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ELECTION RESULTS A BLOW AT WORKERS

The gains made by the Republicans against the New Deal in the November elections reveal a shift to the right, a blow against the working class. It will be followed with increased war preparations and a bolder drive to cut the living standards of the masses.

Not only the Republicans but also the right wing Democrats scored against Roosevelt in more than one instance.

The Republican gains were not made by the "old guard" group, but by a new, younger group which has arisen since the 1929 crisis in an attempt to adjust their party to the new conditions, as opposed to the die hard "rugged individualism" of Hoover-Landon and other forces. If the Republicans are able to consummate a bloc with the right wing Democrats they will have a decisive minority and can obstruct any measure of the Roosevelt forces.

CAPITALIST REALIGNMENTS

The elections will speed up the realignments in the bourgeois camp, even though this represents a setback to the third party movement, with the defeat of the Farmer-Labor Party and the La Follette forces.

Despite the local aspects in many states, it is clear that the New Deal suffered a defeat, but

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Britain Provokes Jewish-Arab Fights

Despite thousands of soldiers and the clamping down of martial law Great Britain has been unable to quell the rising revolts of the Arab masses. The revolts, aided no little by Germany and Italy, have further weakened the position of Anglo-French Imperialism in the Near East.

Palestine, as well as the rest of the Arabian areas, has entered a period of maturing revolutionary crisis. To continue prattling about "anti-Jewish banditry" is no longer possible. British Imperialism sits on a seething volcano and is mortally afraid of a large scale eruption.

Chiefly responsible for the warped character of the struggle of the masses (the Arab-Jewish conflict) is British imperialism and her policy of draining Palestine of all natural resources, discouraging large scale industry, crushing the basic democratic needs of the Arab masses. Britain has cleverly diverted their

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THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE YOUTH



Wage Bill Aids Bosses; Will Cut Pay

The Wage-Hour law went into effect just before the elections.

Fundamentally this bill was designed to meet the needs and requirements of the present stage in the development of American Imperialism. The fact that certain sections of the bosses fought the bill bitterly denotes not its "progressiveness" but merely reveals one of the glaring contradictions of capitalism. It was the most "backward" and "sick" industries, decaying more rapidly in the general process of capitalist decay as a whole, which fought the "high" wages specified in the bill. The big monopolies and key industries are not affected at all by the provision to pay 25c an hour and limit hours to 44 — a maximum pay for such workers of \$11 a week. These industries have been paying more than this minimum. The bill serves to strengthen these industries and monopolies against the weaker sections of capitalism. Like NRA it increases monopoly and centralization.

ONE OUT OF 225 "GAIN"

The bill applies only to those workers who are employed in industries engaged in Interstate commerce, or about 13 million out of a total of 45 million employed in American Industry as a whole. According to statements issued by the Dept. of Labor, of these 13 million to which the bill applied, less than 200,000 would be "benefited", or about one worker out of every 225 employed. The idea was not to bring about a wage increase for the one but to provide a lever whereby the wages of the 224 could be reduced. "Minimum" wages under capitalism always tend to become Maximum.

Thousands have been laid off as a result of the bill, and wage cuts have been proposed in RAILS, Steel, Shoes and other industries.

PART OF WAR MACHINERY

The Wage Hour Bill, together with the National Labor Relations Board makes up another part of the machinery which Roosevelt is introducing for government regulation of labor, tying the labor movement to the capitalist war machine.

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FREE ROSALIO NEGRETE

Pressure continues for the release of comrade Rosalio Negrete Blackwell, arrested in Spain by the Loyalist-Stalinist Government. Comrade Negrete as a member of the Revolutionary Workers League, went to Spain 2 years ago to aid in the anti-fascist struggle. Pressure on the U. S. State Department secured his release but he was taken off a British ship on his way to Marseilles and rearrested.

CNT-FAI TO AID

Word has been received by Comrade Olay, American representative of the CNT, from Inigo, Secretary of the defense section of the Spanish CNT-FAI, that

they have investigated the arrest of Negrete and are working for his release. They report the charges against him, as listed before in this paper. Negrete is a member of the Professional Workers Union of the CNT in Barcelona.

N. Y. PICKET LINE

The New York Negrete United Front Sponsoring Committee, of which the RWL is a part, followed up its work with a successful public meeting on the case, Sunday October 30th.

A picket line of some 20 workers answered the call of the Committee and picketed the Spanish Consulate on Saturday November 5th. On the picket line were two

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Reaction Sweeps Europe After Munich

From one end of the earth to the other, the aftermath of the "peace" of Munich has been a rapid move to the right and the strengthening of reaction and Fascism.

While the nations looked on with scarcely a murmur, Hitler's butchers murdered and beat scores of thousands of Jews throughout Germany. The 20th Anniversary of Armistice Day which was to "end all wars" and "save the world for Democracy" saw 10,000 Jewish establishments pillaged or destroyed, thousands of Jews thrown into jail in the most ruthless pogrom of our times.

The roaring British Lion expressed a few EDITORIAL wrist slaps but continued making concessions to the Rome-Berlin Axis in an attempt to achieve a four power bloc in Europe against the Soviet Union and the United States. Italian conquest of Ethiopia is now recognized; a large loan has been granted the tight-belted Italian economy; and the treaty between Italy and England went into effect despite the fact that Italy had not nearly complied with the provisions of the Treaty in withdrawing aid to the Fascists in Spain.

ITALO-GERMAN FRICTION

While Czechoslovakia was being carved up further by little slices to Poland and Hungary and a new internal policy 100% under the thumb of Germany, a diplomatic battle was going on in which Italy conceded to Germany over the question of a common Polish-Hungarian frontier. Germany's ambitions worry Il Duce and there is a great possibility of new friction between the two.

All through central Europe the Nazi regime made important gains. Trade concessions were gained in Bulgaria and Turkey. If Germany can win Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia into her spheres of influence — and she has been making progress in that direction — it would be a tremendous blow against the British Empire. Needless to say, Britain, which sold out Czechoslovakia and sacrificed the interests of its "ally" France in Middle Europe, will not permit things to go anywhere near that far without a military life and death struggle.

The inroads of Hitler are not all smooth-sailing. There is a new shortage of raw materials. The acquisition of Austria and Sudetenland, although greatly strengthening the Nazi regime, intensifies its contradictions and forces it to make even more desperate moves towards further acquisition. Measures to appropriate the Jewish capitalists and middle class and new measures against the standards of the work-

ing class can be expected in the next period.

The Nazi regime is in a desperate need for capital. With the political concessions demanded by London and New York far too high to counterbalance the economic gains, German imperialism will attempt to get that capital from the backs of the workers and

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3 YEARS OF THE R.W.L.

By Hugo Oehler, National Secretary

Three years ago, after a long fight in the Trotsky movement as a faction, our group split from the Cannon-Muste Centrist forces and organized the Revolutionary Workers League of the United States. In that period we have established our organization on the principled basis of Marxism, have presented our analysis of the major questions confronting the working class and have participated in the class struggle within the limits of our forces.

We have now completed our Programmatic Draft, which should be ready for publication before next year. This will mark another mile post in our theoretical contribution to the American movement. A comparison of our documents with other groups and with actual events will reveal that our tendency has answered more problems confronting the American working class than any other tendency in the United States, and above all on a firm Marxian foundation.

We have tested our program in action in the United States and in war and insurrection in Spain and it has stood the test.

The defeats on a world scale has driven many radical workers to cover in spite of the objective favorable situation in the United States. We have lost our share of these backsliders. But unlike the Trotskyites who have gone to the Labor Party, and the Stalinist who have gone to Roosevelt, the RWL has not allowed these demoralized workers to drag us with them as they have carried with them the other tendencies.

Since the Second Convention our four page paper and other printed literature have been issued regularly and in greater quantities than before. Politically we have already earned our spurs organizationally we are the most important small group. The future is ours.

Forward to a new party in the United States.

Forward to a new COMMUNIST (4th) INTERNATIONAL with the RWL.

LAND OF THE FREE

ELECTION NOTES

A women's organization in New York tried in vain to bar persons on relief from voting on the ground that existing state laws state that paupers may not vote—laws which are still on the books in very many states... According to Roosevelt's figures two-thirds of the white men of West Virginia are unable to vote because of a poll tax... Negroes are eliminated entirely... "Of the People, by the People, for the People."

FINANCES: HIGH AND LOW
Depression in the explosive industry!... The 1937 output was nearly double the 1935 output and is still increasing... Nearly half of the youth who drop out of school do so because they have no money to continue and must seek work, according to a survey made by N.Y.A. An impoverished father offered his 12 year old twin daughters for sale to the highest bidder. He is in poor health and out of work, unable to support either himself or his daughters... And they claim that Communism destroys the family!... Washington police were called out to break up a mob of 25,000 who fought to file applications for a \$90 a month job as scrubwoman...

DEMOCRACY WITH A SMALL D

Governor Kirman of Nevada called out 250 special deputies with orders to "shoot to kill" when the CIO threatened an "invasion" of the fair state of Nevada, threatened, in other words to from a picket line... The police in Chicago came to the rescue of the Fascist Bund when anti-fascists demonstrated in front of Lincoln Turner Hall where a Bund meeting was taking place. The police broke up the demonstration, and arrested some of the demonstrators... An interesting side-light was the attitude of the Stalinists who urged the workers not to "create a disturbance"... In N. Y. C. police stood quietly by as Fascist hooligans tried to break up an RWL open air meeting... To protect law and order the police themselves broke up the meeting.

While the headlines condemn the pillaging of Jewish homes in Germany, a mob of whites in Georgia burned a Negro school and beat and stoned several Negroes close to death because a 9 year old boy accused a Negro of the killing of his mother and grandfather...

PENSIONS AND PROFITEERS

Former chief of Los Angeles Intelligence Squad, Earle Kynette, who was convicted of bombing an accomplice who knew too much, is suing the \$30 every Thursday Pension Plan for \$60,000. He stated he advanced the money to get the campaign started and was to share the profits with the other sponsors, from the contributions received. So far about \$300,000 has been contributed, and the net profit for the schemers has been about \$30,000, but the workingmen have yet to receive a penny in pensions.

New York Address

The comrades in New York have again established a headquarters. The new address is 60 East 12th Street, Room 3. New York sympathizers and friends are urged to get acquainted with the new headquarters, attend the forums and classes of the New York comrades.

Democracy And Workers Rights

Workers are being told today that Democracy is better than Fascism, that at least in America (or France, or England) we still have the right to free speech, to organize, etc. They are told therefore that "in the present period" workers must support the "Democratic" countries against the Fascist Countries; they must support Democratic Institutions (for instance the New Deal regime) against reactionaries.

Sad to say this concept is used to put across one of the most important swindles of the age. Because Democracy-Bourgeois Democratic States — never has and never will grant democratic rights to the working class, except when the working class uses sufficient militant pressure to gain those rights.

We must not be fooled by a catch phrase — Democracy. Under a system of exploitation of man by man, under capitalism to be concrete, there can be no democracy for all men. If a few in society exploit the majority as wage slaves, the question of democracy means something entirely different for each class.

The bourgeoisie, forced by class pressure to concede democratic rights such as the right to organize, assemble, speak, vote, etc. has spread — through its schools, papers, radio, books — the historical lie that these rights were granted out of the goodness of their hearts and the goodness of the bourgeois government — the Democratic Institutions.

There are two lies in this one statement. First, the bourgeoisie fought against every attempt by the oppressed to gain these rights. Second, once these rights were achieved, the Democratic Institutions restrict and limit these rights by all sorts of methods (compulsory arbitration, need of permits for meetings, conspiracy laws, criminal syndicalism laws, poll taxes, etc.)

Workers rights, (Democratic Rights) and Democratic Institutions are two things as opposite as day and night. Workers rights are those democratic gains obtained through CLASS PRESSURE. The Democratic Institutions are the legal government institutions that carry out the orders of the capitalist STATE, that defend the interests of the exploiters against the exploited masses, AGAINST THE GRANTING OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS EXCEPT WHERE CLASS PRESSURE FORCES THEM TO.

WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE WORKERS

Especially is all this true here in the United States. Where years ago our forefathers kicked out King George and established a "glorious" republic with blessed Democratic Institutions "for, by and of the people," the working class have had as miserable a lot as workers in any and every country. Every penny the American workers obtained in wage increases and every minute off the day was literally rung out of the exploiters who USED THEIR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AGAINST the workers and oppressed masses.

WORKERS RIGHTS UNDER DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

What are the most essential needs of the workers? What are the essentials to maintain workers rights from greedy exploiters so that the workers can keep their wives and children in some measure of security and steal a little enjoyment out of life? Above all they need the right to organize, to write, to speak, and to assemble. But how did they get these rights? Under the Constitution? No. They had to fight every inch of the way. Even today after more than a hundred years of a labor movement in this country these rights for the workers only exist to a limited degree and in limited areas where bitter struggles were waged.

THE AMERICAN TRADITION

We are told by the Stalinists and other reformists that the traditions of Washington, Jefferson and others should be glorified by the workers. But the Constitution and these fathers of the country did not see fit to abolish imprisonment for debt (even as late as 1833 over 75,000 debtors were in prison). They did not see fit to establish free schools for the workers' children. The growth of the trade union movement took the initiative and wrung these

concessions from the exploiters.

At the time the constitution was adopted over three fourths of those qualified now to vote were disfranchised. In N. Y. only one out of every 340 people was permitted to vote.

Free speech, free press, and free assemblage were added as amendments to the Constitution only because of the mass pressure that swept through the country. Today in many sections of the country and in every town where the organized labor movement is weak, these rights for the workers and oppressed masses, Negro and others, are still a thing of the future.

THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND STRIKE

The right of workers to organize into trade unions and other workers' organizations, has, like all other workers rights BEEN OBTAINED BY A BLOODY CLASS WAR FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGAINST CAPITALISM AND ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. A hundred years ago the workers started their first big struggle against the conspiracy laws against trade unions. This has continued in one form or another up to today. The police, the jails, the militia, the courts, and the laws of the Democratic Institutions of the U. S. government have played their role in beating the workers into submission and taking away their gains time and again.

The struggle for the right to strike has been even more bloody (who does not know of the murders in the Pullman strike, the Homestead Strike, the great Steel Strike, the Wobbly strikes, Gastonia, So. Chicago, etc.) Today in decay capitalism, with greater class pressure, the Democratic Institutions have brought forth another METHOD of control to supplement the first. They are rapidly working toward the British Plan, introduced after the General Strike in Britain in 1926: government regulation and control of workers' demands through arbitration. In the Railroads they already have a machinery of this sort almost perfected AGAINST THE WORKERS.

This change in METHOD in decay capitalism proceeds in all avenues of WORKERS RIGHTS. First the exploiters use their Democratic institutions to oppose workers' rights as long as possible. Once the gains are made the exploiters snatch the fruit of victory by using the Democratic Institutions to LIMIT AND CONTROL these gains, to make a farce of them.

THE RIGHT TO PICKET

The right to picket has been won with still greater bloodshed and struggle AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS than even the right to strike. For the right to strike without the right to picket is of no value. MASS picketing even now has not been won. The sit-down tactics, and Workers Defense Squads, in conjunction with a militant strike has been outlawed as has mass picketing by the Democratic Institutions.

The struggle to reduce hours, first to the ten hour day, then to the 8 hour day, was one of the most bloody fights in history. The bosses through their Democratic Institutions murdered literally hundreds of workers who fought for these reductions.

FOREIGN BORN

The rights of the foreign born workers, even though they put in most of the labor, with the Negro masses, that made possible the great productive system in this country, always have been and still are very meagre — held in check by the Democratic Institutions. They are discriminated against in jobs, in wages, in hours of work. They can not vote. They live in abject poverty.

Today when Millions are oppressed under Fascism in Europe the American bourgeoisie and its Democratic Institutions do practically nothing to help them. They allow a handful of these victims of Fascism to enter the country as a means of keeping up the face of their sham democracy.

THE NEGRO MASSES

Last but most important — something that should be burned into the minds of every white worker — is the plight of the Negro masses under the DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

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FIGHT FASCISM BY FIGHTING CAPITALISM

Trotskyites Cover Right Shift with new Paper International

In one days time "somewhere in Switzerland" the Trotskyites established the "Fourth" International. In program the new outfit is centrist and moving to the right. Organization upon an opportunist basis of the new centrist international was an adventurist and bureaucratic step.

Three years ago the American section of this present set-up, took a similar "left" step as a cover up for liquidation into the Socialist Party and its further revisions of Marxism. This present adventurist step, where the Trotskyites capture all of their own little paper and non-existent organizations, covers up a similar course.

CENTRIST PROGRAM

While building a new "Fourth" International, the Trotskyites in America have decided to subordinate themselves to the capitalist Labor Party; in Chile they support a bourgeois liberal for President; in Spain and France they are ready to support a left capitalist government; in France they are attempting to liquidate into Pivert's new centrist Party.

In Program the new centrist setup is for left-capitalist governments (e.g., Cardenas); has a centrist position on revolutionary defeatism, is against the policy of workers on both sides working for the defeat of "their" capitalist state and army in war time; is ready to support a capitalist Workers and Peasants Government; is for support of democracy against Fascism, as in Spain; for aid to Stalinism in case of war

against the Soviets; and many other fundamental errors.

CAPITULATE TO REFORMISM

The main document of the Congress covers up its capitulation to reformism. The document deals with transitional demands, with a pre-revolutionary situation. The whole organization is oriented therefore on an IMMEDIATE struggle against the MAIN danger of Fascism. Unfortunately for the good Trotskyites, however, the Main danger today, is not Fascism, but REFORMISM which paves the way for Fascism. This skipping of stages is very necessary for those who are capitulating to reformism.

The Trotskyites in setting up this outfit failed to set up any points of admission (such as the 11 points of the Left Opposition or the Declaration of 4, or the 21 points of the 3rd International). They invited no one but themselves and two observers from the POUM and Pivert's group (both of which organizations they are trying to liquidate into.)

A PAPER INTERNATIONAL

The "International" was set up with no regard for the masses, its struggles, the penetration of the need for such an international into at least an appreciable section of the mass. Even on a Marxist program under such circumstances, only an International Bureau FOR A 4th International would be permissible. But the Trotskyites on a centrist basis choose to "electrify" the masses with great paper achievements.

Of the groups listed as "affiliated" to the "Fourth" International, some do not exist, some have less than a half dozen

members, and at least one group gave no authorization to have itself listed as affiliated because it intends to take this question up only at its forthcoming convention and there is a sizeable left wing force within it fighting against these adventurist tactics.

The Fourth Marxist International is still to be built. It will be built in the process of the struggle against capitalism on a Communist, not centrist, program, and in a struggle against the Trotsky centrist movement and the rest of the opportunists.

For a new COMMUNIST (4th) INTERNATIONAL.

ELECTION RESULTS A BLOW AT WORKERS

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the "left wing" forces supporting the New Deal lost the heaviest. The CIO lost heavily in the important states. Likewise the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party was swept out of office. The Wisconsin La Follette forces were defeated. In New York the Republican-Labor Party coalition resulted in a tactical defeat for the American Labor Party, in spite of their other gains.

Behind this election shift lies the failure of the New Deal to cope with the situation. The New Deal panaceas have all fizzled out. Unemployment is as great as in 1933 when Roosevelt took office. Their misery is greater. Real wages have declined and speed up has increased. The small farmers and urban middle class are facing even worse conditions than before.

AGRARIAN REVOLT

The political shift to the right is due to the agrarian "revolt" of the northwest and west, and of the lower middle class. This element had no independent party of the working class to follow, and refused to follow the reformers into the Roosevelt camp, so again voted tails vs heads of the two capitalist parties. The CIO, "progressive" AFL, Stalinists, right wing Socialists, Lovestoneites etc., all supported Roosevelt, while Green and other right wing reformers supported right Democrats and the "new" Republicans. The Trotskyites and Thomas forces all supported the "revolutionary" Labor Party, the third capitalist party, with a couple of their own candidates, thereby doing their bit to divert class action into bourgeois channels.

In spite of the left shift in class relations and the increased working class pressure, it was not reflected in the election due to the lack of INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS POLITICAL ACTION, except for the minor work of the RWL. Instead the opportunists were able to channelize this working class energy into safe capitalist channels.

The compromises already proceeding in utilities and railroads by the Roosevelt office boys of the imperialists with the Morgan group will now proceed more rapidly. The election results accelerate this, but the moving force is the international situation and US war preparations under Roosevelt. Greater national unity in the camp of the exploiters is necessary to cope with world events. All the capitalist forces in the elections were unanimous on the need for more war preparations. Toward this national unity the opportunists from the right wing AFL to the Trotskyites are

Jap Victories Increase Imperialist Fight for Asia

Hitler's victory at the Munich Conference, which opened the door for German Imperialism in Eastern Europe and toward the Soviets, was followed within a week by the capture of Canton and Hankow in China by the Japanese Imperialists — a further blow at Great Britain especially — and a threat to slam the "open door" in China in the face of the "white" imperialists, U. S. Britain, and the others.

These two victories of the "have not" nations against the "haves" has further accelerated the imperialist realignments now taking place, and in turn will intensify the Anglo-American antagonism.

"Peace" now would greatly aid Japanese Imperialism. Japanese military victories have not yet been consolidated. The most important military aspect to take into consideration within China is the fact that after the defeat of Hankow and Canton, the Chinese army evaded the Japanese trap, and withdrew virtually intact, to now re-organize and carry on military operations more of a guerrilla nature. Japan must continue her military operations and spend more than she can obtain from her new prize possessions until she annihilates the Chinese

Nationalist and Stalinist forces, both of which function as agents of other imperialists.

UNITED STATES ACTS

The American Imperialists have sent another strongly worded note demanding continuation of the "open door". Japan will in action reject the U. S. demands, no matter what her words are. In effect Japan is establishing a "Monroe Doctrine" for Asia. The most important American reply is her armament program, the largest peacetime military budget in her history. This will be used by American imperialism for pressure to win "allies" in the coming war, and for war preparations against any and all who stand in its way of further world expansion, primarily in Asia.

Before Japan can pick the fruit of her victory she must deal with the Dollar and the Pound for the necessary capital to "reorganize" and develop China. Britain is ready to make great concessions in trying to arrange a deal for the Pound. The U. S. Dollar will also have an important word in this connection.

The Japanese victories and the Munich conference further weakens the position of the Soviet Union under Stalinism, tightens the iron ring of imperialism around the Soviets, and lays the basis for further capitulations to imperialism by Stalinism.

Britain Provokes Jewish-Arab Fight

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struggle against imperialist oppression, especially British Imperialism, into a conflict between Jews and Arabs.

Through her policy of one time favoring the Jews and another time the Arabs, Britain manages to keep Palestine in a continuous crisis, hoping thereby to continue her predatory rule. Her partition plan, aimed at placating the Jews, was withdrawn under inflamed Arab resentment. To placate the Arabs, Britain now announces curtailment of Jewish immigration, inflating Jewish resentment.

The growing Arab capitalist class and landholders, chafing under the restraining yoke of Britain, but far more fearful of the threatening storm of colonial revolution, points like Hitler at the Jew as the scape goat. Thus they hope to escape annihilation.

ZIONISM AN ALLY OF BRITISH IMPERIALISM

The Jewish bourgeoisie, too, and its instrument, World Zionism, utterly dependent upon the crumbs of the imperialist good will, shield the true criminals, and incite against "Arab hooligans." There's no doubt a good deal of Arab hooliganism whipped up and paid by the Arab bourgeoisie, but this is found in all social upheavals.

Britain's concern over the Near East situation was a large factor in determining her recent European diplomacy. Italy's and Germany's propaganda among the Arabs had as an objective to harass Britain and exploit the situation for bargaining value.

doing their bit, each in its own way.

Against this whole course the RWL calls for independent working class action, against the Labor (third capitalist) party, for a revolutionary Marxian Party in the U. S.

U. S. BRITISH RIVALRY

Roosevelt, serving American capitalist will, is quick to realize an advantage in the Palestine situation. His expression of sympathy for the Jewish people in Palestine, must be understood in its real meaning. It is a desire to harass his British rival, and at the same time further the breach between Britain and World Zionism. Palestine is the geographical key to the whole Near Eastern area and to Britain's interests in this area. The American Zionist leadership and the Jewish section of the capitalist class is only too eager to fall in line. Its demand that Roosevelt intervene in the Palestine crisis compliments U. S. policy.

REVOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION

The exploited Jewish masses in Palestine must unite with the Arab masses and put a stop to their tormentors. But for that it is necessary that the real enemy be pointed out. World Zionism prevents this.

Only by uniting the Jewish and Arab masses under proletarian leadership against British imperialism and its lackeys the Arab NASHHASHIBIS AND HUSSEINIS, and the Jewish BEN GURIONS, under the slogan of a Near East Federation of Soviet Republics, can the Palestine situation be solved.

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The Capitalist Fear of War is Their Fear of the Social Revolution

CIO Meet Disregards Workers Needs

As we go to press the CIO convention still is going on.

Events before the convention indicate that the pressure for reunification with the A. F. of L. is increasing. David Dubinsky and 250,000 Garment Workers, with drew from the CIO on the eve of its Convention on the grounds that Lewis was responsible for the failure to achieve unity. The ILGWU will remain independent of both the AFL and CIO temporarily and push its program of Rooseveltian unity.

The sharp setback that Roosevelt received at the polls makes the need for such unity and "industrial peace" even more imperative for the Roosevelt regime. During the pre-election period the Lewis bureaucracy held back all militant strike struggles so as not to hurt the New Deal in its campaign, especially since it was accused of compromising with the "Communist" element.

LEWIS CONSOLIDATING BUREOCRACY

If Lewis' plans are successful he will come out of this Convention with as much a stranglehold on the whole CIO apparatus as he now enjoys over the Mine Workers. The autonomy of the various internationals will be taken away and such bureaucrats as Martin of the UAW, who have themselves fought against the autonomy of locals in their own Unions, will be fought down on this point—if Lewis succeeds.

This bureaucratic hold is necessary for Lewis even if eventually the CIO reunites with the AFL. It will greatly strengthen Lewis in the unity.

There is a possibility that the Stalinists will be in a bloc with the Lewis forces to achieve these purposes. Recent events in the U. A. W. indicate such a possibility.

BUILD LEFT WING FORCE

Unfortunately no powerful forces will be at the Convention to challenge the bureaucracy's power from a class struggle position. The so-called Marxists are on one bureaucrat's tail or another. The Lovestoneites are with the Martin Dubinsky clique. The Trotskyites are with the same clique, with a few left words. To make the CIO again "progressive", according to these "Marxists" all that is necessary is for Lewis to terminate his use of the Stalinists as organizers, a very regrettable incident which he was forced into because of a lack of organizers! The political platform of these revisionists in some respects is as bad as the official red-baiting by Martin and others.

It is doubtful whether any class struggle progressive force will be given a voice at this Convention, but through the militant workers and delegates attending the convention, the foundation must be laid for a national progressive force within the CIO, fighting for unity with the AFL on a CLASS STRUGGLE basis.

DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE CLASS WAR PRISONERS.

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Organize The Unorganized

WPA Truckers Strike

Cleveland — Since the beginning of the WPA it was understood that this was set up as a WORK RELIEF program and that any owner of a truck who was in need and on relief was eligible for a job on WPA.

But recently the big trucking concerns became very interested in the WPA and attempted to change the trucking policy of the WPA. In June 1937 the new system was put into effect (after much maneuvering in Columbus and support in Washington). Under this new competitive system the little fellows and those on relief were squeezed out.

As a consequence the WPA workers struck. On October 6, 100 striking truckers closed a sewerage disposal project causing 1228 workers to be idle. Unfortunately certain groups of the truckers have gone back to work while committees are trying to negotiate with Washington. Others, however, are continuing the fight, and daily struggles occur at projects where these trucks appear.

The WPA administration has stated it will close down all the projects affected by the strike. That will effect 80,000 workers. The R. W. L. is working to organize all of the projects in support of this struggle and for the betterment of all the workers on W. P. A.



U.S. Tries To Deport Ferrero

Vincent Ferrero has again been seized by the Immigration Commission in N. Y., and deportation to Fascist Italy, to death, once more faces this class war prisoner. The new Defense Committee has obtained a sixty day stay of deportation. Working class pressure forced the release of Dominick Sallito, held with Ferrero in January of this year.

Some of the members of the present Committee are for having Ferrero depart voluntarily instead of taking the case to the class, on the grounds that there is a law which calls for voluntary departure in such instances and that the only recourse is to have the law changed! Those who are for this rotten class collaboration include the Stalinists and the Civil Liberties Union.

A large part of the Committee, however, is for taking the issue to the class in a militant struggle.

Workers should protest the attempt to deport Ferrero. Labor organizations should organize protest meetings and form local defense committees to help Ferrero.

FREE ROSALIO NEGRETTE

(Continued from page 1) representatives of the Veterans of the Spanish Revolution, who are as yet working independently of the Committee.

POUM MEMBERS CONVICTED
Comrade Negrete's arrest is part of the general drive by the Loyalist-Stalinist Government in Spain against the working class. Latest reports are that a number of leading members of the POUM were sentenced to 14 years. Negrete will be released on the basis of a campaign in defense and support of all workers, struggling against Fascism in Spain, now held in the dungeons of the "Democratic" Loyalists.

Relief Conditions In Washington

Washington, D. C. — Burdette Lewis, who was appointed to investigate relief conditions here, made the preliminary report that relief conditions are not as bad as Miss Alice Hill, head of Public Assistance and Mr. Elworth Street, director of Public Welfare, would like us to believe. Congress, according to Mr. Lewis, had appropriated enough money for WPA and relief but the critical relief condition was due, not to a lack of funds, but extravagance and misuse of funds by Street and Hill.

The first statement of Mr. Lewis that relief conditions are not bad is so obviously a lie, it does not have to be refuted.

COLD TO WORKERS MISERY

To say that the relief money is not being spent properly is ironical. Miss Hill is known by all relief clients for her coldness and indifference to their suffering. It was the smiling Mr. Street, who addresses unemployed as "fellow workers" and who at the same time orders police to throw them out of the District Building, who hit on the scheme to cut the District relief appropriation into 12 equal parts and to use only one of these parts for relief every month regardless of whether the needs exceed the amount set aside

or not.

To meet Mr. Lewis' charge of extravagance, Miss Hill has decided to lay each case worker off for a month, during which time their clients will go unattended.

The Workers Alliance, after several years of class-collaboration and tie-up with the administration officials, is not only impotent but raises no hand to remedy this situation. Its Stalinist leaders use the organization primarily to get jobs for themselves as foremen. For three successive years the District appropriation has been cut. The Workers Alliance has made this job easier for the bosses. The workers need a class struggle policy as the basis for a new unemployed movement nationally.

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Capitalist Deal Postpones Rail Pay Cut

Faced with the threat of one million rail workers to strike, President Roosevelt's fact-finding Commission to settle the dispute between the railroads and the rail workers as to whether a wage cut of 15% shall be instituted has reported against such wage cuts at this time.

Behind the scenes the Roosevelt administration has made a deal with the Morgan-controlled rail industry whereby the railroads receive hundreds of millions in subsidies and the workers are permitted to hang on to crumbs. This is the policy Roosevelt has used throughout his administration, billions in subsidies to the bosses, crumbs to the workers and unemployed.

WAR CONTROL PLANS

The government policy with the railroads as well as in the Maritime fields is to extend government control over the unions through arbitration, fact-finding commissions, etc. This will help set up a smooth war machine with no labor strife when Mobilization Day comes around. The Commission's report is a step in this direction.

Once the militancy of the workers and the threat to strike can be successfully chained the Roosevelt regime will not oppose wage cuts. The report of the fact-finding Commission indicates as much. It opposes a cut "at this time," and says that "Wage reduction upon a horizontal national scale possesses distinct drawbacks including the failure of such a proposal to distribute the benefit to the needier roads." It practically suggests localized cuts for the "higher" paid men.

WAGE CUT STILL LOOMS

The time for vigilance and preparations for a real struggle is RIGHT NOW. Wage Cuts are by no means averted yet. Organize councils of all the crafts NOW, councils elected democratically from the men in the shops and on the lines themselves, not by the top bureaucracy. Organize a national left wing force to fight against any future sell-outs and to prepare for further struggles. The Roosevelt report is a result partially of fear of the strike threat by the men. Now is the time to capitalize on that fear and make greater gains.

WAGE BILL AIDS BOSSES

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Significantly enough the so-called Marxists in the labor movement — some of whom openly support the war plans — favor this "humanitarian" bill.

"All sections of the Labor Movement must and do support the Wage Hour Law" pipes the Trotskyist sheet the Socialist Appeal, echoing its big brother in deception, the Stalinist Daily Worker, which in turn repeats verbatim the platitudes of such labor lieutenants of capitalism as Bill Green and John L. Lewis.

The course for the working class is clear — organize and fight. Not only has the anti-social character of capitalism been revealed to the workers but the perfidy of their "leaders" as well. The workers must answer the wage cut plans of the bosses and their agents on the picket line.