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CHANGING THE NAME
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EDITORIAL:

The Editors of the CAMPUS TROTSKYITE wish to announce an event of considerable importance to all socialists and liberals.

Our parent organization, the Workers Party, having met in convention, has changed its name to the INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE. More than a mere change of name is involved in this decision. The Marxist movement has once more proved capable of adjusting to world developments in the most undogmatic and non-sectarian way.

After months of democratic discussion, the Workers Party decided that in order to facilitate its entry into the coming mass working-class party--the labor party--a change in perspective is necessary. The change to a League signifies a willingness to enter the broad organizations of the workers as a loyal left-wing section. Only in this way can the Marxists assume the leadership of the class whose future they represent.

The word, Independent, reaffirms our traditional hostility toward those who would tie the American workers to either capitalist or Stalinist imperialism. We remain INDEPENDENT of both imperialist camps by struggling for democratic socialism--the ownership, control, and management of the means of production by the workers.

The INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE announces clearly that it is not changing its name to escape the consequences of being on the infamous "subversive list" of the Attorney General, and in addition proudly proclaims its undeviating

adherence to the cause of working-class emancipation--a socialist society.

The Editors.

MAY DAY SOCIAL

The SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE and the INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

wish to invite you to celebrate with them the day of international working-class solidarity--May Day.

The formation of the INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE will be formally announced at this meeting.

SATURDAY APRIL 30 8:00 PM

BOILERMAKERS HALL 562 11th St.
OAKLAND. ADMISSION 50¢

FOOD BEER DANCING

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: The Artist's Life in Stalinland.

"I have also been guilty of atonality . . ."

From Sergei Prokofiev's apologia for malfeasance in the practice of music--Soviet Literature, June 1948, page 135.

For information on the S.Y.L. write to: Socialist Youth League
c/o Labor Action
466 10th St, Oakland, Cal.

SCIENCE IN STALINIST RUSSIA:

One fundamental difference between our present civilization and its predecessors lies in our wide-spread use of technology: And technology derives its progress from the growth of Science.

When any government forces upon scientists its own arbitrary answers to questions of objective fact, and creates an "official" theory which cannot be discussed then it has renounced the whole spirit of Man's attempt to dominate the world of nature.

We present below passages from the Decree of the Presidium of the Academy of Sciences of the US SR which officially liquidate the science of Genetics. The decrees appear in Pravda of 27th August, 1948, page 1, cols. 3-6.

"6. To survey the teaching staffs of Soviet biological institutes, the editorial boards of biological journals, and to exclude from them the adherents of Weismann-Morgan genetics and to replace them with representatives of the . . . Michurin biological science.

"7. To commission the Division of History and Philosophy to provide, in the plan of work of the Division, for works on the theoretical generalization of the foremost Michurin trend in biology and a criticism of the pseudo-scientific Weismann-Morgan tendency.

"8. To commission the Bureau of the Division of Biological Sciences to survey the plan of preparation of postgraduate students... guided by in the cases of preparing scientific cadres, the interest of the development of the Michurin biological science.

QUESTION OF FACT: Why has the big portrait of Anna Louis Strong been removed from the wall of the Russian-American Institute in SF?

ANNA IN STALINLAND:

The recent deportation of Anna Louis Strong, the "notorious intelligence agent," accused of espionage and subversive activity against the Soviet Union, has stricken the American Stalinists dumb. Some people relate Miss Strong's fall from grace to her lack of enthusiasm toward the Russian policy on Yugoslavia.

Jack Brad in Labor Action, Feb. 21st and 28th, offers the following very likely explanation: Although, a leading Stalinist hack-journalist for twenty years, Miss Strong has increasingly become the mouthpiece and propagandist of Mao Tse Tung and the Chinese Stalinists.

Some friction has developed between the Russian and Chinese CPs, Stalin's govt. by looting Manchuria removed about 70% of Chinese industry, and it also bypassed Mao Tse Tung in recently concluded negotiations with the Nationalists for economic monopoly over Sinkiang.

This situation smells of Tito: a strong, native CP is seizing power with ambitions of building a powerful industrial state, but Russian imperialism demands that the S.U. be the center of the growing Stalinist empire with the other regions acting as Hinterlaender, and takes steps to quell any objections to its policy.

Thus the mysterious deportation becomes clear: It is a warning to the would-be Chinese Titoists to cease and desist, and a public warning to Stalinists in general to tone down their praise of the Chinese C.P. We can only add that the treatment Miss Strong has received is a just, if somewhat paradoxical, reward for her long years of faithful service to the Russian slave-state and its foreign representatives all over the world. (labor donated)