

WEATHER: Fair and c. Fresh Northwest winds. Eastern New York State: 1 and colder; light snow in North and west section.

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USSR CONSTITUTION INDICTS FASCISM; SHOWS SOVIET DEMOCRACY INVINCIBLE

Repel Fascist Onslaught On University City

Trap 2,000 Fascists—Asturian Miners and Catalans Push Lines Forward—Nazis Convert Embassy Into Fortress—Send Britain Note on Blockade

MADRID, Nov. 25.—Gen. Francisco Franco's fascist outskirt tonight failed in an attempt to rescue 2,000 trapped rebels in the Hospital Clinico.

The fascists were hurled back from University City by Government troops who had surrounded the hospital.

The defenders fought off the assault against machine gun and artillery fire in a two-hour battle.

Throughout the battle, in which tons of whistling shells and bullets poured upon the barricaded loyalists, three fascist planes rained bombs on the defenders.

The Rosales and Moncloa districts, slightly south of University City, also were bombed by the low-swooping, tri-motor planes, which then flew over the Hospital Clinico and dropped packages, supposedly medicine and food, to the beleaguered garrison.

Blistering mortar and machine-gun fire swept the streets around the model jail, held by the Government troops. Militia men holding the strategic barricade in the path of the insurgents kept up a constant answer to the enemy fire.

Government trenches to the north of West Park were bombed, but Colonel Lazares, commanding the sector, said the city's defense remained intact.

The front line of the Government men visibly marked by the intensity of today's attack, was held by grim recruits of the International Column and a company of Asturian militiamen.

They were only 100 yards from (Continued on Page 4)

COLUMN LEFT!

Thanksgiving Thoughts By Harrison George

WHEN our Pilgrim fathers landed upon this rockbound coast and fell upon their knees (and the aborigines), wild turkey roamed the woods in flocks.

The Department of Agriculture, pointing an accusing finger at our Pilgrim fathers, says that the trusting gobblers were then tame, but were made wild by our forefathers knocking them over with clubs.

They became wild. But no wilder than any housewife is who tries to buy a turkey at the price (25 cents per pound) which the Department of Agriculture said turkey would be. The lowest grade is 29, better 35 cents. Beyond that a worker loses interest.

How many families will "get along without" turkey? Millions of them! Hamburger roast will be the most many can afford. Some not even that! Perhaps 25,000 homeless men and women in New York City alone will taste moldy "charity chicken." Two dinners per year is the idea some organizations have of the utmost in "social service."

I recall one Thanksgiving when I was homeless. Broke and too cold to sleep in an "empty" in the railroad yards at Laurel, Montana. Dodging the "bulls." Looking enviously across the bleak landscape to where lights blinked for people who had homes. Broke, because, out there somewhere, was a boss who had cheated me out of ten days' wages.

Today, in New York City, the landscape has changed, slightly. But I feel one with the homeless just the same. Let them swallow (Continued on Page 4)

INCITES WAR



IL DUCE

Mussolini And Franco Are Linked

Japan's Envoy to Berlin Signs Agreement for Military Bargain

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—The official text of the Nazi-Japanese war pact against the Soviet Union was smoked out into the open today although the most important planks directly aimed against the Soviet people still remain secret.

It was believed that adherence to the Nazi-Japanese war pact was imminent on the part of Mussolini for Italian fascism and General Francisco Franco for Spanish fascists. The Nazi-Japanese pact makes a bid for such action by other fascist powers.

Heated denials were voiced in both Tokyo and Berlin when the Soviet Tass News Agency first revealed that such an agreement was imminent but Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Ambassador to Great Britain, and Kingmo Mushakoj, Japanese Ambassador to Germany, affixed their signature to the document at noon today.

MILITARY COOPERATION The agreement as published is ostensibly directed against the Communist International. It provides for close collaboration between Germany and Japan to combat Communist activities anywhere in the world for a period of five years.

A secret pact provides for military cooperation in the event of armed aggression against the So-

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PREVENT THE A.F.L. SPLIT FROM SPREADING; RE-UNITE THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT

Statement of the Central Committee, Communist Party, U. S. A.

THE Tampa convention of the American Federation of Labor, by its endorsement of the Executive Council's illegal suspension of the unions affiliated to the Committee for Industrial Organization, has greatly deepened the already serious split in the American trade union movement.

The current efforts of Green, Woll and Frey to cloak their splitting policy in pleas for unity do not in any sense modify their direct responsibility for the present split situation. After barring the more than 1,000,000 C.I.O. members from representation at Tampa, in direct violation of the A. F. of L. constitution, these leaders now hypocritically talk of committees and conferences to re-establish unity—but all on the basis of the liquidation of the C. I. O., the abandonment of the drive to organize the unorganized in the basic industries and the knifing of industrial unions. Such proposals are wrecking proposals which endanger the unity and the future growth of the trade union movement.

The split in the trade union movement is a grave threat. Never was there a better opportunity than the present for the workers to strengthen their labor organizations and to achieve their industrial and political demands. The defeat of the London reactionary forces in the election

has given the workers a new sense of confidence and power. They want to go forward on all fronts. For this they require unity. Therefore, the present split must be healed so that the workers will not be hamstrung and the gains jeopardized that could easily be won in the coming months by a unified and militant trade union movement. The division in the A. F. of L. serves the interests of the employers and gives encouragement to every reactionary in the United States.

The Cause of the Split

THE responsibility for the menacing disunity in the ranks of organized labor lies squarely at the door of the reactionary leadership of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L.—Green, Frey, Hutcheson, Wharton, Woll, etc. It is the final result of many years of ultra-reactionary policies by these misleaders of labor: the climax of the persistent attempt of the reactionary A. F. of L. leadership to choke out every semblance of progress in the American trade union movement.

For many years the dominant leaders in the Executive Council have made war against all efforts of the progressive and revolutionary forces within the unions to give the trade union movement an effective industrial and political policy. These officials have ruthlessly suppressed trade union democracy, condoned rule by gangsters and racketeers, callously sold out and broke strikes, maintained alliance with employers and corrupt politicians, paid themselves enormous salaries at the expense of underpaid workers, and been inveterate enemies of the workers organizing themselves politically into a Farmer-Labor Party.

The A. F. of L. reactionary top leaders have always refused to organize the unorganized masses in the great trustified industries because they fear the new leadership and militant policies that are bound to arise from the successful organization of these workers. And when organization campaigns in the mass production industries have developed in spite of the A. F. of L. leaders, these time-serving bureaucrats have shamelessly sabotaged and defeated them.

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Stalin Report Is Acclaimed At 8th Congress

Socialist Economy Which Knows No Crises or Unemployment Gives All Citizens Possibility for Full Life, He Tells Delegates

CHARTER MORAL HELP TO ANTI-FASCISTS

Triumphs of Socialism in USSR Cited as Basis for New Constitution—Ridicule of Fascist Critics Wins Roars of Approval

The abridged text of Stalin's speech before the special Eighth Congress of Soviets will be published in the Daily Worker tomorrow.

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Nov. 25.—The achievement of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. upon which the new Soviet Constitution is founded and its international significance can hardly be overestimated because it proves that the epochal gains under Soviet democracy can be fully realized in other countries, declared Joseph Stalin today in a powerful and masterly report to the special Eighth Congress of Soviets.

The Congress was called to discuss and ratify the new Soviet Constitution, the only point on its agenda.

"Today, when the turgid wave of fascism drowns the democratic strivings of the best people of the whole world, the new Constitution of the U.S.S.R. will be an indictment against fascism, showing that Soviet democracy is unconquerable.

"The new Constitution will be a moral help and real assistance for all those who today carry on the struggle against fascist barbarism."

Of even greater significance is the new Constitution for the peoples of the U.S.S.R., Stalin said.

"If for the peoples of the capitalist countries the new Constitution will have significance as a program of action, for the peoples of the U.S.S.R. it has the significance which results from their struggle, which results from their victory on the front of the liberation of humanity."

At this declaration, which came at the conclusion of a two-hour analysis of the new Constitution and its role today, the whole Congress arose and gave Stalin a tremendously enthusiastic ovation.

700 PER CENT INDUSTRIAL GROWTH Stalin began by reminding the Congress that the task of the Constitutional Commission was to register and reflect in the draft constitution the changes which have taken place in the life of the U.S.S.R. during the period starting from 1924 up to the present time.

In enumerating these changes, Stalin started with industry from which capitalist elements were thrown out completely and where Socialist forms of production are acclaimed and approved as the only form of production.

Industry has grown tremendously and according to the volume of output, exceeds the pre-war level by more than 700 per cent, he declared.

MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE In agriculture, Stalin pointed out, in place of a sea of small individual peasant households with a weak technique and under kulak-control, there is now a tremendous mechanized economy which has modern technical equipment, which possesses more than 400,000 tractors with more than 7,000,000 horsepower.

The kulaks have been completely liquidated, he said. Turning to commerce, Stalin stated that capitalist elements have been completely thrown out of this field and a new commerce has developed without capitalists and without speculators of any kind.

"This shows," he said, "that the capitalist class has been liquidated and Socialist property has been consolidated as the only stable base of our society. This means that exploitation of man by man has been liquidated."

"This means that Socialism has been finally consolidated."

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Curran and Ryan in Parley To End Tieup on Waterfront

Thanksgiving



French Dockers Refuse to Unload Cargoes of 2 U.S. Ships

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARINE STRIKE

A break in the shippers front was indicated yesterday when Joseph P. Ryan, longshore leader, opened tentative talks with seamen's leader Joseph Curran, on behalf of marine lines.

Meantime, Brooklyn dock workers strike, in open revolt against Ryan, refusing to unload scab vessel picketed by seamen.

French longshoremen strike American liners in Le Havre, in solidarity with U. S. seamen.

New York seamen spite sailing of crack liner President Harding.

Major developments on both a national and international scale yesterday brought the striking seamen on the East Coast closer to victory.

Joseph Curran, brawny leader of the seamen, conferred at length with Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Union, and at Ryan's request prepared to submit today a list of the strikers' demands, which in turn will be handed over to the shippers with the dock worker head acting as go-between.

Ryan's sudden change of heart, which has been one of violent opposition to the so-called "insurgent" strikers, was undoubtedly caused by definite signs of revolt against him in his own union and weakening in the ranks of the shipping interests. The longshoremen's president acted hastily to confer with Curran shortly after Local 808 of the I.L.A. struck on Pier 7, Brooklyn, and refused to unload the scab freighter, Henry S. Grove, American-South African Line.

Ryan also came under a withering cross-fire from a brother union (Continued on Page 4)

A Place for the Daily At Your Table Today

This is Thanksgiving Day, and the Daily and Sunday Worker are awaiting realization of the many promises that its \$100,000 fund drive will be greatly swelled through many "turkey" parties today. The great enthusiasm shown for this form of raising money for the campaign should produce excellent results.

Meanwhile, in Albany, N. Y., Capital District—Section 13, Communist Party—swung into the \$100,000 drive with a challenge to Section 21. The Section Committee of the Capital District wrote:

"We note you have assigned us a quota of \$250, and Section 21 a quota of \$350. We consider this rank discrimination, and have, therefore, raised our quota to \$350, and challenge Section 21 to raise the quota first."

Also forging ahead was Section 19, on Staten Island. Whereas in previous years this section always lagged behind and failed to show any real activity until very late in the campaign, this year it has plunged into the drive with great vim. The first collection results were brought into the office yesterday, amounting to \$14.85 to apply on its quota of \$150. Section 19, with this start, is determined to complete its quota before the time allotted and then devote its energies to exceeding it.

At a meeting of Branch 2, Second A.D., Bronx County, \$50 was raised for the drive and forwarded to the "Daily" office.

What is essential now is for reports—and cash—from many of the out-of-town organizations who have been silent ever since they announced their preliminary plans of activities for the \$100,000 drive.

Get actively into the drive! Send the results in to us now!

