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Hitler Threatens Anglo-French Balkan Set-Up

Taking advantage of the internal dissension in France and England, and having re-organized his own internal regime, Hitler this week moved towards the complete domination of Austria and eventual "anschluss."

After repeated threats and coercion, plus secret horse-trades with powers such as Italy, Hitler was able to force Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, to accept two Nazis into the Austrian Ministry, with authority over the police force and over the justice department.

Seyss-Inquart (Austrian Nazi leader and new member of the Cabinet, immediately left for Germany for final instructions. Simultaneously with this trip thousands of imprisoned Nazis in Austria were freed, and thousands of self-exiled Nazis returned from Germany.

AIMS AT RUSSIA

This step by Hitler is merely the first step towards the complete subjugation of Austria, and later of the whole Balkan area.

News of the projected domination of Austria has momentarily pushed the problem of the internal crisis in Germany into the background. But the failure of Goering's 4 year plan, the increased shortage and rationing of food,

army, are forcing Hitler's hand. His only hope of unifying the nation behind him lies precisely in more and more desperate war moves.

France and Britain are both unable to act, even though France sees her hold over central Europe disappearing. They have their hands full in the Mediterranean and China.

BLOC AGAINST U. S.

Britain is experiencing a sharp cabinet crisis over whether to permit these moves, and whether to recognize Italy's conquest of Ethiopia. Prime Minister Chamberlain favors these concessions in an attempt to form a four power bloc of Italy, France, Germany and Britain against American imperialism and the Soviet Union. Foreign Affairs Minister Eden although he agrees with these general aims, opposed the concessions and resigned.

Uncle Sam, seemingly out of the picture, is no doubt bringing pressure and maneuvering to thwart any 4 power alliance in Europe, and to protect his enormous financial interests in Czechoslovakia and the Balkans generally.

The reaction of the working classes, unclear and misled though they are, represent the first signs of revival of the labor movement, and are a potential threat to the capitalist oppressors far greater than the present street fights and riots would indicate.



JAPAN PRESSES INTO CHINA; NEED REVOLUTIONARY POLICY

Six months after the invasion of central and north China, Japanese imperialism is formally withdrawing diplomatic recognition, usual preliminary to a declaration of war.

Military aspects of the war are changing. Chinese military leaders are resorting to guerrilla tactics, hoping to draw Japan further and further from its base and thereby break its back.

Threats of war against the Soviet Union by the Japanese warlords are mounting. Her internal crisis whips Japan on relentlessly.

STALINISM BOWS TO CHIANG

The answer of the Soviet Union to the encroachments of Japanese imperialism has been complete and abject support to Chiang Kai Shek. Outer Mongolia has been sacrificed to China. The so-called Chinese Red Army is incorporated into the Chinese bourgeois army.

In return for this aid Stalinism is demanding a greater share in the Chinese government.

Inter-related with the Japanese-American and Japanese-British rivalries in China is the far greater rivalry between Britain and

America, whose interests conflict at every turn. Japan's clever use of one against the other, and the inability of these two titans thus far to get together against Japan because of their deeper antagonism towards each other, permits Japan to drive into China.

The real American thrust for China is yet to be made. The final settlement of the question of who is to dominate China will only be determined by the coming world war.

FIGHT ALL IMPERIALISM!

Underneath this imperialist struggle for China, lies the more fundamental struggle of the toiling masses of China and Japan against their oppressors. Japanese imperialism is tightening the ring of its dictatorship to stave off the inevitable revolt of its working class.

Chiang Kai Shek and the Chinese bourgeoisie are tied too firmly to British and American imperialism to fight IMPERIALISM. A victory under Chiang's domination would mean only that British and American interests will gain a greater hold in China at Japan's expense.

BIG NAVY AIMED AT ASIA MARKETS

One of the outstanding features of this session of Congress is the almost unanimous agreement from the President down to build the biggest navy in the world, to increase the air force, to strengthen the whole military structure of American Imperialism. These preparations for war are carried through on a wave of clever jingo propaganda against the danger of the Japanese war-lords.

Loyalist Regime Continues Drive Against Workers

(We publish below excerpts from letters from comrade Martin in Barcelona—Editor).
Barcelona, Jan. 1938.

The talk of an armistice in the near future has diminished greatly in the past month. The taking of Teruel seems to have knocked the rumors pretty much in the head. . . . The rank and file of the CNT-FAI-POUM-Left Socialist forces are clearly opposed to an armistice or any peace on a reactionary basis. They still hope that a victorious war will open revolutionary possibilities. The right wing elements are working in the direction of an armistice. To achieve this however they must kill off as many of the revolutionary vanguard at the front as possible, and they must complete the demoralization of the rear. The losses at Teruel have been tremendous—several times the population of that city. The old volunteer forces are used as shock troops and conveniently eliminated in this way. . . .

KILL OFF REVOLUTIONISTS

... Democratic expression here is reduced to the disappearing point. No one publicly expresses disagreement with the Government, politically or militarily. The general subject of conversation is the intense cold weather without heat, the shortage of food-stuffs, and the complete absence of tobacco.

Hunger is increasing daily in Barcelona. The Government employees, some workers groups in "pet" factories etc., are rationed bread, rice, beans, sugar, oil, etc., articles unavailable in the open market. The mass of the population must go to the market and freeze in queues in hopes that stock will hold out until it is their turn. The ration cards are useless except in case of bread.

Turnips, lemons, celery, pickled olives, and sardines are the only items available—all at triple the price of normal times. Tobacco is available through speculators at about fifteen times the normal price. . . . In spite of reports that 1936-37 crops were

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BILLIONS FOR WAR, CUTS FOR UNEMPLOYED

President Roosevelt demands Billions for war preparations, but the enormous increase in the relief rolls is dismissed with a bare handout. The war budget in no way will take care of the deep going recession and crisis in American Imperialism. It is only one of the many steps needed by the capitalists.

U. S. NEEDS ASIA

The increased amount of propaganda that because American investments in Asia are relatively small there is no danger of the United States participating in a war over the redivision of Asia is plain deception or stupidity. The economic might of America's productive forces, its surplus financial capital must find more markets. This forces the United States to protect its foothold and expand its holding and interests in Asia against all others. This will inevitably lead to a war over the spoils of Asia.

America's potential needs in Asia are far greater than the needs of Great Britain and Japan. That is the reason for the imperialist policy of Roosevelt which is so cleverly carried out that the Stalinists and other reformists give it full support.

Although the present conflict in Asia revolves around the Japanese invasion of semi-colonial China, and although the British and Soviet immediate interests are threatened to a high degree, the fact remains that underneath there is a deeper conflict in Asia between the United States, England and Japan. In the end, the relations of these three countries will determine the decisive factors of the Sino-Japanese war and the redivision of Asia.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ANTAGONISMS

Although the Japanese invasion threatens the immediate interests of the United States, as it does other imperialists, to say nothing of China, the more dangerous long range enemy of the U.S. in the Orient is British Imperialism.

The temporary "bloc" of the Anglo-American forces can be exposed by the way America "crashed the gates" at the British naval maneuvers at Singapore; by the American victory in the past with the three power monetary agree-

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LAND OF THE FREE

...
 Detectives at a New York trial denied that the defendant was arrested, but the Judge, who didn't feel well, sent him back to jail until he, the Judge, recovered and could investigate. The defendant had been held in jail three days. The charge was that he had no visible means of support... E. I. Dupont appeals against paying \$63,882 deficiency claim on his 1935 taxes on the ground that he made a number of "gifts" that year, including a \$300,000 one to a securities company... Various city governments discuss question of finger printing unemployed.
 ...

Of the 500,000 auto workers, 320,000 are unemployed, 196,000 are earning an average of \$8 to \$12 a week. Cheered on by this news, labor "leader" John L. Lewis doubled his pay to \$25,000 and that of his lieutenants Murray and Kennedy to \$18,000. (Did we hear the word "Recession"?)
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Free speech la radio: according to latest instructions to script writers in Hollywood: can't "disparage" god, curse, speak of perversion, slander any race, group or creed, or speak of a drunken woman — class struggle is not listed—the script writers already know that one.
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Headline in N. Y. paper: "Mandatory peace study program in schools proposed by teachers boards."... Annapolis—Rear Admiral D. E. Sellars in his parting speech as superintendent of the Naval Academy stated to the midshipmen—"that when our country is drawn into war, as it has been in the past, and undoubtedly will be in the future..."
 ...

"G men declare crusade on crime"... Democratic Party leader Marinelli in N. Y. has been shielding gangster and vote fixed Falci, a fugitive from justice, by employing him as his own chauffeur, for three years... N. Y. Patrolman Heidt, defender of gangster Lucky Luciano can not explain where he got \$74,000 bank deposits. LaGuardia's police reinstate him with \$4,300 back pay...
 ...

Almost a billion more for war... Forty-three year old Chicago fire trap school burns... Roosevelt cuts relief and WPA by almost a billion... Twenty-one out of 22 examined children of California migratory workers are suffering from disease and malnutrition. Families literally starving to death. Can't vote, can't get relief because they migrate from place to place... 2,000 more pupils in N. Y. night schools; administration drops 50 teachers... Roosevelt prepares to build biggest navy in the world.
 ...

Barbara Hutton Haugwitz-Reventlow, richest woman in the world, renounces American citizenship... Senators demand Harry Bridges, maritime union leader be deported because "he is a red"...
 ...

Spinster leaves \$5,000 for her cat... Earl Clark, in charge of Chicago assignment of WPA workers, admits finding about 2 or 3 people a month dead before they get work. "We can't guarantee to keep them alive till they get a WPA job," he says.

WHY WORKERS SHOULD JOIN THE R.W.L.

Comrades:

Around us is a confusing and saddening world indeed.

In the immense State of Texas enough of the necessities of life could be produced with proper scientific development to feed and shelter the people of the whole world.

In Brazil millions of pounds of coffee are being dumped into the ocean. In the United States cotton and wheat are plowed under and factories lie idle by the thousands. But tens of millions of people are in need. America suffers from the largest unemployment in all history. Millions are going through a slow starvation process under the dole. And while the millions live in misery and starve, the papers astound you with the incomes of the giants of finance and industry. General Motors makes an 80 million dollars profit for the year, J. P. Morgan buys another art gallery, no doubt with many pictures of poverty and misery in it.

THE COST OF WARS

Two decades ago the world passed through a grotesque blood bath. Forty-three million people were killed, wounded, permanently disabled or missing—more killed than in all the wars of the whole world since 1790. 10 million died behind the lines. Three hundred and forty billion dollars of wealth was destroyed, more than twice the wealth of any nation in the world outside of the United States, and more than the wealth even of the Colossus.

And yet today, with the memory still fresh, another blood bath is being prepared. It rumbles in Spain, in China, in Ethiopia, in the giant war budget of American capitalism.

What an unbelievable fantasy! The nations of the world preparing for a war in order to gain foreign markets, while there is such an enormous home market which they refuse to and can not satisfy under capitalism; preparing for murder, pillage and death, while there is such an abundance of the things of life!

These facts are so obvious no one even dares to contradict them. The only defense capitalism has against them is a whole series of silly fables. "Yes, all these things are true, but they don't hold for the United States. We are a peace loving country, the richest in the world," etc. etc. ad nauseum.

PEACE TALK HIDES WAR MOVES

The fables are growing stale. Under the cloak of peace American imperialism prepares the greatest war budget in peace time history—greater even than the actual war expenditures of Japanese imperialism; blue prints are sent to thousands of factories in the U. S. by the government with instructions how to convert their factories into war factories; the tiny Aleutian Islands, with no people on them to "defend," are fortified at the cost of dozens of millions of dollars because they are so much closer to the Japanese mainland than any American possession; Generals are sent to the Phillipines to organize a Phillipine conscript army; war conferences are organized in Latin and South America and all the nations of the Western Hemisphere band together to "defend" themselves. Its an old, old story. Under the cloak

of peace, America has its finger in every European and Asiatic war move. She organizes a conference in Brussels to stop Japanese imperialism from making encroachments on America's booty in Asia. She gives aid and oil to the rape of Ethiopia; tacit support to Germany's harrassing of the plans of British imperialism.

She stands out among nations like a menacing titan—the greatest economic power the world has seen, with—unfortunately the American imperialism—one of the smallest political empires of all the imperialists. She grasps for ever-decreasing markets like a desperate black hand, the shadow of which it cast all over the world. American imperialism must organize the whole world behind it, if it is not to perish; it stands behind its hypocritical smoke screen of "peace" as the greatest driving force towards war!

CAPITALISM CAN'T BE SAVED

The system of capitalism, spread over the four corners of the globe, is rotten and moribund. But it is rotten not because of its men or its name. It has outlived itself. It is rotten because of the contradictions of capitalism itself.

Its basic contradiction is between capitalist individual appropriation and socialized production. The man who produces everything gets back only part of what he produces; the rest is appropriated by the capitalist who produces nothing. This fact is all too obvious, but the fables would have you believe the capitalist "earns" his money because he is smarter, more ambitious. The history of the great fortunes, the Morgans, Vanderbilts, Rockefellers, is a history of bribery, graft, robbery, swindle, murder and plunder. One glance at such books as Hayers "History of the Great Fortunes," proves this point. Markets cannot keep pace with productive living labor forces. Accumulation of capital, "dead" labor, drive into great poverty.

Those who produce—the working class, and the swindled poor farmers who toil by their own hands—can not buy back what they produce. Capitalism is loaded with surplus produce and surplus capital. It is forced therefore to make ever greater and greater quests for markets. But the markets of the world are not inexhaustible, and as the oppressed peoples of the colonial world in Asia, Africa, and South America are milked dry, the market vanishes further and further.

CONTRADICTIONS PILE UP

Meanwhile, however, along with this process, goes on another process, revealing the anarchy of capitalism to the utmost. The markets vanish, but the facilities for production grow ever more and more. In the dog eat dog fight of one capitalist against another for markets, and of one capitalist nation against another, the cost of producing commodities must be cut more and more—"in order to meet competition." It is cut by the introduction of speed-up and labor saving machinery, which at one fell blow replace thousands and millions of men from industry, thus stripping the market for goods still further. (In the United States there are at least 8 million, according to government figures who because of this fact will never work again). At the same time this process continued

RWL HOLDS 2nd CONVENTION

Delegates from half a dozen cities gathered to the second convention of the Revolutionary Workers League, U.S., in Chicago during the Christmas week end last December.

Questions on the agenda included American imperialism, its relation to the Sino-Japanese war, Spain, the present economic crisis, the Morgan-Rockefeller conflict; the Soviet Union; People's Front and Farmer Labor Party movements; Trade union and Unemployed; Trotskism; Press; etc. Documents and material on these and other questions are published in the recent issues of the "Fourth International."

An outline for a programmatic draft was presented to the convention. Work on this draft is expected to be completed by the next plenum.

The convention elaborated and strengthened the League constitution, to further insure the democratic centralist structure of the organization.

STEADY POLITICAL GROWTH

Besides reviewing and analyzing the work of the past two years—the League's activity in Spain, its participation in the strike wave last spring, its transfer of the national center to the Great Lakes area, etc.—the convention took up the shortcomings of the League: failure to issue the FIGHTING WORKER regularly, the too-small base in the trade union and unemployed movement, the lack of representation from the south and farm areas, etc.

The Political Committee and the Plenum positions on all of the questions before the convention were carried. In spite of the differences before the convention, all the delegates and Central Committee members at the close of the convention unanimously passed a motion that they would abide by and carry out the convention decisions.

While organizationally the League has had a setback, politically it has progressed. It has charted a steady course against the disintegration and demoralization in the movement. In its brief two and a half years it has reaffirmed and presented a Marxist line to the class, and has established itself as a Marxist tendency in the movement in the US and abroad.

The Main Enemy Is At Home

CHICAGO SUNDAY FORUM

Feb. 27—The Soviet Union
—Hugo Oehler
Mar. 6—Will Hitler Upset the European Apple-Cart-Bill Streeter
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Workers Center
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—Sid Okun
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—Dialectical Materialism
—Hugo Oehler
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Trotskyites Launch Centrist Set-Up

The first convention of the latest Trotskyite outfit, the Socialist Workers Party, adopted a program which proves that in or out of the Socialist Party the Trotsky-socialists are a centrist force.

Their draft Declaration of Principles presents abstractly correct formulations in some places which are entirely negated by false positions on the same points in other places. The draft does not correct any errors made in the past. It reaffirms them.

Since the Trotskyites broke with Marxism in 1934 after the defeat of the working class in Germany and the so-called French turn, they have moved further and further to the right. They have false positions on all the fundamental questions of the day. They are for the words but against the content of revolutionary defeatism in imperialist wars. They call for material aid to the capitalist People's Front government in Spain and to Chiang Kai Shek in China (plus 'political criticism')! To them the CIO is "historically more progressive" than the AFL. They open wide the door for entry tomorrow into the Labor party.

LEFT WING LEAVES SWAMP

The convention marked the culmination of the six months struggle of the left wing "Marxist Policy Committee" against the policies and program of the Trotskyite leadership. With members in the Great Lakes area and on the west coast this group took the revolutionary step of joining the Revolutionary Workers League, calling upon militant elements still in the Trotskyites to draw the same lesson with them.

Stalin's Parliament A Rubber Stamp

The Supreme Soviet, Russian parliament, elected a month before, convened on January 12. The two houses, Soviet of the Union and Soviet of Nationalities, endorsed unanimously the program, policies, and plans of the Stalinist regime.

Lauded as the "most democratic," the "highest organ of state power," it acted as nothing more than a rubber stamp—no tiny spark of life animated its deliberations. It proclaimed the Soviet Union as a first class industrial power under Stalin, decided to protect the fatherland, and safeguard the peace policy of the USSR. Its resolutions and decisions read like those of a bourgeois republic.

At a time when the dictatorship of the proletariat is cracking, when the second five year plan is admittedly far behind schedule, when thousands are shot down, imprisoned, exiled as saboteurs, and fascist spies—the "highest organ of state power" meets in two days, passes everything unanimously, and has no word to say to the working class. When the proletariat and peasantry in Spain and China are engaged in a death struggle against capitalist oppressors, the Supreme Soviet directs no message to them, cannot make its voice felt as the representative of the Russian working class.



NEWS FROM SPAIN DISASTROUS FOOD POLICY

(Continued from page 1) larger than usual there is not one item other than turnips that can be shown for this.

The food crisis is due to several factors: oranges and onions are being exported to maintain the peseta, now down to 100 per dollar (normal: seven and a half per dollar); peasants sabotage and plant only for their own needs rather than sell at government prices; the disastrous government food policy. The Government allows the peasants to feed wheat to chickens when there is no wheat for bread, the milk supply is greatly reduced by cutting the grain ration for dairy cows, etc. The government has not even published a pamphlet explaining how turnips and the remaining few available items can best be utilized....

SHORTAGE OF FUEL

The lack of fuel for cooking is critical. There is plenty of wood available in the forests in the foothills, box cars and locomotives stand idle, and many unemployed including railwaymen could do the job. But the government does nothing. Oil for stoves is not available. Gas is installed in only a few houses. By the end of the winter Barcelona's fine parks will be stripped of their fine woods.

The morale of the civilian population is being destroyed and the ground prepared for an armistice. Other than almost daily flare-ups in the markets, there have been no serious riots as yet....

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100,000 AUTO WORKERS DEMONSTRATE FOR RELIEF

Over 100,000 workers marched into Detroit's Cadillac Square in a demonstration against unemployment and against the boss class offensive on their living standards and organizations.

It was the largest labor demonstration in the Auto City, even greater than the demonstration to defend sit-downs held last March. In spite of the fact that the leadership was in the hands of the CIO bureaucrats, the militancy of the workers was unmistakable. They swept the police to one side and took control of the city center.

The workers who assembled in the square to protest against the miserable dole and discrimination and open attacks of Mayor Reading on unionism, were presented with pacific speeches by their reformist leaders. Their response to this soft soap was an unmistakable dwindling in attendance.

PREACH FAITH IN ROOSEVELT

The only speech to meet with mass approval was that of Mr. Renner of the hotel and restaurant workers, AFL. This faker, sensing the mood of the workers, spoke in terms of the class struggle and the fact that the workers could only get their demands by struggling. The workers were especially receptive to the call for trade union unity, even though it was couched in ambiguous language.

Renner's speech served as a left cover for the open class collaborationist speeches of the UAW and CIO leaders. Homer Martin, president of the auto union, spoke about the bad mayor and the fine president and governor we have.

In reply to the attack of the Mayor on sit-downs, he said there was no need for them since the auto workers were already organized!

The CIO's regional director, Frankenstein, emphatically denied any "communistic" intentions, meaning class struggle policies, and praised the workers for their passivity. He said that down in Washington from where he had just returned with the personal blessing of John L. 'people' had thought there would be a 'Communist' uprising in Detroit. George F. Addis made a stirring speech for Capitalist Democracy.

WORKERS CONTROL OF FACTORIES

All of the speakers spoke of the deplorable conditions of the workers and attacked the small group of capitalists "who manufactured the depression." None of them was able to give any concrete guidance to the workers struggle. All emphatically appealed for continued support of the New Deal. With the factories idle and thousands walking the streets, they refused to see the solution in the seizure and operation of these factories by the workers', they refused to see the need for a struggle against the bosses starvation system.

forces production higher—the new and bigger machines must produce much more (mass production) in order to make a profit.

No power on earth or above it can extricate capitalism from these contradictions. A market which grows smaller; a production apparatus which grows larger and demands the production of more and more goods in order to make a profit. In the epoch of imperialism it puffs along like a broken down "Lizzie," making desperate attempts to save itself, but doomed ever to failure—until a rising working class and its allies sweeps it entirely off the face of the earth and substitutes for it a system of PRODUCTION FOR USE, instead of PRODUCTION FOR PROFIT.

The puffs of a broken down "Lizzie" are precisely what we are seeing in the world today. America stretches its hands into the tin fields of Bolivia in order to offset the tin monopoly of Britain. Britain resists and a Gran-Chaco war between—supposedly—Bolivia and Paraguay develops over a strip of land; in reality, however, a vicious struggle between American and British imperialism for an outlet of the sea for the tin. Tariffs shoot up in order to stop "enemy" goods from coming in. Gold is devalued in order to gain an advantage in the world market—which the workers at home must pay for in higher prices. In Japan, Italy and Germany, the struggle reaches still a higher stage—open conquest.

But no matter what stage the struggle between the imperialists has reached the road is the same. ALL imperialists must go through the same path towards all imperialist war for markets and aggrandizement.

Left to itself this struggle can lead back only to barbarism, to the complete extinction

of mankind. But behind this struggle is the more fundamental struggle of the workers and oppressed against their common oppressor, capitalism as a whole. For decades capitalism has kept the working class in check by one form or another. In "our" country the so-called democratic method is used; bones are thrown to the workers in order to keep them quiet and away from revolution. The role of pacifiers is served by enemies in their own ranks, the labor fakers in the unions, the reformist parties like the Socialists and Stalinists, the "liberal" bourgeoisie who cleverly lull him to sleep.

FASCISM, DEMOCRACY—BOTH CAPITALISM

In other nation other methods are taken. A more left-sounding government, such as the People's Front government, is fed to the people to keep them quiet. But being capitalist, it cannot provide a solution to the needs of the masses. In the end, the workers fight against it, and capitalism must throw off its mask. A struggle develops between capitalism and communism, fascism, and the proletarian revolution. The fascist dictatorship of the capitalists, as in Germany and Italy, rules by the method of the iron fist, by open murder, imprisonment of workers and revolutionists.

The iron fist of fascism, however, is based on the same basic weakness as the gloved hand of democracy, the insoluble contradictions of capitalism. Against the future of misery, war and fascism that capitalism has to offer, we must rouse up the entire working class. With the proper leadership this system that is rotten-ripe for socialism can be mashed and replaced with a new social order.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

Two hundred and eighteen locals of the United Mine Workers at their Washington Convention introduced resolutions demanding district autonomy. Lewis and his gang gave it the usual Lewis steam-roller. Speakers were booed down, and before there was any discussion the question was put. The "great John L. Lewis," new idol of the stalinists and other reformists, has a very simple method of keeping his union hog-tied. The constitution gives him the right, whenever he doesn't like the activity of a district functionary or a district committee, to appoint his own committees, with full power. For more than a decade he has been using this club to wield his bureaucratic power over the Union.

Unemployment has hit the Auto Workers Union sharply. Its president, Homer Martin, is making a drive against the stalinists and militant workers in the Union, as a smoke screen to divert attention from his own treacherous course in the last year; the set up of a complete bureaucracy in the union, betrayals of the major strikes of last year, breaking sit-downs and expelling militants, and horse trades of a hundred sorts.

A strange commentary of Martin's fight against the "reds," is that his chief lieutenants number among them a dozen members of the Independent Communist Labor League—Lovestoneites.

A concerted drive is being made by a large bloc of Congress against the maritime unions. There is a demand for the deportation of Harry Bridges, one of the leaders on the west coast, charged with being a stalinist.

Any maritime worker will tell you that Bridges of 1938 is a pale pink, a typical class-collaborationist. But that does not stop the demand for his deportation. It is being used as a bargaining weapon and as a threat in order to ram down the Congressional bill outlawing all strikes on the high seas and setting severe penalties for those who participate in them.

If passed, the new bill will mean nothing less than slavery for the seamen, who will be at the mercy of the ship captains during their voyages.

With the CIO, AFL, Workers Alliance, Labor Party, Stalinist Party, Socialist Party, etc. etc., lining up the workers behind him, Roosevelt in his "Rearmament" message proposes adding to the war budget the 800 million dollars which was cut from the relief appropriations in the original budget message.

As for doing something about the "new" crisis, our "labor-loving" President hands out a miserable 250 million dollars for relief and proposes a building "boom" at the expense of the building trades workers. He will cut hourly wages on the promise of a higher annual income.

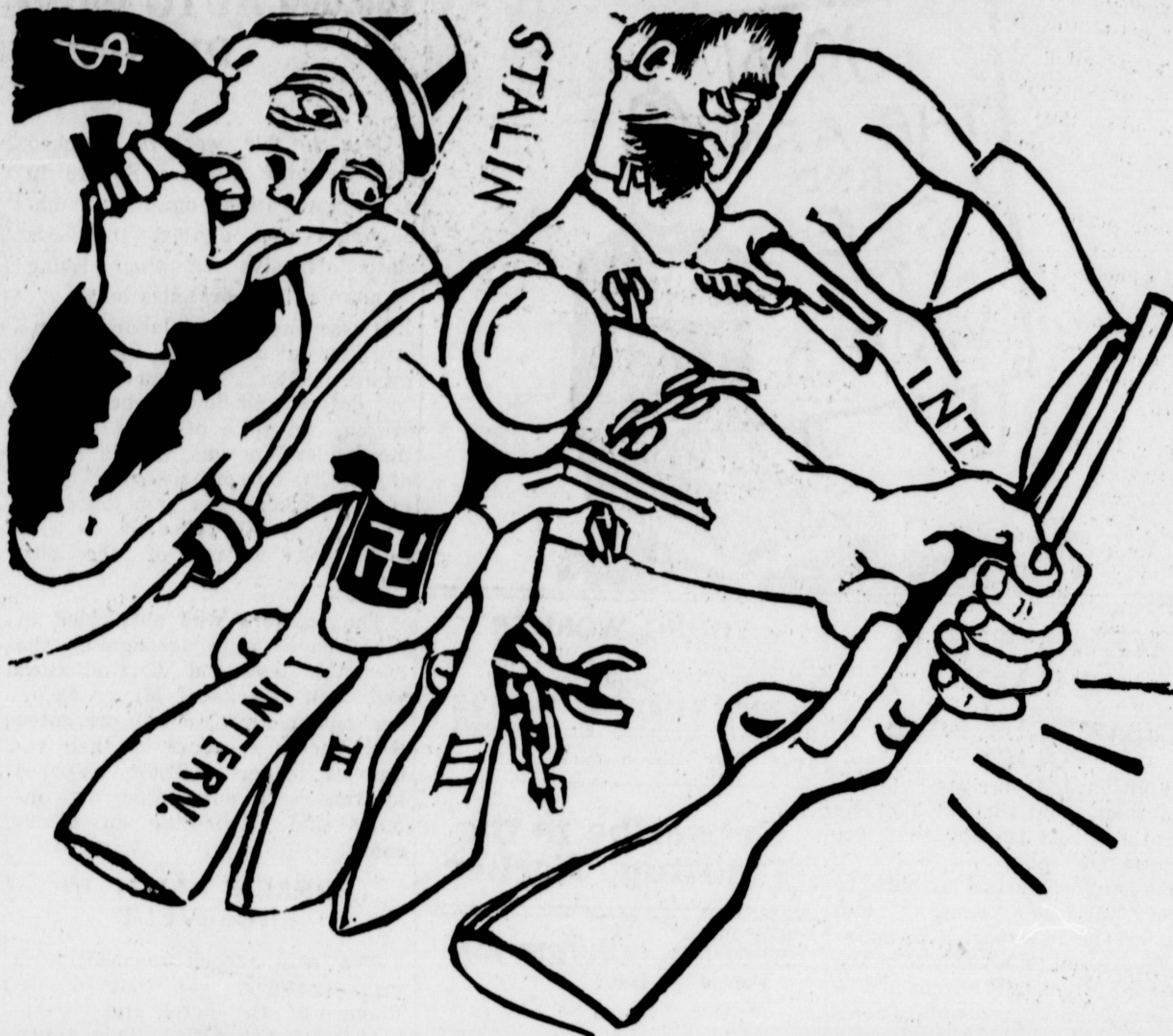
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Japan Internal Plight Grows Worse

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Chinese workers and peasants must remember the lessons of 1925-27. Their only hope lies in independent class action. No faith in Chiang Kai Shek. Organization of workers militias and soviets

to prosecute the war against Japanese and ALL imperialism. Above all a new Party of the Working class, the 4th Communist International.

Such a struggle, far from disuniting the Chinese nation, would immeasurably strengthen it. The class struggle in China would rise to the surface, dominate, and arouse the revolutionary masses in Japan and throughout Asia.

U. S. War Drive

TO SUPPORT ROOSEVELT'S POLICY LEADS TO SOCIAL PATRIOTISM IN WAR

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ment; the friction of these powers at Brussels; the United States State Department "lone-hand" policy in the Orient; the proposed economic agreement, which will only be a new form of economic competition on an international scale.

Neutrality and Collective Security are merely two forms of preparation for war. Those persons who support and advocate the policy of neutrality or collective security are supporting the war policy of American imperialism. The talk for a referendum on war, the talk of neutrality, the talk of collective security, is an ideal pacifist smokescreen for the jingoists to drive home their program of war preparations. Opposition to war, divorced from the principle position of revolutionary defeatism can only lead to open social-patriotism in an imperialist war.

The present recession in the United States is only a symptom of the growing needs of American capitalism to obtain markets for her surplus capital and industrial products, etc. Her war preparations indicate that at least the imperialists at the helm understand what they must do for their profits.

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR CLASS WAR

The success of the capitalists in controlling the workers through the A.F. of L., and CIO, and their other aids in the Labor Party, Socialist and Stalinist Parties, enables the imperialists to drive forward with little opposition. The increased war preparations, increased drive against the labor movement, and starvation for the unemployed must be fought by class war. The policy to turn the imperialist war into a civil war through working for the defeat of one's own imperialist army is a program that calls for action today before the war, as well as when the war breaks out. Down with Imperialist war. For class war!

PEOPLES FRONT BREAKS UP IN FRANCE

The internal difficulties of the stop-gap Chautemps cabinet, and the fast weakening hold of French imperialism in middle Europe, are merely surface symptoms of the deep economic and political crisis in France.

Again the situation is rapidly maturing to a show-down between capitalism and the working class. The collapse of the Popular Front, from a bourgeois standpoint, merely means that it has played its role at a certain moment, just like the Social-Democracy played its role in Germany and the Labor Party in England to save capitalism from the working class. For the capitalists, the People's Front helped stem the working class tide and beat back the rising wave of strikes in a pre-revolutionary situation.

PAVES WAY FOR FASCISM

Insofar as stemming the tide of Fascism and a capitalist dictatorship the People's Front has done nothing of a fundamental nature; on the contrary its role is making it easier for the final battle against the workers. It has lulled to sleep the working class and is preparing them for the slaughter.

POLARIZATION OF CLASS FORCES

Behind the Cabinet Crisis and the election that will soon be called is already revealed a polarization of class forces in France, to the right and to the left. But the "gain" to the left, such as the left "gains" in Germany just

before Hitler took power, in themselves in no way constitute a workers victory. Void of a revolutionary Marxian Party, a program and a leadership, and instead under Stalinist-Socialist leadership, these gains will be washed out—unless a force can be crystallized quick by enough to take advantage of the favorable situation and prepare the organization of the class before it is too late.

Not only has the Stalinist Peoples Front been exposed as a trap for the working class in Spain, but it can now be seen as such in France. At the same time the shift of the ruling class away from the Franco-Soviet Pact due to the great pressure being exerted in the Balkans, in Spain and in the Far East, makes less important the Peoples Front for international needs.

DOLLAR vs. FRANC

The United States had more than a word to say in French politics when the three power monetary agreement was signed, and now if the Dollar comes to the rescue of the Franc it will be based upon further political concessions to the needs of Dollar Diplomacy in European muddy waters.

The working class has lost much valuable ground under the Peoples Front. Only that section that breaks with the Peoples Front decisively and carries on its independent class action can prepare for the revolution and the defeat of Fascism.

AFL EXPELS 3 CIO UNIONS

Efforts for unity of the CIO and AFL have met a setback with the expulsion of Miners, Glass workers, and Mine Smelters' unions from the AFL.

Green is attempting to drive a wedge between Lewis and some of his lieutenants. Dubinsky of the Garment Workers has openly laid the blame for failure of unity negotiations on Lewis. In the AFL ranks there are also notes of schism, with Tobin of the Teamsters blaming the AFL for the breakdown.

UNITY FOR WAR

Pressure from the workers on the bottom for unity is great. On the top, Roosevelt is demanding unity in order better to consolidate the working class behind Wall Street's war program.

Meanwhile the illusions of many people in the possibility of a militant class struggle movement arising out of the CIO are being dissipated. The conventions of the Auto, Steel, and Coal miners unions were bureaucratic to the core. Dozens of militant organizers, and even Stalinist organizers, are being fired. Local autonomy is being wiped out. The rank and file militancy of the first period has been gradually worn away. With hundreds of thousands in these unions unemployed—almost two thirds in the auto union alone—the only CIO answer is to preach faith in the "Great Leader" in the White House.

FAITH IN ROOSEVELT

Roosevelt's answer is an enormous increase in the war budget and a cut of 800 millions for relief and WPA.

The basis for unity, despite these developments, is still not eliminated. The two organizations are tied firmly to capitalism and agree in principle. Both are against class struggle policies; both are class collaborationist through and through. Their differences are only over method. The Lewis outfit favors industrial structure and politicalization of the trade union movement into a Labor party. Green and company are fighting to maintain their own bureaucratic hold by the use of the old methods—craft union structure, and the policy of "reward your friends, punish your enemies" on the political field.

NEED PROGRESSIVE GROUPS

Against the class collaboration policies of the labor fakers, workers must fight for a class struggle policy, and must strive to build progressive groups within the existing unions to be coordinated on a national scale. For the unity of the trade unions on an industrial structure with class struggle policies!

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