

JAPAN IMPERIALISTS PUSH DRIVE ON N. CHINA; CLASH WITH U. S. BOSS INTERESTS

Roosevelt Gov't Threatens Use of Navy to Protect Nanking Puppets

Belgian Socialist Leaders Aid Japan-France War Bloc

BULLETIN
Chinese insurgents in Manchuria drove the Japanese out of the town of Hsinfengkuo in sharp fighting yesterday. Heavy fighting is also reported at Chiehlinhuo, north of the Great Wall.
In the Tientsin-Peiping region, Chinese regulars, under General Sung Cheh-yan, continued to attack the Japanese positions at Sifeng Pass, despite instructions from the Nanking Government to discontinue resistance and withdraw "to a safe position from the Japanese line."

While the Roosevelt Government is feverishly preparing for an armed challenge to Japan's threat against Wall Street's spheres of investments, the Japanese Government pushed its plans yesterday for the seizure of the Tientsin-Peiping area in North China. This move is greatly intensifying the antagonisms between the two bandit imperialist powers.

In answer to the application of "a more aggressive policy" by the Roosevelt Government, the Japanese imperialists have openly declared there will be no retreat in their plan to invade the U. S. spheres of investments in North China. The invasion of China is proceeding along the lines of the infamous "Tanaka Document," which lays down a policy for the conquest of China and war against the Soviet Union and the United States.

Consider Arms Embargo.
Hugh R. Wilson, U. S. Minister to Switzerland, took his seat with the League Committee of "inquiry" on the Far East War yesterday. The U. S. is opposing the British and French policies of an arms ban against both China and Japan, since this would block its plans to use the Chinese militarists against its Japanese rivals.

The Japanese have answered the embargo move with the threat to blockade all Chinese ports and seize or sink any vessel carrying war material to the Chinese. This, in turn, brought the threat from the U. S. to furnish warships to convoy such vessels to the U. S. Battle Fleet, which is now concentrated in the Pacific would be used to answer any Japanese attempt to stop U. S. arms shipments to China.

Admit Arms Shipment.
The League committee is said to be seeking an agreement "among the arms-shipping countries, the United States, Great Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland." These powers, most of them members of the "peace loving" League of Nations, have been shipping huge quantities of war material to Japan for the slaughter of masses of Chinese soldiers.

Socialist Heads Aid War.
Dr. Christian Lang of Norway was elected president of the League committee of "inquiry," replacing the Belgian Socialist leader, Paul Hyman, who, after a year of service to the imperialist "disarmament" swindle, has resigned on the plea of fatigue. In reality, the resignation of Hyman is another step on the part of the Belgian Socialist leaders in support of their own imperialists who are in the French camp, which is supporting Japan in the developing war situation with the U. S.
Japan Agents Coming to U. S.
Meanwhile, Yosuka Matsuko, head of the Japanese delegation which recently staged a dramatic withdrawal from the League of Nations conference, is coming to the U. S. on March 23 to make an effort to effect a tripartite agreement between the U. S., Japan and Britain, with the aim of diverting the impending war into anti-Soviet channels.

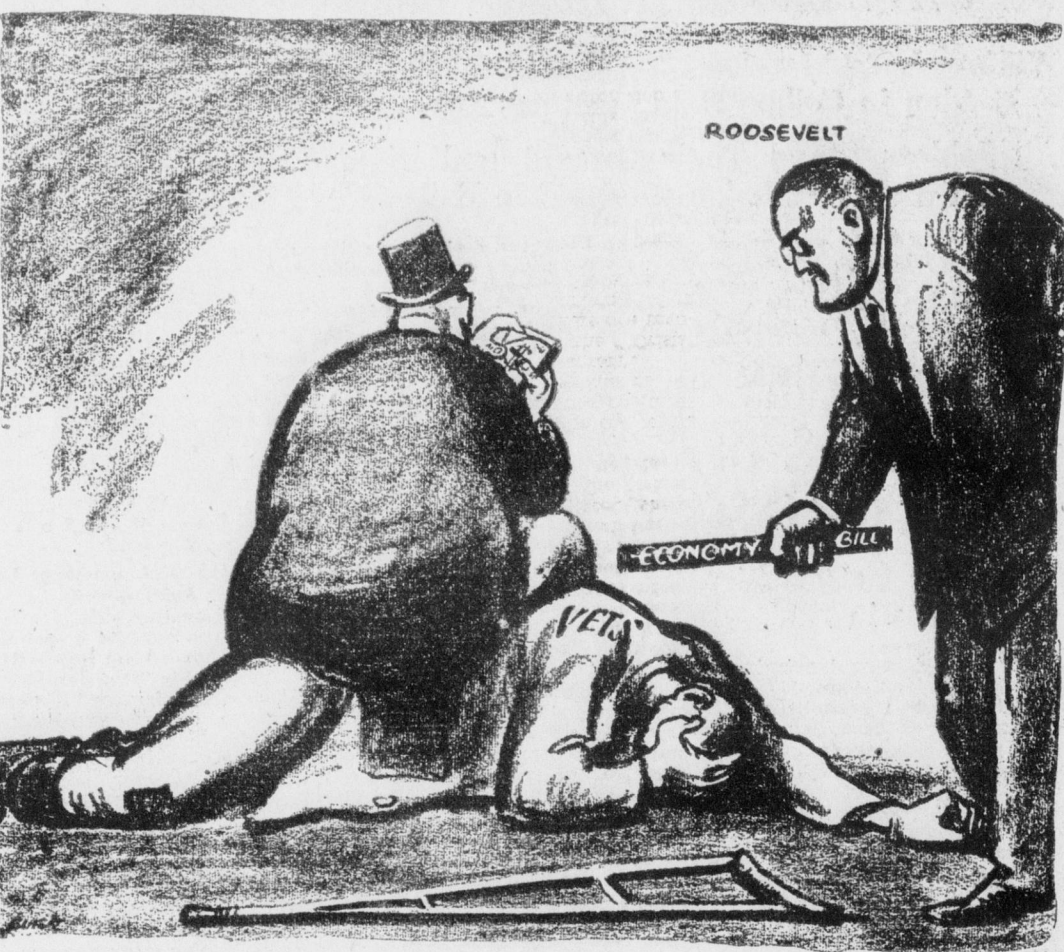
CZECH ARMY READY FOR BOSS WAR IN EUROPE ADMITS MINISTER

"The Czechoslovak Army is ready," declared Defense Minister Bradac of Czechoslovakia yesterday in answer to questions in the Czech parliament whether "in view of the uncertain situation abroad" the Czechoslovak Army was ready for action. Czechoslovakia is a member of the Little Entente, which recently signed a new treaty setting up a super-state in the Danube region as part of the war-drive of the two rival imperialist camps in Europe, on one hand France and its vassal states, on the other Italy, Germany and Hungary.
Struggle for Markets
The members of the Little Entente, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia, are all, with Poland, under the influence of French imperialism. The leaders of the two blocs are France and Italy whose rivalry for the mastery of the Mediterranean and control over the small Balkan Powers grows more sharp with the deepening of the world-wide crisis of capitalism, involving a fierce struggle for new markets and a re-division of the world.
Admit War Danger
The war threat has grown so acute that it can no longer be concealed from the toiling masses whom decaying capitalism is preparing to use as cannon fodder, thus it is openly discussed in the Czech parliament and in the bourgeois press, which are more and more openly engaging in chauvinist incitement to prepare the masses for the impending conflict. Thus the London newspapers describe the situation in Europe as "threatening" and "acute," and admit that there is sabre-rattling across the Rhine in the Polish Corridor.

JAPAN BUYS 7 BRITISH SHIPS FOR TRANSPORT OF MUNITIONS

Seven British vessels have been bought by the Japanese recently and are being taken to Japan to be used as troop and munitions transports.
The vessels are the 24,000-ton Baltic and the 15,000-ton Megantic, formerly of the White Star Line; the 20,000-ton Cunarder Caronia; the 12,000-ton Royal Mail ship Arcadian, and four smaller ships. When built, the Baltic was the biggest ship in the world.
Only ex-navy men were allowed to load the ships for their trip to Japan. The vessels were allegedly sold for "scrap," but nothing is to prevent the Japanese from using them in their imperialist war in the Far East.
In the United States, production and shipment of ammunition to Japan and South America is also increasing. Send in reports of every case you know where ammunition is being made and shipped, and help the daily struggle against imperialist war.

THE VETERANS GET A "NEW DEAL" BY BURCK



Karl Marx and Negro Liberation

Wrote and Acted During Civil War and Reconstruction to Rally Workers of the World to Struggle Against Slavery in the South

By JAMES W. FORD
The liberation struggle of the Negro people in the United States against national oppression, for equal rights, and for self-determination in the Black Belt of the South, can go forward only on the basis of scientific theory and practice founded on the international experience of the working class and the experiences of human society as a whole. This theory and practice is the theory and practice of the class struggle established by Karl Marx.
The working class cannot carry through its revolutionary task of overthrowing capitalism unless it at the same time brings to the support of the revolution the allies of the proletariat, that is, the broadest sections of farmers and other toilers. The proletariat cannot carry through the successful struggle against capitalism, unless it supports and leads the liberation struggle of the oppressed nationalities against imperialism. Neither can the oppressed peoples free themselves from imperialist subjugation without the active support of the proletariat.

ons conflict on the other side of the Atlantic. Everywhere they bore there patiently the hardships imposed upon them by the cotton crisis, opposed enthusiastically the pro-slavery intervention—opportunities of their betters—and from most parts of Europe contributed their quota of blood to the role of the cause."
ANALYZES ROLE OF THE NORTHERN FARMERS
Shamelessly the "Crisis" tries to slur Marx and Communism by reference to so-called Communist friends of Marx of that time who say opposed abolition and were silent on the question of slavery. But in a letter to Engels on July 1, 1861, Marx, in reference to Northwestern states throwing their weight into the balance, sets forth in brilliant style the role of the northern farmers as follows:
"This population richly mixed with German and English elements, and mainly SELF-WORKING FARMERS, was naturally as unwilling to be intimidated as the gentlemen of Wall Street and the Quakers of Boston... And it was this Northwestern population which in the Kansas affair GOT INTO SKIRMISHES with the Border Ruffians" (NY Crisis, 1/1/61).
The formulation of the question by the "Crisis" on the Negro and the labor movement is done with an aim to confuse the Negro masses. Marx constantly made clear his position that labor must take on this question. The most classic of all his statements was the following:
"In the United States of America, any sort of independent labor movement was paralyzed so long as slavery disfigured a part of the republic. LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CANNOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERE LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED. But out of the death of slavery a new vigorous life sprang up, the first fruit of the Civil War was an agitation which rang with express speed from New England to California." (My emphasis—J.W.F.)
FROM ONE SLAVERY TO ANOTHER
The most advanced representatives of the American working class were also clear on this point. Great credit must be given to a white labor leader, Sylvio, for the following remark in a speech delivered to a meeting of white workers at Sunbury, Pa., in 1868:
"No man in America rejoiced more than I at the downfall of Negro slavery. But when the shackles fell from the limbs of those four millions of blacks, it did not make them FREE men; it simply transferred them from one condition of slavery to another; it placed them upon the platform of the white working class, and made all slaves together."
The Negro misleaders, on the other hand, consistently advance opinions about the inherent antagonisms between white and black workers.
It is no accident that the "Crisis" tries to confuse the workers on revolutionary traditions by lumping Marx together with Thaddeus Stevens and Charles Sumner.
"Naturally," says the Crisis, "Marx stood with the abolitionists' democracy, led by Stevens and Sumner."
Certainly Marx was against slavery with all his power and prodded along all forces that could aid this cause. But it is nonsense and distortion to imply that Marx stood with these representatives of other class interests. Thaddeus Stevens was a representative of the industrial bourgeoisie and Charles Sumner was a petty bourgeois reformist. Marx knew that the industrial bourgeoisie, although the driving force against the Southern oligarchy, would betray Negro freedom as they did during Reconstruction. Marx and Engels knew the class forces that were the real allies to Negro freedom.
Engels in a letter to Marx in 1862, sums up the position of the bourgeois democracy in the following sentence:
"On the one hand it is well that the bourgeois republic has as abor-



ughly disgraced itself in America also, that in the future it can never preach on its own merits, but only as a means and transitional form to the social revolution."
In other words, no longer should Negroes bow to Lincoln and the Republican Party. The Revolutionary heritage of the Civil War and Reconstruction period is what Marx and Engels passed down to us today.

ORGANIZE PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AS THAELMANN, TORGLER FACE ASSASSINATION BY NAZI FIENDS

Leaders of German Masses in Danger of Being Shot; Hitler's Butchers Are Freed from Prison; Torture Jewish Writers

Fascists Set Up Special Squad of Killers in Weissenburg; Teach Them How to Torture Victims

NEW YORK—Workers! Come to the Anti-Fascist demonstration and memorial meeting for the 50th Anniversary of Karl Marx's death. German Workers' Club, 1536 Third Ave., tomorrow at 8:30 p.m.

BERLIN, March 16.—Attempts to learn the condition of the Communist Party who are in Hitler's torture chambers have been futile. Ernst Thaelmann, secretary of the Communist Party of Germany, and Torgler, head of the Reichstag fraction of Communist deputies, are in the greatest danger of being shot at any moment. World-wide protests are pouring into Berlin and preparations for demonstrations of mass fury before the German embassies are being rushed to completion to force the fascist cut-throats to release their bloody clutches the tens of thousands of political prisoners and the leaders of the German working class.
Pardons Nazi Murderers
As a further act of provocation against the Communist Party and the revolutionary workers of Germany, the fascist minister of "justice" and knives in Dragoon street, Berglin, Rabbi Fraenkel, died Monday. The head of the foreign institute in Stuttgart, Dr. von Wanner was bludgeoned into unconsciousness, after lying in the street for more than an hour he is in a private hospital at the point of death.
More Attacks
The famous writer on Jewish mysticism, Professor Martin Buber was severely beaten at his house in Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and all the manuscripts of the late Professor Gustav Landauer, which Buber was

Hitler's Murderers at Work



The fascist "special" police of Hitler line up militant workers against the wall of a cellar in a Berlin house and threaten them with their guns. A fiendish torture system has been instituted against the toilers.

Marius Van Der Lubbe, one time Dutch police spy and now a Prussian Secret Service Agent and member of the Hitler Party in Germany who was used by the Fascist leaders to set fire to the Reichstag building. The fascists then made an unsuccessful attempt to blame the Communists for the fire.

"LE POPULAIRE," FRENCH PAPER SAYS NAZIS PAID REICHSTAG FIRE BUGS

Van Der Lubbe Became Prussian Cop Agent; Goehring Lead Plot

By N. BUCHWALD.
(European Correspondent Daily Worker.)
MOSCOW, March 16. (By Radiogram)—The Paris correspondent of Investia, official paper of the Soviet government, reports revelations about the fascist terror in Germany, reported in the Paris publication, "Le Populaire." The paper carried an authentic story to the effect that the burning of the Reichstag building, which the Hitler gang tried to pin on to the Communists, must be attributed to Hitler.
Incendiaries Paid by Hitler
Continuing, the French paper says, that the firing of the Reichstag building was in reality the action of a criminal gang, working in the pay of the National Socialists and financed by the secret police and the Goehring palace where they were protected.
During the fire this palace was occupied by National Socialist storm squads. It is a known fact that Van Der Lubbe was himself a Nazi.
Became Paid Police Agent
It is known that the incendiary, Van Der Lubbe, had some misunderstanding with the police of Westfall some time ago and that since then he has been definitely connected with the secret police and became an agent provocateur.
At the official investigation it was discovered that the fire in the Reichstag building broke out in many places simultaneously—and that it was physically impossible for one man to set fire to all these separated places at the same moment.
The paper further reveals that on the night of March 15, several Nazi storm troopers broke into the lodging of the Soviet citizen and prominent physician, Ishlansky, and in spite of the fact that he presented his passport they dragged him into a waiting automobile and took him to a building used as a "refuge for young men." There Ishlansky was fiercely beaten with fists and iron clubs and his passport was snatched from him, being told he was tortured for being a Soviet citizen. He was then tied to an iron grill in the room and told

Otto Braun, Socialist, Former Head of Prussian Diet Won't Fight Nazis

BASLE, Switzerland, March 15.—The social-democratic leaders are doing all they can to try to arrest the mighty united front action of ever larger sections of the German toiling masses against Hitler terror. Otto Braun, who with Severing was recently ousted as head of the Prussian government, is in Switzerland and has telegraphed his resignation as a member of the Prussian diet and also has withdrawn his appeal to the supreme court against his removal from office.
Cover for Vicious Attacks
Thus the social-democratic leaders again show that they are bound up with the capitalist state no matter what form it takes. Severing and Braun were removed from office in Prussia so they might be in better position to carry on their sabotage of the mass fight against fascism and try to arrest the move of social-democratic workers to the left. Thus they tried to weaken the fighting front of the working class and aid

Letters from Our Readers

THE "PROLETARIAN PARTY" IN DETROIT
Daily Worker: Detroit, Mich.
Here in Detroit the Proletarian Party holds meetings frequently. At their forum on March 5 they exposed their social fascist role by sabotaging a resolution against Hitler's terror in Germany.
A worker proposed a resolution of solidarity and sympathy with the German workers and also that a protest be sent to the German ambassador in Washington. John Keracher, national secretary of the P. P., who was the speaker, said the resolution was alright, but also said, "Suppose we send it, what good will it do?" He added that if there were any resolutions to be proposed they should come from the chairman and not from some individual.
For this he was exposed on the floor by the worker who pointed out that resolutions and demonstrations had helped save many working-class fighters, citing the international fight and the action of the Russian workers that saved Tom Mooney's life in 1918. He also showed that while such resolutions are a mild form of working-class action, still such action can be the start for higher forms of action and struggle.
This Proletarian Party outfit is a sect that has been for 10 years or more claiming to be "Marxists" and "Leninists" but when it comes to any kind of working class action they are on the other side. For instance, they refuse to help in any struggles of the Unemployed Councils, the International Labor Defense or other mass struggles, but they make united fronts with such demagogues as Max Frank Murphy to "liberate Tom Mooney," and with Frank X. Martell, gangster and labor faker in the Briggs strike, trying to help the bosses split the workers and thereby



OTTO BRAUN