





Democracy for Brazil— After the War

The participation of Brazil in the war on the side of the Allies has always been a bit embarrassing for the propagandists of Anglo-American imperialism. For Brazil is one of those "democracies" where lack of freedom is not very well concealed.

Report From Naples Gives Vital Information

(Concluded from last issue) Within the Committee for National Liberation, all is by no means peaceful. It reflects in fact the struggle within the councils of the United Nations. Britain and America are backing Victor Emmanuel for all they are worth.

At the moment the people are stunned by the turn of events and are groping dazedly for a real lead. They are genuinely hungry people here. No one is ashamed to beg for a crust of bread, etc.

cores of resistance than Naples. With the moving of workers' parties to the capital, they will become much more subject to the pressure of the revolutionary industrial proletariat than they are at present.

attempt is made to smooth out these first impressions. If anything, the Americans are more anti-Italian than our lads (the British), but there is not much to choose.

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Oil in the Far and Near East

A new system of trading came into being with the advent of the present war. Instead of buying oil or other resources with money, imperialist governments now pay for what they want with human lives.

ready beginning to pour out in this direction. The Netherlands government—one of the richest of the exiled governments—has proved itself a careful trader in regard to merchant shipping.

airways junction in the British Empire's extensive civil aviation after the war. Military construction has provided useful auxiliary landing fields in all parts of the country.

This brutal truth is usually buried under fine sounding phrases like "fighting for democracy." As a rule, newspaper correspondent in writing war news follow the lead of the War Department and the propaganda division in the way they phrase their dispatches.

Another chapter in the saga of oil is provided in the following item sent from Jerusalem to the New York Times by Julian Louis Meltzer, and headlined "PALESTINE'S FATE IS LINKED TO OIL."

"After the war British troops will withdraw from Egypt under the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty which, but for the outbreak of the war in 1939, would already have been carried out, so observers think the British and American governments will regard a large garrison in Palestine as all the more imperative."

C. P. in Italy - - A Comparison with Spain

Ercoli, long-time GPU hack, has entered Fascist Marshal Badoglio's new cabinet as a representative of the official Communist Party. Thus these consummate betrayers of the working class have served their Kremlin master in two ways: One, by breaking up the six-party anti-fascist front which was playing the game of the USA and offering some opposition (however slight) to the fascist plans of Italy's rulers.

How the CP hopes to control. But whichever post the first Stalinist minister took, his procedure would be the same—judging from past experiences. As a representative of a powerful and rich foreign power, he is in a position, working from inside the government, to win over large sections of the mercenary, semi-starved fascist officialdom to the Communist Party.

From the point of view of the Italian revolutionaries, Stalin's latest move serves to show the people even more clearly the counter-revolutionary nature of these unprincipled betrayers of the working class. The task of exposing the true villainy of Stalinism is thus made easier in Italy than it was, for example, in the Spanish Civil War of 1936, because here they have OPENLY allied themselves with the fascists.

War and Imperialism Ruining Puerto Rico

By RUTH PHILIPS

The latest attack against the United States Governor of Puerto Rico, Rexford Guy Tugwell, came last week from Bolivar Pagan, resident commissioner of Puerto Rico. Pagan accused Tugwell of "dictatorial rule" and declared that the island is "near revolt."

While this political battle goes on among the "big shots" of Puerto Rican politics, the poverty-stricken workers of the island continue to suffer from the exploitation of American imperialism, exploitation now aggravated by war conditions.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to print this week the article by Max Shachtman on the AFL-Lewis controversy. Labor Action can be obtained at the newsstand at Lenox Avenue and 125th Street, southwest corner.

All this they were able to do in Spain without any substantial base. They strengthened their party by clever manipulation of the state apparatus, drawing into their ranks all sorts of middle class adventurers, government hangers-on, army officers, gangsters, petty land owners and shopkeepers. They could not recruit workers or peasants to their party once they came out against the elementary economic justice the people demanded.

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