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REVOLT DELAYS SELL OUT IN SPAIN

Stalinist Leaders Flee, but Lower Ranks Forced into Struggle

The Anglo-French bloc have recognized Franco. They are endeavoring through the Pound to buy him out and to isolate the German and Italian imperialists who did their share at the front in bleeding the workers white, while Britain and France and their Peoples Front stooges accomplished this in the rear.

England aimed for a compromise between Franco and the Negrin Loyalists, but the Fascist would have none of it. England then brought pressure on the Loyalist forces to eliminate the Stalinists and left socialists from the government and establish a new government to which Franco would talk "peace" terms (unconditional surrender). This is aimed at saving a few capitalist agents and washing out the rest

of the workers, and peasants' assistance.

WORKERS FIGHT SELL OUT
But in disposing of their office boys, Anglo-French Imperialism and their new agents (some like General Miaja were former Stalinist members) encountered resistance: deep class rumblings among the hundreds of thousands of armed workers at the front and their brothers in the rear who understand what a victory of Fascism means, no matter if it is a truce, armistice, or unconditional surrender. The Spanish workers know what a blood-bath Franco has given Barcelona in his "triumphant march" into Catalonia.

The workers rebelled therefore against the impending sell-out by the Loyalists. And some of the lower rank Stalinists were forced to take the lead although neither Negrin nor the Communist Party supported them. The CP top leaders had left the country in droves.

When Catalonia was taken the workers were so weak from many months of Stalinist counter-revolutionary work behind the lines that they could only put up feeble resistance at the French border in "anarchist" revolts. But now in the Madrid area the workers' action was much greater. The leaders can run out of Spain. The workers must face Fascism.

STILL FEAR REVOLUTION
Again as in the May uprising the leaders in Loyalist Spain prove they fear the workers in their own ranks a thousand times more than they fear the Fascists. General Miaja took crack troops out of the front line trenches to defeat the workers revolts. Franco waits, meanwhile, to see how successful the new government will be in further weakening the workers and making easier the Fascist victory.

Once again, too, history proves that Fascism cannot make peace with any form of reformism, even the Stalinist form, which played an outstanding counter-revolutionary role in Loyalist Spain. Fascism must smash ALL of the workers organizations, no matter who controls leadership. The CLASS WAR continues in Spain, even though it is a class war with the workers in retreat instead of advancing.

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FOR A WORKERS
COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

Labor «Unity» Meetings Part of War Steps

Under pressure of the Roosevelt administration unity negotiations between the AFL and CIO are again under way.

What unity will mean and do for the bosses, was indicated by a statement on March 1st by Almon E. Roth, head of San Francisco's most powerful employers' group. Business, according to him "cannot continue to compete with dictatorships in the economic field... so long as there is uncertainty and bad faith in the collective bargaining field." The fundamental reason for this he claims is "lack of unity in labor's ranks."

Continuing, Roth asks for an end to jurisdictional disputes and harmony between labor and capital.

NOT A CATCH PHRASE

For the Roosevelt administration unity of the Lewis and Green bureaucracies will be a big step toward consolidating the weakening New Deal machine and to speed up the New Deal war preparations, and lining up the working class.

It is evident that Roosevelt is willing to go to great lengths to force this unity, or at least to force an end to jurisdictional disputes and to create greater unity of action between the two federations.

What the workers will get out of this type of unity is made evident by Lewis' proposal for a Congress of Labor to include the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods in which there is no mention — significantly — of democratically elected delegates to such a Congress.

Labor unity is not a catchphrase. Workers should be on guard against that type of unity brought about on a program of outlawing sit-downs, giving support to the war program of U. S. capitalism, and general class collaboration. Such a unity is the only type that Lewis, Green and Roosevelt will tolerate. But such a unity will be a straitjacket for the workers. These "unity" moves must be exposed relentlessly as "unity" of labor fakers against the interests of the working class. The workers in the factories, mines, and mills must forge a different type of unity of their own; joint action by the various shop committees in strikes and other activities; and the building of a progressive group of militants IN ALL UNIONS to fight for a class struggle program.

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NAZI COUP BRINGS WAR CLOSER

Another «Peace» Pact Scrapped as Hitler Takes Over Czechs

The conquest of Czechoslovakia by Germany and small Ruthenia by Hungary once again explodes the "peace" myth of the imperialists. After the world war the League of Nations system was proposed to preserve peace. Then followed a series of "non-aggression" pacts, the Locarno Pact, the Kellogg-Briand treaty lately the Munich Pact, only six months ago.

The Munich Pact is now a dead letter. The agreement by the Anglo-French bloc to stand by Czechoslovakia and the promise by Hitler that he had no more territorial designs in Europe are the usual dead letters.

TEAR UP TREATY

The imperialists, of course, do not respect even their own treaties. They respect only conquests and profits. But even if they do want to respect these "peace" agreements, economic necessity is a hard taskmaster. Germany's economy is at the breaking point. The pressure of the American dollar and manufactured goods, as well as Britain's economic pressure, is forcing Germany to open acts of aggression, but the aggression is world wide. It is the aggression of world capitalism in decay fight

ing for more markets and spheres of influence, with the stronger links of capitalism (U. S., Britain, etc.) using economic aggression and the weaker links (Germany, Italy, Japan) forced into military as well as economic aggression.

Britain has not raised a hand against Germany's latest move to dominate central Europe. Fearing revolution if war breaks, and with her hands full in Spain, China, India, etc., she can lead Germany toward the USSR and can buy her way into domination of Spain and check further moves by Hitler by granting him loans and making Germany more economically dependent on England. But these new Hitler victories further weaken the Anglo-French position.

NO PEACE UNDER CAPITALISM

Munich instead of bringing peace, brought greater war preparations. The new Hitler steal will further intensify the antagonism in decaying European capitalism, and among the imperialists. Stalinism will now make even greater concessions to the imperialists. The orientation of Stalinism on American Imp-

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U.S. TIGHTENS NOOSE ON BRAZIL

A new agreement between the U. S. and Brazil grants the latter about 100 million dollars credit with which to buy rail supplies and other material in the United States, and to stabilize its currency.

The agreement places virtual control of the central bank in Brazil under the United States and is certain to hinder German and British competition.

This is another big move after the Lima conference to consolidate the western hemisphere behind Uncle Sam. The American dollar is going to be used to gain further control in Latin America and sweep British and German influence out. Already many other small nations in South America have applied for similar credits from the U. S.

DOLLAR OPPRESSION

Odds are in favor of the American dollar as against the German blocked mark and the British sterling. Behind the dollar stands the biggest gold reserve in history and the strongest productive machine.

But the Brazilian masses, like the Cuban or Dominicas masses, who went through a similar history, are going to pay dearly for this "credit". Uncle Sam will force through many more such

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NEW DEAL LAUNCHES ATTACK ON UNEMPLOYED

Jobless Must Fight Scrip; Organize Against Relief Cuts!

The big push against the unemployed is on. Thirty thousand WPA workers were laid off because they are aliens. A million workers are to be laid off before June 30th. This is another Roosevelt purge. A new voucher system is being prepared, whereby WPA and relief workers will be given part of their allowance in scrip instead of cash, to be exchanged in the grocery stores for food.

Without a fighting policy and organization the unemployed are unable to resist the present offensive of the boss government. The lay-off of aliens is only a forerunner to the lay-off of "100% Americans." The scrip system if put through will eventually be used to further lower relief standards.

MORE RED TAPE

By June 30th there is little doubt that the present WPA system will be scrapped and more "permanent" relief systems will be devised which will cut relief drastically.

In Cleveland steps are again being taken to consolidate the relief offices, cut a number of them out and thus impose more hardships and red tape on the unemployed. This is a "feeler" to see how much the unemployed will fight. Opposition by the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief has helped country is similar to that in Cleveland. "Feelers" are being thrown out, small concessions are being taken away, in order to see how far the unemployed will fight.

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Negro Slavery

Three hundred years ago a cargo of Negroes was brought to the western hemisphere to be sold as slaves. At the time the difference between the Negro slaves and the "indentured" whites was only a difference in degree. In the streets of Berlin and London profiteers organized the kidnapping of men, women and children to send them to the "new world." Once here they would be forced to work seven years — or possibly more — to buy themselves back, to become free men. The dearth of population made the English profiteers give these whites their "freedom" in order to procure the necessary labor power to develop the fields, shipping and trade. Otherwise the white slaves might have been kept in bondage for all of their days just as the black slaves.

The Negro, however, came from a continent with a generally lower culture, where primitive communism and barbarism prevailed. He had no understanding of the new capitalist order, of "free trade", of the language of the whites, etc. The landowners never in hundreds of years tried to educate the Negro slaves. The guiding motif of the slave system, just like capitalism, was PROFITS. It was more profitable for the landowner, and later the capitalists, to keep the Negro illiterate, working 15, sometimes 19 hours a day, with a whip over him, than to have him educated.

THE "CIVILIZING INFLUENCE"

In the name of "civilization" thousands of Negroes were chained to their beds on long voyages, with an insufferable stench and poor food, and the chains tearing the flesh in their arms as the ships rolled. Sometimes half the boatload of Negroes perished. Once in the Colonies, they were branded and sold, just as one puts the "made in America" brand on a pack of cigarets and sells it.

When Washington, Jefferson, and the others fought the Revolutionary War, they demanded "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" for all men, they shouted about "all men" being "created equal." But when they established their own independent government they refused to give the right to vote to the "white trash" who didn't have any property — about 32 out of every 33 persons; and they decided that a Negro slave was not a human being but merely a PIECE OF PROPERTY, with no vote and no rights.

The Negro slave was reaping millions and millions for the slave-owners, for the rich traders in Massachusetts engaged in the slave trade in the Indies, and for the other "forefathers." In the interests of protecting those profits the good forefathers invented the myth that the Negro is an inferior person because he has black skin, that he can't be educated, that he was being saved from paganism and hell by being enslaved to the American capitalists and slave-owners.

MYTHS AND FRAUDS

Even in the days of our forefathers all this was known by them to be just "propaganda" and fraud. In San Domingo in Washington's time a revolution broke out between the slaves and the slave-owners, which ended in 1801 in the establishment of an independent Negro Republic, Haiti. The good forefathers, who had such contempt for the "niggers" at home, were flattering Toussaint Louverture and the other Negro rulers of San Domingo in an attempt to gain better trade relations with the Negro-controlled state.

For capitalism the Negro is a dull ignorant fool at one time and place and a highly cultured and brilliant individual at another — so long as by using this sort of propaganda and diplomacy capitalism can reap a profit.

When slavery was finally abolished in the United States it was not because of the goodness of the American capitalists under Lincoln. In was again because of the old, old profit motive. In 1860 the Negro population was increasing enormously; the white owners were constantly pushing out West to get new lands. The Northern capitalists who could not use slave labor in the factories were also pushing out west with their railroads and their factories. There inevitably was a conflict between the two. It was a question of which type of social structure could bring more profits — the chattel slave structure of the south, or the capitalist structure of the North. The capitalist structure of the North won and the Negro slave became "free"

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MASS UNREST STIRS INDIA

FEAR OF UPRISING FORCES CONCESSIONS TO PACIFIST GHANDI

Great Britain, who with the United States, forms the backbone of the "great democracies" was forced last month to make a number of small concessions in local government when Mahatma Gandhi went into another of his "fasts unto death".

Britain's "civilizing" of India is very revealing. More than 3 million people were arrested in 1933 (the last date of statistics on this matter) for being "criminals" — in other words for fighting the low standard of living. A little more than half the average yield of the Indian peasant goes to the government in taxes. In certain places the people are forced to give 90 to 100 days "free" labor to the authorities to build palaces, roads, etc.

MASSES IN REVOLT

Recently Britain granted parliamentary rights to Gandhi's Congress Party. But as usual there were many hitches. Large areas did not fall into this grant and were still dominated automatically by various princeling puppets of Britain.

The revolts of the Indian masses are so frequent and so fiery that the good English "democrats" find it cheaper to concede small points to the pacifist Gandhi, rather than see the masses rise up by the millions as they undoubtedly would if Gandhi had died.

In fact the good pacifist Gandhi plays a very important role in stifling the class action of the masses. In the state of Dhenkanal in Orissa, the masses — more than 50,000 strong forced the corrupt officialdom to flee. British troops arrived and began their usual looting and raping. When the masses began reforming their lines and organizing secret squads of volunteers, instructions came from Gandhi to stop the movement — the revolt was stabled in the back.

CANALYZES STRUGGLE

What Britain gives India are small concessions, the result of powerful mass action. Gandhi only serves to canalize that action and stifle it. England did not fear Gandhi's "non-resistance". They feared the armed might of India.

India is the hub of the British empire. Its fall would be a death blow to Britain. But despite the 600,000 British troops that murder Indian people incessantly, the class forces can not be stifled. They rise again and again.

Germany and Italy, and America too, are using the situation to further weaken Great Britain.

The world working class must give all its aid to the struggle of the oppressed in India. It is a key center for the struggle against Imperialism. Not that conditions there are much worse than, say, conditions in Puerto Rico, or the Philippines, or Cuba — America's spheres of exploitation and robbery. Nevertheless, with the rest of the colonial people and with the aid of proletariat in the large imperialist countries, Imperialism American and British both — can be dealt a hammer blow by a movement in India led by a new Communist Party, which must still be built in India.

For Workers Control of Production

The Stalinist Frameup Method

By A GPU Prisoner

BY RUSSELL BLACKWELL

The reports of the Moscow trials have excited numerous speculations among workers everywhere as to how and why old time revolutionists proven in years of struggle in the building of the Bolshevik Party, could be brought to make such shameful "confessions" as they did.

My own personal experience as a political prisoner in Spain during the greater part of the year 1939, can, I believe, throw some light on this question. I was for varying periods, confined in six different Spanish prisons, one in Cuenca, two in Madrid, and three in Valencia. In the latter city, the Military Investigation Service (S. I. M.) was controlled by the Communist Party, and numerous foreign Stalinists played a leading part in the "investigations" conducted in all sorts of political cases.

Numerous people were detained for "disaffection" to the regime or on simple suspicion. They were submitted to several forms of brutal medieval torture and frequent beatings, for the purpose of obtaining "confessions" and statements incriminating other persons who in some cases they had never heard of before. Several persons met in prison told me that they had signed false confessions in order to save their lives.

TORTURE BOXES

Several told me that they had been locked up for periods between 20 and 40 hours in cube shaped wooden boxes, measuring about a yard each way. One of those who had been put to this torture was a German Jewish sailor who worked on a cargo boat under the Panama flag engaged in running the Fascist blockade, with arms for the Republican government. The fact that he was a German was the reason for his arrest — being a German, it was reasoned, he must be a spy. His leg had been twisted in such a manner that for six weeks he was unable to stand. Eventually he signed a statement which the SIM agents drew up for him, confessing to whatever they saw fit to put down. He was never taken to trial but is confined to the Valencia Model Prison waiting for the end of the war.

In the Convent of Santa Ursula

BRAZIL

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loans, with large interest rates. He will force through all sorts of "public works" programs, at exorbitant rates by American contractors. And the ever higher taxes will be paid by the Brazilian masses.

Furthermore, there are indications that America intends to develop rubber plantations in Brazil on a large scale and that the new agreement with Brazil will facilitate this move. If this materializes it will be a real blow against Britain, which has a virtual monopoly on rubber today. But, again, for the masses this means new steps at enslaving them, forced eviction from their land, slave wages and the whip and terror of the American exploiter.

at Valencia, where I spent over 2 months in solitary confinement in an underground crypt with a burial niche for a bed, I also saw a number of "cells" built in the same shape and size as telephone booths, in which prisoners were confined for long periods.

STALINISTS BEAT PRISONERS

Several prisoners showed me scars on their bodies where they had been stuck with knives and bayonets during interrogations. Most of the tortures in the Valencia SIM were conducted by an old time Stalinist named Apellaniz, who derived sadistic pleasure from the proceedings. At one time I was beaten over the head until almost unconscious by Apellaniz and three other Stalinist hoodlums, one of whom kicked me in the chest a number of times.

The individual in charge of handling my case in the Valencia SIM was a Russian Stalinist of about 28, who admitted to me that he had worked as an agent of the GPU in a number of different European countries. He spoke a great many languages and was known by the names of Hans and Juanito.

FRAME UP CHARGES

Ridiculous and mutually contradictory charges were made against me. I was accused of being a spy for the German Gestapo, the Italian OVRA, Franco's Espionage service, and the U. S. government service, and of having been sent to Spain by Trotsky's son for the purpose of assassinating war minister Prieto and other republican government leaders. I was accused of having organized the May insurrection in Barcelona, of having led an armed attack on the Russian Embassy in Mexico City, and of having tried to blow up two bridges over the Ebro River. It was obvious from the line of questioning that the object was to force me to give information or testimony that could be used against the POUM leaders in the Barcelona trials.

The fact that I was an American citizen whose case was known to the American Consulate and the pressure of the international labor movement that was demanding my release, prevented them from torturing me as they had done with others, or from simply killing me as on several occasions they assured me they would ultimately do.

A STALINIST RE-INSTATEMENT

The above mentioned Russian GPU agent was more than anxious to cave me in. All sorts of promises were made to me, if I would play a stool pigeon role and confess my "crimes." He assured me that if I would confess to being a Hitlerite spy, admit my guilt of the other charges and give him something concrete that could be used to clinch the frame up of the POUMists, I would then be reinstated as a member of the Communist International with which I had broken in 1929! (It is interesting to note the high standards for membership set by the Stalinists). I was told that there was no need of continuing to "vegetate in a cockroach organization," that I could find an opportunity for responsible work in a real organization — the Communist International!

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(Continued from Page 1) erialism will become more pronounced; looming up is the rapprochement of Stalinism with Germany.

Hungary, Poland and Rumania will now be Hitlerized at a more rapid pace, in spite of Mussolini and Stalin. Italian Fascism is being crowded out of central European influence very rapidly by her "ally". A weakened Soviet Union, under Stalinism, becomes ever more fearful of attack by Germany.

Germany cannot stop here. She must continue to drive toward the Ukraine, to drive against the Anglo-French control of the Near East in order to save itself from revolution.

BRITAIN LOSES MOST

England and the U. S., the two main giants of imperialism again lose by Hitler's coup, just as they lose by Japanese moves in Asia. But England loses more than the U. S., which has a smaller economic and political stake in central Europe and the Mediterranean.

Furthermore the U. S. is in a position to strike back with far greater pressure than England strike back not only at Germany and Japan but above all at the further weakened England, just as she did after Munich when she gained enormous concessions in the Anglo-American trade treaty. England is now weakened still more in relation to the U. S.

Germany has gained an area with 25 million people, large coal

and iron deposits, fertile land, and almost a hundred million dollars in gold. On the other hand, however, conflict with her axis partner, Italy, draws ever closer, because Italy is being pushed out of central Europe. She is attempting now to put a barrier to Hitler's inroads by using Hungary and Poland, and the steal of small Ruthenia by Hungary, against Germany.

ONLY TEMPORARY STOP-GAP

Although Germany will now gain temporary stability, the contradictions within German economy will now be even greater. In a short period, Germany's needs will be even more acute than now. New fortifications are necessary, new raw materials, new roads, new railroads — new investments in military and non-productive ventures.

Germany as one of the weak links of imperialism is forced to even more aggressive measures. No matter what agreements she makes with the other imperialists, none of these steps can stave off the inevitable war, and the still more inevitable proletarian revolution.

The conquest of colonies and weaker nations by the three "have not" imperialists, and the failure of the "democracies" to stop them, reveals deepening signs of capitalist decay and conflict. The new forms of military conquests and struggles are preludes to the impending second imperialist war.

Capitalists Attack Workers Rights

By a 5-2 decision in the Fansteel case, the Supreme Court, loyally carrying out the wishes of its masters, declared the sit-down strike illegal. In Oklahoma they didn't wait for the Supreme Court; they passed their own law outlawing sit-down strikes. In Wisconsin the White-Catlin Bill outlawing picketing was passed.

Dozens of bills outlawing or limiting picketing and striking have been introduced in Michigan, Illinois and many other states.

Under capitalism it is becoming illegal to stop working in order to get better wages; but it is perfectly legal to close down factories, plow under land, and burn coffee and oranges even though millions are starving.

Legality under capitalism is merely another term for enforced slavery.

DEMOCRACY AGAINST THE WORKERS

Every step forward against the exploiters that the working class has made at one time or another was declared illegal. It was illegal to organize a union, it was illegal to call a strike, it was illegal to peacefully picket — and in many cities it is still illegal.

Mass picketing, sit-down tactics, armed workers defense corps are all illegal. This only means the capitalists see the handwriting on the wall and fear what is in store for them.

But the workers must understand that only by their own independent class action can they gain their objectives today for small demands and tomorrow for the control of society. Toward this end they must continue to use the sit-down tactics, mass picketing, workers defense squads, and aim at finally establishing workers control of production under a Workers Council Government.

Australia

By an oversight the January issue of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL carried the story that the Communist League of Australia (Trotskyists) were fighting for a "genuine International" against the policy of their leadership. The statement should have read, "a large section of the CLA" — a section which recently split from the centrists to form the Militant Workers League of Australia.

The newly formed MWL is a healthy reaction to the centrist program of the Trotsky "International." Essentially it stands on a common position with the Revolutionary Workers League on the road to the new Communist (4th) International.

Britain Renegs on Treaty with Jews

Tries to Establish Arab State to Protect Near East Empire

In a desperate attempt to prop up the gateway to her Eastern Empire, Great Britain is attempting to void the Balfour agreement, establish an Arab-dominated state in Palestine and limit immigration to not more than 10,000 Jews a year.

The Jews are unable to keep order in Palestine. Neither can the puppet Arab leaders of Britain, so long as the Jews play the dominant role. While the negotiations between Malcolm MacDonald and the Jews and Arabs were going on, 45 Arabs were killed by British army men in Palestine.

Obviously the British can not tolerate — if their Iraq, Mesopotamian and other investments are to be protected — this state of disorder. The simplest thing, therefore, is to void the Balfour agreement, which supposedly set up a homeland for the Jews, and put the policing powers in the hands of the Arabian capitalists and landowners. England and the other "democratic" imperialists are using the Jews as a pawn in power politics.

U. S. FIGHTS PLAN

For almost a score of years Britain has used the Jews — especially the Zionist movement — as the watchdog of its Eastern Empire. Since the advent of the New Deal in the United States, however, America has attempted, through the American section of the Zionist movement to break the British hold in Palestine and that area of the world, and to increase her own toe-hold.

The most vociferous protest against the new British plan comes from Stephen Wise, American Rabbi, member of the delegation discussing now with MacDonald. And the State Department has also protested the new plan.

On the other side, Germany and Italy have been using certain sections of the Arabian movement to foment nationalist uprisings in

Palestine and throughout Arabia. Now comes the British plan, which is intended to deal a blow to American on the one hand and the two Fascist powers on the other hand. By imposing a military dictatorship, controlled by an Arabian clique dominated by herself, Britain hopes to wash out her enemies in the present Near East strife.

MASSES STAND TO LOSE

If the present plan succeeds there is little doubt that an Arab military government will soon restore "order." But the Palestine masses, Jew and Arab both, will pay a heavy price for this "independence."

The trade unions will suffer a heavy blow — most of the members being Jews — with a consequent lowering of the wage level and working conditions. The Arabian peasant will not get the land he so desires, but the Arabian landowners and capitalists will fatten on the Jewish capitalists.

"HOMELANDS" UNDER CAPITALISM

Life itself is dealing a death blow to the various Zionist and Poale Zionist utopian hopes for a Jewish homeland. Capitalism is a WORLD WIDE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION. That exploitation — both economic and political — can not be avoided no matter in what corner of the globe a people may live. The exploitation and oppression of minority peoples can come to an end only with the overthrow of capitalism.

The workers of America must expose Roosevelt's hypocritical use of the Jews for American imperialist purposes and demand that he open the doors in the U. S. for immigration of the Jews from central Europe as well as the oppressed anti-Fascists of Spain and Germany. The job for the Palestine workers remains essentially the same — Jewish and Arab worker and peasant unity against the exploiters and their plans.

Help Spanish Refugees

With the set back of the Spanish workers thousands of leading comrades and militant revolutionists are stranded in foreign lands in desperate need, and must find refuge in some country. This is in addition to the thousands and thousands of workers and oppressed who have fled from Italian and German Fascism.

We have received urgent communications from the Red Aid of the Austrian Revolutionary Left

and from many individuals in Spain. Plans are being made to organize broad red aid committees and united action to force the New Deal to open its doors to the refugees.

Meanwhile, funds are urgently needed. The RWL has established a temporary Red Aid Committee. We urge all friends and sympathizers to immediately contribute for this urgent work.

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New Attack on Unemployed

(Continued from page 1) how far the unemployed will fight.

The treachery of the unemployed "leadership" — the Stalinists and Socialists in the Workers Alliance — has laid the basis for these new assaults. To fight them — to smash the "big push" — the unemployed must organize their forces into a new national unemployed movement on a class struggle basis.

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What shall the Marxists tell the workers in Loyalist Spain? Shall they fight to the end or shall they give up? There can be no peace with Fascism. There can be no armistice. It is necessary to organize a retreat, but retreats like advances must be on the basis of independent working class action.

NEED ORGANIZED RETREAT

If there were a Communist (Marxist) International, if the Soviet Union were under Marxist leadership, the retreat could be turned into an advance; but such an advance is today excluded unless a revolution should break out in another country — for instance, France — or if the imperialist war breaks loose and gives rise to new revolutionary upheavals.

Even in retreat however the

workers must put up an armed struggle against the Fascists, rear-guard action to harass the enemy and cover the retreat. Many will have to leave Spain. The majority, the rank and file, and many leaders, will have to go into hiding under Fascism, and attempt to build the underground apparatus.

In the July 1917 days in Russia, the Bolsheviks warned against a premature revolution as a false and possible fatal move for the class. But when the class did not heed the warning and tried to make an advance, the Marxists were in the front line fighting. In Spain there is a revolutionary ebb, but if the workers do not heed the warning of the Marxists, and in desperation drive for an advance against Fascism, the Marxists will be in their lines to help them fight, and if necessary retreat in orderly fashion.

Ohio Red Hunt Checked by Workers Pressure

Columbus Mar. 15.—Determined political action by the RWL unit against the "red probe" at Ohio State University and the plans for a "baby Dies Committee" on a state-wide basis has resulted in temporarily staying the hand of a state-wide reactionary drive against the workers.

The bill for the "baby Dies Committee" has been left in committee by the General Assembly and the OSU administration has temporarily retreated by demanding that the American Legion which is calling for the investigation give facts on the "reds" in Columbus. The Legion has so far given no evidence and the Dargusch Committee — the OSU sub-committee of the Board of Trustees — is merely marking time.

EXPOSE RED HUNT

But the democracy of the school authorities was revealed very pointedly when an editorial appeared in the Lantern, school paper, urging all students to seize any comrade of the RWL giving out leaflets and hold him (or her) until the police arrive to arrest him!

The RWL leaflets have exposed the "red-hunt" as a smokescreen behind which the attack against the living standards of the workers in Ohio are being carried out. The Columbus comrades informed the authorities that they were preparing a state-wide mobilization of working class forces against the "red-hunts". Thousands of leaflets were given out throughout Columbus.

PINKS YIELD TO REACTION

The role of liberalism and the Stalinists is exposed in this campaign as the usual cowardly capitulation before reaction. Not one single protest was made by the Stalinist-controlled organizations, or the Communist Party itself. The Marxist club — Stalinists — has cancelled all activity except routine meetings for the rest of the year.

The Trotskyites under the pressure turned over their entire campus membership list to the administration!

The reactionary investigations in Columbus and elsewhere are not yet dead by a long shot. An immediate move for a state-wide united front of working class organizations must be taken to checkmate the plans of the Legion to hide the drive against living standards behind a "red-hunt."

RWL Suspends Negrete

The readers of the FIGHTING WORKER have helped us since last July to obtain the release of Negrete-Blackwell from Loyalist prisons in Spain. We thank them for their help and we are glad that Negrete is back in the U. S. But since his return Negrete has manifested many important differences with the organization.

On Spain, he considers that the war turned into an imperialist war after May 1937, and that the best solution for the Spanish workers would be a bourgeois armistice. He considers Spanish Stalinism to be embryo Fascism. He disagrees with the League on the Soviet Union, on defense work and on policy on aid to the victims of Fascism. In red aid work Negrete has a tendency to orient on the Anarchists.



Owners Ask Pay Cuts; More Miners Lose Jobs

John L. Lewis and the bituminous mine owners are discussing a new contract for the miners. The soft coal industry last year had a decrease of 100 million tons in production or almost a quarter of its production the year before. Oil, electric and natural gas have cut into the production of coal. The bosses want to push through a wage cut.

Admittedly the coal industry is a very very "sick" industry. Dozens of thousands of workers have been replaced by machines. And many thousands more laid off because of the production decrease. Whether Lewis yields to a wage decrease NOW (his opening demand for 50 cents a day more will soon be dropped) or whether the decrease is postponed, the fundamental problem for the miners is to fight the wage cut and the unemployment.

The salient fact regarding the coal industry is that under capitalism — even if the government takes over the industry and gives the capitalists good sound bonds — there will never be an absorption of the scores of thousands thrown out of the mines. The miners can serve their interests only by beginning the fight TODAY for workers control of production for use. Under capitalism mines, mills, factories and land are being abandoned, while millions starve. Only steps toward Workers Control of the productive machinery will help the working class.

In spite of these differences with the RWL Negrete stated that he did not think they were incompatible with membership. He also wrote that he considered both the RWL and the Stamm group Marxist, that he agreed with the RWL position on Democratic Centralism, and that the split of the Stamm group had no principled basis, which can only mean that the Stamm minority in calling a rump convention was unprincipled. **VICTIM OF DEMORALIZATION**

In spite of this, Negrete has issued a statement severing relations with the RWL on the basis that it had a "sectarian approach on mass work!"

The Political Committee gave Negrete up to the 3rd convention to discuss and settle his differences, but this shamefaced action has terminated the question. We must register a victim of demoralization, and go on. The League is on the up grade organizationally, and with its Draft Program and two printed publications, is moving out into more class action.

GERMAN GROUPS GREET RWL CONVENTION

The RWL herewith publishes the following two messages of solidarity received from organizations in Nazi Germany for the 3rd Convention of the organization in Chicago April 8th and 9th:

"To the Convention of the RWL, U. S.

Comrades:

As representative of the Red Aid of the Austrian Revolutionary Left, the biggest political refugee organization of Austria, I take the opportunity to greet your convention with pleasure.

In spite of everything that stands against us, the Bolshevik revolutionary thought lives; in all countries in larger and smaller groups and organizations the proletarian heroes of the revolution are working. They are building the true Fourth International, leader in the struggle for the freedom of the working class. Comrades, the idea, the necessity for the revolutionary struggle and the Fourth International is today stronger than ever. And so the day can't be very far when you and we and the Bolshevik cadres of the whole world, will unite for the struggle.

For the World Revolution
For Socialism
Red Aid of Austrian Revolutionary Left.

"To the Convention of the Revolutionary Workers League, U. S. — Chicago

From deepest illegality we greet your revolutionary struggle, which is also ours. In spite of danger, death, imprisonment, slander, persecution, we continue our struggle until the goal is reached. Our fraternal thoughts will be with you at your convention. The American proletariat will be able at all times to count on the vanguard and its cadres of the proletariat of Austria, Sudeten German territory, and Hungary to stand by in struggle.

CC of Austrian Red Front
CC of German Sudeten Red Front
CC of the West Hungarian Red Front (Odenburg)
CC of the MRP"

Press Fund Drive Shows Progress

The three month campaign to raise \$300 to insure a printed theoretical organ for the RWL — THE MARXIST — reached its half way mark with \$135 collected. — moving along.

The new magazine, bedecked in a royal blue cover, is just off the Press. In it is fundamental material on the important question of Workers Control of Production for Use, a resolution on the Road to the New Communist (4th) International, the refugee problem, the struggle against Fascism in the U. S., the Trotskyites in France, and a review of a book on Mussolini. And the price is just one half of what the old FOURTH INTERNATIONAL used to cost — Five Cents.

IOWA FALLS HITS QUOTA
First city to reach its quota in the PRESS FUND campaign was Iowa Falls, with an intake of 200%. Closest behind it are Chicago and New York with more than 50% of their quota, and Kansas City, Detroit, Springfield, Cleveland, Philly, Washington and the rest trailing behind.

The Press Fund Committee is appealing to all friends and sympathizers to get their do-

Martin-Thomas Fight Aids Auto Barons

Shop Committees Must Unite Workers in Plants to Fight Boss

Detroit Mar. 15 — In a setting of goon squads and police Homer Martin and his clique in the United Auto Workers held their convention last month in this city.

The highlights of this convention were the undermined affiliation of Martin's group and the red-baiting. "Reds" — in other words militant workers — are excluded from all offices and from membership.

Meanwhile the Stalinist-Frankensteen-Thomas group "expelled" Martin from their organization on the ground that he was maneuvering secretly with Ford, that he had sold out to General Motors, etc.

ALL GUILTY OF SELL-OUTS

The writer of this article attended the General Motors conference, when the terms of the first GM contract was signed, and it was the tearful pleadings of Wyndham Mortimer and Ed Hall which forced the delegates — a majority of whom considered the agreement a sell-out — to yield. Both these labor fakers are now with the CIO union.

Furthermore, Dick Frankensteen, who also is now fighting Martin was in tears pleading with the auto workers in Dodge Main

to evacuate the factory in the famous Chrysler strike. He forced EIGHT votes before the workers finally yielded.

Of course, Martin is probably guilty of all the things charged, but the shoe fits both ways. While Martin is expelling "reds", Sidney Hillman, and Phil Murray of the CIO hierarchy have served notice to the Stalinists in the Thomas section of the UAW, against their activities and that of all "Communists."

FIGHT THE BOSSES

While these bureaucratic cliques are splitting the union, Governor Fitzgerald and Mayor Reading of Detroit are taking big steps against the auto workers and the unemployed members. The auto companies are preparing behind the scenes to pit one union against the other and break up both.

It is doubtful whether the Thomas convention in Cleveland will be any less bureaucratic, certainly it will have no fundamental difference in policy from that of the Martin convention. The only hope for the auto workers is action by democratically elected plant committees OF MEMBERS IN ALL UNIONS to build a third force based on a class struggle program, against both cliques.

Trotsky Members Join RWL

Continuing the recent gains of members in Columbus, Chicago, and Philadelphia, the Detroit unit of the RWL announces the addition of two former members of the Socialist Workers Party. The statement issued by the two comrades, W. E. and K. V., active trade unionists, reads in part:

"Now in France where the struggle between Communism and Fascism is impending, the POI, section of the 4th International (Trotskyists), has liquidated into the centrist PSOP. This criminal act of opportunism comes at a time when the working class needs an independent vanguard to struggle against the reactionary bourgeoisie.

"This action is not an isolated case of liquidation. It flows from the fundamentally false political-organizational principle of Trotskyism — namely the 'French Turn'."

SWP A LEFT COVER

In the U. S. "the so-called Marxists of the SWP propose to support a bourgeois party in workers form that can only disillusion the workers and rapidly pave the way for Fascism. The SWP plays the role of a left cover for the bourgeois liberals and trade union bureaucrats who stand for a Labor Party and will be at its head when and if it is formed.

"In the present fight in the United Auto Workers, the SWP calls for the unconditional support of the CIO... It proposes to organize a left reformist bloc in the CIO to reform it... It strives to get the trade unions to support the reformist Mahoney Bill, which is for a form of State Capitalism.

"Because of all this, we the undersigned, desirous of building a Revolutionary Marxist Party and the Communist (4th) International, resign from the SWP and call upon all sincere revolutionists in the SWP to break with centrism and join the Revolutionary Workers League."

May Day

The units of the Revolutionary Workers League are beginning work to organize united front demonstrations for May Day. The central planks proposed by the RWL are slogans against the Roosevelt War Plans and Unemployment.

Mass meetings of the League will be held in the evening in each city.

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