the streets jobless, and this time they are determined that they will have jobs when they get back.

The union has gone on record several times against the war, calling it a commercial and economic one, and calling on the workers everywhere to fight against the war because it does not benefit the workers. By adding this rider to the contract, the union does not sanction the war. It simply recognizes that the war may soon involve the American workers, and the workers should be protected as best possible.

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Goodbye, Old Man

Leon Trotsky shone that rare and brilliant light of genius that from time to time illuminates the somber vista of human struggle.

As organizer, warrior, writer, he long since joined that small band of immortals who have led, each in his own time and sphere, the advance of striving men toward a better estate.

Trotsky the revolutionist cannot ever die. His life of devotion and leadership in the fight for human emancipation shall remain forever an example, an inspiration and an endless source of instruction. His written works fill scores of volumes. and with those of Marx, Engels, and Lenin, constitute a veritable encyclopedia of revolution, its history, its lessons, its program.

But Trotsky the man has, indeed, left us forever. The quality of his genius is left to us in tangibles that we know and can touch and can use and can pass on to those who shall follow us in What a novelist was lost to literature, sighed many the path of struggle for the world socialist revolution. But the quality of his manhood is bound to become more elusive, as those that knew him and worked by his side in their turn disappear from the scene and their knowledge of him gives way to inevitable legend.

For who in the distant tomorrow will be able to evoke that glinting spark with which Leon Trotsky ignited the hearts of millions of men? Books will tell of his deeds and men will know what he did but they will never grasp the living, breathing reality of the man he was.

He was a man of his age who comprehended within the breadth of his intelligence and his vision all that his age offered, of literature, of science, of art, and of strife. From his towering height he could look down upon his enemies and traducers with the thorough understanding that his superior vision of the future afforded him.

But all his powers of hand, heart, mind, and muscle, were planted firmly among the conflicts and aspirations of men whose cause was his. Nothing, indeed, in men, was alien to him. His loyalty to them was comparable only to the loyalty he inspired in them.

He was no paragon, our Old Man, as we for so long affectionately called him. He had his own quota of faults, else he could never so well have understood the failings of others, even though he seldom sympathized with them. But these were the tiny things in him that enabled us to recognize in him a kindred manhood.

In all the personal qualities important in a man, honesty, conviction, fearlessness, utter lack of cant, loyalty, Trotsky the human being was the equal of Trotsky the organizer, the warrior, the fighter with pen and sword. Not the least of the qualities he leaves as something real in the memories of those who knew him was his scrupulous regard for the total equality of women with men and his understanding of the relationship between women and men exemplified in the perfect love and comradeship of his 40 years of life with Na-

This was Trotsky the man we shall also remember with ever re-kindling warmth as in the times that lay ahead we fight on for the world socialist revolution symbolized for so long and so completely by Trotsky, the revolutionist.

Goodby, Old Man.

Natalia

Natalia Sedov Trotsky shares with us and with the workers of the entire world the loss of a great leader. But non can share with Natalia Sedov the loss of Trotsky the man, the companion, the comrade, the friend of nearly 40 years.

She stood by Trotsky's side in the years of exile, the years of war, of revolutionary triumph, and on into the final decade of exile, of hardships, persecutions.

She bore Trotsky two sons. These too she lost to the vengeful lust of the monster in the Kremlin. Sergei, a scientific worker, was swallowed in 1937 into the maw of the GPU in the Soviet Union, Leon Sedov, devoted collaborator of his father, met in a Paris hospital in 1938 a death in which the hand of the GPU was plainly discernible. Only Seva, a young grandson, survives with her.

When Stalin's assassins stormed their home in May, Natalia shielded Trotsky's body with her own. When the murderer this time struck him down she was first to reach Trotsky's side. And by his side she remained steadfastly until the end.

Trotsky has left in our hands the banner of the struggle he so valiantly led. He has also passed on to us the trust of his devoted companion. He bade us guard and cherish her well. In his last hours he spoke of her: "Take care of her. She has been with me many years.'

This trust, like the first, we shall fulfill. Neither we nor anyone can fill the void in the life of Natalia Sedov. But all that warm solidarity and devoted care can do shall be done to soften the jagged anguish that today is hers.

The Written Heritage

Leon Trotsky was best-known to the world at large as a man of action. As the film of his life unreels in review, he can be seen struggling with the Russian workers against Czarism until he leaps to the chairmanship of the Petrograd Soviet in 1905; tirelessly mobilizing the masses, as orator and journalist, until he prepares them for the October insurrection; organizing, commanding, and bringing to victory the Red Army; and finally fighting against internal and world reaction for the defense of the international Socialist revolu-

Trotsky was all this—and much more. He was not simply an agitator, political leader, warrior and statesman; he was no less brilliant as a pamphleteer, biographer, historian, man of thought and letters. Like Lenin, he mirrored and incarnated within himself the Marxist ideal of the unity of thought and action.

Bernard Shaw, no poor judge, once called him 'The Prince of Pamphleteers." He himself, when questioned as to the nature of his profession, styled himself, not without irony, a journalist. Had history permitted, he once confessed, he would have preferred to devote his entire life, and not simply the enforced intervals granted him in exile or in

prison, to creative literature. His talents, the world admitted, were equal to this aspiration. His gifts of expression, his force of logic, his psychological insight, and whiplash irony extorted admiration even from his foes. a devotee of belles-lettres, upon reading the portraits of the individuals who appear in his History of the Russian Revolution.

Whatever pure literature might have lost, the world of human culture gained by Trotsky's marriage to Marxism. A man of broadest culture and of delicately discerning taste, his interests had a universal circumference. He wrote sheaves of articles and essays on many diverse topics in art, science, manners, morals, housing, sports and military technique, among other matters.

In whatever direction his interests radiated, they were united in a single center. He wrote always from the standpoint of the Socialist revolution. This was the height upon which he stood and viewed the march of humanity through past, present and future. Marxism was the scientific method animating and guiding all his expression in thought and action.

Scanning the many-volumed row of Trotsky's collected works, we can single out his summary of the lessons of the 1905 Revolution, "Results and Perspectives"; his exposition of "The Permanent Revolution"; such works as "Communism and Terrorism" explaining to the workers the significance of the October Revolution and defending it against its traducers; and his monumental "History of the Russian Revolution." At his death he was engaged in completing biographies of Lenin and Stalin.

Just as Trotsky drew upon the classical work of Marx and Engels, so the present and prospective generations of socialist revolutionaries will turn to his works for indispensable knowledge, guidance, and inspiration.

How the jackals are snarling around the dead lion! We refer to the capitalist press comment on Trotsky. Such voluntary or involuntary admiration that creeps into the columns of reporting or the obituaries is more than nullified (they hope) by the vicious editorials. They can scarcely conceal their glee that the man who symbolizes world revolution is dead.

But many a capitalist editor suspects that his glee may be short-lived. These "educated" capitalists know perhaps better than the others what a heritage Trotsky has left. Like the legendary phoenix, from his ashes he will be re-born. And because of this premonition all the more venomously do they snarl at his dead body.

Why the GPU Used This Do Men Enlist Method To Kill Trotsky In The Army

successful attempt to kill Trotsky can only be understood in the light of the obstacles barring the way to a repetition of such an

succeeded. The assassin's assignment was any possibility open to him of escape. But only by that method could Stalin now hope to strike among the many GPU agents employed on any number of plans for the assassination, the GPU chiefs had to find one or more agents who could be compelled to carry out this assignment.

If not from other sources, then from the public press in Mexico, the GPU knew that there was no hope of murdering Trotsky by a direct onslaught on his house. That was clear from the Harte, 1915-1940. Assassinated idence itself. reports in the press on August by Stalin." 7th, the first interview with Trotsky since the assault on the

house on May 24th. Although the occasion of the Trotsky on new aspects of the whatever. search for those of the assassins

this time by Stalin's GPU in its lead of their stories in the Mexican dailies. El Universal published an ac-

count which said:

armed assault as that which took changed. Every kind of precau- last time we visited it, we can place on May 24th and nearly tion has been taken against a say that this was due precisely passes through the main door re- house have been enlarged. The a suicidal one. There was hardly mains shut up in a cage until, great wooden door which previ after a series of electrical and ously gave access to it has been sound signals, lights, etc., the vis- converted now into a resistant itor is permitted to enter the steel door, to which are connected Trotsky. That is why, from garden. This cage system looks electrical batteries, whether to that the sides open electrically. | son who dares to come near it "We also noticed that the walls we do not know. that surround the garden have "Moreover the visitor, once

Harte's Memory Preserved

"In strategic places in the garguards are day and night pro-

"By these various means, anywho have not been apprehended body who enters may know for yet, and on the latest develop- certain that he cannot get out ments in the war, the re-fortifica- without the permission of those adding masonry to heighten the tion of the house so impressed within, or risk imminent danger surrounding walls."

"Even though on arriving at Trotsky's residence we encount-"The residence is completely ered fewer difficulties than the possible new attack. Whoever to the fact that the defenses of the much like those used by lion tam- open it electrically or in order ers in a circus, with the difference to electrocute the incautious per

been elevated to an approximate through this door, finds himself height of six or seven meters. | locked in a small enclosure, and it requires one of the guards to "On one of the walls of the open another iron door before one cage there is a plaque which says: can breathe the pure air of the 'In memory of Robert Sheldon garden and contemplate the res-

"But once in the garden, the visitor immediately observes that den there are two pill boxes and the defenses have been extended a blockhouse, in which Trotsky's to the whole house. He views a blockhouse of cement, and then, press visit was a statement by tecting him against any surprise on top of the walls and at the corners or more strategic places, he sees two pillboxes, as well as some masons who are at work

Voluntarily? El Excelsior reported:

By ALBERT GOLDMAN

If there is one proposition that is utterly fantastic and completely false, it is the one propounded by some of the opponents of the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill to the effect that the United States should continue to rely on the volunteer system for getting soldiers because that system is a democratic

We are not, of course, primarily interested in showing the weaknesses of the arguments of the opponents of the Burke-Wadsworth bill. We also oppose that bill, for totally different reasons than those advanced by most of the other opponents, and our shafts are levelled primarily at those who favor the

Nevertheless, when those who oppose the conscription bill advance the idea that the government should continue the policy of voluntary enlistment because it is democratic we are compelled to state very clearly and very definitely that they are either fakers or fools.

John L. Lewis is one of those loud mouths who makes the following propositions: 1. that we should oppose the Burke-Wadsworth bill and 2. that we should first try the policy of voluntary enlistment and if that policy doesn't furnish the army with the necessary number of men then conscription should be resorted to.

The second proposition in reality shows that Lewis and others like him, who have come out for the Maloney amendment providing that voluntary enlistment be tried first, are not interested in democracy, as they claim to be.

For if conscription is undemocratic before voluntary enlistment proves inadequate, it remains undemocratic after that policy has been tried out and found wanting. The real "democrats", if consistent, should oppose the conscription bill regardless of the fact that a sufficient number of people failed to

Hunger Drives The "Volunteers"

But is voluntary enlistment democratic? There is a certain plausibility to the contention that it is and in all probability many workers will yield to that

Who, however, volunteers to join the army or navy? Exact figures are not at my disposal as to the social composition of the volunteers, but if anything is certain it is that the vast majority of those who volunteer to serve in the armed forces are of working-class origin. The volunteers come from the poorer classes. They are mainly youth who have no jobs, who become terribly disgusted and downhearted when they tramp the streets for days looking for a job and finding none. Their family surroundings are probably not of the best, because poverty and joblessness are not conducive for a healthy family life.

In desperation the jobless youth joins the armed forces. One of his reasons might be that he hopes to learn some trade which will more likely give him a job after his enlistment period expires. Nine times out of ten he either does not learn a trade or if he does he can't get a job anyway after he gets out of

If there is a son of the more well-to-do who wants to join the armed forces, he does not volunteer. He obtains an appointment to West Point or Annapolis and comes out from these institutions as an officer

What democracy is there in a system where joblessness, hunger and despair are the real recruiting

the capitalist system.

How often does one hear the enraptured 4th of

Let us assume even that His Honor on the bench is an individual of the greatest integrity who will

fense and fined a hundred dollars a piece. One is a worker making twenty-five dollars a week and the other an executive of some kind making fifteen thousand dollars a year. The latter simply writes a check for the hundred and is out; but how about the

rich and poor were fined an equal amount, but the real inequality is tremendous.

no vote.

The capitalist system is shot full of these formal

enlist in the armed forces of the United States, but in actuality that right not to enlist becomes meaningless to a youth who beholds the alternative of joblessness and hunger.

Vandenberg; but no one interested in the labor move-

ment should give the least support to such a proposal. If there is a worker who is class-conscious enough to see the necessity of getting military training he should not volunteer for that purpose. He should de-

Police Hold GPU Agents For Previous Attack

Confessions of nine of the par-

Mexican police. Even more important than the arrest of these pine. General Nunez then made clear, was the arrest and formal charging of David Serrano, member of the Political Buro of the Communist Party of Mexico, as a principal in the crime.

THE ATTACK AND THE MURDER OF BOB HARTE

machine guns into Trotsky's sleepwith a stream of slugs.

struck down by Stalin, by one police got to them. means or another. At the first sound of disturbance, the couple threw themselves into a dark corner while one of the gunmen, mistended victims, tore the bed to

pieces with spitting lead. When the attackers withdrew, it was discovered that Robert Sheldon Harte, young American guard of Trotsky, was missing. At first, the Stalinist press attempted to explain away the assault by smearing the revolutionary character of the missing Harte, and alleging the attempt to be a fake affair, cooked up by Trotsky for publicity.

But the discovery of the body of the tortured and murdered Harte and the arrest and confessions of inine of Trotsky's assailants, have proved to the hilt, if all the evidence of Stalin's political history and methods had not already done so, Stalin's responsibility for the assault.

POLICE ANNOUNCE ARRESTS AND NINE CONFESSIONS

On June 20, the Mexican police announced the arrest of 30 Stalinists and the securing of full confessions from four of the murder gang. On June 27, another police announcement added four more confessions to the mounting list. which was still further supplemented by a ninth confession on July 23. Every detail of the crime, 'its instigators, preparations, participants and their actions, were thus fully known weeks ago—every fact but one: who was the internal secret agent of Stalin through whom the ori- signed to spy on the Trotsky home the Central Committee of the ginal entrance into the Trotsky and seduce the police guard for Mexican Communist Party, has residence was secured? That fin- information, reported that Serraal question has very likely been no had visited her and their child, answered with the seizure of Jac- Sovietina, the day preceding the ques Monrod, the latest and most attack. Serrano had stated that incouding Serrano and Martinez, successful of Statin's agents.

backed by the material evidence | months.

on the internal routine and living | the Communist Party. habits of the home.

GPU WORK IN SPAIN

All the men who participated by one his closest associates and all on the "inside" of the attempt which viciously attacked Trotsky his two sons and daughters were who could be reached before the

Missing with Siqueiros are three confessions are Luis Arenal, other Spanish Civil War veterans known in this country for his sought by the police and described former contributions to the "New in the confessions as additional taking the bunched bed clothing directors of the attempted assas- police name him as the murderer for the living forms of his in-sination. They are Jesus, brother of Siqueiros, Juan Zuniga Camacho and Antonio Pujol. Several foreign GPU agents, whose the scenes" organizers, are also

being sought by the police. David Serrano well-known ber of the Political Central Comist Party, and believed to be the body, has been designated by the confessed assassins, as the individual who had assigned Martifor the attempt. They had met attack and Harte murder. in Serrano's home for this pur

Serrano, when arrested by the Mexican police, denied his connections with the crime and declared himself one of those in the Communist Party who were acattack. When this statement was made. Serrano did not know that he was already linked to the crime by Martinez's confession, as well as those of Nestor Sanchez Hernandez and Julia Barradas de Serrano, Serrano's wife.

Julia, a former Communist Party employee who confessed to he had had no connections with

their hands a group whom the ing of the body of Harte in the grapher in the Communist Party Mexican police have formally cellar of the house admitted to district headquarters, as one of charged with being participants have been one of the gang's hang- the persons from whom they rein the May 24 attempt to kill outs,-it was established that the ceived instructions and to whom Trotsky, and some of whom have assault was first planned in de they often reported in the headconfessed and thereby made clear tail with the aid of two women quarters of the Stalinist-controlthe responsibility of Stalin's GPU spies. These, Ana Maria Lopez led Electrical Workers Union in as the organizer of the crime. and Serrano's wife, Julia, estab- Mexico City. Julia made the dilished themselves in the neighbor- rect statement that Siqueiros had ticipants in the May 24 assault hood of the Trotsky home, became told her that the pay of 25 pesos were publicly released in Mexico intimate with the five Mexican a day which she and Ana Lopez on June 20 and June 27 by Gen- police assigned by the government were receiving from Camacho, eral Jose Manuel Nunez, chief of to guard the Trotsky residence, one of the four missing directors and secured detailed information of the attack, was coming from

HERNANDEZ ONE OF

Hernandez admitted that he was first induced to join the atin the assault were Stalinist vet- tempt by Siqueiros, and that Sierans of the Spanish Civil War. queiros and the three other miss-One leader of the gang was David ing assailants organized and led Alfaro Siqueiros, a Stalinist of the actual assault. Hernandez fifteen years standing, "colonel" | made his confession after direct in the Stalinist forces in Spain evidence of his implication in the On May 24, 27 desperate agents and president of the Union of crime was produced by the police, of the GPU blasted their way with Mexican ex-combatants in Spain. including his sachel containing Siqueiros, for whom the police one of the stolen police uniforms ing quarters and riddled his bed have combed Mexico, has been and a revolver taken from one missing since the night of the of the police overpowered at the By miraculous chance, Trotsky crime, and there is a strong pos- time of the attack. Hernandez is and his loyal wife, Natalia, es- sibility that the GPU has long the author of an article, recently caped. For years Trotsky had since silenced his mouth perma- published in Lombardo Toledano's foreseen this eventuality, as one nently, as well as the mouths of monthly magazine "Futuro"

Among the other actual partici pants in the attack named in the Masses," Stalinist weekly: the of Bob Harte. The four subsequent arrests

and confessions of the chauffeurs

which drove the attackers' cars merely confirmed and added dehave been named as the "behind tails to the previous admissions. Leonardo Tapia Guerrera, Stalinist head of a Mexico City chauffeurs association, seized after he was named and identified as one Stalinist leader in Mexico, a mem- of the participants, first denied and then admitted his complicimittee of the Mexican Community. He corroborated the evidence official GPU representative on that then implicated three of his colof the previous confessions and leagues, Ramon Gomez Castaneda, Louis Mateos Martinez, a Com- Ernesto Bucio Gomez, and Jose munist Party member and one of Vazques Marinez. Castaneda rev. ealed that he had received 350 pesos, a large sum of money in nez to secure the police uniforms Mexico for his part in the Trotsky

UNLIMITED FUNDS. STALINIST LAWYER

The organization of the attack, involving months of preparation, expensive cars and weapons, and large "pay-offs" of each particitually carrying out an investiga- pant was possible only for an ortion to establish the facts in the ganization like the GPU with tre mendous command of material resources and trained personnel The attackers were formed into five bands, one under the command of Siqueiros, the others led by unknowns identified in the confessions as "foreigners."

How closely the Stalinists are linked with this crime is further indicated by the fact that Pavon being one of the two women as-Flores, a lawyer and member of been assigned to represent Serrano and Martinez.

Those now held by the police. are shortly scheduled to go on From these confessions—and her for the previous five or six trial for the murder of Harte and the attempted assassination of

As the assassin of Trotsky is | form of the police uniforms used | Julia Serrano and her associate being questioned by the Mexican to disguise the assailants, the in the attack preparations Ana police, the latter already have in weapons employed, and the find- Maria Lopez, formerly a steno-

ASSAILANTS HARDENED BY THE ASSAILANTS

descriptions are known and who

uncovered by the police in the Siqueiros was named by both Trotsky.

ready to lord it over every private.

As "Democratic" As All Capitalism

Voluntary enlistment is democratic only on the surface; when placed under a Marxist examination it is found to have merely the veneer of democracy. In this respect it is similar to a great many of the so-called democratic institutions functioning under

July orator proclaim the great principle of equality before the law which is supposed to represent the very basis of our democratic institutions.

give justice to the poor and rich alike without fear or favor. That is of course a very violent assumption when one thinks of the Tammany judges and other judges dominated by the corrupt political machines. But even assuming that justice will be meted out though the heavens fall, what follows? Imagine two individuals arrested for a minor of-

worker? He must either stay in jail or else depend on his friends or on the loan shark to raise the fine. There is formal equality before the law. Both

The Negro in the South has the formal right to vote but how about his actual right? He simply has

democratic rights which cannot be enjoyed by the worker because of the real inequalities existing under It is true that no one compels any individual to

To insist upon voluntary enlistment as an alternative to the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill, without at the same time insisting that every youth volunteering should be offered as an alternative a decent job with a decent wage attached to the job, is to be expected from demagogues like Wheeler and

mand that he be given military training by his union.