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27 YEARS SINCE OCTOBER

No class in history has ever seized power overnight. The struggles of the oppressed classes of the past, against the rulers of the time, usually spread over a few centuries.

The working class, too, has a history of ups and downs, peaks and valleys, in an ever-continuing contest to liberate humanity from the enslavements of capitalism. In that history — which includes the Paris Commune, the Revolution 1905, Easter Sunday, and a few dozen revolutions since then — November 7, 1917 is a beacon light. For the first time in history the working class was able to seize state power, was able to expropriate the greedy capitalists and nobility of Russia. Under the leadership of the Bolsheviks the first great step toward a Socialist society was taken 27 years ago this month.

But that high point was followed by valleys of despair and defeat. Instead of continuing the process of liberating humanity from the wars, unemployment and depressions of capitalism, the Third International succumbed to the nationalistic virus of Stalinism. Without a Marxian leadership one section of the proletariat after another met defeat — Germany, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923 and finally 1933; Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Estonia, China, Britain, Austria, Spain. Out of this welter of defeat Capitalism was able to reorganize. It instituted Fascism in its weaker links and shamelessly prepared for the new war of plunder.

The failure to extend the October Revolution from 1917 to date has cost us, the proletariat, at least 100 million lives. Many, many more will be added to this frightful toll, unless a new Revolutionary Marxian Party (a Fourth Communist International) is built, that will expose the agencies of capitalism, that will give guidance to the masses and assure victory.

Yes, the proletariat, as a relatively young Progressive force in Society, has faltered. Its first Workers State has degenerated. It has suffered dozens of defeats. But history is on its side; capitalism is creating within its womb every day more Revolutionary upsurges. November 7th, 1917 may appear to some as an historical accident, something that will never recur.

But to us Marxists November 7th was just a foretaste, just an appetizer. More and bigger Novembers 7ths are on the agenda of history. The proletariat must begin by building its own Party and sidestepping the traps of bourgeois democracy, as well as the bayonets of Fascism — and victory is assured.

On this historic 27th anniversary of October, in this fifth year of the most treacherous crime in all history, the Second World War, the Revolutionary Workers League sends its greetings to all Marxists all over the world, in the Allied as well as the Axis countries:

FORWARD COMRADES,

FORWARD TO THE WORLD PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION!

FRANCE TORN BY CLASS STRIFE

Paris is liberated! France is free!

Even before the echo of these words has died out on the capitalist controlled news wires, the road is being broken toward a new betrayal of the French working class. In fact, these very words, issued by the "liberators" themselves, are a vicious part of this betrayal. For, the French masses indeed have not been liberated, nor have they yet freed themselves. They have merely exchanged one group of rulers for another.

The Lavalists may be gone, but the capitalists and their open agents remain — some as cabinet members of the new De Gaulle government. The political dynamics of this regime are now following remarkably the same patterns as those before the fall of France in 1940.

OLD TAR IN NEW BARRELS

But would the same men who served often as active leaders in the "resistance" against the German occupation betray France again? In answering this question, let it be first noted that the primary job of most of these "leaders" was to get control of the resistance movement to harness it to the old French ruling class.

These "leaders" include the Stalinist "communists" like Tillon and Billoux now in the De Gaulle cabinet (Sept. 25). They take orders from the Moscow regime which now offers the world working class a new era of prosperity under capitalism." Included too, are social patriots like Jeanneney, former president of the French Senate, now a member of the De Gaulle cabinet: (He symbolizes its "legal continuity" to the pre-war French Republic!) or

the outright hirelings of the big capitalists like Rene Mayer (House of Rothschild confidant), Henri Frenay, and Massigli (Ambassador to London) — all members of the present De Gaullist government!

Once again France faces extreme crisis. The country is split deeply. The city workers are armed. The city sections of the F.F.I. (French Forces of the Interior) have ignored De Gaulle's decree to give up their arms and join the regular French army. While the decree has not been enforced, De Gaulle is rushing the expansion of the regular army recruited from the politically more conservative sections of the population (the farmer).

PHONEY REFORMS

In reply to the workers' demands De Gaulle promises a percentage increase in wages recommended by a regional board. But inflation has already taken this away in advance. In response to the workers' insistent demand for nationalization of industry, workers in the mining district of Lille heard these words from De Gaulle:

"The collective people — that is the state — must take over the direction of the great sources of common wealth . . ."

And to back up his promise he has seized the Renault automobile factories, declared the coal mines of the Pas de Calais and Nord departments nationalized, and has announced that fifty major plants would be controlled by the government.

But who continues to control this
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REACTION WILL FOLLOW ELECTIONS

October 20, 1944—If all the lying capitalist politicians today were laid end to end they would probably stretch clear around the world. Last presidential election we heard the LIE from both major candidates, Roosevelt and Willkie, about how they were going to keep America out of war. (One hundred and two thousand DEAD American soldiers are testimony to the fact that it was a LIE.)

This campaign they're peddling another lie — about JOBS and SECURITY after the war.

"SAVED AMERICA FROM REVOLUTION"

WHAT has Roosevelt done? In his own words: he saved America from Revolution. He granted a few reforms when the working class was striking by the hundreds of thousands and was organizing dozens of militant demonstrations. But he granted those things ONLY to get the working class prepared for WAR, only to be able to regiment the population for the greatest mass murder in history, and only — in the last analysis — to take it all away again.

What has been the result of 12 years of the "New" Deal? Regimentation of the worst sort—a hundred and fifty steps that bring America closer to Fascism: price control, wage control, job control, control of the workers movements by the draft card and War Manpower Commission and other measures, outlawing of the right to strike for all practical purposes, further limitation of free speech and assembly, and other reactionary measures put through under the thin excuse of "war emergency." Real wages have been lowered and unemployment is

The "Spectre" of Revolution

The Proletarian Revolution is irresistible. It peeks out at you from almost every important event in Europe — even though its form is usually distorted.

Twenty thousand Spanish "Maquis" are fighting the Fascist Franco regime. Temporarily this band of revolutionists is being led by pro-imperialist officers and leaders who would kiss the feet of Allied Imperialism — just as Franco has been bending at the knee to German Imperialism. But twenty thousand fighters means that a whole population is in the throes of discontent, that more thousands are ready to join, that a Revolution is simmering in Spain.

It's the same story throughout Europe. French partisans refuse to disarm. Greek guerrillas continue the fight even against their "liberators." The Revolutionary masses of Europe are beginning their Proletarian Revolution with illusions about the Allied Imperialists. But the illusions are rapidly being whittled away. Starvation for the Belgians, French, Italians, is no more palatable under an Anglo-American bayonet than under a Nazi bayonet.

This is only the beginning. The working class is learning in life — in letters of blood — that "democracy" and fascism are capitalist brothers. When the lesson is digested they will move forward to the establishment of a Workers' Council Government, the only force that can or will smash Fascism.

again becoming a problem.

Dewey, of course, just sits back and tries to capitalize on the genuine discontent of the masses. He brings up phoney charges of "Communism," he lashes at the New Deal's failure to bring real security; he criticizes Roosevelt for the millions of unemployed during the depression — and he promises nothing but glittering, cheap and fraudulent generalities.

SHIFT TO RIGHT

If anything is obvious from this campaign it is that the capitalists in this country are going to use MORE dictatorial and more terroristic measures against the working class AFTER elections — REGARDLESS OF WHO GETS IN. That shift to the right is quite evident. The Democratic Party dumped its left-wing liberal Wallace as Vice-Presidential candidate, as a concession to the right wing anti-labor wing from the South. The Republicans are using the familiar eye-wash about "Communism" to cover their own reactionary policies. The support given to Dewey by people like Bricker, the Chicago Tribune, Dulles, and some semi-Fascists, indicates that the "barefoot boy" from Michigan has a familiar speaking acquaintance with the right wing of American

capitalism.

Whatever happens, whoever wins, the next administration will be more of a government by decree than this one. All of the palaver in this campaign can not hide the fact that there is no essential difference between Dewey and Roosevelt. Both are for the present blood-bath; both are for the present pre-fascist regimentation (Dewey's criticisms are very puny and minor, if you read them carefully); both are for the continuation of capitalism.

THE "COMMUNIST" BUGABOO

Dewey knows, of course, that neither Roosevelt or Earl Browder, or Sidney Hilman are Communists. Dewey knows the difference between Communism and Stalinism or the PAC. But he uses this red scare because he knows that thousands of Americans have been misled to believe that Stalinism and Communism are the same, and that Communism means regimentation. This smoke-screen will serve Dewey, as it has served all right wing bourgeois politicians, as the necessary camouflage for future raids and imprisonments of genuine working class militants and revolutionists; and a frenzied governmental control of labor.

But even in such plans, Dewey has
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STALIN AND CHURCHILL PLAY CAT AND MOUSE

October 16, 1944 — The patchwork of power politics is reaching fantastic proportions. Now Mr. Churchill has flown to Moscow to see what he can save of the British lifeline. It is no exaggeration to say that the British Prime Minister is more fearful of the Soviet Union taking over all of Greece (including its very important islands, Corfu and Crete) than of the Germans continuing to dominate the area.

After all it is most likely that the Nazi armies will be defeated soon. In that case Britain can demand what it had before the war — control over Greece. But with the Russian army camped on Greek soil — that's another matter entirely.

As the military phase of the European war nears its close, the schisms between the "allies" comes out in ever sharper relief. It is now a question of who gets what and when. It is now a question of ticklish diplomacy to avoid armed clashes between the "allied" armies. And basically it is merely a question of GETTING THE GREATEST STRATEGICAL ADVANTAGE IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMING WARS BETWEEN THE ALLIES — particularly the war against the degenerated Workers State.

Mr. Churchill is in Moscow, let it be noted, fending for position. He knows that so long as the Russian armies are strong and solid there is very little that John Bull can do to retrieve the Balkans and Poland, as private Anglo-French domain. But, he knows too, (as do the Marxists), that the Soviet Union is filled with a hundred contradictions, that eventually this will take the form either of political Revolution by the working class against Stalinism, or counter-revolution by the capitalist elements (aided by British and American capitalism, you can be sure) against the remnants of October. Mr. Churchill is planning on such things

up to and including INTERVENTION. It is no accident, for instance, that a former American Ambassador to Russia (a "LIBERAL", if you please), calls for war against the Soviet Union.

Mr. Churchill is merely trying to keep his foot in the door. He is insisting — evidently with some success — that Greece remain in the British orbit of influence, that the Red Army keep out. A British army is already reported to have landed in Greece and, together with the guerrilla forces, taken Athens. Mr. Churchill is demanding too that his stooges be permitted in the Polish government. This too has the same basic motif. So long as the Red Army is unattacked, Mikolaczuk can do very little for his British masters within the Polish government. BUT — and this is all-important — HE CAN PREPARE FOR THE INEVITABLE INTERVENTION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. He can work behind the scenes to gain forces for that inevitable day.

Under capitalism in the last analysis diplomacy is nothing but a substitute for war, on the one hand, and a preparation for new wars on the other. The present "negotiations" at Moscow confirm this thesis to the fullest extent. And in their crass hypocrisy they prove even further the thesis of the Marxists:

WARS ARE INEVITABLE UNDER CAPITALISM; THE SEEDS OF THE THIRD WORLD WAR ARE BEING LAID AT THIS VERY MOMENT OVER THE MAHOGANY TABLES OF INTER-ALLIED "DIPLOMACY!"

ONLY THE PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION CAN END THE IMPERIALIST WAR!

ONLY THE EXTENSION OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION CAN SAVE THE SOVIET UNION!

WORDS THAT CAME TRUE

The FIGHTING WORKER Wrote History in Advance

FIGHTING WORKER Nov. 1935, Page 2 —

"In preparation for entry of the U. S. into the war, a violent attack upon the revolutionary movement and organizations of the American working class will take place."

"Can America stay out of war? It can not. Roosevelt will 'keep us out of war' as Wilson did."

Confirmation:

Browder jailed. Trotskyite leaders jailed. RWL papers banned. No-strike policy, and government crackdown on Unions. 1941 the U. S. entered war.

FIGHTING WORKER Nov. 1935, Page 4 —

"A new world war is looming on the horizon. And what are these parties (Socialist and Stalinist) doing? They are lining up the workers to support the imperialist powers against their rivals instead of teaching them that the enemy is at home."

Confirmation:

Browder's "People's War." Norman Thomas' "good imperialism" (U. S.) is better than "bad imperialism" (Japan).

FIGHTING WORKER Nov. 1935, Page 4 —

"The agony of German capitalism shorn of its colonies and reduced to insupportable restrictions by the Treaty of Versailles, impels it to seek a new external base in the Ukraine at the expense of the Soviet Union."

Confirmation:

German Army seizes the Ukraine in 1941.

FIGHTING WORKER January 1936, Page 1 —

"... The Soviet bureaucracy will in all probability have no other choice left to it than to throw itself into the arms of the mightiest and most ruthless of all imperialist powers, the U. S. . . . If it comes to that (an anti-Soviet bloc of European powers), the policy of the 'Communist' Party of U.S.A. is already shaped by the perspective of this alliance. It is scrapping every vestige of Communism except the name in order to cooperate with 'democratic' America against the European and Japanese imperialists."

Confirmation:

It has now scrapped its name too, and it completely supports the Anglo-American imperialists both in their foreign policy and internal measures against the working class.

FIGHTING WORKER August 1936, Page 1 —

"Another world war is in the making . . . The capitalists are preparing to fight it out for markets and colonies . . . It will bring only unimaginable misery . . . Bill Green and John L. Lewis are preparing the workers to fight in the coming war."

Confirmation:

The war came and the grab for markets is now on full force. The CIO and AFL have been the main forces within the Labor movement tying the working class to the war chariot.

FIGHTING WORKER August 1936, Page 1 —

"The Socialists and Stalinists present the (present Spanish Civil War) as a struggle between Fascism and democracy. This is just 100% false. The issue now is Communism or Fascism. That has been the issue ever since the monarchy was overthrown in 1931 . . . If the rights win, a reactionary dictatorship will be set up . . . Most probably it will be a dictatorship after the Austrian model."

Confirmation:

"Democracy" — both in Spain and all over the world — preferred Fascism to a Workers Council Spain. They capitulated and sold out to the Fascists at every turn. The political form in Spain is similar in many respects to the Austrian model (Dolfuss).

FIGHTING WORKER August 1936, Page 2 —

"The close to one million youth that have already gone through the CCC camps have been prepared for the arduous life of the army, have been psychologized to take the front ranks on the outbreak of war."

Confirmation:

Youth of 19 to 26 are the front ranks of today's war. The 17 and 18 year old of 1936 are now 25 and 26.

THIS "PEOPLE'S WAR!"

Why is America at War?

The FIGHTING WORKER has always stated that American Imperialism is out to gobble up control of the wealth of the whole world. Some naive people have always imagined that Wall Street was fighting for "democracy." But here's more proof of what the shooting is REALLY about.

The Foreign Policy Association reports that after the war, the United States will hold:

- 60% of the world's war industries.
- 65% of the naval units.
- 70% of the merchant marine.
- 75% of the transport and commercial planes.
- 60% of the fighting and bombing planes.
- 60% of the silver.
- 80% of the gold.

The assistant chief of the War Production Board's general statistics staff announced that the U. S. government expenditures directly for war totaled 190 BILLION DOLLARS at the beginning of June. Where

did most of this money come from? No where else but out of the pockets of the working class — via "Victory" taxes, 20% deducted each pay check, forced purchase of War Bonds and greater exploitation at the point of production.

War is good business . . . for the U. S. capitalists. For us, the poor working stiffs, it means only death, unemployment, and misery.

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HISTORY OF THE U. A. W.

(In three parts — Part two)

The success of the sitdowns in GM and Chrysler in 1936-37 set off a wave of similar strikes that extended even to the girls in the dime stores. "Flying Squadrons" of militants from organized plants went out almost daily for several months to help out where the pickets or sit-downers were few. Without them the growth of the UAW would have been much slower, for the police preserved "law and order" by attacking the strikers where they had the power. (In spite of the Wagner Act.) Where the police were outnumbered they behaved like gentlemen. The side with the biggest army makes the law.

Everywhere the plants were organized by a small number of militants, seldom 10% of the employees. Many plants were organized entirely from the outside. For example, at the Briggs Meldrum St. plant in Detroit 15 workers were fired for union activity in Dec. 1936. They started a picket line and put a pail at the gates for contributions for strike relief. Workers going thru the line threw coins in the pail, and spoke encouragingly to the pickets—and went to work. After about a week of this the International recruited militants from several organized shops to close up the plant. Afternoon shift workers stayed in their union halls from midnight on to go out to the picket line at 6 in the morning. Thousands of outside workers put on a picket line that kept the Briggs workers out, fought the cops, and kept the plant closed. Next day Briggs signed with the union.

MUST CONTROL WORKERS

Any strike that started in those days was automatically authorized. With the exception of Homer Martin the same people were International officers then and now. But what a difference! Then they were fighting for dues and the power to sell the workers in bunches. They were fighting their way into the lower ranks of the ruling class. Now that they have arrived they can only stay there by fighting their own members, for unless they can control the workers they are of no use to the rulers, and will no longer be recognized. If that happens, R. J. Thomas and Co. face a fate worse than death; they will have to go back to work.

In 1936 and 1937 the union needed organizers by the hundreds to corral the workers. The workers who knew best how to organize were in the radical parties, so it was from them that most of the organizers were hired. About 400 were hired from the Communist (Stalinist) party, perhaps another hundred from the small radical parties. (That of course was when the Stalinists were putting on a good act of being pro-labor. Later the real radicals who could not be housebroken were fired, sometimes thrown out bodily, for being too rough with employers).

This gave the Stalinists almost complete control of the International office. Bill Weinstone, Mich. State Secretary of the C.P. was a daily visitor to the offices of Martin, Ades, Frankenstein, Thomas, Mortimer and Hall. Official delegations from the party were received officially. Four C. P. members were on the Executive board and a party member was editor of the union paper.

THE FIGHT GROWS

Early in 1937 the Stalinists made a bid for complete control. They literally told Martin to go out and take dancing lessons or go bowling and only come to the office to sign necessary papers, — and checks. Martin's idea of fighting back was to make a deal with the Lovestone Communist Party Opposition and the Trotskyists to help him fight the C.P. Fighting poison with poison.

A lot of assorted stool-pigeons also joined and were welcome. The Socialist Party lined up with the Stalinists. Martin fired the C. P. editor and the battle was on. The rank and file and their dues dollars were innocent and ignorant pawns in the game.

Martin was a former preacher; completely and utterly dishonest, and not very bright. Thomas is also a former preacher . . . The militants in the union were his natural enemies and he co-operated with management to keep militants out of bargaining committees, and with reactionaries in the union to keep them out of local office. He used and paid Kluxers, Black Legionaires and plain goons to beat them up.

MUST PROTECT BOSSES

While Martin was involved in the fight for personal power he had to also consider his relation as a union leader to the bosses. Any union leader who believes in capitalism must put the interests of the capitalists first and the workers second. That is the way the system works, profits are more important than workers lives or happiness. So it is his job to help management give the workers as little as they can be forced to take; and to stifle the militancy of the workers by deliberately getting them bum contracts and bringing them under control of "responsible" leaders. Martin did all those things as well as he was able.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAN

Roosevelt helped him by slowing up the pump-priming which was keeping capitalism alive, business slumped and jobs disappeared. FDR knows that workers are less likely to strike when jobs are scarce, unless conditions become intolerable. The fight in the union diverted the workers energies to fighting each other instead of the bosses.

The whole mess was bewildering to the workers, and by midsummer of 1937 the class struggle which had been gaining momentum since 1932 was harnessed and under control. Honest class-conscious leadership in that period could have made the workers organizations strong enough to challenge the rule of the capitalist class, if not to overthrow it. It is a certainty that Roosevelt would not have dared to take America into the war by a planned series of steps that made attack inevitable; he would not have dared to avoid facing the problems at home, unless he had the backing of the union leadership and felt sure they could harness the workers to the war machine.

CONTROL BY "UNITY"

The fight for power came into the open before the 1937 convention in Milwaukee. The Stalinists launched a "unity program," and everyone was for unity, but just to be sure Martin appointed 450 extra organizers who had a voice and vote in the convention — for Martin. He was voted absolute dictatorial power by the insertion of weasel words into the constitution. Most of the convention was taken up with speeches, flag-waving and baloney, most of the business was "referred to the incoming executive board," and the constitution was left in the hands of a Martin appointed committee to make some further changes. They did.

Martin's crude methods of keeping power could never bring peace in the union. He antagonized more workers every day, and the fight that started as a palace revolution grew into a real rank and file revolt. To keep the locals under the control of his followers in the 1938 elections he was compelled to appoint committees of International organizers to "supervise" the elections. Their real job was to steal the election, and in many cases they succeeded. Naturally officers "elected" by such methods had little popular support. By June of 1938 the

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Anti-Semitism Tool of Boss Class

About a hundred brutal anti-Semitic hoodlums carrying clubs surrounded and, shouting vulgar jeers, attacked a New York synagogue Tuesday evening, September 26. The outnumbered youth of the congregation, defending the older people and themselves, fought back with their fists, and though many were badly hurt, succeeded in repelling the armed hoodlums.

Every non-Jewish worker who has struggled against the oppression of capitalism, sympathizes with the Jewish people in their struggle against persecution. But the class interests of non-Jewish workers as well as the suffering of an oppressed minority is involved. The entire working class must become conscious of the connection between the growing wave of Negro and Jewish persecution and the quietly increasing undertow of anti-unionism.

DIVIDED WE FALL

Capitalist strategy is coordinated. The plan is first to direct the energy of the working class against secondary (color, nationality, etc.) differences to obscure the main (class) difference in society. This is done by setting the gentile worker against the Jewish, the white worker against the black and yellow, the native-born worker against the foreign-born. Finally, after the working class is sufficiently divided and weakened, the capitalists strike at their main enemy, the workers' class-struggle organizations. Pogroms are used by the capitalists to prepare for the destruction of the unions, just as a well-placed punch to the jaw of a fighter stuns him, collapses his defense and prepares him for an easy knockout blow. Workers must defeat this capitalist strategy of divide and rule by fighting as one united disciplined class against the capitalists.

UNITED WE STAND

Minority workers! Don't trust capitalist police for protection against fascist hoodlums. Don't rely on your own brave but few numbers. Rely instead on the most powerful and progressive force in society, the working class. Class-conscious workers! Your organizations are next. The whip of anti-Semitism will be followed by the chains of anti-unionism. Protect yourself by defending Jews and Negroes. Organize workers Defense Guards! They will become the nucleus of the Red Guards, the advance guard of the coming International Working Class Revolution. Only in the World Socialist Society will minority peoples enjoy the equal right to develop their own culture that is denied them by a dying capitalist society. Forward to the victorious social revolution!

revolt had grown to such size that he suspended 5 of the 7 Int. officers in a vain attempt to head it off. John L. Lewis, CIO national headquarters at the time realized that Martin had gotten into a fight he couldn't win and forced him to reinstate the fired officials.

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Stalinism Between Two Fires

The Young Communist League organ in Russia recently printed an article which called upon Soviet teachers to be "inspired by the great ideas of Communism." It calls for much more inculcation of the youth with the principles of Marxism and it emphasizes that the Communist Party "fights religious prejudices because it stands for science, while religious prejudices go against science."

Why they should suddenly be so interested in teaching the youth more — not less — Marxian classics at this time, is hard for many people to understand; particularly in view of the recent concessions to religion within Russia proper and to private property in the Balkans.

But politics has its own logic. It is absurd to believe that dictators are free from the pressure of the masses, and that EVERYTHING that happens is just a cold inspiration from the Party circles above. The Soviet Union today is in a critical moment in its history; Stalinism too faces a crisis.

The little story speaks volumes. It indicates that the bourgeois elements within Russia, who have been the main recipients of Stalin's favors for 10 years, are now tiring of just half a loaf and are demanding the whole loaf or nothing — full restoration of private property. Stalinism, which balances itself precariously between the contending forces in Russia can not give such a concession — any more, than Hitler could have conversely accepted Socialist property relations. The bureaucracy is therefore forced to seek desperately for allies elsewhere. Its mass base is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. It is attempting to use the proletariat now as a counter-weight to the whole shebang of engineers, managers, GPU agents, Kolkhoz heads, Party bureaucrats, writers, etc. who are demanding a place to invest

TOMORROW'S LIE CRUSADE

"French Gestapo retrained by Himmler as 5th Column" — so reads the headline of a dispatch from Berne by Chicago Daily News correspondent Paul Ghali. The substance of the article is that the French Gestapo agent, Joseph Darnand, is training 37,000 Frenchmen in Germany to "tell their fellow countrymen that the present day Soviet Russia represents only a bourgeois deformation of Lenin's original principles, and that it is high time to return to sound Trotskyist ideology." The Gestapo will even go so far as to organize a "bogus 4th International, amply contaminated by Nazi germs and destined to spoil the Allies' postwar reconstruction of Europe."

By Trotskyists, Ghali is of course referring to Marxian revolutionaries. The bourgeois pen prostitutes refuse to look into the niceties of Revolutionary theory. In addition of course, Ghali is evidently inspired by the Stalinists. This unbelievable bit of rubbish, he claims, comes through "private, but most reliable channels."

Who can those channels be? Obviously only the Allies or the GPU, or both; those forces, in other words, who are opposed to and wish to discredit the proletarian Revolution. Hitler, too, periodically raises the bogeyman of Communism being an agency of the Allies and Stalin.

Mr. Ghali's monstrous charge is merely a preparation for the vast lies that are bound to follow . . . from "reliable channels." The Proletarian Revolution and the organization of a New Fourth Communist International will be pictured as a "plot" by the Nazis. Lenin too was charged with being a German agent; and the Bolshevik Revolution with being a mere putsch by the Kaiser's hirelings. Mr. Ghali is attempting to give an excuse in advance for the Allied and GPU bloodbath of the proletariat in Europe.

their surplus funds (primitive accumulation). In the conflict between the two forces Stalinism must ultimately disintegrate.

The Stalinist policy of "Socialism in One Country" which has led to disaster after disaster is thus building up to the final emergency. The proletariat of Russia must not be blinded by these mock concessions. They are undoubtedly demanding better economic conditions and a curb of the power of bureaucracy. Stalinism will give some lip service to this pressure. But the ultimate battle in the Soviet Union now approaching very rapidly is between the growing bourgeois forces (aided by the Allies and all other imperialists) attempting a counter-revolutionary coup, and the proletariat led by a Marxian Party, attempting by political revolution to reestablish the democratic spirit and socialist internationalism of October.

Can 37,000 men MAKE a Revolution? The idea is preposterous — Even a bourgeois prostitute must know that. Revolutions are made by masses, millions and dozens of millions. No agent provocateur can MAKE a Revolution. But even more fantastic is Mr. Ghali's inference that Nazism, which has been the most consistent fighter against Proletarian Revolution throughout Europe, will attempt to foment precisely such a Revolution. Why has Churchill, and why have so many bourgeois swine throughout the world given support to Fascism in years gone by, if it weren't for the fact that Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and Company were fighting the battle of Wall Street and London against the Proletarian Revolution? Why have Wall Street and London subsidized the fascist movements in Europe if not for this reason?

The attempt to place Nazism and Communism in the same boat is a convenient cover for the COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM. The attempt to laugh off the uprisings of hundreds of millions of Europeans, Asiatics, Africans and Americans in the coming few years, by weird tales of Nazi Fifth Columns, is a tragic farce which will cost the working class thousands of lives unless we expose the Lie NOW, BEFORE IT SPREADS TOO FAR.

In the near future we expect that the bourgeoisie will find other "reliable" channels to "prove" that the R.W.L. and some of our leaders (as well as some of our comrades in other lands) are paid foreign agents. The trick will even be tried on centrist organizations like the two Trotsky groups.

Every honest worker, however, will understand the meaning of such frame-ups: an attempt to give an ideological reason for murdering workers.

Millionaires Grow with War

The capitalists certainly have "suffered" as a result of the war. In 1939, according to that very class-conscious bourgeois paper the Chicago Tribune, there were 12,034 millionaires in the U. S.

At the end of 1942 the number had risen to 25,106. Probably by the end of 1943 the increase was even greater.

This was supposed to be a "democratic" war, and we were promised there would be no more war-time millionaires made during this war. But the number of millionaires at the end of 1942 was 32% greater than at the end of 1917, and more than twice as great as in 1939.

Whose war is it? Just look at the figures for millionaires!

Reaction Will Follow Elections

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no differences with Roosevelt. After this election there is little doubt that Roosevelt too will crack down harder than ever before — the rights of labor unions and of the revolutionary movement will be seriously curtailed and the standard of living will certainly be lowered.

How do we know all this? Very simply. American capitalism can NOT survive the present war with the present standards of living. It must soon face unemployment, millions of returning soldiers who want real security and better conditions, millions of dissatisfied unionists. It must exact from the proletariat the taxes to pay for a 250 billion dollar debt. Obviously Wall Street can not, under such circumstances, grant further reforms. On the contrary it must CRACK THE WHIP. It must do what Daladier did in France, what Von Papen did in Germany — prepare the road still further for Fascism by organizing a government of decree, a government further divorced from mass pressure and parliamentary manouvers.

F. D. R. AND BIG BUSINESS

But isn't it true that Roosevelt doesn't represent big business? Yes? What about Henry Kaiser, ship-builder who sat next to him in his Teamster speech, or Higgins of the big boat company who will introduce him in one of his major speeches, or that big bunch of capitalists like Morgenthau, Nelson Rockefeller, Biddle (Morgan family), Jones, and many, many others who surround him daily? . . . The fact that Dewey is an agent of big business no one will deny . . . Both candidates represent the capitalist class as a whole in its struggle against the working class; but each represents his own particular section of the capitalist class, in their own internal competitive struggles.

The role of the CIO Political Action Committee plays a major factor in this campaign. The Stalinists and Sidney Hillman were able to get hundreds of thousands of workers to register. Without their support Roosevelt's campaign would have been extremely difficult. The PAC comes into being today because most workers are disillusioned with Roosevelt; only the reformists can tie them back to the old New Deal skirts. Hillman and the CP serve that function. After the election they will probably use their machinery to prepare for a third capitalist party, a "Labor" Party. As the working class moves to the left, and as it loses faith in its old leaders the capitalists will support "left" Parties — up to and including the Socialist Party and even some centrist Parties, — in order to kid the working class into believing that the capitalist system can be patched up.

FOR REVOLUTION — NOT REFORM

But Capitalism can NOT be patched up. Unemployment, war, misery, starvation, depression — that is the perennial lot of the working class so long as capitalism exists. It can not be otherwise. Neither Roosevelt, nor Dewey, nor Norman Thomas, nor Earl Browder, nor Sidney Hillman can change that.

Only the PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION can end this monstrous war and the permanent capitalist crisis.

Only the program of Revolutionary Marxism — that of the Revolutionary Workers League — can guide the masses into security and plenty, Socialism.

To fight the imperialist war,

To fight for Socialism and a Workers Council government,

To eliminate poverty, depression

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France Torn by Class Strife

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government? Minister of Information Pierre Henri Teitgen makes this pretty clear as he proclaims that this is not confiscation of the property but merely a step to start production rolling again. Later a commission will examine books and confiscate war profits, taxes, etc.

Indeed, the other two automobile magnates who, we are told, were loyal to the resistance have NOT had their plants siezed.

CAPITALISTS IN SADDLE

Once again most of the directors of the Bank of France are "sus-

pending." But a change in its ownership is not mentioned. Finance capital still dominates.

D Gaulle promises the masses of France a universal election. But the time is set for three months after the national emergency is over when the boss-class will have had ample time to lay its hands on the press, on the radio, on the key posts in government, on the controlling places in industry and on the deciding chairs in the planning boards. Hollow reforms again to delay the worker on the march!

Minister of Foreign Affairs Georges Bidault, that talented demagogue, glibly prates the De Gaulle theme, "We are going to have a revolution — . . . a legal one." And this is surely enough! Here it is again. The same political patterns of the '30s that are the immediate forerunner for an attack against the workers in France . . . But this time, the second time within a decade, the proletariat will be more prepared.

FOR A SOVIET FRANCE.

unfortunate as to come close enough to observe these aircraft reinforcements being flown secretly from Hawaii to reinforce our other Pacific Island possessions. This took place in the days immediately preceding Pearl Harbor.

No, Japan is no more and no less imperialist than Wall Street. The removal of 100,000 American citizens of Japanese extraction from the Pacific Coast by methods similar to Hitler's Gestapo was merely another profit and land-grabbing trick by the big land-owners in this area. These Japanese-Americans had committed no crime except that they threatened the profits of these California capitalists.

Comradely,
West Coast Revolutionist.

Japanese Imperialism & Wall St.

Dear Comrade Editor:

We on the Pacific Coast who have lived as close neighbors to the Japanese realize more fully than our Eastern neighbors the tremendous and tragic fraud of the present conflict now raging in those far-off Pacific Islands from six to twelve thousand miles away from home. Let us review history briefly. The Japanese nation carried on commerce with the rest of the world for hundreds of years, but finding commerce of the time so full of treachery and deception she closed her island tightly to all foreign trade and it was not until American Admiral Perry, commanding a fleet of war-

ships sailed into the harbor of Japan, that the Japanese were forced to again open their ports to world trade.

In addition to the foregoing we welcomed the Japanese people on the Pacific coast as long as they remained purely servants and laborers.

However when the Japanese began to acquire title to land and made what was formerly barren soil produce tomatoes and other crops profitably and abundantly, we, (meaning the big land-holders) passed laws discriminating against the Japanese as a race by preventing them from acquiring title to land. The Japanese nation is only fifty per cent to blame for following a policy of imperialist expansion, a course already pursued by England and other leading world powers not excluding our own dear United States.

We know too that after our diplomats gave Japan notice that she must abandon her Chinese conquests we gave our airplane commanders strict orders to sink on sight and totally destroy any craft of any nation so

and unemployment,

—BUILD the MARXIAN PARTY!

AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM,

Write in the names of:

C. B. COWAN, for President,

ALLEN WILLIS, for Vice-Pres.

U. A. W. Local 6! Fight Layoff Unite! Act!

Melrose Park, Ill. — Twenty-three hundred workers out of approximately 11,000 were laid off last month at the big Buick factory in this Chicago suburb. Rumor has it that there will be more to follow.

The thing that gripes most of the fellows here is that as far as the International leadership of the United Auto Workers CIO is concerned these lay-offs don't ever happen. No one gives a darn; no one, including most of the local leadership, does a thing about it. Just complete resignation.

One can readily see that if a worker is not secure on his job today in the midst of the war, his chances of maintaining a job after the war are very slim — contrary to all the balldoo peddled around by all the labor fakers and their masters about the wonderful opportunities awaiting workers after the war.

In a recent article released by the UAW-CIO it is stated that as a result of the technological development there has been a reduction of 96% in personnel in the building of some bomber parts from 1941 to 1943. In the peak automobile production 500,000 workers were employed. This figure can be cut in at least half the number after the war. The other 250,000 will swell the ranks of the unemployed.

NEED UNITED ACTION

Obviously the workers in Local 6 here can't fight the growing unemployment alone. The problem is nation-wide. The least that can be expected however is that all the General Motors workers throughout the country unite for some common strike action to gain security, guaranteed yearly wages, protection against lay-offs, a cut in the work week with no loss in pay, and similar measures. This would be one step toward solving a problem that will be solved only under a Workers Council Government — Socialism.

The very thought of strike action, however, is poison to Walter Reuther and the other pie-card artists who control the GM set-up in the UAW. All they talk about is the Kilgore Bill and electing some "good" capitalist stooges to Congress.

Every Buick work instinctively shies away from such a do-nothing program. At the last membership meeting a speaker was introduced to speak on the CIO Political Action Committee. The members immediately began to clear the hall. They realize that windjamming about PAC (or about the other capitalist candidate, Dewey, for that matter), will not bring any gains. The PAC is merely an instrument for taking the steam out of the working class. Workers today are asking for higher wages to meet the rise in prices, for security against unemployment, for settlement of grievances. To get these things they need STRIKE ACTION NOW. But Hillman, Murray, Thomas, Reuther and the rest of the pie-cards stall the workers by telling them to depend on "good" people in Congress. As if Congress ever helped the working class! The working class gets nothing but what it fights for — on picket lines, and in the streets.

MILITANT LOCAL

The gang at Buick is a good fighting bunch. There have been quite a few stoppages and sitdowns. Some of them have been very successful.

The 2nd Imperialist War FROM BOSS WAR TO WORKERS WAR

ANALYSIS OF 5 YEARS OF THE IMPERIALIST WAR
(Continued from October Issue of The Fighting Worker)

PROLETARIAT SUSPICIOUS

These things bother the proletariat. Much more today than four years ago. Even the most gullible are beginning to have doubts, are beginning to remember the lies of the First World War, and are comparing them with the new lies. They have heard Mr. Churchill fondly endorse the Atlantic Charter which supposedly gives the oppressed peoples the right to determine their own destiny. But they have also heard him say that "we have not become the King's ministers to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire." And they have watched anxiously while the leaders of the Indian nationalist movement were thrown into jail because they asked that the Atlantic Charter be enforced; that India be given her national independence. They have heard Mr. Roosevelt endorse the Charter with even greater fervor, while at the same time denying freedom to the colonial people of Porto Rico, whose nationalist leaders were in the good federal prison at Atlanta.

The proletariat has stood by quietly and listened to the frantic howls by the Allied propagandists about the tyranny and famine in central Europe under the Nazis. But they have also learned about the shameless MASS STARVATION of the INDIAN PEOPLE, a British-made famine which claimed at least a million lives. They have heard Mr. Wallace's tearful promises of a quart of milk for every person on earth. But they have also watched dozens of millions of Chinese, Italians, and Africans starve under the shadow of Allied guns. And not so easily forgotten is the starvation and sub-standard rations in Europe, England and America during the 1930's when food was plowed under to keep prices up.

The proletariat has been told of the beastly brutality of the Japanese and German imperialists — much of which is undoubtedly true. But they have also heard the condemnation by the Australian high command of the brutal tactics of American forces which shot down hundreds of defenseless and unarmed Japanese after torpedoing their ships.

HOW THE ALLIES FIGHT FASCISM

The war was supposed to be fought to eliminate religious bigotry, to gain freedom of worship. But Polish Jews in the Polish Army who condemned the anti-Semitism in that army were forthwith court-martialed.

The war was supposed to be fought to eliminate Hitlerism. But Hitler's friends and cronies have been recognized and embraced by the Allied Imperialists. Lord Rennell of Rodd, an old friend of Mussolini and an avowed Fascist sympathizer was put in charge of the Allied Military Government in Sicily. The Fascist King Victor Emanuel of Italy and the butcher of Addis Ababa, Badoglio, for 25 years a loyal fascist, conveniently and suddenly were glorified as anti-Fascists and embraced by the Allies. Darlan, who collaborated with Hitlerite agents in France, just as easily turned to collaboration with the Allies in Algiers a few months later. Such military dictators as King George of Greece, Vargas of Brazil, Batista of Cuba, and innumerable others have not only been tolerated but have been praised and welcomed into the fold of the "United" Nations, to fight for "Democracy."

PRIVILEGED CLASS EXEMPT

The proletariat has watched these things and pondered — and doubted. It wants to know for instance, why the government of the United States has made a present of some 15 billion dollars to the Big Corporations during this war, but was unable only six short years ago to find a measly hundred million dollars for the unemployed on WPA. They want to know why, if this is a war for freedom and equality, the rich have been permitted to make 25 billions in profits last year, three times the sum of 1929 profits. They want to know why, if we are fighting for our very lives and existence, Louis B. Mayer must have a salary of some \$1,300,000; why he couldn't live on the \$25,000 limit and why that limit had to be repealed. They want to know why, if we are fighting a "war to the death," the Chase National Bank — pinnacle of the Rockefeller Empire — still operates even though it helped send industrial diamonds to Germany DURING this war.

If this is a "war against Fascism," why do the Allies make treaties with Franco, which permit Spanish Fascism to send wolfram to Germany? If this is an "all-out" war, why do American and British bankers sit on the same Director's Board

of the Bank of International Settlements in Switzerland together with German, Italian and Japanese Bankers? Why is Anaconda Copper permitted to remain in business even though they practically admitted making thousands of pieces of defective equipment which cost lives of Allied soldiers? Why is Curtiss Wright still permitted to remain in business even though government officials found that hundreds of their planes were fraudulently put together and are useless? Why are the shipbuilding companies which make "liberty" ships that split in the middle permitted to continue in business? But a poor welder in a large factory who did some defective welding — even though the judge admitted there was no question of deliberate sabotage — gets a year in jail and the loss of his livelihood.

PRODUCTION FOR PROFITS ONLY

Something else workers want to know: if this is an "all-out" war and if after this war there won't be any crises, if we can expect full employment and full production after the war, then why did the Big Banks and Big Corporations refuse to invest their money in new plants? Why did the government have to put up 15½ billion dollars in new aluminum, magnesium, aircraft, synthetic rubber and other plants? Here's something even more confusing: why did the American capitalists refuse to put their money into such new and promising industries as synthetic rubber (nearly 100% Government built) or aircraft (90% government built)? The United States has more liquid capital than at any time in history — banks, insurance companies and big corporations are loaded with excess money. Yet they REFUSED to invest in their country's FUTURE. Why is the worker being bombed then to buy bonds, to sacrifice for "his" future?

The working class has been reading and listening and waiting — wondering and doubting about all these things.

FREEDOM MONOPOLIZED BY CAPITALIST CLASS

Why was it all right in America to have a 400% rise in profits but to limit the rise in wages to 15% even though prices have gone up at least 60% to 80%? What is all this talk about "freedom" when Negroes are kept in Jim Crow army camps, when candidates like Jim Simpson of Alabama are permitted to run in a "free" country on the program of "white supremacy"; when Negro voters in Alabama and Texas are still denied the right to vote in primaries even after they have paid their poll taxes and even (sic) after the Supreme Court has just specifically ruled that they have such a right? What is all this kibosh about "no discrimination" when the Negro people are herded in shameful ghettos in Harlem and on Chicago's South Side and in thousands of other communities throughout the country? Is there any difference between these ghettos and the ghettos for Jews established by the Nazi murderers? Is there any difference between the Hitler pogroms against the Jews and the Detroit race riots against the Negroes — for which, by the way, not a single one of the real inspirers ever spent a second in jail?

The working class wants to know these things. It wants to know why "inciting to strike" is punishable with a five year jail sentence in Britain, and one year in America for striking in a government-controlled industry? Weren't we supposed to be fighting for "liberty"? General Motors, Ford and all the industrialists refused to convert their plants to war production in 1940 and 1941 until they were guaranteed adequate profits and favorable amortization plans. But these "strikers" were never punished. The Big Corporations of America are guaranteed by federal statute at least two years of swollen war profits after the war. But thousands of war veterans of the Second World War are already finding it exceedingly difficult to find jobs and to take care of themselves or their families.

CLASS STRUGGLE IN ARMY

The worker in the army is looking around him too. He sees Clark Gable get a captain's commission after only a few short months, while thousands go through hell and can get no further than corporal. They see a complete class dictatorship in the armed forces — one type of law for the commissioned officer who is the "head," and another law for the buck private who is only the "body" of the army. They see differences in pay, differences in food, differences in uniform, differences in treatment. The worker in the army wants to know: "Is this the equality we are fighting for?" Each day his doubts become stronger, his confusion greater, his desire to learn the TRUTH about this war much more pronounced.

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One stoppage forced the Company to fire a foreman that the fellows didn't like. Another sitdown forced the Company to re-instate a worker for whom a release had been made out. Strikes in one part of the plant have a tendency to spread elsewhere quickly.

But unfortunately there is no clear-cut program amongst the leadership of the Local. In addition half of the leadership seems to be working very closely with Walter Reuther.

It is significant that practically everyone in Local 6 is against the no-strike pledge. The two most impor-

tant groups in the Local have opposed the treacherous pledge in the past. Both have come out for rescinding the no-strike pledge in the present referendum.

But yet few people know just what to do IN ACTION TODAY! Few people understand that the no-strike pledge must be rescinded on the picket-line TODAY!

So long as the members at Local

RENEW YOUR SUB!

6 keep waiting for the big shots in Detroit to do anything constructive, they're bound to come out on the wrong end of things. The initiative for fighting lay-offs will come from the rank and file and the lower leaders in the Local. They must start NOW to organize a machine that can beat the billion dollar General Motors outfit. The first step in that direction is for a rank and file caucus meeting of all General Motors fighting Unionists throughout the country.

Don't wait for R. J. Thomas and Walter Reuther! They won't do anything! Do it yourself!

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