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NEW YORK WORKERS HONOR TROTSKY



## Clenched Fists Bid Farewell To Trotsky

More Than 1,500 At Memorial Meeting

Denied the opportunity to honor Leon Trotsky with a great funeral demonstration, advanced workers of New York flocked through rain-swept streets to the New York Memorial Meeting of August 28th. For those who came, this last good-bye to Trotsky was as poignant an occasion as the funeral itself would have been.

The Roosevelt administration successfully prevented a repeti tion of Mexico City's mass proces sion and workers' guards of honor at the bier of the martyred Bolshevik leader. But it could not prevent Trotsky's closeness to the minds and hearts of the fifteen hundred who crowded the impressively decorated main hall of the Hotel Diplomat, in mid-town New York for the meeting of tribute that Wednesday evening.

One by one outstanding members of the American movement took the platform and addressed the audience, drawing from their pain-filled hearts the words with which they sought to express fitting farewell to so great and so noble a leader.

The same aching sense of inestimable loss which choked the voices of the speakers visibly stirred the audience as well. Many wept as the strains of the Workers Memorial Song filled the hall, and as Trotsky's comrades spoke

Never, despite the absence of his body, was the presence of a man more deeply felt by an assemblage than was Leon Trotsky's presence at that meeting to honor his memory. "All of us feel that he is here in this hall tonight," said Comrade Cannon, also, especially tonight, in our memory of him as a man."

Hear the Old Man This feeling, sharp and alive. was heightened as Trotsky's own Man's last recorded address, made in Mexico in 1938 on the occasion of the Founding Conference of the Fourth International, and the tenth anniversary of the Amerivoice inspired mourning listencatch each word as he explained: 'Dear friends, we are not a party

as other parties . . Thus the Old Man himself ing: rededication to the revolu-

retary of the Socialist Workers theoretician of our era."

The text of the telegrams sent by the New York memorial meeting to Natalia Trotsky and President Cardenas, and the reply of Cardenas, follow below:

August 29, 1940

NATALIA TROTSKY **AVENIDA VIENA 19** COYOACAN, D. F. MEXICO

From this gathering to honor his memory, we, comrades and friends of Leon Trotsky, send to you, his devoted companion in triumph as in adversity, our most heartfelt sympathy at his untimely death. Your loss is our loss-humanity's loss. We rededicate ourselves at his grave to the achievement of the great task for which he lived and died.

FARRELL DOBBS, Chairman

PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS MEXICO. D. F.

The comrades and friends of Leon Trotsky assembled in a memorial mass meeting in honor of his memory express their gratitude and thanks to the Mexican people and their courageous President for the generous hospitality accorded the great persecuted exile during the last years of his life. This honorable deed will forever remain to the credit of your country and to you its President.

FARRELL DOBBS, Chairman

FARRELL DOBBS 116 UNIVERSITY PLACE

Sept. 2, 1940

August 29, 1940

NEW YORK CITY I have received your courteous message of the 29th. I thank you for your thoughts on the hospitality that Mexico sought to extend to Senor Leon Trotsky. Greetings

Party stated, "Ours is not the | Farrell Dobbs, who presided grief of prostration, the grief read the message of condolence that saps the will. It is temper | wired to the Socialist Workers ed by rage and hatred and de- Party and to Natalia Trotsky. termination. We say farewell from Chile, Great Britain, Can like good soldiers of Trotsky's ada. China and other parts of the

army . . . with clenched fists!" (Full text of Cannon's address also read, for the approval of the appears on page 2 of this issue.) assemblage, two wires: one to

Antoinette Konikow Speaks Though her voice was broken with pain, Dr. Antoinette Koni-"-not only in his great ideas, but kow, who has devoted 51 of her and solidarity, the latter of gratimore than seventy years to service in the vanguard of the labor movement, yet could say, "What a fool Stalin is to think that by this act he has killed Trotsky! To us words were heard-in the Old Trotsky is alive and will never

tional Labor Secretary declared ner upon which his final message "Trotsky was last in the United was lettered: "Please say to our States in 1917, yet he clearly un- friends I am sure of the victory can movement. His firm, patient derstood our problems. He gave of the Fourth International. Go us his advice . . . In fact he gave torward!" Three red flags dip ers. All strained their ears to us a complete program. We ped at each end of the platform mourn him with grim determina- black crepe draped their bases

tion to carry on!"

globe and from this country. He Comrade Natalia, and one to Pres ident Cardenas of Mexico-the former of heartfelt condolence tude. Upon unanimous approval. these were sent.

PRESIDENT CARDENAS

Hall a Tribute The decoration of the meeting hall was a deeply felt tribute in itself: A striking portrait o Farrell Dobbs, S. W. P. Na. platform surmounted a vast ban Albert Gates of the Workers upon the walls, "Fourth Interna

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## Goldman Warns GPU Is Now After Its Own Agent To Prevent "Break" At Trial MEXICO CITY, August 31—Albert Goldman, Trotsky's attor-

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 1—The Mexican Communist Party is already conceding the likelihood that Stalinist members were involved in both the assassination of Trotsky and the earlier assassination attempt of May 24.

In a statement issued last night, attempting to answer President Cardenas, denunciation, the Communist Party stated:

"If investigations prove that one or more members or sympathizers intervened in the preparation or execution of the attacks, violating our fundamental principles, they will be expelled from the Party as elements very dangerous to the working class.'

(This and other sections of theo Mexican C. P. statement were Party, is among those awaiting published in the Daily Worker, trial for the assassination at-Sept. 2).

Already the Communist Party has conceded that David Alfaro Siqueiros was involved in the May 24 attack but denies that e has any connections with the

Political Buro of the Communist and the GPU.

tempt of May 24. The Communist Party up until recently defended his innocence, but lass night's statement may be prepar ation to repudiate him.

But no amount of repudiation of individuals will save the Stalinist apparatus from full respon-However, Mike Gold, in the sibility for the murder of Trot Aug. 31 Daily Worker, says: "Si- sky. The enormous scope of the queiros, I understand, was not a preparations for that murder, the member of the Communist Party, great expenses incurred, etc., car but he accepted its leadership, not possibly be explained away the outstanding Mexican intel- by the Stalinists as the work of a few individuals. It was carried David Serrano, member of the out directly on orders from Stalin

## Assassin's Story Falters Under Examination

MEXICO CITY, August 31-With each session of questioning of the assassin of Trotsky, his original "explanation" of the crime is being systematically torn to shreds.

When Trotsky cried out, "Let him live!" as the assassin was seized by the guards, Trotsky dealt an annihilating blow to the GPU's scheme to cover up its responsibility for the crime. Unquesttionably the GPU had assumed that its agent, the assassin, would either escape or would be dead.

his person was written to be found only if he were dead.

To anyone acquainted with the

GPU's methods, that statementfollowing line by line the pattern of the Moscow trials-was sufficient evidence of the GPU's responsibility for the murder. The average reader, however, unacquainted with the GPU's methods, might be puzzled and confused by it—if that was all he had to go by. And the GPU's plans were based on the idea that nothing else would be available to the public except the "statement." The assassin, Jackson, it was planned, would be dead.

He is still alive, however, although it is certain that the cenral concern of the GPU now is to kill him to prevent him from talking.

He has attempted to play the question, evading it continually. role assigned him by the GPU, but he has had to answer the searching questions put to him. And the result has been the complete discrediting of the carefully-worded generalities of the "statement."

1. Jackson sought to picture himself in the statement as a hard-working journalist. "I was content to have found in journalism a means of livelihood since this permitted me to struggle more effectively against the pres ent system of social injustice, said the statement. But under questioning he is unable to name a single job on which he worked as a journalist! Or, for that matter, any other employment. This is Leon Trotsky above the speakers natural enough—he cannot name the one employer he has always

> worked for-the GPU. Never a Trotskvist

He pictured himself in the statement as a full-time activist member of the Fourth International: The Trotskyites "convinc ed me of the justice of their Long, narrow red banners hung ideology and wholeheartedly I joined their organization. From Party, a representative of which | tional" lettered down them; and | then on I carried into the revosounded the keynote of the even- had been invited to speak, stated: between each pair hung a black lutionary cause all my energy and "Trotsky taught us how to fight lettered plaque, in honor of each oll my faith," etc. etc. But under Stalinism. In fact he taught us one of the children and friends of questioning he has admitted that James P. Cannon, National Sec- all we know. He was the Marxist Trotsky who have been murdered he has never been a member of anv section of the Fourth Inter-

The "statement" he carried on national! As for the "energy he had expended, when asked by the judge what work he had ever (The full text of the statement | done for the Fourth International was published in last week's AP- prior to coming to Mexico, where he claims to have been sent by the Fourth International, the assassin could only admit: "None."

To these contradictions even more significant ones were added last night, when the assassin was examined by the investigating judge.

3. Jackson had burned all of affirmative.

Goldman then asked, if that

4. The questioning of the as-(Continued on Page 3)

Burned His Papers

his personal papers. Last night, through the examining judge, Albert Goldman, Trotsky's attorney, put the question whether these personal papers would have corroborated the story he was telling, and the assassin answered in the

those papers in order to be able to corroborate the story. The as- ganizations opposed, if not by sassin would not answer that

sassin with the reference to the his "statement" that a member of the Bureau of the Fourth International had instructed him to go to Mexico to see Trotsky was particularly illuminating. Asked ment's support of the right of

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TROTSKY HONORED HIS PLEDGE

supported."

President Cardenas also defended Trotsky against Stalinist slanders while Trotsky was alive. When the Stalinist lynch cam paign against Trotsky had been going on for nearly two years, President Cardenas felt it necessary to take the extraordinary step of making a public statement in defense of Trotsky.

That was November 12, 1938. In an interview of that date with the press, President Cardenas stated:

"It is not true that Trotsky is mixing in the politics of our Country. This man, since the time he came seeking our country as an asylum and to whom we opened our doors in virtue of a firm declaration which he made not to mix in our polihow to keep his promises.

Cardenas then continued with a

"In interviews, books, etc., always he has referred only to the situation in his own country, or to themes of world politics; he lives retired in voluntary seclusion, and all that he asks is that Mexico let him work in peace." (LA PRENSA, Mexico City, Nov. 12, 1938)

This strong statement by Car denas was in answer to a vicious speech by Lombardo Toledano Stalinist "front", on November 8, 1938, in which Toledano had attempted to link Trotsky with various anti-Cardenas reactionary pol.ticians of Mexico. Toledano had recently returned from Eu rope, bringing with him a slanderous film against Trotsky.

A secret trip to New York

Party, was exposed by the SO-CIALIST APPEAL of September 10, 1938, as a trip made for the purpose of consulting GPU headquarters in New York on the necessary measures for the murder of Trotsky. The AP-PEAL of that date quoted Laborde as having stated at a conspiratorial meeting of certain members of his central committee that the campaign against the Trotskyites must be strengthened tenfold to create the necessary atmosphere "FOR THE PHYSICAL LI-QUIDATION OF TROTSKY AND SOME OF HIS

FRIENDS." These words, di-(Continued on Page 3)

ney, issued a warning here today that Stalin's GPU is attempting to murder the assassin of Trotsky in order to prevent further investigation of the GPU's responsibility for the murder of Trotsky. Goldman told the press and the authorities: From a source that I consider absolutely trustworthy, I have

received information to the effect that a determined attempt will be made by the GPU to kill 'Jackson', the GPU murderer of Trotsky.

'The reason for the GPU's decision is quite clear. So long as the assassin is alive, the possibility remains that he may reveal the workings of the sinister GPU in Mexico, in the United States and in other countries, and thus endanger all of its agents.

"From the circumstances of the murder of the great revolutionist by the GPU agent, it is clear that the GPU expected that the murderer would either escape or meet death at the hands of the guards. Jackson had \$890 in his pocket, thus conclusively indicating that he hoped to escape. The fact that he struck Trotsky on the head with an alpine stock indicates that he had hoped to kill him with one blow and casually walk out of the Trotsky house.

"On the other hand, the letter found in his pocket giving the Stalinist reasons for the murder of Trotsky shows that the GPU was prepared for the death of their agent.

The GPU does not want any of its agents committing on actual crime to live in a penitentiary. While those agents who are designated for important missions, such as the murder of Trotsky, are generally men who can be trusted to the last not to reveal their identity, there is always the possibility that they will do so, especially if they are jailed for a long period. Hence any agent who is apprehended by the police after committing a murder at the instigation of the GPU and is thus available for questioning, is doomed to die at the hands of his master.

## Cardenas Points At Stalinists As Killers

MEXICO CITY, August 30-A statement was issued last night poponents outside their own by President Cardenas, denouncing the murder of Trotsky and pointing the finger of accusation at the Stalinists as those responsible for the murder.

Cardenas' lengthy statement caused a profound sensation. Never in history has the chief executive of a government thus denounced a political party which supports him.

In his lengthy statement, Cardenas began by addressing it directly to the workers of the country, to tell them the standpoint of the government concerning "the@ latest events which have culmin- fugees from Italy, Germany and

ated with the assassination of a Russia, who have been welcomed were so, why he had not saved political refugee, and the active to the country. involvement in the same, of ortheir program then by their actions, to the postulates (on the right of asylum) that the revo-

reconcilable agitation, one cer- had under our government liberlutionary regime (of Mexico) has most distinguished refugees..."

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"Unfortunately," he went on "there arose a demagogic and ir-

tainly worthy of condemnation, tending to endanger some of the These attacks on the refu-

gees, he declared, "were noth-

firm reiteration of the govern- ing else than surreptitious moves of certain foreign powasylum, naming in particular re- ers set in motion to fight their

ty and respect for its members and for the doctrines, which it has expounded in all tones and various forms, without there being a single act until now which might be said to show that the authorities impede in any manner, not to speak of prohibit, the propaganda of that party. What is more, on many occasions captious criticism and the enemies of the government have censured the government for what they call the communist tendency of this regime or, at least, an exof Hernan Laborde, then head cess of liberty favorable to comof the Mexican Communist munist doctrines."

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Cardenas then solemnly warned the Stalinists: that, "in the case of the Communists we desire to say concretely that if they have considered it useful to their interests to abandon cooperation with the Mexican workers' organizations for betterment of workers' conditions, and have allied themselves with a foreign power that is responsible for an aggression against the sovereignty of the country, organizing armed assaults jointly with Mexican and foreign elements and carrying out murders that dishonor civilization and that cast doubt upon the capacity of the government

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Comrade Trotsky's entire conscious life, from the time he entered the workers' movement in the provincial Russian town of Nikolaiev at the age of 18, up till the moment of his death in Mexico City 42 years later, was completely dedicated to work and struggle for one central idea. He stood for the emancipation of the workers and all the oppressed people of the world, and the transformation of society from capitalism to socialism by means of a social revolution. In his conception this liberating social revolution requires for success the leadership of a revolutionary political party of the workers' vanguard.

In his entire conscious life Comrade Trotsky never once diverged from that idea. He never doubted it, and never ceased to struggle for its realization. On his death bed, in his last message to us, his disciples—his last testament—he proclaimed his confidence in his life-idea. "Tell our friends I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International—Go Forward!"

The whole world knows about his work and his testament. The cables of the press of the world have carried his last testament and made it known to the world's millions. And in the minds and hearts of all those throughout the world who grieve with us tonight one thought—one question—is uppermost: Will the movement which he created and inspired survive his death? Will his disciples be able to hold their ranks together, will they be able to carry out his testament and realize the emancipation of the oppressed through the victory of the Fourth International?

#### "THE PROGRAM MAKES THE PARTY"

Without the slightest hesitation we give an affirmative answer to this question. Those enemies who predict a collapse of Trotsky's movement without Trotsky, and those weakwilled friends who fear it, only show that they do not understand Trotsky, what he was, what he signified and what he left behind. Never has a bereaved family been left such a rich heritage as that which Comrade Trotsky, like a provident father, has left to the family of the Fourth International as trustees for all progressive humanity. A great heritage of ideas he has left to us: ideas which shall chart the struggle toward the great free future of all mankind. The mighty ideas of Trotsky are our program and our banner. They are a clear guide to action in all the complexities of our epoch, and a constant reassurance that we are right and that our victory is

Trotsky himself believed that ideas are the greatest power in the world. Their authors may be killed, but ideas, once promulgated, live their own life. If they are correct ideas they make their way through all obstacles. This was the central, dominating concept of Comrade Trotsky's philosophy. He explained it to us many, many times. He once wrote: "It is not the party that makes the program (the idea); it is the program that makes the party." In a personal letter to me, he once wrote: "We work with the most correct and powerful ideas in the world, with inadequate numerical forces and material means. But correct ideas, in the long run, always conquer and make available for themselves the necessary material means and forces.'

Trotsky, a disciple of Marx, believed with Marx, that "an idea, when it permeates the mass, becomes a material force." Believing that, Comrade Trotsky never doubted that his work would live after him. Believing that, he could proclaim on Speech Delivered at Trotsky Memorial Meeting, New York, Aug. 28, 1940

his death bed his confidence in the future victory of the Fourth International which embodies his ideas. Those who doubt it, do not know Trotsky.

#### THE WHOLE TROTSKY IS PRESERVED

Trotsky himself believed that his greatest significance, his greatest value, consisted not in his physical life, not in his epic deeds which overshadow those of all heroic figures in history in their sweep and their grandeur—but in what he would leave behind him after the assassins had done their work. He knew that his doom was sealed, and he worked against time in order to leave everything possible to us, and through us to mankind. Throughout the eleven years of his last exile he chained himself to his desk like a galley slave, and labored, as none of us knows how to labor; with such energy, such persistence and self-discipline, as only men of genius can labor. He worked against time, to pour out through his pen the whole rich content of his mighty brain and preserve it in permanent, written form for us, and for those who will come after us.

The whole Trotsky, like the whole Marx, is preserved in his books, his articles and his letters. His voluminous correspondence, which contains some of his brightest thoughts and his most intimate personal feelings and sentiments, must now be collected and published. When that is done, when his letters are published alongside his books, his pamphlets and his articles, we, and all those who join us in the liberation struggle of humanity, will still have our Old Man to help us.

He knew that the super-Borgia in the Kremlin, Cain-Stalin, who has destroyed the whole generation of the October revolution, had marked him for assassination and that he would succeed sconer or later. That is why he worked so urgently. That is why he hastened to write out everything that was in his mind and get it down on paper in permanent form where nobody could destroy it.

Just the other night I talked at the dinner table with one of the Old Man's faithful secretaries—a young comrade who had served him a long time and knew his personal life, as he lived it in his last years of exile, most intimately. I urged him to write his reminiscences without delay. I said: "We must all write everything we know about Trotsky. Everyone must record his recollections and his impressions. We must not forget that we moved in the orbit of the greatest figure of our time. Millions of people, generations yet to come, will be hungry for every scrap of information, every word, every impression that throws light on him, his ideas, his aims and his per-

He answered: "I can write only about his personal qualities as I observed them; his methods of work, his humaneness, his generosity. But I can't write anything new about his ideas. They are already written. Everything he had to say, everything he had in his brain, is down on paper. He seemed to be determined to scoop down to the bottom of his mind, and take out everything and give it to the world in his writings. Very often I remember casual conversation on some subject would come up at the dinner table; an informal discussion would take place, and the Old Man would express some opinions new and fresh. Almost invariably the contributions of the dinner table conversation would find expression a little later in a book, an article or a letter."

one social system and the birth pangs of another. When they see through the historian's lens how the oppressed masses of the people everywhere were groping, blinded and confused, they will mention with unbounded love the name of the genius who gave us light, the great heart that gave us courage.

Of all the great men of our time, of all the public figures to whom the masses turned for guidance in these troubled, terrible times, Trotsky alone explained things to us, he alone gave us light in the darkness. His brain alone unravelled the mysteries and complexities of our epoch. The great brain of Trotsky was what was feared by all his enemies. They couldn't cope with it. They couldn't answer it. In the incredibly horrible method by which they destroyed him there was hidden a deep symbol. They struck at his brain! But the richest products of that brain are still alive. They had already escaped and can never be recaptured and destroyed.

#### TROTSKY AND THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE

We do not minimize the blow that has been dealt to us, to our movement and to the world. It is the worst calamity. We have lost something of immeasurable value that can never be regained. We have lost the inspiration of his physical presence, his wise counsel. All that is lost forever. The Russian people have suffered the most terrible blow of all. But by the very fact that the Stalinist Camarilla had to kill Trotsky after eleven years, that they had to reach out from Moscow, exert all their energies and plans to destroy the life of Trotsky-

that is the greatest testimony that Trotsky still lived in the



Cannon Addressing the Memorial Meeting

# By JAMES P. CANNON

hearts of the Russian people. They didn't believe the lies. They waited and hoped for his return. His words are still there. His memory is alive in their hearts.

Just a few days before the death of Comrade Trotsky the editors' of the Russian Bulletin received a letter from Riga. It had been mailed before the incorporation of Latvia into the Soviet Union. It stated in simple words that Trotsky's Open Letter to the Workers of the USSR had reached them, and had lifted up their hearts with courage and shown them the way. The letter stated that the message of Trotsky had been memorized, word by word, and would be passed along by word of mouth no matter what might happen. We verily believe that the words of Trotsky will live longer in the Soviet Union than the bloody regime of Stalin. In the coming great day of liberation the message of Trotsky will be the banner of the Russian people.

#### WHY STALIN KILLED TROTSKY

The whole world knows who killed Comrade Trotsky. The world knows that on his death bed he accused Stalin and his GPU of the murder. The assassin's statement, prepared in advance of the crime, is the final proof, if more proof is needed, that the murder was a GPU job. It is a mere reiteration of the lies of the Moscow Trials; a stupid police-minded attempt, at this late day, to rehabilitate the frame-ups which have been discredited in the eyes of the whole world. The motives for the assassination arose from the world reaction, the fear of revolution, and the traitors' sentiments of hatred and revenge. The English historian, Macaulay, remarked that apostates in all ages have manifested an exceptional malignity toward those whom they have betrayed. Stalin and his traitor gang were consumed by a mad hatred of the man who reminded them of their yesterday. Trotsky, the symbol of the great revolution, reminded them constantly of the cause they had deserted and betrayed, and they hated him for that. They hated him for all the great and good human qualities which he personified and to which they were completely alien. They were determined, at all cost, to do away with him.

Now I come to a part that is very painful, a thought which, I am sure, is in the minds of all of us. The moment we read of the success of the attack I am sure everyone among us asked: Couldn't we have saved him a while longer? If we had tried harder, if we had done more for him-couldn't we have saved him? Dear Comrades, let us not reproach ourselves. Comrade Trotsky was doomed and sentenced to death years ago. The betrayers of the revolution knew that the revolution lived in him, the tradition, the hope. All the resources of a powerful state, set in motion by the hatred and revenge of Stalin, were directed to the assassination of a single man, without resources and with only a handful of close followers. All of his co-workers were killed; seven of his faithtul secretaries; his four children. Yet, in spite of the fact that they marked him for death after his exile from Russia, we saved him for eleven years! Those were the most fruitful years of his whole life. Those were the years when he sat down in full maturity to devote himself to the task of summing up and casting in permanent literary form the results of his experiences and his thoughts.

Their dull police minds cannot know that Trotsky left the best of himself behind. Even in death he frustrated them. Because the things they wanted most of all to kill—the memory and the hope of revolution—that Trotsky left behind him.

## HE COMPLETED HIS TESTAMENT

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They killed Trotsky not by one blow; not when this murderer, the agent of Stalin, drove the pick-axe through the back of his skull. That was only the final blow. They killed him by inches. They killed him many times. They killed him seven times when they killed his seven secretaries. They killed him four times when they killed his four children. They killed him when his old co-workers of the Russian revolution were killed.

Yet he stood up to his tasks in spite of all that. Growing old and sick, he staggered through all these moral, emotional and physical blows to complete his testament to humanity while he still had time. He gathered it all together—every thought, every idea, every lesson from his past experience to lay up a literary treasure for us, a treasure that the moths and the rust cannot eat.

There was a profound difference between Trotsky and other great men of action and transitory political leaders who influenced great masses in their life time. The power of such people, almost all of them, was something personal, something incommunicable to others. Their influence did not survive their deaths. Just recall for a moment the great men of our generation, or the generation just passed. Clemenceau, Hindenburg, Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Bryan. They had great masses following them and leaning upon them. But now they are dead and all their influence died with them. Nothing remains but monuments and funeral eulogies. Nothing was distinctive about them but their personalities. They were opportunists, leaders for a day. They left no ideas to guide and inspire men when their bodies became dust, and their personalities became a memory.

Not so with Trotsky. Not so with him. He was different. He was also a great man of action, to be sure. His deeds are incorporated in the greatest revolution in the history of mankind. But, unlike the opportunists and leaders of a day, his deeds were inspired by great ideas and these ideas still live. He not only made a revolution; he wrote its history and explained the basic laws which govern all revolutions. In his History of the Russian Revolution, which he considered his masterpiece, he gave us a guide for the making of new revolutions, or rather, for extending throughout the world the revolution that began in October, 1917.

## HE HIMSELF WAS A DISCIPLE

Trotsky, the great man of ideas, was himself the disciple of a still greater one—Marx. Trotsky did not originate, or claim to originate, the most fundamental ideas which he expounded. He built on the foundations laid by the great masons of the 19th Century—Marx and Engels. In addition, he went through the great school of Lenin and learned from him. Trotsky's genius consisted in his complete assimilation of the ideas bequeathed by Marx, Engels and Lenin. He mastered their method. He developed their ideas in modern conditions, and applied them in masterful fashion in the contemporary struggle of the proletariat.

If you would understand Trotsky, you must know that he was a disciple of Marx, an orthodox Marxist. He fought under the banner of Marxism for 42 years! During the last year of his life he laid everything else aside to fight a great political and theoretical battle in defense of Marxism in the ranks of the Fourth International! His very last article, which was left on his desk in unpolished form, the last article with

which he occupied himself, was a defense of Marxism against contemporary revisionists and skeptics. The power of Trotsky, first of all and above all, was the power of Marxism.

Do you want a concrete illustration of the power of Marxist ideas?—Just consider this: When Marx died in 1883, Trotsky was but four years old. Lenin was only fourteen. Neither could have known Marx, or anything about him. Yet both became great historical figures because of Marx, because Marx had circulated ideas in the world before they were born. Those ideas were living their own life. They shaped the lives of Lenin and Trotsky. Marx's ideas were with them and guided their every step when they made the greatest revolution in history.

So will the ideas of Trotsky, which are a development of the ideas of Marx, influence us, his disciples who survive him today. They will shape the lives of far greater disciples who are yet to come, who do not yet know Trotsky's name. Some who are destined to be the greatest Trotskyists are playing in the school yards today. They will be nourished on Trotsky's ideas as he and Lenin were nourished on the ideas of Marx and Engels.

## HIS IDEAS WERE ENOUGH

Indeed, our movement in the United States took shape and grew up on his ideas without his physical presence, without even any communication in the first period. Trotsky was exiled and isolated in Alma Ata when we began our struggle for Trotskyism in this country in 1928. We had no contact with him, and for a long time did not know whether he was dead or alive. We didn't even have a collection of his writings. All we had was one single current document—his "Criticism of the Draft Program of the Comintern." That was enough. By the light of that single document we saw our way, began our struggle with supreme confidence, went through the split without faltering, built the framework of a national organization and established our weekly Trotskyist press. Our movement was built firmly from the very beginning and has remained firm because it was built on Trotsky's ideas. It was nearly a year before we were able to establish direct communication with the Old Man.

So with the sections of the Fourth International throughout the world. Only a very few individual comrades have ever met Trotsky face to face. Yet everywhere they knew him. In China, and across the broad oceans to Chile, Argentine, Brazil. In Australia, in practically every country of Europe. In the United States, Canada, Indo-China, South Africa. They never saw him, but the ideas of Trotsky welded them all together in one uniform and firm world movement. So it will continue after his physical death. There is no room for doubt.

## HIS PLACE IN HISTORY

Trotsky's place in history is already established. He will stand forever on a historical eminence beside the other three great giants of the proletariat: Marx, Engels and Lenin. It is possible, indeed it is quite probable, that in the historic memery of mankind, his name will evoke the warmest affection, the most heartfelt gratitude of all. Because he fought so long, against such a world of enemies, so honestly, so heroically, and with such selfless devotion!

Future generations of free humanity will look back with insatiable interest on this mad epoch of reaction and bloody violence and social change—this epoch of the death agony of

## WE TRIED IN VAIN TO SAVE HIM

If you reproach vourself or us because this murder machine finally reached Trotsky and struck him down, you must remember that it is very hard to protect anyone from assassins. The assassin who stalks his victim night and day very often breaks through the greatest protections. Even Russian Czars and other rulers, surrounded by all the police powers of great states, could not always escape assassination by small bands of determined terrorists equipped with the most meagre resources. This was the case more than once in Russia in the pre-revolutionary days. And here, in the case of Trotsky, you had all that in reverse. All the resources were on the side of the assassins. A great state apparatus, converted into a murder machine, against one man and a few devoted disciples. So, if they finally broke through we have only to ask ourselves, did we do all we could to prevent it or postpone it? Yes, we did our best. In all conscience, we must say we did

In the last weeks after the assault of May 24th, we once again put on the agenda of our leading committee the question of the protection of Comrade Trotsky. Every comrade agreed that this is our most important task, most important for the masses of the whole world and for the future generations, that above all we do everything in our power to protect the life of our genius, our comrade, who helped and guided us so well. A delegation of party leaders made a visit to Mexico. It turned out to be our last visit. There, on that occasion, in consultation with him, we agreed upon a new campaign to strengthen the guard. We collected money in this country to fortify the house at the cost of thousands of dollars; all our members and sympathizers responded with great sacrifices and generosity.

And still the murder-machine broke through. But those who helped even in the smallest degree, either financially or with their physical efforts, like our brave young comrades of the guard, will never be sorry for what they did to protect and help the Old Man.

## WHEN THE TERRIBLE NEWS CAME

At the hour Comrade Trotsky was finally struck down, I was returning by train from a special journey to Minneapolis. I had gone there for the purpose of arranging for new and especially qualified comrades to go down and strengthen the guard in Coyoacan. On the way home I sat in the railroad train with a feeling of satisfaction that the task of the trip had been accomplished, reinforcements of the guard had been

Then, as the train passed through Pennsylvania, about four o'clock in the morning, they brought the early papers with the news that the assassin had broken through the defenses and driven a pick-axe into the brain of Comrade Trotsky That was the beginning of a terrible day, the saddest day of our lives, when we waited, hour by hour, while the Old Man fought his last fight and struggled vainly with death. But even then, in that hour of terrible grief when we received the fatal message over the long-distance telephone: "The Old Man is dead"-even then we didn't permit ourselves to stop for weeping. We plunged immediately into the work to defend his memory and carry out his testament. And we worked harder

than ever before, because for the first time we realized with full consciousness that we have to do it all now. We can't lean on the Old Man any more. What is done now, we must do. That is the spirit in which we have got to work from

The capitalist masters of the world instinctively understood the meaning of the name of Trotsky. The friend of the oppressed, the maker of revolutions, was the incarnation of all that they hated and feared! Even in death they revile him. Their newspapers splash their filth over his name. He was the world's exile in the time of reaction. No door was open to him anywhere except that of the Republic of Mexico. The fact that Trotsky was barred from all capitalist countries is in itself the clearest refutation of all the slanders of the Stalinists, of all their foul accusations that he betrayed the revolution, that he had turned against the workers. They never convinced the capitalist world of that. Not for a moment,

## THEY FEAR HIS DEAD BODY

The capitalists—all kinds—fear and hate even his dead body! The doors of our great democracy are open to many political refugees, of course. All sorts of reactionaries; democratic scoundrels who betraved and deserted their people: monarchists and even fascists—they have all been welcomed in New York harbor. But not even the dead body of the friend of the oppressed could find asylum here! We shall not forget that! We shall nourish that grievance close to our hearts and in good time we shall take our revenge.

The great and powerful democracy of Roosevelt and Hull wouldn't let us bring his body here for the funeral. But he is here just the same. All of us feel that he is here in this hall tonight—not only in his great ideas, but also, especially tonight, in our memory of him as a man. We have a right to be proud that the best man of our time belonged to us, the greatest brain and strongest and most loyal heart. The class society we live in exalts the rascals, cheats, self-seekers, liars and oppressors of the people. You can hardly name an intellectual representative of the decaying class society, of high or low degree, who is not a miserable hypocrite and contemptible coward, concerned first of all with his own inconsequential personal affairs and saving his own worthless skin. What a wretched tribe they are. There is no honesty, no inspiration, nothing in the whole of them. They have not a single man that can strike a spark in the heart of youth. Our Old Man was made of better stuff. Our Old Man was made of entirely different stuff. He towered above these pygmies in his moral

## CITIZEN OF THE COMMUNIST FUTURE

Comrade Trotsky not only struggled for a new social order based on human solidarity as a future goal; he lived every day of his life according to its higher and nobler standards. They wouldn't let him be a citizen of any country. But, in truth, he was much more than that. He was already, in his mind and in his conduct, a citizen of the Communist future of humanity. That memory of him as a man, as a comrade, is more precious than gold and rubies. We can hardly understand a man of that type living among us. We are all caught in the steel net of the class society, with its inequalities, its (Continued on page 3)

# Capitalist Press Muddies Trotsky In Death, As It Fought Him In Life

By GEORGE STERN

In life Leon Trotsky was always a feared and fearful figure THEY DARE TO SPEAK to the capitalist press of the OF VIOLENCE! world. In death he is still the

is dead, Trotskyism is still the ence of the First World War, specter that haunts their halls outcome of capitalist greed and of power. They tried to splatter his name while he lived. They still have the job of muddying his memory now that he is dead.

emerges a fantastic caricature of a man with a "checkered career", as the saying goes, an adventur-Genghiz Khan, a wandering Jew on the face of a planet he defiled. From the limited bounds of their vision they could not, after all, of Trotsky, the revolutionary ticurses over his dead body revealed only their instinctive sense of Trotsky as an enemy, a powerful and fearful enemy of the social order they themselves defend.

Where more serious biographrected the charge that Trotsky in their newspapers are quite con- the first to fall. was "jealous of Lenin's power and discontented with the fact that in their own blood as long as he did not have an equal share their deaths can keep the wormin controlling Russia's destinies." Also out of its grab bag of handy afloat. Is it not the Tribune lies, the Times pulled the asser- which has openly called upon the which has openly called upon the united States to declare war on tulated unconditionally (to Staltulated unconditionally (to Stal- Germany? Is it not the Times toin) and publicly reputiated his

plotter of the Russian pre-revo- day "sea of violence? lution, a devious thinker who outwitted everyone save Stalin after the Revolution."

#### THE DELIBERATE LINE OF THEIR EDITORIALS

der of Trotsky varied on two of the threshing agonies of a dythemes: first, Trotsky was a vic-tim of a system he himself helped a sore call Fascism? Nothing of to create; second, Trotsky's life work flowered in Hitler. Stalin. Herald-Tribune. It's all due to.... Campa expelled from the Com- charge that Trotsky had plotted CLENCHED FISTS BID work flowered in Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini.

The American workers are to Tribune editorial), our need only be persuaded, you see, that the murderous regime of Stalin is the natural outgrowth-and not the which Lenin and Trotsky led to victory. The world revolution for which they fought, our master newspapers tell us, is now actually being realized . . . by Hit-

ler and Mussolini. both the New York Times and factured in attempts to destroy the New York Herald 'Tribune, his influence over the workers. played. The Tribune (Aug. 23) He and Lenin together were said that Trotsky "tramped ruth- smeared in 1917 as "agents of the lessly over millions . . . and was Kaiser." Trotsky was smeared trampled as ruthlessly himself.... by Stalin as an agent first of meeting an end only too charact- the British, then of Hitler, then eristic of the age which he had of the British again and now of done so much to produce."

into Trotsky's skull. Brutal? Of ultaneously in the minds of the course it was; but it was no more | American people with Stalin, with brutal than the Stalin tyranny as Hitler, and with Mussolini. a whole, no more ruthless than the Russian revolution which ABYSS BETWEEN STALINISM this consummate firebrand in ex- AND TROTSKYISM ile had himself set alight and But between Trotsky and Stal- responsibility that they have had kept aflame a generation ago . . . | in, history itself has dug an | in the assassination of citizen The victims of his cold cruelty, abyss. Stalin embodied in his Leon Trotsky, whom Mexico gave PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION and of Lenin's, can be numbered | person and his regime the degen- | protection on its soil without any in the millions; the wastes of eration of the Russian Revolu-other purpose than to comply him that Russia should be drench- Union and its backwardness in By hunting down the direct re-

triumph of the proletariat could be assured.'

How calmly and easily these bated symbol of the workers' rev- newspaper backs indict the Rusolution. Upon his still and sil- sian revolution and its leaders tinue their vituperative assaults. world after 1914! The reprehen-They know that while Trotsky sible violence was not the violrivalry, which took the lives of 20 million men, women, and children, and twisted the lives of scores of millions more! Oh, no, From their obituary biographies it was the force wielded by workers who rose in revolt against this senseless slaughter and established their own power as the er, a fallen Napoleon, a would-be forerunners of a world socialist order. This was their crime. This was Trotsky's crime.

The armed support giving by France, Britain, and the United be expected to perceive the figure States to the White Russian armies after 1918, the invasion of tan. The venom of their final Russia by French, British, Amer-self, who fought to make it and tion, as a revolutionist, was inican, and Japanese troops did not then fought to extend it because deed a life filled with violence—pers, etc." Under police quest that a visit to Trotsky was most constitute anything resembling he understood that socialism could but it was violence employed tioning, however, Jackson said he natural and casual. You also led by Lenin and Trotsky.

tent to see these millions drown day that is in the forefront of that band of boss warmongers The New York Daily News saw dragging the American people Trotsky as "the greatest, slyest closer every day into the present-

#### EVILS OF CAPITALISM LAID AT TROTSKY'S DOOR!

ible for today's slaughters as well the Stalinist murder campaign- defending Trotsky did not, there- be in business, insisting that too Editorial comment on the mur- as two decades ago. Isn't it part for the moment. ing capitalist order festering with

"For his monument (said the look about one. . . Trotsky is cessfully the campaign against the GPU. assassin. dead and Trotskyism rules in Berlin and Moscow and Rome: bomb racks, fuels the tank colwith their heartless fanatism..

Trotsky was often in his life the victim of amalgams-false couplings with his enemies and On the first of these two themes, opponents, unscrupulously manuthe United States! The Tribune Said the Times (Aug. 23: "The simply adopts this mechanism for long arm of Stalin's Ogpu . . . fin- the benefit of its own purposes, ally completed the job with a blow and seeks to bracket Trotsky sim-

Siberia are bleached with their tion. This degeneration flowed with its principle of granting bones. It was not enough for from the isolation of the Soviet asylum to all political refugees.' ed in blood and suffering; the the midst of a hostile capitalist sponsibility for the murder of whole world had to wade through world. Trotsky was the living Trotsky, Cardenas finished, the a sea of violence so that the embodiment of the revolution it government will "make patent.

## The Lesser Known Trotsky



A rare photo of Trotsky at a recent picnic. The unsuspecting lad in front of him is his grandson, Seva.

"cold cruelty." That term the triumph only as a world order against those who make violence got \$2000 from the Bureau memnewspaper hacks reserve for the This brought him into irrecon- the very basis of their whole sys- ber-and \$5,000 from his (Jack- to tell everybody you were in busdefense of the Russian workers, cilable struggle against Stalinism tem of society, employed against son's) mother for the trip to iness. Now I ask you, if this mander of Garrison 297 of the as well as against the whole of the capitalist rulers of the world America The capitalist order then, as the capitalist world. Of the dis- who govern by gun and club and ical attempts were made, as in now, is indeed forcing the peol orders of this capitalist world, bomb. Our masters and their the New York Times, a combination of the world to "wade Hitler and Mussolini are only two journalistic acolytes glorify the was the nationality of the Bureau tion of Stalinist and bourgeois through a sea of violence." It additional and especially virulent violence that bolsters their own member, he answered that he was distortions were arbitrarily graft- was the effort of Lenin and Trot- manifestations.\ They represent way of life. They shudder—and Roumanian or someone from the ed upon a slim framework of sky then and it is our effort to- the hypodermic injection of Fasc- rightly—at the violence which Balkan states. Asked whether he the actual physical facts of his day to lead them out of that ism with which capitalism is try- challenges that way of life. Of life. The Times, intent up reduc- bloodied sea onto a far shore of a ing to prolong its last hours. In that challenge Trotsky was a ing this gigantic historical figure new kind of peace, a socialist the revolution that will again mighty symbol. That is why they to the puny dimensions of the peace. These capitalist choir boys men it better understands, resurwho write these bland editorials and Mussolini will be among in why they still fear and beta Trotsky's life as a man of ac- him even now that he is dead.

# eaten hull of the capitalist order afloat. Is it, not the Tribune Trotsky Honored Pledge

(Continued from Page 1) rectly quoted, were never de-In compliance with this order

particularly vicious speech. But they have a way of mak- in defense of Trotsky against in earnest. ing Lenin and Trotsky respons- these Stalinist slanders slowed up | Cardenas' public declaration ing all this time he pretended to

> statement was to make the Stal- statement of November 19, 1938 inists more desperate and reck- did wreck irreparably a keystone munist Party the secondary lead- against Cardenas—a charge inces ership (Guerra, Ramirez, etc.) santly made in the Stalinist-To-who had failed to carry out such ledano press and now repeated by who had failed to carry out suc- ledano press and now repeated by

nied by the Mexican Stalinists. | themselves expelled for being "pro-Trotsky" i. e., for having to create the necessary atmo- failed to murder him. A new came in and the concentration

The aftermath of Cardenas' murder machine. But Cardenas'

## debased and twisted degeneration of the workers' revolution with Lonin and Trotelry led to which Lonin and Trotelry led to winistries' loudspeakers, loads the Cardenas Points At umns, infuses the 'fifth columns' Stalinists As Killers with their heartless fanatism..."

(Continued from Page 1) and people of Mexico to maintain a state of security and tranquillity for the inhabitants. these elements have committed the crime of treason to the country, have prostituted their doctrines of proletarian progress, have wounded country, committed a crime that history will censure as dishonorable for those who inspired it and as abominable for those who consummated it and cooperated in making it effec-

Cardenas concluded:

"The Executive Power that I represent condemns unreservedly acts so shameful and declares that it will hunt down the direct

before the entire world, the sovereign right of the Mexican na- 1938, and Sheldon Harte, 1940.

Cardenas' distinction between those who carried out the crime feet spontaneously, the "Internaand those who cooperated in mak- tional" resounded through the ing it effective is interpreted as building and thus the meeting directed at Lombardo Toledano ended, as Comrade Cannon had and his associates, who by their proposed in his conclusion: incessant attacks on Trotsky sought to prepare the "necessary atmosphere" in which the Stalinists might more boldly carry out Assassin Was In May 24 Attempt ists might more boldly carry out the murder of Trotsky.

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## Assassin's Story Falters **Under Examination**

(Continued from Page 1) Asked whether he knew that not No, he had never asked them. even members of the organization knew who the members of the Bureau were, he also said yes. | night's session was then put as Asked who introduced him to the follows: member of the Bureau, he said, No. They simply introduced him as a member of the Bureau!

Changes His Story In his "statement" Jackson had said that the Bureau member had "supplied me with all the means, expenses of the trip, pa-

#### Why 8 Months Wait?

6. In answer to a question what received a letter of introduction, Jackson said no. How, then, did he expect to see Trotsky without a letter of introduction? He said that was not his problem but that is why they still fear and hate of the people who had sent him. What did he expect to do at Trotsky's? To act as a translator or secretary. If that was his function did he not think that it was very peculiar that he should be sent without a letter of introduction? No. Testimony then brought out that he arrived in Mexico in Trotsky. Then, in February, October, 1939, and did not get 1939, Laborde and Campa were to see Trotsky until May 28, 1940 getting under his skin. eight months later!

7. What did he do all those months? Nothing except wait for sphere, Toledano had made this and more desperate leadership an opportunity to see Trotsky. Why did he wait so long? Well. But Cardenas' strong statement of GPU agents in Mexico began that was the instruction-to wait; and he further testified that durfore, save Trotsky from the GPU was part of his instructions. He was then asked whether he had

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by Stalin. Those mentioned in-

cluded Trotsky's daughters Nina,

1928 and Zinaida, 1933; his sons

Sergei, 1937, and Leon Sedov,

1938; and his friends and secre-

1937; Ignace Reiss, 1937; Erwin

As comrade Cannon ended his

speech, the audience rose to its

Wolf, 1938; August Klement,

met some of the secretaries of What Is True!

some Greek members of the or-one in Paris, whose name you do ganization. Did they introduce not know. You also claim that Trotsky, they are joined in the the Bureau member by name? he told you to go to Mexico to see Trotsky and that he gave you the expenses for the trip. You also claim that he furnished you advised you not to be too insistent in your efforts to see Trotsky, but to wait until it would appear claim that you were instructed GPU and if you also were an give you exactly the instructions

Whereupon the assassin went

whether he was a member of Trotsky. Yes. Did he ever ask the Fourth International, he said them whether it was the custom Asked whether he knew that for secretaries to wait in Mexico the Bureau was the highest body for eight months or so before inof the International, he said yes. troducing themselves to Trotsky?

8. The last question at last

"You claim that you met somethat you claim he gave you?"

When the assassin denied this, he was asked: "In other words, if you were to substitute the GPU for this alleged member of the Bureau of the Fourth International and for your mother, who you claim gave you \$5,000, would gerous as this man." not your story be the exact truth?"

into a long harangue against Goldman. Throughout this session, unlike previous ones where he had sat meekly and answered questions, the assassin abused Goldman. Trotsky's attorney was

That last question particularly struck home. So far as broad details of his leaving Europe and coming here are concerned, the assassin is undoubtedly telling the story as it actually happened-except to leave out the agency of the GPU and substituting for it his mother and the "Bureau member.

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(Reports of other memorial

meetings appear on page 4 of

"Alfaro Siqueiros took his or-

this issue.)

## Author of "Studs Lonigan" On Trotsky's Death

Editor:

I know of no words strong enough to be employed in condemning the murder of Leon Trotsky. And I am convinced

that he was murdered by an agent of the GPU.

admiration and affection, I was Trotsky, not a follower of his in the strict would be a different person than de grace. I am and I would think differ- Providence, R. I. ently than I do. The loss of Leon Trotsky at this particular moment is tragic. In this black and bitter period of reaction. Trotsky was needed, and needed not merely as a symbol, but even more so as a leader. Now, those points on which one disagreed with him fade in importance. One sees his greatness, the inspiration which was gained from his very life, from his indomitable fight, and from his brilliant writings. Leon Trotsky was a great revolutionist, a great writer, a great man, a great spirit. Edmund Wilson, the literary critic, once

# ORKERS' SORUM

Write to us-tell us what's going on in your part of the labor movement-what are the workers thinking about?-tell us what the bosses are up to-and the G-men and the local copsand the Stalinists-send us that story the capitalist press didn't print and that story they buried or distorted—our pages are open to you, Letters must carry name and address, but indicate if you do not want your name printed.

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from Soviet Russia, Leon Trotsky

has served as "the Marxist con-

science of the world." The pick-

axe blow of Stalin's hired as-

sassin struck down "the Marxist

Man. He is dead in the flesh,

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the Fourth International! But

the movement is not reeling un

der the impact. Comrades and

sympathizers have set their teeth

to carry on with greater deter-

mination the struggle with labor's

enemies and misleaders. We will

carry on the struggle with the

realization that each of us must

be a little more strong, a little

more sacrificing, a little more un-

derstanding now that the revolu-

tionary genius, Leon Trotsky, is

How symbolic is it that a hire-

ling of Cain Stalin should with

Judas-like methods destroy the

true leader of revolutionary so-

cialism. In his fear of this great

Bolshevik, Stalin has committed

an act which exposes the entire

mechanism of bureaucratic tyran-

ny. But his cowardly blow will

not save him, for the Fourth In-

ternational will live on and will

struggle on. The priceless heri-

tage of Leon Trotsky's lucid writ-

ing will serve as a beacon for

revolutionary thinkers leading

them to the Fourth International,

and leading the Fourth Interna-

tional to inevitable victory. So-

cialism will conquer with the

stainless banner of Trotskyism!

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#### White Guards Drink Toasts To Celebrate Trotsky's Death

Editor: As the Kremlin gang rejoices conscience of the world." With over their success in murdering grief, I say farewell to the Old

toast by the White Guard officers The spirit that animated his work whom Trotsky drove out of Soviet territory. The Akron Beacon Journal of with all the papers and that he August 23 reports a group of White Russian officers, here attending the national encampment of the Army and Navy Union, drinking a toast to cel-

ebrate Trotsky's death. One of these White Guards, a Captain V. V. Koodroff, vice comalleged member of the Fourth In- Army and Navy Union, an externational were an agent of the ecutive at the Vought-Sikopsky airplane plant at Stratford, Conagent of the GPU, would he not necticut, and, of course, a pious Christian, said: "From the standpoint of Christianity, of course. we should not approve murder in any form. But from the point of view of giving peace to a civilized world Trotsky's death was inevitable . . . Talk about Hitler-Hitler is not one-tenth as dan-

> Another, Captain Alexis A Stoopenoff of the Czarist army, said: "The United States should breathe a great sigh of relief now that Trotsky is gone."

Yes, these White Guards are grateful to Stalin for murdering Trotsky. They understand that. with Trotsky's death, the possibility of capitalist restoration in the Soviet Union is immeasurably facilitated. These are the class forces whom Stalin has aided with his murder machine. Akron, Ohio

#### Russian Revolution Still Lives, Despite Stalin's Crimes

Editor:

Allow me to express, my indignation and that of Simon Simons at the foul deed perpetrated against the world revolutionary For Leon Trotsky, I felt both movement by the murder of Leon

It seems that this deed of and literal meaning of this term. Stalin foulness was designed to in weakness and despair, but | But I was influenced by him. The | put an end to whatever decency standing upright with dry eyes Old Man educated some of the there remained as a vestige of members of my generation: I was the Herculean spirit of the Rus one of those whom he educated, sian Revolution, just as the Stal-Were it not for his writings, I in-Hitler pact marked the coup

> HARRY DERMER SIMON SIMONS

(We appreciate the depth of feeling of our correspondents. but cannot accept the thesis that Stalin has administered a COUP DE GRACE to the Russian Revolution. He has not succeeded-and will not; the economic foundations established by the October Revolution still stand and, on that foundation, the Russian People will yet destroy Stalinism before it destroys the Russian Revolution.—EDITORS.)

## Our Australian Comrades Fight Despite Government Ban

We have just received word that the Sydney headquarters of the Communist League of Australia, section of the Fourth International, were raided by the police on Saturday, June 24. The Federal government had declared the League illegal the day before. Raids have also been carried out at the homes of the secretary of the League, G. Baracchi, and other leaders. Up to the present, no leading militant of the Australian organization has been apprehended.

The government's action took place after agents had been sent down to take notes at a public meeting of the league in Sydney on the previous Sunday. The meeting was held as usual in the Sydney Domain in defiance of an order prohibiting radical meetings.

More than 2,500 workers gathered in spite of the ban to listen to Comrades Baracchi, Kavanagh, Royston and Jock Little, according to the Australian papers. The speakers are quoted as saying:

"We favor Trotsky who is persecuted by Stalin but nevertheless we are for the 'defense of the Soviet as a workers'

"The French capitalists have preferred to throw in their lot with Hitler rather than have the workers establish communism in France.'

In spite of the ban, our Australian comrades continue recruitment, in particular from the ranks of the Stalinists, and are carrying on activity in the name of the Fourth International, naturally adapting methods appropriate to the situation.

Our warmest greetings of solidarity to the Australian Fourth Internationalists under attack. Together with the advanced workers of every country, we say to them, "More power

#### tical Buro of the Central Com- individuals with whom he met in mittee of the Communist Party is one of the apartments of the Erawaiting trial, and David Alfaro mita building, in Tacubya, where Siqueiros, another Stalinist, is a Siqueiros and Gomez Lorenzo (another Stalinist) lived and

Says Mexican Government Paper

MEXICO CITY, August 28- of Trotsky on the 24th of May,

El Nacional, Mexico City daily which was carried out by Alfaro

and organ of the government, to- Siqueiros and his associates, and day states categorically that a he also tortured and assassinated high official of the Mexico City Sheldon Harte, Trotsky's secre police identifies the assassin of tary,' a high officer of the metrofugitive from justice. ,

Trotsky, Jackson, as one of the politan stated yesterday afterparticipants in the May 24 at- noon," reports El Nacional. tempt on Trotsky, for which David Serrano, member of the Poli- ders from Jackson, as did other

"'Jackson is the same man where Jackson asked Sylvia Age who led the assault on the house loff to address her mail."

And here at his grave we testify also that we shall never forget his parting injunction—That we shield and cherish his warrior-wife, the faithful companion of all his struggles and wanderings. "Take care of her", he said, "she has been with me many years." Yes, we shall take care of her. Before every-

thing else, we shall take care of Natalia. We come now to the last word of farewell to our greatest comrade and teacher, who has now become our most glorious martyr. We do not deny the grief that constricts all our hearts. But ours is not the grief of prostration, the grief that saps the will. It is tempered by rage and hatred and determination. We shall transmute it into fighting energy to carry on the Old Man's fight. Let us say farewell to him in a manner worthy of his disciples, like good soldiers of Trotsky's army. Not crouching in weakness and despair, but standing upright with dry eyes and clenched fists. With the song of struggle and victory on our lips. With the song of confidence in Trotsky's Fourth International, the International Party that shall be the human race!

## (Continued from page 2) contradictions, its conventionalities, its false values, its lies. The class society poisons and corrupts everything. We

are all dwarfed and twisted and blinded by it. We can hardly visualize what human relations will be, we can hardly comprehend what the personality of man will be, in a free Comrade Trotsky gave us an anticipatory picture. In him, in his personality as a man, as a human being, we caught

a glimpse of the Communist man that is to be. This memory of him as a man, as a comrade, is our greatest assurance that the spirit of man, striving for human solidarity, is unconguerable. In our terrible epoch many things will pass away. Capitalism and all its heroes will pass away. Stalin and Hitler and Roosevelt and Churchill, and all the lies and injustices and hypocrisy they signify, will pass away in blood and fire. But the spirit of the Communist man which Comrade Trotsky represented will not pass away.

Destiny has made us, men of common clay, the most immediate disciples of Comrade Trotsky. We now become his heirs, and we are charged with the mission to carry out his

testament. He had confidence in us. He assured us with his last words that we are right and that we will prevail. We need only have confidence in ourselves and in the ideas, the tradition and the memory which he left us as our heritage.

## HE NEVER DOUBTED OUR SUCCESS

We owe everything to him. We owe to him our political existence, our understanding, our faith in the future. We are not alone. There are others like us in all parts of the world. Always remember that. We are not alone. Trotsky has educated cadres of disciples in more than thirty countries. They are convinced to the marrow of their bones of their right to victory. They will not falter. Neither shall we falter. "I am sure of the victory of the Fourth International!"—so said Comrade Trotsky in the last moment of his life. So are

Trotsky never doubted, and we shall never doubt, that armed with his weapons, with his ideas, we shall lead the oppressed masses of the world out of the bloody welter of the war into a new socialist society. That is our testimony here tonight at the grave of Comrade Trotsky.

# Flint Auto Workers Fight Bosses' Speed-Up

## Angry Protests Meet **Program Of Intimidation**

FLINT, Mich.—Tension in the Flint auto plants increased and spread this week, as pressure from the corporation became so heavy that a delegation from the UAW locals left for Detroit today to demand action on the settlement of the rapidly accumu-

Under the weight of the corporation offensive—the speed-up and other tactics—the union militants are beginning to realize that the General Motors contract rammed down their throats by Walter Reuther has imprisoned the union in a strait-jacket. The dangers of compulsory ar-

dreds of grievances pile up, while

local condtions grow worse by the

The situation is so bad that

one local president of a HWA lo-

cal remarked that no matter what

"Walter Reuther says, if we don't

get some action, we're going to

contract!" This sentiment is wide-

spread. Strike talk is rampant.

But there is too little organized

work, no one knows where to be-

gin, how to proceed. The failure of

the International Executive Board

to provide leadership has left the

union tossing in a stormy sea.

More and more of the secon-

dary leadership-committee

men and local union officers-

are beginning to realize that

the present conditions cannot

go on. The piling up of griev-

ances cannot be allowed to

grow. They are beginning to

realize that extroardinary

measures will have to be taken

before General Motors will set-

tle the thousands of grievances,

and cease its campaign of in-

timidation, wage cuts, speed-up

The International Officers are

trying their best to throw cold

water on the spreading flames of

grievances, it is not likely that

be able to stop the brewing trou-

ble from breaking out at one

The next period in the auto

industry will witness many

out-breaks, brought about by

just such local issues and plant

problems as are currently caus-

ing tension in Flint. It will not

be surprising if the first of

such outbreaks should occur in

**Grace Carlson Is** 

Grace Carlson has announced

her resignation from the office

of vocational rehabilitation

counselor of the Minnesota De-

partment of Education, to de-

vote her full time to the Socia-

Comrade Carlson made the

announcement on the eve of

presiding as chairman of the

Minneapolis-St. Paul Memorial

Meeting for Leon Trotsky last

She had been in the State

Department of Education for

five years, and previous to that

an instructor in psychology and

a vocational counselor at the

University of Minnesota, re-

ceiving her Ph. D. in psycho-

Comrade Carlson's announce-

ment that she was taking up

full time party work was the

subject of indignant newspaper

comment. The reactionary St. Paul PIONEER PRESS, though

conceding that she had not con-

cealed her party membership,

demanded an investigation of

list Workers Party.

Thursday.

logy in 1933.

**Full-Time Party** 

Worker Now

and the like.

point or another.

bitration, the so-called "Impar- that is still raging. A city wide tial Umpire" and the 30-day committeemen's meeting this strike clause, are now becoming week was the scene of angry proobvious to all. This lesson is tests and demands for direct action to put a stop to the corpora-**Learned** however, at bitter cost. Last week a terrific speed-up tract is generally cursed because drive was begun in the Buick and AC divisions of General Motors here. A wave of grumbling swept the plant, but outside of a few protest votes in plant meetlings, the International succeeded But only for a day. Immediately the Corporation followed up its advantage. It is the custom in the plants to leave the line a few

in squelching the brewing revolt. minutes before lunch time to pull the men out, contract or no wash. In order to assert its power, the corporation tried to put a stop to this practice by sending whole shifts home at the noon hour, and at the nightshift lunch hour, punishing them in that way for taking a few minutes to wash. By this punishment the men lost -four and five hours time.

Workers Fight Back!

But while the International Board members are impotent and fearful, the rank and file in the plants still have plenty on the ball. The next day the men returned to work, and stubbornly at the lunch hour AGAIN knocked off early to wash. AGAIN the bosses sent five hundred men or more home five hours before quitting time.

It was going to be a battle to the end. The Buick workers took the challenge. The next day, for the third time they refused to break their custom of washing militancy in the Flint plants. But before lunch. But by this time unless they can satisfactorily setthe company realized it was no the the increasingly more serious use. Rank and file solidarity could not be defeated—that is, Reuther, Addes and Company will and still produce Buicks.

This little incident is of the utmost importance, and is symptomatic of the possible solidarity and strength of the workers in the auto industry.

Same In Other Plants The same tactics were repeated by the corporation in Chevrolet

and the Fisher Body plants. In the Fisher Body plant a new device to terrorize the men was developed this week. On the production line, there is always a certain amount of defective stock sheet metal, various parts are often picked up by the man on the "assembly line, found to be poor in quality, or actually defective, and tossed into scrap boxes which are placed here and there along the line for that pur-

knows it. But now that the G-Men have the run of the plant, they thought up a swell way to introduce a feeling of suspicion, fear and intimidation. Every now and then, they mysteriously take one of these scrap boxes, and with elaborate show, photograph it.

pose. This has been going on for

years, and every auto worker

It is later whispered around that this was done to get "evidence of sabotage".

Union Blasts This

The union has quickly nipped this farce in the bud. Men are instructed by Committeemen to take each and every defective piece of stock to the foreman, report its condition, and ask authority to throw it into the scrap. This will undoubtedly cost the company so much in lost time that the photographing will soon

These devices however are minor when compared to the company's latest anti-union attempt

Attempt Wage Cuts By a clever subterfuge the corporation is trying to effect wage cuts in all Flint plants. Now that new models are going into prodaction many operations are somewhat altered:—a piece of stock that last year was placed into position in one way, is now handled in a slightly different way from a different angle; all along the line slight and unimportant changes in production have been made. There is absolutely no change in skill required, or in the general type of work being

But the corporation representatives have gone up and down the lines, using as an excuse the fact that the operation is some what changed, and RECLASSI-FIED dozens of jobs. Of course the reclassification is always downward, with a resultant cut in hourly wages.

Arouses Workers' Anger This easily discovered trick aroused a storm in the plants | the Department of Education. Workers Want Union Control Of Military Training

The Socialist Workers Party has advanced the proposal for trade union control of the workers' military training. The party put forward its sound reasons for this proposal.

What has impressed me is the readiness of trade union men-not at all Marxists -to accept the idea that some form of compulsory military training is inevitable, and that by all odds the most desirable system of military training is the system wherein the unions themselves control the training, the government furnishing the funds, the equipment and the expert instruction.

Many of these unionists have experienced tion's dirty tactics. The GM conboth army life and union life. They are able to draw devastating contrasts between the two its bargaining procedure requires months for every grievance. Hun-

The worker in the army and the union worker in industry live lives as different as day and

Mr. Westbrook Pegler sarcastically suggests that union principles apply to the army. He jokes about this, but union men don't joke about it at all. It is their future that is concerned and they discuss it with the seriousness it merits.

Army Life Alien to Unionism

The army way of life that has hitherto been known in the United States is the very antithesis of the life that unionists strive for Through their unions, workers in private industry have been able to restrict the hours they must give the employers. Through their unions, workers have been able in many industries to win a living wage -some measure of control over their own lives, over their union officials.

Not so in the army, the most anti-union force in American society. Army hours are about twice as long as union hours, with no possibility of the lower ranks of the army being able to decrease the number of hours. From early morn until taps, the U.S. army private must serve his superiors. Army wages for the lower ranks sink so far beneath what any union considers a decent living wage that no comparison can even be attempted. Again, there is nothing the lower ranks of the army can do to improve their lot. They are refused the right to organize, to draw up their demands and to present them to their

Outside the army, union men have some measure of freedom and mobility. Not so in the army. There you are ordered when to arise, what to eat, what to wear, when to work, when to play, where to live, where to move. Your reading and your recreation are extremely limited.

You live in the barracks. The barracks are not union-built, they are scab built. You ride in trucks. The trucks are not union-driven, they are driven by non-unionists. The food you eat is prepared by non-union cooks, the articles you use are the products of non-union sweatshops in many cases. You dare not protest.

Outside the army it is possible for many workers to support their families, to have at least a small measure of family life. Not so if you are in the army. What sort of family life can an army private have, on \$21 (or \$30) a month? Today he may be stationed at Fort Snelling, tomorrow he may be ordered to Texas, or the Panama Canal zone or the Phillipines.

Army "Discipline" a Slave's Life

Everyone knows what army discipline is. It is the discipline of the master over the slave, with no provision for the slave to protest deci-

sions that intimately concern his welfare, his very life. Protests and infractions are met with deral Prison, where he had served tion of Stalin the murderer as ready response of sympathizers of the court-martial.

There is discipline in a union too. The union membership will decide what hours are to be worked, what the wages and conditions are to be. Members who chisel on the hours, or "kick back" part of the wages, are disciplined by the union. They are fined or forced to guit work for a period. Protests of chiselers against the union law receive but scant sympathy.

But if bureaucratic union officials try to hand down unfair regulations and conditions to the membership, the membership has the opportunity to rise up and collectively remove the bureaucrats and place other members in the position of leadership to express the collective will. In the union movement the masses, if they don't now enjoy the democracy they need and should have, have always the possibility of fighting for and winning this democracy. Not so in the army.

Now for a still more decisive fact. The heads of the nation's union movement, no matter how bureaucratic they are, still have a vested interest in the continuation of unionism.

But the most anti-union group in the United States is the general staff of the army. It is | tion to Comrade Cannon's stir- | the assassination, and laid bare concentrated reaction, tied by a hundred strings to the Sixty Families and the protection of property rights. Every time the army has intervened in national life, from the great railroad strike of speech. 1877 on down the years, it has intervened AGAINST the unions and FOR the employers. lia Trotsky, and a telegram to Trotsky's life and work. He traced And it can not be otherwise, for the army is the military arm of the ruling class whose govern- for the asylum which Mexico young rebel to one of the greatment the army supports. Even today the army is alone granted the leader of the est revolutionists of all time. He considering plans to put down labor. Not so long ago the magazine "Life" told that the general staff of the U.S. Army considered it more probable, that it would be used at home against the people rather than abroad in defense of "naton are becoming more and more open and frank about their plans to regiment and run the nation, and more and more contemptuous towards ANY civilians who challenge their plans.

For the Union Way

labor's attitude toward conscription and military training, most have not a class concept of life. Most feel it their duty to defend the country, to respect the government. Most feel that President Roosevelt has the same concepts of democracy and labor's welfare that they have. BUT EVERY LAST UNIONIST SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF UNION CONTROL OF MILITARY TRAINING AND BEARS A FEAR AND A HATRED FOR ARMY CONTROL OF SUCH TRAINING.

Can the union movement really succeed in gaining control of military training for the workers? This will be decided in the struggle for such a program. If enough workers, if enough unions enter the fight for control over theis own military training, this can sbecome a reality. The difference between the army way of life and the union standards. union way of life is tremendous. In the months to come it will have the very greatest meaning for every worker. Faced with the certain prospect of universal compulsory military training. every sensible worker will much prefer to take the principle of justice in indussuch training under the direction of his own trial disputes. He reassured the union and his own officers, drawn from the union White House that the Executive osed endorsement of Roosevelt on

Max Geldman Is Chicago Speaker

CHICAGO, Sept. 1-Max Geldjust released from Sandstone Fe- rang with our comrades' accusa- tention of the audience, and the leader of the famous WPA strike, sold. The black-bordered leaflet for funds, all attest to the workwas the principal speaker at a announcing the meeting was dis-ers' deep hatred of the GPU and Trotsky Memorial Meeting here tributed and read in every nook Friday night, at the Midland and cranny of greater Boston. Hotel.

Over 200 attended the meeting. A representative of the Revolutionary Workers League extended his condolences at the

## **Boston Meeting**

200 people heard James P. Can- gust 25. non, National Secretary of the Opened by a color guard which Socialist Workers Party, speak placed four red banners before a tonight at a memorial meeting brightly lighted portrait of Trotfor Leon Trotsky.

Day Eve meeting was testimony er for socialism. to the realization of loss by Bos- | An address by Comrade Al Milton's advanced workers. In addi- ler presented the background of polis and St. Paul Branches of ring eulogy, the immortal voice the methods and aims of Stalin's of Trotsky himself was heard in GPU. The evidence presented the hall, through a recorded left no doubt in the minds of the

of condolence to Comrade Nata- Comrade C. Charles spoke of President Cardenas, thanking him his political development from a world revolutionary movement. revealed the amazing parallel be-

meeting the whole city was made | Trotsky and those of that other | Allentown, Toledo, Cleveland, and

sky's death. Thousands of SO- olution,-Lenin. CIALIST APPEALS were put in- drew on his experience of a year's to the hands of workers-on the collaboration with Trotsky in waterfront docks, outside factor- Coyoacan to highlight the perclass suburbs, etc. The main ist.

Trotsky Memorial Newark Meeting In Los Angeles Cannon Speaks At Attended by 300

attended a memorial meeting for Leon Trotsky called by the So-BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 1-Over cialist Workers Party here Au

sky, the meeting paid tribute to The solemnity of this Labor the memory of this heroic fight-

audience that responsibility for The meeting sent a telegram the murder lay at Stalin's door.

aware of the meaning of Trot- great leader of the Russian Rev- | Flint.

ies, at warehouses, in working sonality of the great revolutionman, Minneapolis labor leader, shopping and business districts The well-filled hall, the rapt atan eight-months' sentence as a hundreds of APPEALS were all political leanings to appeals

their profound sympathy for Trotsky and his ideas.

in Newark, New Jersey, was held

August 23. Felix Morrow, editor of the SOCIALIST APPEAL, was the principal speaker.

at Workmen's Circle Hall, 190

Belmont Avenue, Friday evening,

## Minneapolis And St. Paul Meeting

MINNEAPOLIS-A Memorial Meeting for Leon Trotsky was arranged jointly by the Minneathe Socialist Workers Party here Thursday evening, August 29.

V. R. Dunne gave the Memorial Address to a filled hall. A feature of the meeting was the printed program, which included a biography of Trotsky and a lengthy list of his works.

Other meetings held during the week, from which reports were not received at press time, were In the five days preceding the tween the ideas and activity of held in San Francisco, Detroit,

## tional" interests. From time to time columnists have observed that the staff officers in Washing-New York AFL Convention

the AFL, in session August 21-23 administration in all matters per- ly relevant words of New York Of the union men with whom I have discussed at Niagara Falls, adopted a re- taining to national defense. solution opposing the passage of the Burke-Wadsworth Bill "in its present form" and opposing con- occurred at a special evening ses- neither the Democratic nor Rescription until such time that it sion on the second day, when the publican parties had adopted a is proved that voluntary enlist- resolutions committee reported position on the Department of ments fail to fulfil the needs of national defense.

The convention's position was dacy. pased on the views expressed by islation favorable to labor and nold.

In the same breath, however, he pleaded with his constituents for "peace in industry"-"negotiations, not strikes"-and the application of "common sense" and Council had already adopted a

Debate On Roosevelt concurrence in a resolution en- Justice's union-smashing drive. dorsing Roosevelt's third candi- He had concluded with the sug-

A few belated cheers and a present their legislator "friends" william Green in an address made smattering of applause greeted with a questionnaire on that at the opening session, in which the announcement; the boss press burning issue. he declared that the bill "was unanimously reported that it was not well-thought out" and failed a wild ovation. Dan McSpadden to properly pace the draft with of Local 3, I.B.E.W. took the floor arms production. Green had to remind the delegates of the previously in his speech demand- union-busting adventures of F. ed the preservation of social leg. D. R.'s flunkeys, Jackson and Ar-

Halfway through McSpadden's speech, the microphone mysteriand business manager of Local 3, Harry Van Arsdale arose and flayed the perpetrators of the deed. Van Arsdale went on to state his opposition to the propthe grounds that the administration had, in addition to sponsoring Professor Arnold, cut the prevailing wage in W.P.A.

Larry Phillips Speaks A near-riot ensued when Larry Phillips, delegate of Local 302, Cafeteria Union, charged gross inconsistency in the support of movement," he foamed. Roosevelt, silent partner of the F.B.I.'s anti-labor crusade. He constitutional committee recomberated the Federation for enslav- mended the adoption of the coning the AFL to the Democratic vention's first resolution, intro-Party. In the midst of his call duced by the Plumbers and for independent political action | Steamfitters, Local 2, New York and a labor party based on the City, to wit: "Henceforth, no memtrade unions, a barrage of bronx ber of a political paty advocating cheers from the I.L.G.W.U. delegation unloosed itself upon him.

President Lyons recovered long enough to demand that Phillips State Federation of Labor." apologize for remarking that the AFL had become the "vassal" of a political party. The latter complied, but requested to be recorded in opposition to the resolution all questions before the body. which was carried by an "aye" vote of the delegates, their friends hastily seeking refuge in the barand families, and casual ob-

State's Solicitor-General, Henry Epstein, in the best speech of the The climax of the convention convention, to the effect that gestion that the state leaders

## Red-Baiting Drive

From the first word uttered to the last, the tenor of the convention was "oust the reds."

"Subversive Nazi-Communist activities will not be tolerated," bellowed his excellency, the bankergovernor Lehman.

Internal subversive forces contribute a greater menace than invasion." was Lieutenant-Governor Poletti's contribution.

Bill Green obliged: "We must fight infiltration of subversive elements--Communist, Nazi, and all

"Only Communists and Nazis are for unpreparedness," parrot-

ted Meany. On this question, Tom Lyons

was quite expansive.

"We will not allow the injection of foreign ideas into our

To climax the orgy, Joe Ryan's the overthrow of our democratic form of government shall be përmitted to hold any office in the

Stalinists Yellow The Communist Party, well represented at the convention, was conspicuous in its utter silence on Many Stalinist delegates were seen rooms and lavatories when the third term fracas took place.

# Behind the Lines

Partitioning of Rumania Done Without Stalin's Consent

**by George Stern** 

The further partitioning of Rumania summarily ordered last week by the Axis powers at the Vienna conference gives fresh evidence of the actual position now occupied by the Stalin government in Adolf Hitler's constella-

Bessarabia and Bukovina had evidently been part of the same Hitler-Stalin bargain which operated in Poland, in the Baltic and in Finland. But the Vienna conference showed quite clearly that Hitler regards himself as the sole arbiter of the new order in the Balkans and that Stalin recognizes his

The dismemberment of Rumania has obviously been an essential part of Hitler's schedule for assuring himself an undisturbed Balkan granary. Bessarabia and Bukovina were assigned to Stalin. Hungary was assured of the return of Transylvania and no doubt before long Bulgaria will be presented with Dobruja. What remains of Rumania itself has already become in effect a German

to Rumania without benefit of Hitler was demonstrating who fully exerting convenient pressure on the Carol government, was to carry out the commands of the Berghof oracle. While | Eastern Mediterranean. all the journalistic wiseacres

are still putting chips on Stalin's card in Southeastern Europe, Stalin is still playing his hand at Hitler's nod.

The operation of the Stalin-Hit-

ler pact in the first year of the war has shown sufficiently that as far as Stalin is concerned be is going to play along with Hitler as long as Hitler continues his winning streak. British success in holding off the first aerial attacks on Enland will not in it self be enough to shake Stalin loose from Hitler's tail. Only the United States will be able to do hat, and Stalin knows that the United States will be in no position to start doing it for some time to come.

So for the present the "reorganization" of the Balkans is proceeding under Hitler's direction and with Stalin's full if not overjoyous compliance.

vious, Greece is to be laid on the carving table. Here too the Kremlin is vitally involved. The advance of Italy at Greek expense of decision such as that it faced when Italy entered the war. At the collapse of France and the its pledges to England pass and Turks will have to decide wheth-

After Rumania, it is quite ob-

protectorate, along the lines of will force Turkey to another hour The orders were handed out | that time, under the influence of consultation with the Kremlin. pressure of Moscow, Turkey let was boss and Stalin, by duti- stayed neutral. In the coming period of pressure on Greece, the showed that he knew his part | er they must accept a new German-Italian order of things in the The chances are they will.

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