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ROOSEVELT PLOTS FOR WAR

Negrin Government Seeks Deal For Surrender To The Fascists

ABANDONS SPAIN TO MERCIES OF FASCIST HORDES

Treacherously Quit Struggle To Flee To France

AZANA FIRST TO GO

Having held on to the helm long enough to prevent anybody else from organizing resistance to the fascists, the Spanish Popular Front government has now abandoned all Catalonia without a fight.

The government leaders, fleeing to France, split into two factions, each with its own formula for capitulating to the fascists. General Miaja, commanding the Loyalist forces in central Spain, is reported by Havas, French news agency, to be negotiating for peace with Franco.

President Azana, accompanied by President Luis Companys of Catalonia, President Aguirre of the Basque Republic, and ex-premier Jose Giral, arrived in Paris, in search of a plan for peace with Franco. Having scuttled the boat, the rats are leaving the ship.

Another crew, led by Premier Negrin, also fled to France, after requesting that Britain open negotiations with Franco to end the civil war.

Catalonia Deliberately Abandoned

Both groups paved the way for Franco by deliberate abandonment of Catalonia without a fight.

Twenty-four hours after a solemn pledge by the government to defend the city to the last, Barcelona was surrendered to the fascists without a siege. A similar assurance to defend the munitions industry, located just north of Barcelona, was followed by a similar abandonment without a fight.

Then, on February 1, came the meeting of the remnants of the Cortes in Figueras, at which Negrin—returning from France for the occasion—swore that "We shall fight on to save Catalonia," and pointed out that "If Loyalist Spain can hold even part of Catalonia it will mean a considerable prolongation of the war."

But two days later the Loyalist government abandoned Girona, again without a fight, and the next day evacuated Figueras, 15 miles from the frontier. "Even in the little village near the frontier where the last outpost was established," wrote Matthews of the N.Y. Times on Feb. 4, "we could find no government, no press bureau."

The Popular Front government postured as a last-ditch defender only in order to delude the soldiers, workers and peasants who wanted to fight to the end. This pose enabled Negrin-Azana to persuade the fighters to make "strategic" retreats... all the way into France.

In the dispatches there suddenly appeared the name of General Sebastian Pozas, as military governor of Girona province. The last heard of him was when he was deposed and jailed for treason after the fascists' last March broke through the Aragon front which he then commanded. Pozas commanded Girona long enough to abandon it without a shot fired.

Workers Stripped of Arms
Before fleeing, however, Pozas had issued two orders, one ordering all soldiers in the vicinity to rejoin the units under his command, the second requiring all workers and peasants to deliver any arms they had to Pozas' headquarters.

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By Leon Trotsky

The Tragedy of Spain

One of the most tragic pages of modern history is now drawing to its conclusion in Spain. On Franco's side there is neither a staunch army nor popular support. There is only the greed of proprietors ready to drown in blood three-fourths of the population if only to maintain their rule over the remaining one-fourth. However, this cannibal ferocity is not enough to win a victory over the heroic Spanish proletariat. Franco needed help from the opposite side of the battlefield. And he obtained this aid. His chief assistant was and still is—Stalin, the grave-digger of the Bolshevik party and the proletarian revolution. The fall of the great proletarian capital, Barcelona, comes as direct retribution for the massacre of the uprising of the Barcelona proletariat in May 1937.

Insignificant as Franco himself is, however, his clique of adventurists, without honor, without conscience, and without military talents, Franco's great superiority lies in this, that he has a clear and definite program: to safeguard and stabilize capitalist property, the rule of the exploiters and the domination of the church; and to restore the monarchy.

POSSESSORS ARE WITH FRANCO

The possessing classes of all capitalist countries—whether fascist or democratic—proved, in the nature of things, to be on Franco's side. The Spanish bourgeoisie has gone completely over into Franco's camp. At the head of the republican camp there remained the cast-off "democratic" armor-bearers of the bourgeoisie. These gentlemen could not desert to the side of Fascism, for the very sources of their influence and income spring from the institutions of bourgeois democracy, which require (or used to require) for their normal functioning lawyers, deputies, journalists, in short, the democratic armor-bearers of capitalism. The program of Azana and Co. is—nostalgia for the day that has passed. This is an altogether inadequate basis.

The "People's Front" resorted to demagoguery and illusions in order to swing the masses behind itself. For a certain period, this proved successful. The masses who had assured all the previous successes of the revolution still continued to believe that the revolution would reach its logical conclusion, that is, achieve an overturn in property relations; give land to the peasants and transfer the factories into the hands of the workers. The dynamic force of the revolution was lodged precisely in this hope of the masses.

for a better future. But Messrs. Republicans did everything in their power to trample, to besmirch, or simply to drown in blood the cherished hopes of the oppressed masses.

SPIRIT OF MASSES DULLED

As a result, we have witnessed during the last two years the growing distrust and hatred of the republican cliques on the part of peasants and workers. Despair or dull indifference gradually replaced revolutionary enthusiasm and the spirit of self-sacrifice. The masses turned their backs on those who had deceived and trampled upon them. That is the primary reason for the defeat of the republican troops. The inspirer of deceit and of the massacre of the revolutionary workers of Spain was Stalin. The defeat of the Spanish revolution falls as a new indelible blot of infamy upon the already bespattered Kremlin gang.

The crushing of Barcelona deals a terrible blow to the world proletariat, but it also teaches a great lesson. The mechanics of the Spanish "People's Front" as an organized system of deceit and treachery of the exploited masses has been completely exposed. The slogan of "defense of democracy" has once again revealed its reactionary essence, and at the same time, its hollowness. The bourgeoisie wants to perpetuate its rule of exploitation. The workers want to free themselves from exploitation. These are the real tasks of the FUNDAMENTAL classes in modern society.

ARTISANS OF DEFEAT

Miserable cliques of petty bourgeois middlemen, having lost the confidence and the subsidies of the bourgeoisie sought to salvage the past without giving any concessions to the coming day. Under the label of the "People's Front" they set up a joint stock company. Under the leadership of Stalin they have assured the most terrible defeat when all the conditions for victory were at hand.

The Spanish proletariat gave proof of extraordinary capacity for initiative and revolutionary heroism. The revolution was brought to ruin by petty, despicable and utterly corrupted "leaders." The downfall of Barcelona signifies above all the downfall of the Second and Third Internationals, as well as of Anarchism, rotten to its core. Forward to a new road, workers! Forward to the road of the international Socialist revolution!

LINE UTILITY CO. POCKETS BY T.V.A. PURCHASE PLAN

Excessive Sum Paid Assures Electric Rate Rise

Having finished up on Friday with its W.P.A. Bill to reduce the unemployed to starvation, the New Deal on Saturday announced another of its generous gifts to Wall Street, this time in the form of an agreement by T.V.A. to purchase at a total of approximately \$80,000,000 the Tennessee electrical properties of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation.

Gov't Pampers Magnates

For five years the utility magnates have been shrewdly attacking the T.V.A. program, realizing that if the T.V.A. should actually undertake on a large scale the production of cheap electricity the public would come to understand the extent to which it is being robbed by the inflated rates of the privately owned utilities.

However, the utility magnates have always been more than willing to let the government bail them out of their less profitable properties, especially if the price paid by the government would ensure that the government would have to charge high rates.

A couple of years ago experts hired by the T.V.A. estimated that the highest possible value of the physical plant of the Commonwealth and Southern properties in Tennessee could be put at \$55.

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Refugee Numbers Increase As Democracies Stall Aid

Conditions under which the Nazi regime will permit "the orderly emigration of persons who want to leave Germany on account of their political opinions, religious beliefs or racial origin" will be communicated to the Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees in London on Feb. 12 by the committee's director, George Rublee.

The long-drawn-out discussions between Rublee and Hitler's representatives in Berlin were concluded on Feb. 2, when a communique was issued which gave little hint of the actual terms of the agreement.

Rublee indicated, however, that about 200,000 Jews would be permitted to emigrate.

It is now up to the democracies to make it possible for these refugees to enter these countries. Will they?

With the French government already declaring that it can take no more refugees in view of the

influx from Catalonia, and with the British government taking very few except those pledged to move on within two years, the main initiative for offering a solution is now up to the Roosevelt administration.

Two far-reaching decrees promulgated Feb. 1 by the Czechoslovak government added several tens of thousands of Jewish and political refugees to the hundreds of thousands from Germany and Austria already clamoring for haven.

One decree took their citizenship away from Jews formerly residing in territory now ceded to Germany, Poland or Hungary, and those who became citizens since Nov. 1, 1918. The same decree will also be applied against anti-fascists falling into the two categories. The second decree ordered all immigrants—including under this all non-citizens and those who fled from Germany and Austria—to leave the country within six months.

Roosevelt Won't Budge
Meanwhile, the Roosevelt administration remained dead-set against all attempts to induce it to drop the bars against immigration. No bills have as yet been introduced into either house of Congress on behalf of the refugees.

Desperate and finding it absolutely impossible to remain in Germany, many Jews are simply embarking on German boats, hoping to find a haven somewhere in South America. One such pathetic shipload is now cruising along the Venezuelan coast. The authorities permitted 86 to disembark at Puerto Cabello, but 350 others were turned back. Whether they might be landed at another port was not known.

CLEVELAND AUTO LOCAL ATTACKS FACTION FIGHT

Unanimously Favors Militant Unity Program

CALLS FOR ACTION

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

CLEVELAND—The Executive Board of Local 88 of the United Auto Workers, meeting here on January 18, unanimously decided to take steps, independently of the Martin and Stalinist factions, to unify the auto workers on the basis of a militant program.

In a statement, the local board declared:

"Since the Milwaukee convention the International Union has been plagued with a factional fight. This fight among the officers of our Union has been a hindrance in carrying on the work of organizing the unorganized and in strengthening the locals that are organized.

Unprincipled Fight

"Since the last convention the International Executive Board has met thirteen times, and most of the time spent in session was used to discuss factional issues and fighting to retain control and jobs rather than in the earnest consideration of the problems of the rank and file, and in carrying out the organizational work so much needed in Ford and the competitive shops. These many meetings of the Executive Board have been an expense to the International Union which is not justified.

"At the present Board meeting which was called some two weeks ago, factionalism was again the issue, and it has finally ended in the calling of a convention to be held in Cleveland March 20th.

"Since the Milwaukee convention Local 88 has taken no sides in the factional fight. The result is we have one of the best locals in the city and in the state. We have spent our time in fighting the employer against wage cuts and for higher wages and better working conditions. Today we have a well paid up membership. We have kept our per capita tax paid to the International Union; we have never withheld it or asked any other local to do likewise. We have carried out, to the best of our ability, the decisions of the convention and the rulings of the International Executive Board. We are and must be interested

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STALINIST CONTROL OF TEACHERS UNION IS A.F.L. EXCUSE TO HIT REAL PROGRESSIVES

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MIAMI, Feb. 5—Opening an attack against progressive members of the A.F. of L. under guise of an attack upon the Teachers' Union for not expelling "communists" from its ranks, Matthew Woll, ultra-reactionary labor fakir and chairman of the A.F. of L. Committee on Education released a statement to the press today, denouncing the Teachers' Union and threatening revocation of its charter. "Indeed," stated Woll, "the action of the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York (expulsion of three teachers' union locals) is only the beginning."

Woll threatened that a rival union would be set up by the Executive Council of the A.F. of L. unless the Teachers' Union purged itself of all elements labelled "red" by Woll and company. Woll's attack against the "communists" in the Federation of Teachers is not an attack directed at the disruptive tactics and policies of the Stalinist in the Teachers' Union, but the opening shot of a fresh offensive against all progressives in the A.F. of L. who oppose the barnacle-encrusted

clique headed by such old-time fakirs and reactionaries as Matthew Woll and Bill Green.

At the same time as Woll opened his barrage against labor progressives, William Green made public a resolution of the A.F. of L. Executive Council favoring appropriation of "adequate" funds for the notoriously reactionary Dies Committee which has led the offensive during the past year against every shade of liberalism in the United States.

In a further resolution to investigate the Associated Farmers on the Pacific Coast which sponsored the recent anti-labor campaign in Oregon, Washington, and California, Green paid reluctant lip service to the insistent demands of West Coast labor that this vicious combination of bankers, shipping interests, and land owners be fought on a militant basis.

About two weeks ago, the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York City suspended the WPA Teachers Union and the College Teachers Union, Locals 453 and 537 of the American Fed-

eration of Teachers. The delegates of these Locals were removed as "un-American and communistic." Specific charges in the case of the WPA Teachers were that it participated in the Congress of the American League for Peace and Democracy, and that its banner (with that of the Workers Alliance and the Young Communist League) appeared at a demonstration welcoming home a group of soldiers of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. These charges were not made public by the C.T.L.C., but the Union delegates were sharply questioned on them at a meeting of the Executive Council just previous to the suspension.

All Teachers Now Out
As the remaining New York Local of the A.F.T. Local 5 of the Teachers Union was suspended by the C.T.L.C. over six months ago for sponsoring a joint C.I.O.-A.F.L. conference, all three Teachers' unions are now out of the A.F.L. city organization.

Undoubtedly the suspended locals are under Stalinist control. Nevertheless the action of the

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They Fear the Decision of the People

AN EDITORIAL

Last week's sensational events in Washington laid bare only a small corner of the secret diplomacy by means of which the lives and fate of millions of people are disposed of as if so many match-sticks were involved.

But enough was revealed to show the cynicism and perfidy used by all governments—Roosevelt's included—in preparing wars and plunging the masses into them, without asking their opinion about it, without giving them knowledge or warning in advance.

Roosevelt makes secret munitions or airplane deals with other governments. He doesn't even bother to let Congress know about them, much less the people.

Roosevelt talks about "measures short of war" but he and his War Department have fully-completed plans for conscripting an army and sending it to fight a "new war for democracy" along our new "frontier in France." What he so cynically denies today will prove to be a fact tomorrow. Isn't that the way we were tricked into the last war by Wilson?

Roosevelt doesn't tell the people about his plans. He doesn't even tell Congress. He assembles a committee of Senators and gives them some idea of what is really in view. When the inevitable leak occurs, he takes refuge in calling everybody a liar.

Behind the backs of peoples everywhere these cynical lackies of the big capitalists are preparing for a new blood bath.

The fine phrases about "democracy" mean no more today than they meant 22 years ago. Great Britain, preparing for the war "for democracy" publicly announces that "twelve regional dictators" will rule England in time of war. Isn't this a sinister kind of joke when we realize that our bosses, fighting among themselves for markets and raw materials, are preparing to sacrifice millions of lives for their own miserable dollars?

Yet these people whom we permit to be our masters have to tread softly, they have to mouth vile lies in order to deceive us and put over their monstrous plans secretly and in the dark. They have everything possible to confuse and befuddle us, the better to lead us to the slaughter when it suits them.

Why? Why this deceit, this hypocrisy, this deliberate confusion?

The answer is a simple one. THEY FEAR THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE. They fear that if the people have the opportunity to express their own views they will, with a thunderous voice, make plain their horror, their repugnance, their repudiation of the war plots of the bosses.

That is why last year the Ludlow Amendment, which offered the possibility of giving the people a voice in these fateful decisions, was smothered by Roosevelt and all his minions, including Earl Browder and his *Daily Worker*.

"Good God," cried Senator Johnson last week, "don't you think the American people have the right to know if they are going down the road to war?"

Yes, we say they have the right, not only to know, but to DECIDE whether they shall travel that road that ends only in death and suffering.

The people must and shall demand the right to decide their own fate.

The power to go to war shall be the power of the people alone!

Let every man and woman over 18 say for himself whether he shall permit the capitalist class to drag him down to a state of barbarism!

THE MASTERS FEAR THE DECISION OF THE PEOPLE.

THEY KNOW THE PEOPLE WILL BE OPPOSED TO UNLOOSING ANOTHER FRIGHTFUL SLAUGHTER IN THE WORLD.

FOR A POPULAR REFERENDUM ON WAR!

PLANS SECRETLY TO HURL NATION INTO CONFLICT

Cynical Denials Do Not Conceal His Intentions

WANTS FREE HAND

Acting behind the backs of the American people, President Roosevelt has in effect committed the United States to direct participation in the war that is brewing in Europe.

Now he is maneuvering to break down the weight of isolationist opinion in Congress and anti-war feeling in the country generally. His immediate aim is to remove the hampering Neutrality legislation from the books. His broader aim is to hasten the development of a war psychology which will make it easier to swing the whole nation into the conflict for which he is preparing.

That is the real meaning of the events in Washington last week. That is the real meaning of the present debate in Congress on the broadest issues of the administration's foreign policy.

"Frontier in France"
Two weeks ago the crash of a Douglas air bomber being tested for the army in California and the



injuries sustained by a French air ministry official who was aboard inadvertently revealed the fact that by Roosevelt's express order, the latest designs in American fighting planes were being made available to France. This started a minor storm in Washington, where it was learned that the president had authorized the sale of 600 fighting planes to the French government.

On Jan. 31 Roosevelt summoned to the White House all the members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and there read them a lecture to the general effect that this country had to be prepared to line up with Britain and France against Germany, Italy, and Japan.

In the papers next day he was quoted as having said that the "American frontier is in France" and that the Senators would be well-advised to refrain from "petty criticism" of his acts when the threat of war was so close.

Belated Denial
For nearly three days these reports went uncontradicted by the White House. In Europe they had the desired effect of making it clear that Roosevelt was preparing to line this country up with the so-called "democracies" when war breaks out. In this country there was turmoil and confusion and a slew of contradictory reports on what actually transpired.

Roosevelt waited until the issue of the coming war had dramatically intruded itself into every home in the land. Then he called in the press and issued a diplomatic denial of all the newspaper reports, calling them "bunk" and "deliberate lies" and "misrepresentations." Meanwhile he had fully accomplished his purpose. The press and all his political opponents were calling for the "abrogation" of American foreign policy and the whole issue was thrown open on the floor of Congress.

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In The TRADE UNIONS By B.J. Widick

Akron, Ohio, rubber workers have learned many valuable lessons in the course of their six years of struggle under the banner of unionism. The powerful weapon of sit-downs arose from the rubber shops of Akron to set off a nation-wide wave that brought success to the C.I.O. in 1936-37.

It is a tragedy that the magnificent history of the rubber workers should be faked to serve the ends of the Stalinist "rule-or-ruin" clique. For that is exactly what Ruth McKenney does in her book, "Industrial Valley," just published. McKenney was a sub-sister on the Akron "Beacon-Journal" most of the time from 1932 to 1936 about which period her book is written. She is a Stalinist and makes no bones about it.

Fakes Stalinist Role In Union Growth

Akron union militants who spent the hardest and best years of their lives making great sacrifices to build a union movement will be aroused by McKenney's impudence in trying to fake a story of the growth of the United Rubber Workers of America which is supposed to convince the "non-believers" that the Stalinists were responsible for developing the union.

During the N.R.A. days, thousands of Akron rubber workers flocked into the A. F. of L. federal unions. The Communist party, however, spent over a year trying to build dual "Red trade unions". It missed the boat completely. McKenney omits this chapter from the history of the Communist party in Akron.

McKenney vaguely mentions that union progressives fought for industrial unionism and formed caucuses to organize a national struggle for an autonomous rubber workers' international union. She pointedly omits mentioning that this was done mainly at the Progressive Workers School . . . because the school leaders became "Trotskyist" sympathizers. It was here that S. H. Dairymple, now president of the U.R.W.A., L. S. Buckmaster, president of Firestone Local, L. L. Callahan, president of Goodrich Local and scores of other rubber workers studied and discussed industrial unionism and other labor problems to prepare themselves for better union leadership in the future. Out of this school in 1934-35 came the ideas which brought the formation of the United Rubber Workers of America in the fall of 1935. The Communist Party was a nearly negligible force then.

Goodyear Strike History Distorted

Perhaps the most amazing performance McKenney gives is her writing about the Goodyear strike. Any Akron unionist will tell you that W. J. Carney, now New Jersey C.I.O. director, won his spurs in the C.I.O. movement because of his leadership of the rank and file in this historic strike. McKenney fails even to mention him. Why?

Because she has Stalinist party orders to build up through lies the role of the Stalinists in this strike. Carney, the genuine leader of the rank and file, had the reputation of "working both with the Trotskyists and Stalinists." He was an independent. He was a close personal friend of this writer.

But McKenney does even worse. She fails to say a word about the real leader of the Communist Party faction in the Goodyear strike, the only real militant the Stalinists had in those days. He is Lloyd Holmes, a member of the Firestone local, who organized all C.P. work in the rubber unions. Holmes is now under suspicion of "Trotskyism," although he's an independent.

Nor do many independent rank-and-file leaders like E. O. Barthol, E. L. Howard, Joe Vaughn, Skip O'Harrar, Carl Hooper and others who did noble work in the strike, get any serious mention in this book. Only two Stalinist stooges are given credit. The union men mentioned here are not "Trotskyists." Far from it. Some are opponents of the revolutionary movement. That does not justify ignoring their good work in the strike. But McKenney is forced to ignore all but true party-liners. How else can a fake history be built up?

Frame-up Part Of the Stint

Naturally, a book written by a Stalinist can not contain merely distortions, omissions and lies. Since the Moscow trials, frame-ups are a necessary part of the Stalinist literary stint. McKenney does right by Earl Browder on this score too. Her methods are clever, to be sure, but nonetheless obvious and despicable. It has always been a source of extreme

Local Offers Program to Save UAW

Ind. SWOC Pushes Organization As Governor Mediates Demands

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

EAST CHICAGO, Ind.—Governor M. Clifford Townsend of Indiana has intervened in the dispute over the question of a signed contract between the Inland Lodge of the S.W.O.C. and the Inland Steel Company. As a result of the Governor's promise to bring the Company officials in conference with union representatives, the union has agreed to refrain from taking any direct action.

A vigorous reorganizing drive, reminiscent of the days before the Little Steel strike, has enabled the S.W.O.C. Lodge to regain the dues-paying membership it once held in the gigantic local plant of the Inland Steel Company. During the recent slump in steel production, the dues-paying membership of the union fell off considerably.

Reorganization Drive

However, during that crisis, the Lodge held its own despite the huge layoffs in the plant. As soon as steel production picked up and more workers were rehired, the Lodge began to regain the position it once held. Two months ago a fast moving reorganizing drive was started which was so

successful that it far exceeded the fondest expectations of even the most optimistic S.W.O.C. official.

As the union now represents the overwhelming majority of all eligible workers in the plant, it has demanded that the company negotiate and sign a contract as it has been twice ordered to do by the N.L.R.B. This the bosses refused to do, arguing that since they are appealing the order of the Labor Board to the higher courts, they do not have to negotiate with the union. In order to compel the company to sign a contract, the union may have to resort to a strike.

Vary of Governor's Offer

The Governor's offer of arbitration should be watched warily by all union militants. They should remember the activities in the past of other "friends of labor" such as Governors Davey and Earle who smashed the last Little Steel strike in the Summer of 1937. They should also look with suspicion at the activities of Governor Townsend who is booming the campaign of Paul V. McNutt for President in 1940. McNutt is nationally known as a labor hater and is the man who became famous for smashing the Terre Haute general strike in 1935.

CIO-AFL Responsible For Oregon Anti-Labor Measure

Last fall the voters of Oregon went to the polls and voted for a piece of legislation which ranks second to none as an anti-labor measure. It is known as the Initiative Measure, an amendment to the Oregon Unemployment Compensation Law.

The Initiative Measure prohibits the calling of any strike not directly connected with wages, hours and working conditions. It outlaws strikes for UNION RECOGNITION. It provides that before a strike can be called "legal" it must be called by at least fifty per cent of the workers in the plant. It outlaws all sympathy strikes and secondary boycotts. There can be no legal picketing except by those directly involved in a strike. All unions are subject to examination of their books and correspondence at all times upon the demand of one member.

Fosters Company Union It prohibits "jurisdictional" disputes. It also makes it possible for an employer to form a company union out of any small group of workers who do not go out on strike with their fellows and thus turn a "legal" strike into a jurisdictional dispute.

How did it happen that the voters of Oregon allowed themselves to be duped and hoodwinked into passing such a measure?

For the past four years the West Coast has been torn by the annoyance to the Stalinists that certain Akron unionists known as "Trotskyists" did their part to help win the Goodyear strike. This writer, for example, was hired as research director and associate editor of the United Rubber Workers of America, after the Goodyear strike because he lost his job for aiding the strikers.

Yet McKenney blandly quotes Jim Keller, the Stalinist organizer, "And a Trotskyist isn't a Communist. He works for the company!" Proof? None!

The Stalinists tried, during the strike, to frame this writer on a claim that he published a leaflet attacking the strike leaders and urging rejection of the final strike settlement. Adolph Germer, of the C.I.O., and Powers Hapgood, investigated this C.P. claim, and found it to be a frame-up. There never was any such mimeographed leaflet. At the time that this writer was supposed to be passing out the leaflet, according to C. P. charges, he was in a conference with C.I.O. leaders, as Rose Pesotta, of the I.L.G.W.U., testified. These C.I.O. leaders recommended this writer for the job with the U.R.W.A. afterwards. Today, McKenney seeks again to stir up the frame-up charges.

McKenney worked together with this writer for nearly three years in the Akron Newspaper Guild. We were members of the same progressive caucus. She supported my candidacy for vice-president of the Guild, a post to which I was elected. Later, I became chairman of the Ohio District council of the A.N.G. And in 1936 at the U.R.W.A. convention, even the C.P. voted approval of the writer's work.

McKenney through her personal experience knows better than to believe the slanders she prints. Yet, once you join the party of lies, you must live a life of lies and tell lies. That is the tragedy of Ruth McKenney. It should serve as a warning to Akron workers.

jurisdictional battle between the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. In 1937 the battle in Oregon came to a head when the lumber-workers in the camps were led from the A.F.L. into the C.I.O. The sawmill workers followed in like manner.

Since that time there has been virtual warfare between the two factions. The lumber industry is practically wrecked. Camps are deserted, saw mills and factories are idle. Hundreds of thousands of workers are on the relief rolls. A.F.L. carpenters refuse to drive nails into boards cut and milled by C.I.O. lumber workers. C.I.O. Longshoremen refuse to load and unload A.F.L. cut and sawed lumber. A.F.L. Teamsters refuse to truck C.I.O. lumber. The boycott is complete.

Early last summer the Associated Farmers came into the picture. Since the election some very interesting facts and enlightening statistics about these "farmers" has come out.

Phony "Farmers' Assn.

For instance, the head "farmer" in charge of the Association's headquarters in Portland was W. W. Knight, attorney for the Industrial Relations Association. His chief assistant in charge of collecting finances for the campaign was George Baker, former mayor of Portland, who faced recall during his term in office for his reactionary labor policies during the Longshoremen's strike in 1934 and who is now connected with the Oregon Manufacturers Association.

The entire Associated Farmers is made up for the most part of such rugged rustics as bank clerks and officials, department store superintendents, lumber company officials, Chambers of Commerce secretaries, etc., who do most of their land tilling from behind glass-topped desks.

The Association collected \$32,440 for the campaign to put over this measure. Of this amount \$32,336 was contributed by the Oregon Business Council. The mighty sum of \$104.60 came from honest to goodness dirt farmers.

Yet this measure was known popularly as the "Farmers Measure." It was put over largely on propaganda about the terrible plight of the farmers in the hinterlands who were forced to let their crops rot in the fields because of the labor trouble.

Green-Lewis Responsible

And during the entire election period, that A.F.L.-C.I.O. fight waged unabated.

In Washington and in California where like measures were introduced the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. joined forces and defeated them decisively.

In Oregon 33 of the 36 counties passed the measure by large majorities. In the largest industrial communities, populated by unionized workers, the measure went over by many thousand votes!

Harry Bridges with his union-wrecking Communist party policies, William Green with his blind greed for power, and John L. Lewis with his equally avid desire to have everything his own way, can be blamed for the plight in which the Oregon workers find themselves.

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not alone in our own welfare, but also in the welfare of our International Union and all auto workers.

Will Fight For Program

"We, the Executive Board of Local 88, feel that at present the welfare and the very life of the International Union is in danger and that Local 88 must raise its voice in no uncertain terms and demand that the Executive Officers of our International Union shall cease their action of rule or ruin or we shall use our power and votes to remove them from office and replace them with officers who will be responsible to the rank and file.

"We shall not enter this fight to promote the selfish interests or opportunism of any individual. We shall fight for a militant and progressive program against the exploiters of labor, and any candidate for office in the International who is willing to honestly and sincerely abide by this program shall receive our support. We shall carry our fight against any person or group whose policy is one of rule or ruin.

"Local 88 owes no debt to any individual or group within the International Union. We have kept our own door step clean, and we deserve the right to take our place of leadership in helping to clean the doorstep of our International Union.

"In order to make our voice heard we recommend the following action: That a committee of three be elected by the Executive Board. This committee to meet with such committees of other locals in the city and state who are interested in such a program as we have outlined briefly. That we instruct our committee to arrange, with other local committees, a rank and file conference to discuss more fully a program and resolutions to be presented and carried out at the coming convention."

Local 88's position is being favorably received by numerous other locals of the U.A.W.

C.P. DISRUPTION IS EXCUSE TO HIT PROGRESSIVES

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C.T.L.C. is reactionary. To the bureaucrats of the A.F.L. the cry of Red and Communist is a clever device to smear and squelch any progressive tendency in their ranks. Even in this case, where they know that the union leaders are C.P.s (and therefore not Reds or Communists), they still resort to this action to stifle groups annoying them and to serve notice on real progressives that the bureaucrats of the Central Trades still have that organizational firmly under control.

However, this does not give the whole story. There are other unions in the C.T.L.C. which the bureaucrats would like to suspend, but against which they dare not take action. Why were the Teachers Unions picked? Their organizational weakness is such that they cannot by themselves put up any real fight against the A.F.L. leaders. The Stalinists themselves are forced to admit that the lack of a solid force of organized teachers allowed the C.T.L.C. to take such action.

Unionizing Program Needed

Militant unionists in the suspended locals must realize that the best way to insure readmission to the Central Trades is really to organize the mass of workers involved in their field. These can only be organized behind a real union program, and the only way that can be accomplished is to toss out the Stalinist leaders.

The issue is most clearly defined in the case of the WPA Teachers. There the workers shy away from the Union, because the union leaders sacrifice the interests of the WPA's to support the President. Only a group which believes in independent working class action can put up any kind of fight for WPA workers.

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Stalinists Stage Patriotic Assembly In Los Angeles Relief Cut "Protest"

By N. J. SHILZONY

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Cooperating with Mayor F. S. Bowron and the police department of this city, the Stalinist-dominated Workers Alliance today gathered meekly at the steps of the city hall to "protest" recent W.P.A. lay-offs by listening to sympathetic words from the mayor and the prayers that the "reactionaries in Congress might be jarred by these protest meetings and introduce a God-inspired program for the unemployed."

The meeting opened with singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the Mayor then explained that although he was not at all familiar with the facts he was certain that the city and county could do nothing whatsoever for those laid off W.P.A., nevertheless he invited citizens who have a grievance "to come to the city hall steps at any time" and he will be glad to speak with them.

Benediction at the close of the meeting was pronounced by California State Alliance President Alex Noral with humble thanks to the Mayor and Police Commissioner for "without their cooperation this protest meeting would never have been such a success!"

Fighting Organization Needed

The utter prostration and treachery of Stalinism in the unemployed field has now reached the stage where its whole program rests on God, the benevolence of the police, and the "stunned" condition of the workers. Every "protest" demonstration conducted by the Workers Alliance is but another demonstration of its impotence to gain anything for the unemployed and those on W.P.A. Not even a minor diversion of funds from Roosevelt's program of armaments and war for the unemployed instead of relief funds can be obtained except by militant action.

Today's demonstration of the Workers Alliance once more underlines the fact that a new fighting organization of the unemployed must be built from the ground up.

Bambrick-LaGuardia Force Shabby Compromise on Elevator Operators

NEW YORK—The strike of 4,000 building service workers which virtually tied up all business in the garment and fur districts for four days ended last Friday night when Mayor LaGuardia and James Bambrick, union president, forced the men to accept an entirely unnecessary compromise in the agreement.

The decision to accept LaGuardia's proposal for a \$1 weekly increase in wages and a reduction of the work week from 48 to 47 hours came immediately following a stormy strike meeting of the Building Service Workers Union, Local 32B, where rank and file members denounced both the mayor and Bambrick, and insisted that the union hold out for the original demand for a 15% wage increase and a 40 hour week.

Hiss "Little Flower"

The wrath of the union membership was aroused when Mayor LaGuardia took the floor at the meeting and presented the strikers with the ultimatum that they must accept his proposal. The "Little Flower" was greeted by the boos and hisses of the audience.

Bambrick, acting as the mayor's stooge told the men, "You cannot defy City Hall." The men answered with more boos and chanted a message to LaGuardia: "We put you in office, and we'll take you out." Every man who took the floor to urge continuance of the strike was wildly cheered by the strikers.

Bambrick, seeing that the men insisted on holding out for his original demands, summoned his

budget and the grant do not coincide and there is a deficiency. The Department of Public Relief refigures the budget from its own direct relief budget and as a consequence the family lives on a bare subsistence level instead of the "adequate minimum" budget which it is supposed to get.

Shipstead Spikes Relief

On Friday, January 27 Minnesota's "liberal" Senator Shipstead helped spike all hopes for a raise in the Minnesota W.P.A. quota by his vote against the \$150,000,000 raise in the W.P.A. appropriation.

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 intends to fight this issue with all of its power. Plans are being laid at present to enlist the entire organized labor movement in the state.

Ask Women to Turn Cop

In order to make herself eligible for A.D.C. a woman who is not a widow, but who has been divorced or deserted by her husband must turn cop and swear out a warrant for his arrest on charges of child abandonment. If her husband is physically handicapped to a point where he is unable to work, or if he is insane, or feeble-minded and in an institution or if he is in a penal institution or a fugitive from justice therefrom she is also eligible to receive this form of relief for her children.

The maximum grant is \$20 for the first child, and \$15 for each additional child. If there is a deficiency in the family budget, the Department of Public Relief is supposed to make up the deficiency on the basis of a budget computed by the department of Aid to Dependent Children. However, in every case where the A.D.C.

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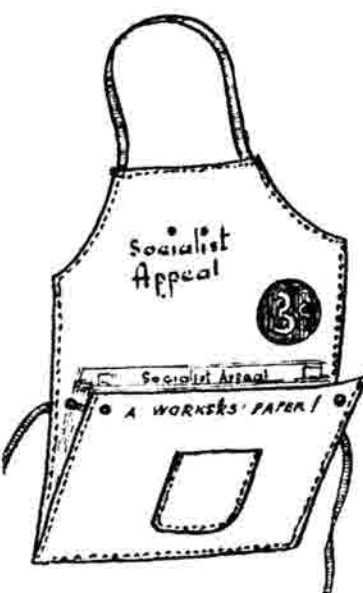
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IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

By Paul G. Stevens

The Revolt Against the "National Register" in Great Britain

At the time of the "Munich" war crisis last September there was no lack of speculation as to the causes for the so-called Chamberlain capitulation. All commentators agreed, however, that the desire for peace on part of the general population was strongly in evidence—even if it was expressed only passively: by the missing enthusiasm that usually precedes the opening of hostilities.

A far more positive confirmation of this fact is being driven home dramatically by the revolt against the "National Register" that is now taking place in British working-class ranks.

The "National Register" is a measure adopted by the Chamberlain government recently, calling for the "voluntary" registration of workers in all industries preparatory to the unfolding of a general conscription plan. The vast majority of the Labour Party members voted for it, or "abstained," in the House of Commons. The Labour Executive and the Trade Union Council have agreed to "cooperate with the government in its execution. But . . .

The rank and file of Labour has risen up in arms against this war-mongering scheme. No less than seven Trade Councils in the major industrial cities—Sheffield, Leeds, Norwich, Huddersfield, Barking, Perth and Lowestoft—have rejected all responsibility for it. The powerful National Union of Railwaymen and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, as well as the Scottish Miners Union and the South Wales Miners Federation, have turned down cooperation.

As was to be expected, the revolt against the war plans of the British capitalists takes on the form of a revolt against their agents at the head of the Labour Party and the General Council of the Trades Unions. Obviously, these bureaucrats were not responsible for the widespread anti-war sentiment last September. But even more significant is the fact that the Stalinists, who enjoy a certain prestige as radicals in the United Kingdom because the trade union and Labour bureaucrats still are opposed to having any truck with them, have had no better luck in pitting themselves against the sentiment of the masses.

One of the leading British Stalinists, Arthur Horner, President of the South Wales Miners Federation, has been touring the coal fields with the pro-war Labour parliamentarians in his area in support of the "National Register." The usual result is indicated in a resolution adopted by the miners lodge at Troedyshir, in the presence of the speakers, denouncing support of the "Register" because it "places the Labour Party in a position where they can be charged with lining up with the National Government for the preservation of British Imperialism and Capitalism" and calling "upon the rank and file members of the Labour Movement to demand an immediate revision of the anti-working class policy adopted by the Parliamentary Labour Party." The resolution was carried 200 to 3 in spite of persistent appeals by Horner that it be withdrawn.

Belgian 4th Internationalists Take Office in Municipality as Revolutionists

As readers of the Appeal are aware, our com-

rades of the Belgian Revolutionary Socialist Party (P.S.R.) won an absolute majority on the Municipal Council at Fleny, in the Borinage mining section, in the course of the elections last fall. This month they have been inducted into office. Forced to take the royal oath, they did so with a public statement that is an example of the revolutionary behavior of Fourth Internationalists on the parliamentary arena. Here are some excerpts from this highly interesting document:

"If we yield to the restrictions imposed by the capitalist state, it is only in order to be seated in this deliberative assembly, in which we intend to defend vigorously the interests of the laboring masses who have elected us. For us, the oath is a mere formality. It cannot commit us politically in any way. . . . In fact, we are for the abolition of the monarchy as a symbol of the exploitation of the working class by the possessing class: the capitalists. We are fighting and we shall fight for the installation of a workers and peasants republic, a socialist Soviet republic like the one formed by the workers of Russia in October 1917 in the course of the greatest revolution in history. . . ."

According to the Belgian constitution, our comrades in Fleny, having an absolute majority on the Municipal Council, are entitled to select the Mayor. The latter, however, must have the formal approval also of the Departmental Commissioner who represents the central government. Comrade Walter Dauge, the leader of the Revolutionary Socialist Party, was proposed for the post. Before giving his approval, the Departmental Commissioner posed two questions before Comrade Dauge, requesting a written answer. The questions were: "1. What will you do in case of a strike? 2. What will you do in case of factory occupation [sit-ins]?"

Dauge replied by reaffirming, as to the first question, the election platform of the party, which says: "In case of a strike (like those of July 1932 or June 1936) the representatives of the P.S.R. will be entirely on the side of the workers. Even under the threat of being removed by the central authorities, they will systematically refuse to carry out the orders of the governor or of the Minister of the Interior regarding prohibition of meetings, demonstrations and picketing. On the contrary, they will remain with the latter to the very end, defending them in their demands."

As to the second question, our comrade expresses doubt about its realism, since most of the factories in the region have been shut down. But, in case of their reopening, and in the event of a sit-in, he says: "I will be heart and soul with the sit-ins. I will support them with all my strength. I will organize the food supply for them. I will appeal to the entire laboring population to back them up effectively so as to help them win out against the bosses and the government."

The actual outcome is still in doubt. The Belgian "democracy" is in a pickle: Shall it flout the "democratic" constitution and refuse to seat Dauge or shall it allow an avowed revolutionist who sticks to his principles under fire, to take charge of the municipality? In any case, the workers know where the Fourth Internationalists stand.

ON THE LINE -- With BILL MORGAN

The amazing ability of the working class to meet every new attempt of the bosses to smash picket lines, prevent organization or discourage militant action has been demonstrated hundreds of times in every country. Especially in America are the workers able to thwart the tricks and devices of the bosses. There are countless instances of how the workers' courage and determination in the face of apparent defeat have turned the tide of reaction into a wave of victory.

Several years ago in New York City, during a strike of textile workers, a new problem was solved by the daring and undefeated workers who until the strike had no experience in the struggles of the union.

It Looked Hopeless

The shop to be called out on strike was on the eleventh floor of a twelve story building. The boss had guards in all the entrances and at both doors of the shop. Police were carefully watching all who entered the building. The shop was locked up tighter than a drum. The workers inside, all young girls who had never known about the union, were prevented from leaving. Food, blankets and radios were brought in by the boss to keep the girls from all contact with the picket line on the sidewalk.

It seemed a hopeless problem. The union organizers were afraid that this shop might break the strike by holding out long enough to enable other bosses to try the same trick. It was impossible to even talk to the workers about the union and many did not even know about the strike.

But . . . The Strikers Find a Way

On the third day some of the pickets were eating lunch in a nearby Coffee Pot and they overheard some workers talking about the strike. Said one husky young fellow, "My sister hasn't been home for three nights now and my mother is worried." Another joined in, "My old man is going to raise the roof with that boss if he keeps my sister up there another day."

Soon the pickets and the brothers and friends of the locked-in girls were discussing ways and means. It was not long before things began to happen.

A worker in the uniform of a telephone inspector entered the building and went up to the shop to "inspect" the phones. Thus contact was established between the locked-in girls and the union. The girls learned about the strike and the reason they were prevented from leaving. They all wanted to come out.

Next, the workers secured a long, sturdy rope. Then they entered the building one by one and met on the twelfth floor in the men's room. So far so good. No one had noticed anything unusual.

The Guards See the "Light"

Then one of the workers whose sister was imprisoned on the floor below, tied one end of the rope to the steam pipes and lowered himself down to the floor below while the workers on the street watched with baited breath. Slowly

he reached the windowsill of the eleventh floor. When he was safe in the room below, his comrades dashed down to the shop door and convinced the fink who was on guard there that they meant business. He soon saw the light and they were ready to act according to the plan.

The worker who lowered himself to the men's room on the eleventh floor suddenly burst out and made a dash for the rear door where another unsuspecting fink stood guard. It was a simple matter to rush up behind the fink guarding the inside door and with a flying tackle bring him to his senses. The door was opened and the waiting pickets rushed in, turned off the power and escorted the girls down the fire escape. The police arrived to find an empty shop and a picket line twice its original size marching up and down singing "Solidarity Forever!"

The Lesson Is Never Forgotten

The effect of this victory by the union against the open shop bosses was felt immediately and the workers, proud of their union and their comrades, soon carried the fight into every shop in the city.

The bosses were stunned and began to fight among themselves. The police were blamed for allowing the strikers to get away with such tricks and soon picket lines were formed and "educational" committees elected to complete the organization of all textile workers.

This is but one of the many ways in which workers were able to turn what seemed like certain defeat into complete victory for the workers. There are countless other such stories. The lessons of that battle will not be forgotten by the workers of that shop and especially the daring committee which planned and carried out the strategy.

There are hundreds of such stories and we would like to retell them for the benefit of our readers. If you have been in action with the workers anywhere send in your experience for this column. Stories of workers' bravery in strikes and the methods used to combat the bosses' reaction are lessons we can all learn.

"Neighborliness"

The "Good Neighbor" policy of the United States government received an illuminating illustration last week when Mr. Guillermo Esteves, Acting Reconstruction Administrator for Puerto Rico, handed in his report on relief conditions in that "back yard" possession of Yankee imperialism.

Of the somewhat over 350,000 families in the little island, 200,000—more than half—are receiving breadline "relief!" And that isn't all, for Mr. Esteves blandly announces that there are many more who should be getting it but aren't. That is the state to which the New Deal reduces its Latin-American subjects while it preaches sermons to rival imperialists.

ABANDONS SPAIN TO MERCIES OF FASCIST HORDES

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These orders could have only one comprehensible purpose: to do away with the possibility of the college professors and their were dominated by Stalinists, as reported in the Appeal several weeks ago.

Undoubtedly the suspended locals are under Stalinist control. Nevertheless the action of the C.T.L.C. is reactionary. To the bureaucrats of the A.F.L. the cry of Red and Communist is a clever guerilla bands remaining behind to harass Franco's troops.

Stalinists Prepare to Weep
Accomplices of Azana and Negrin, with whom they closely collaborated in the government, the Stalinists on Monday still indignantly denied that the "Spanish republic" was seeking peace with Franco. Already, however, the Stalinists dared not defend either Negrin or Azana by name!

In a few days, we can expect an indignant outcry by the Stalinists that they have been "betrayed" by Azana and Negrin. The truth is that the Stalinists worked hand in glove with these traitors while knowing that they were planning treachery.

As late as January, 1936 the Stalinists characterized Azana as "an enemy of the working class," justifying a joint ticket with him in the February elections solely on the ground that the defeat of the reactionary slate would bring "a certain amount of relief from the repression, for a time at least." (Impeccor, vol. 15, p. 762.)

As late as July 6, 1936 the central Stalinist organ in Spain, Mundo Obrero, declared that the Azana government was repeating its repressive and reactionary course of 1931.

Stalinists Suppressed Facts
But when the civil war broke out, the Stalinists, seeking to curry favor with Britain and France on behalf of the Stalin regime, became the loudest defenders of Azana, insisting that he remain at the helm, and denouncing all his critics as "Trotskyist-fascists." Together with the Social Democrats, they suppressed the fact that Azana, upon the outbreak of the civil war, attempted to capitulate to Franco.

Negrin's Peace Terms
As for Premier Negrin, his statement of "war aims" at the Cortes meeting merely continued the line which, as we have pointed out repeatedly, is one of seeking conciliation with Franco. Negrin called for (1) a guarantee of independence for Spain, (2) a government desired by the people, (3) "liquidation of the war without persecution to permit all Spaniards to join in the country's reconstruction."

Francisco has already rendered lip-service to the first and third of these essentially treacherous "demands." As for "a government desired by the people," that is to be decided by a plebiscite.

Even if such a plebiscite were dressed up by being conducted under the supervision of the European powers, it would be a sham. With Franco in possession of three-fourths of Spanish territory, and with the Italo-German and Anglo-French blocs competing for Franco's friendship, one can state in advance the outcome of such an armed plebiscite: unity of the bourgeois elements in both Spanish camps in a Bonapartist regime, ruling the masses primarily through the armed might of Franco's armies.

The difference between Negrin and Azana is merely that each group is maneuvering for a more favored position in the "united" regime.

Neither, however, can provide more than a fig leaf for the Franco dictatorship, which, moreover, won't have them. They cannot guarantee submission of the workers and peasants.

Not Yet Too Late!

Premature revelations of Negrin and Azana's proposals may yet cause the armed workers in central Spain to take their destiny into their own hands. Even now it is not too late. Revolutionary war against Franco, launched from central Spain, could be carried into the rest of Spain, just as the Bolsheviks, hemmed in on all sides during the Russian civil war, managed to disintegrate the White Armies behind the fronts.

LABOR OPPOSES PROPOSED ROCHESTER SALES TAX

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Interviews with local labor leaders reveal a unanimity of opposition to the proposed 2% sales tax. Business agents of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Painters Union and Carpenters Union, as well as the president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, Henry D. O'Connell, have expressed disapproval.

Welfare Commissioner Gauhn, however, is quoted as saying, "I am wholeheartedly behind the idea . . . it brings the problem right into the open, and lets the people know what this thing is and what it costs."

"Death to Jews and Trotsky!" Cry Rioting Mexican Fascists

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 29.—A Jew was severely beaten here last night when a group of hoodlums rioted in the downtown section of the city, breaking the windows of Jewish-owned shops and crying "Death to the Jews!" and "Death to Leon Trotsky!"

The fascists threatened to march in a body from Mexico City to Coahuacan where Trotsky is living in order to carry out their threats of death, but police broke up the demonstration.

Reactionaries Riot
The riot ostensibly protested the arrest of five members of a reactionary clique in the National Party of Mexico who had instigated a demonstration against granting asylum in Mexico to 1,500 members of the International Brigade unable to return to their native lands. President Lazaro Cardenas had sharply rebuked these reactionary members of his party when they protested against members of the Brigade

entering Mexico. They responded with a demonstration on the nights of Thursday and Friday which was followed by their arrest on Saturday.

C. P. Asks Trotsky Ouster
The inclusion of Trotsky's name in this anti-Semitic demonstration falls directly in line with Communist Party convention resolutions calling for the expulsion of Leon Trotsky from Mexico. Both Hernan Laborde, Secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, and Lombardo Toledano, Stalinist trade union leader, have repeatedly demanded that Trotsky be ousted. The present fascist demonstration follows on the heels of the Communist Party campaign against Trotsky.

Nazis Finance Anti-Semitism
Anti-Semitism in Mexico is largely financed by Nazi interests and finds its principal response from small business men. The Jewish population in Mexico is relatively small.

On the Way to the Trenches

Senator Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor of Utah, has introduced a bill into Congress to make the Civilian Conservation Corps a permanent institution. There is a growing movement in Congress to provide for military training of the 300,000 enrollees in the C.C.C., concurrent with the move to make it permanent. Endorsing the bill, Senator Connally expressed the hope that it would include provision for military training. In the House, Representative Richards introduced a bill to make six hours of military drill obligatory for all C.C.C. members with the exception of war veterans.

Sir John Anderson, British Minister of Civilian Defense, last week informed the House of Commons that arrangements had been made to appoint 12 regional dictators who will rule Britain in the event of war. Each of the twelve commissioners will have dictatorial power in his region. The twelve dictators-in-democracy will be appointed in March. All war plans of the government will then be submitted to them.

Great Britain will probably spend \$2,500,000,000 on armaments during the coming fiscal year. The New York Times reports that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and his government are "proceeding on the assumption that a 'totalitarian war' may come before long." Shades of the Munich Peace!

Deputies Are Unanimous For Colonial Slavery

The second largest empire in the world today is the French. France, with a population of less than 42,000,000 and an area of 212,659 square miles, rules over a colonial world with more than 65,000,000 inhabitants scattered over more than four and a half million square miles.

Every single one of these colonies was obtained by means of violence, chicanery, perfidy and has been kept under the French flag by exactly the same means.

Tens of thousands of colonial slaves have been slaughtered in the struggle to impose upon them by force the benefits of "French civilization." Tens of millions of others go through hell on earth every day for the greater glory and profit of French imperialism.

All the aspirations of these millions can be summed up in one word: **Independence!**

On February 3, the Deputy Auguste Brunet introduced the following resolution into the French Chamber of Deputies:

"The Chamber of Deputies solemnly declares that all parts of the empire are placed under the protection of the nation to the same extent as Continental France, that the sovereignty of France is indivisible and that it cannot be either transmitted, delegated or shared."

Ostensibly, the resolution was directed against Italian imperialist claims. Actually and fundamentally, it is directed at the colonial slaves whose sufferings, under French rule, are not one whit less agonizing than those felt by the people oppressed by naked fascism.

The resolution was adopted by the Chamber's unanimous vote. The Stalinists and social democrats joined the reactionaries and fascists in a public demonstration which says to Italy:

"Hands off our property—we stole it from the natives and you can't steal it from us!" and which says to the natives: "Stop thinking of freedom, self-government or independence. You will not be Italian slaves, to be sure, but you've got to remain French slaves!"

That the outright imperialists have time and again used the

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right to know if they are going down the road to war?"

Isolationists On The Run
And that is the road Roosevelt is consciously travelling and these devious maneuvers are just his politician's way of letting the people know what they're in for and of making them think they'll like it.

Roosevelt has the so-called isolationists on the run and he knows it. Herbert Hoover made a speech last week which was made to sound like an attack on the president's policies and a demand that the nation be kept out of war. Actually, as no less an authority than Walter Lippmann pointed out in the New York Herald-Tribune, "Hoover went much further than the president has ever gone in telling Hitler and Mussolini to count on American intervention if they attack France and England."

Amidst all his verbiage about peace and neutrality, Hoover said that "if wholesale attacks were made upon women and children by the deliberate destruction of cities from the air, then the indignation of the American people could not be restrained from action."

Tories and F.D.R. Agree
Since air raids are sure to be part of any war, Lippmann rightly pointed out that Hoover and Roosevelt "see eye to eye on the main issue"—i.e., the issue of going to war. The essential agreement of the so-called Tory reactionaries with Roosevelt's war policy was further underlined by the Herald-Tribune in an editorial which stated:

"We heartily agree with Mr. Roosevelt's general outlook of sympathy with the democracies and we incline to the view that the continuing threat held over the world by the dictators has reached a stage that requires united action by the democracies for the period of the emergency."

Sanctions Mean War

In all this discussion much use has been made of the phrase "measures short of war" to bring the so-called aggressors to book. But this is thrown in, like a pious prayer that everyone knows will not be fulfilled. It has been shown over and over again with regard to China, Ethiopia, and Spain, that where imperialist rivalries clash, brute force rules and must in the end decide. "Economic sanctions" were given their trial and were shown to be unworkable unless backed by armies and navies and air fleets in action.

That is why Roosevelt is preparing a gigantic army, an unsurpassed navy, and the strongest air fleet in the world. That is why he wants to help his potential allies raise their own strength to proportionate levels.

Pressure on Britain-France

Moreover Roosevelt's maneuvers are designed just as much to exert pressure on Britain and France as on Germany and Italy. Both London and Paris are still angling for "appeasement settlements" with Hitler and Mussolini and of this policy Roosevelt clearly disapproves.

That is why in London, especially, the reception given to his reported statements was guarded. With the Spanish revolution being gradually strangled, Anglo-French imperialism still counts on being able to make a dicker that will postpone the showdown of war.

Roosevelt considers such postponement a blunder. He is pressing, therefore, for an openly aggressive policy that will force the issue sooner rather than later and he promises to Britain and France the American support which would theoretically ensure their victory in the war and leave to Britain, France, and the all-powerful United States the exclusive right to divide and exploit the resources and the markets of the world after a new blood-bath.

Fight War-Mongers!

That is where Roosevelt is leading us. The workers have no interest in shedding their blood for the sake of Wall Street and the Anglo-French capitalists. In fighting the war-mongers at home, they'll be fighting the menace of fascism on their own doorsteps and by making a new imperialist war impossible, they will make possible the liberation of all peoples, in the fascist countries, in the subjected colonies of "democratic" Britain and France, and in our own land.

Hollywood Merry-go-round

There is no "Zola" on this year's schedule of movie releases. Since Walter Wanger's sad experience with "Blockade," which was widely attacked as being "biased" in favor of the Spanish Loyalists, Hollywood has been playing safe. True, there is "The Citadel," which almost comes out for socialized medicine, but this picture was made in England.

The general tendency at present is to yield in advance to every conceivable censorship body, official or unofficial, political or moral. The most powerful of these bodies, the Legion of Decency, is almost ready to close up shop out of sheer boredom: there is nothing left for it to crusade against.

"Offending Sequences" Are Eliminated

Three times in recent months, however, Hollywood has shown signs of raising its head, as if it were about to open its mouth—and three times it has been slapped down. One of these films which were heavily censored has already been issued: "Men With Wings." And subversive celluloid is now being cut out of two films still in the making: "One Third of a Nation," a film version of the W.P.A. housing play, and "Idiot's Delight," made from Robert Sherwood's anti-war play.

The story is that advance clips of "One Third of a Nation" now being made in Astoria, L.I., were shown to a preview audience of Paramount bankers and 'bigwigs' in general, with a near-hot ensuing. Cause of the panic was the opening sequence, with a shot of Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivering the speech on housing which contained the title line. One banker fainted and three had to leave for air. Finally under the section of the Hays code which prohibits horror scenes, the offending sequence was eliminated. The speech is still in, but the image of F.D.R. is out. Love interest has also been added to the film—the millionaire owner of the condemned tenements falls in love with a daughter of the slums and is, of course, regenerated into a model landlord.

Hollywood Surgeons Operate on "Idiot's Delight"

"Idiot's Delight" is being similarly butchered. If you recognize its anti-war features after it emerges from the operating room, it will be no fault of the surgeons. Hollywood waited a long time before daring to commit itself to a stand against war, waited, in fact, until the German and Italian markets were closed to it anyhow. Even now it is proceeding with great caution. With the great powers girding their loins for the new Armageddon, it is a brave soul who will come out against the munitions-makers—and Hollywood is not being brave this season.

Which brings us to the third of the would-be crusaders—"Men With Wings." In the original script, the ending contained pronounced anti-war sentiment. The hero, airplane designer and aviator, gets the adventure-bug and leaves his factory and girl to his partner. He returns home from expeditions in China and Spain, filled with nausea over the memory of tons of explosives being unloaded on helpless women and children, and determined to settle down to more peaceful pursuits. His business in the future will be to design innocent—and presumably unconvertible—transport planes. This is the way the original plot went. But in the film as actually released, a slight alteration has been made. The hero returns, glum and disgusted, but his whole future is made bright by an order which the government places with him—for more and bigger bombers, to defend Democracy with.

Motion Pictures' Gloomiest Year

All this is very discouraging, and leads one to think that perhaps this is not Motion Pictures' Greatest Year after all. A survey of forthcoming productions adds to the gloom. Warner Brothers are making "Flying Irishman," with Douglas Corrigan as the hero, and a film on Maximilian and Juarez, starring Paul Muni, which sounds almost promising. M.G.M. is filming "A Christmas Carol," based on the Dickens story. Paramount has another of its epic house operas scheduled in "Arizona Bracelets," Columbia has "Racketeers" in production, Republic has "Federal Manhunt."

In brief, Hollywood, which bragged of its daring in making "Zola" and "Fury" and "Mr. Deeds" and similar "social documents," is now in full retreat before Mr. Martin Quigley, publisher of the reactionary trade journal, *The Motion Picture Herald*; in flight from the onslaughts of the Legion of Decency; in terror of anyone who says, "Boo!" Any one who wants a picture scrapped has only to whisper the magic word, "Propaganda!" and the goose is cooked. In Hollywood at least, the Dies Committee is taken very, very seriously.

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"THE POST" TAKES A STEP

The N. Y. Post of February 2 published a lengthy editorial, "Now We Must Decide," which constitutes an object lesson for all those who seriously want to fight against war.

"For several years this newspaper has placed its faith in isolation as our best national shelter in this storm-driven world," says the Post. "We have predicated our foreign policy on geography and made up our minds to live, withdrawn and alone, behind our fortress of oceans. Recent events have shaken our faith in isolation."

The Post proposes a three-months Congressional debate on foreign policy, at the conclusion of which a final decision shall be made whether isolation or collective security shall be our fixed policy. But that the Post, for years the outstanding spokesman for isolation, has already made up its mind to swing to collective security, is clear from this sentence, among others: "If it be isolation, then let us consign ourselves to the business of preserving democracy here, giving it up as hopeless for the rest of the world."

The Post's turn demonstrates once again what we have always maintained: that the "battle" between collective security and isolation proponents is a sham, for as soon as war preparations are begun in earnest, the isolationists join up with the collective security war-mongers.

Isolation and collective security share the same fundamental assumptions: "sacred union" of all classes for the "defense" of the (capitalist) nation. All those who share these assumptions end up in the same camp: the bosses' side of the class struggle. They may not like each other, but Wall Street and Main Street's bankers and businessmen, John L. Lewis and Bill Green, Stalinists and Social Democrats, all join hands for "national defense" not only against the "aggressors" but also in lynch gangs against the anti-war workers.

"Many 'realistic' people joined the 'Keep America Out of War Committee' of Norman Thomas and the Lovestonites, adopting its isolationist doctrine, on the excuse that it provided a vehicle for fighting against collective security. That vehicle has already arrived at the point of conceding armaments for 'national defense.' Its next port of call is anticipated by the Post.

The struggle against war is the struggle against capitalism, which breeds war as inevitably as it breeds hunger and insecurity—this is the only fundamental starting-point for anti-war work, and it is in irreconcilable opposition to the warmongers, whether they call themselves isolationists or collective securityites.

IT'S NO LONGER NEWS

Within a few days the Stalinists and the Social-Democrats will proceed to wail with wounded and ever-so-innocent astonishment at the fact that President Azana and Premier Negri have proposed to make peace with Franco. The groans will be designed to convince all listeners that such treachery comes as a bolt out of the blue.

No amount of crocodile tears will, however, wash out the plain and simple fact that they have known for nearly two years of treacherous moves by the Spanish People's Front government for capitulation to Franco.

At one point, when conciliation with Franco actually seemed about to be consummated, no less a Stalinist spokesman than Louis Fischer proceeded to prepare his audience for the coming embrace. Writing in the Nation on Sept. 4, 1937, he stated:

"A Spanish government representative who attended King George VI's coronation outlined to Foreign Minister Eden, Valencia's plan for ending the civil

war. A truce was to be declared. All foreign troops and volunteers serving on both sides would then be immediately withdrawn from Spain. During the truce no battle lines would be shifted. Non-Spaniards having been eliminated, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and the Soviet Union were to devise a scheme, which the Spanish government pledged itself in advance to accept, whereby the will of the Spanish nation regarding its political and social future might be authoritatively ascertained."

When the immediate move for peace then fell through, the Popular Frontists indignantly denied that it was projected. But Fischer's revelation remains indelible. What is more, when we sharply characterized the proposal as a betrayal of the struggle against fascism, the Daily Worker and the New Leader remained mum. Neither ever commented on Fischer's revelation!

The Stalinists and Social Democrats cannot pose as innocents. They deliberately suppressed the facts when there was still ample time to ward off the treachery now being consummated.

IT WAS PREMATURE

Warning against the premature rejoicing of the liberals and labor leaders over the anti-Hague decision of the Philadelphia Circuit Court of Appeals, we wrote last week:

"Anyone who thinks that the pieces of paper on which the majority of the court in Philadelphia wrote its decision, are enough to guarantee the real exercise of these rights, is duping himself or others.

"It wasn't paper, not even legal-sized foolscap, that decided things up to now in Jersey City. Paper isn't going to decide them from now on, either. It was power that decided."

A few days after the Appeal appeared, Judge Ezra L. Nolan of the Jersey City Traffic Court, a Hague agent who is also boss of the Quinn Post of the American Legion, gave added emphasis to our editorial. Addressing the Legionnaires, he told "Roger Baldwin, Morris Ernst, Norman Thomas and the rest of your ilk" that no matter what the courts might decide about Jersey City, the decision would continue to rest with Hague's hoodlums:

"If you insist on invading our city, the veterans will be compelled to give you a lesson in democracy (!) that you and your kind will never forget as long as you live . . . The final victory in this matter of the preservation of democracy in Jersey City rests with patriotic veterans and the large army of patriotic citizens in Jersey City who want no part of your activities within their boundaries."

In other words: If labor tries to hold meetings in Hague's domain armed with nothing more than a slip of paper from a court, we, the organized hoodlums, will break up the meetings by force. Whoever has a piece of paper—has only a piece of paper. But whoever organizes his power—has everything!

In their own way, Hague's hoodlums are right. God knows they are trying their level best to teach labor a lesson, a very simple lesson, a lesson which we continue to emphasize.

It is nothing more or less than this: If labor wants to exercise its right to free speech and assembly, it must first exercise its elementary right to self-defense.

If labor wants to hold meetings in face of the Hague threats, it must prepare to protect these meetings. A piece of paper won't wave the fascist bands away. A well-organized Workers Defense Guard can and will.

Hague's fascists number only in the hundreds. Labor in Jersey City alone has the power of more than a quarter of a million people to draw from. All it has to do is organize this power and it will have the Hague hoodlums on the run in the twinkling of an eye.

ON MEXICAN ANTI SEMITISM

Early in January 1939, Correspondent Fred Pasley completed a series of six viciously anti-Mexican articles in the N. Y. Daily News, organ of the reactionary McCormick family. The articles argued that Leon Trotsky was the instigator of the Mexican oil expropriations, was responsible for the Cardenas government's policies and was thus doing vast damage to Mexico's position at home and abroad.

From January 26 to January 29, 1939, anti-Semitic riots broke out in Mexico City under the direction of fascists. Mingling with the cry "Death to the Jews!" was the cry "Death to Leon Trotsky!" An attempt was made to get the rioters to march on Trotsky's home in one of the city's suburbs. Mexican fascists and their Nazi patrons have repeatedly tried to force the deportation of Trotsky.

On January 29, at the height of the riots, the fascist demand was heard again—at the congress of the Mexican Communist party. Secretary Laborde declared in his report:

"Trotsky's presence among us brings irreparable damage to Mexico's international prestige and domestic politics. The struggle must not end until Trotsky is chased from his Coyoacan lair and expelled from Mexico for good."

These two sentences perfectly sum up the program of the American interventionists and the Mexican fascists. Under the heading of "The Struggle against Trotskyism," the Mexican Stalinists have now put two demands:

"Carry out the wishes of American imperialism!"
"Carry out the wishes of the Mexican anti-Semites!"

A NICE CLEAN WAR

"A program of national defense, competent to deal with any conceivable set of circumstances, need not involve placing the United States upon a militaristic footing."—Boris Shub, in the New Leader, Feb. 4.

In a word, "comrade" Shub gives us his guarantee that it will be a nice, clean war.

The Dis-semble Line!



Huge Swindle Seen In Gov't. Security Fund Bond Scheme

By GRACE SAUNDERS

Under the guise of providing old-age insurance, the United States Government is currently engaged in one of the most fantastic financial swindles of all times, a swindle that makes the Custer-Musica affair shrink, by comparison, to the dimensions of insignificant petty larceny.

The government, through special legislation setting up the Old Age Benefit Plan, has rigged up a scheme whereby it will acquire a cool 47 billion dollars, which will be used for any type of expenditure—not excluding armaments expenditures—except the single purpose for which it is ostensibly being collected, namely, providing security for the aged.

"Reserve" to Big Swindle

John T. Flynn, in the February issue of Harpers magazine, exposes the mechanism by which this hoax is being perpetrated, with the full blessings of complete legality. Instead of collecting taxes which would be merely sufficient to cover the moneys actually to be expended in the payment of old-age premiums, plus operating expenses, the government is busily engaged in collecting in addition a sum which is to be earmarked "reserve" for old-age pensions. It is this mythical "reserve" which constitutes the gigantic swindle.

The Old Age Account, as the reserve is termed, will never be realizable in cold cash and in reality will never exist except as a bookkeeping fiction. The money will be collected, but it is not and will not be segregated or so handled that it can be converted when the need arises. Instead, the money is dumped into the Treasury, and in return the Old Age Account receives interest-bearing government bonds. In this way, according to Mr. Flynn, the government will have acquired by 1980 the astronomical figure of \$47,000,000,000, money which will naturally be spent through the years for whatever purposes the government sees fit.

The "reserve" held in the Old Age Account will consist solely of a huge collection of treasury bonds. Double-Dealing Bond Scheme
If money from this fictitious reserve is needed, the Old Age Account will have to get it from the Treasury in return for the bonds which it holds, and the Treasury in turn will have to go once more to the people to raise the money to liquidate the bonds. In financial circles, such practices are termed double-dealing, corrupt practice, swindle. When the government indulges in the same trickery, it is termed "high finance."

The further one delves into the scheme, the more shameful and corrupt it is revealed. The government is now collecting a two per cent payroll tax, one per cent coming from the employer, one per cent from the employee, the tax to be gradually increased until employer and employee are each paying three per cent. Up to October 31, 1938, according to Flynn's figures, the government had so collected close to a billion dollars, which was deposited in the Treasury.

In return, in keeping with the practice above outlined, the Old Age Account has received treasury bonds. But on these bonds

the government has to pay interest, a charge which must be met from other income, that is, from further levies in the form of a general tax. Thus, in addition to the payroll tax, which is supposed to provide ample funds for old-age pensions, the people of the country are even now being called upon to pay supplementary funds for interest on this same money, funds which by 1970 will have reached the not insignificant sum of \$19,000,000,000.

57c Back on Dollar

To put it briefly, by 1970, the people will have paid to the government a total of \$75,000,000,000 in payroll and general taxes for interest on the reserve account, whereas the Treasury during the same period will have paid out a little over \$34,000,000,000 in old-age pensions. The balance, or roughly 41 billions of dollars, will have been used by the government to meet other expenses in no way connected with social security, and the Old Age Account will have in its reserve merely a stack of bonds which can be redeemed only by further taxing the people up to the face value of the bonds.

By 1980, the people will have paid in 11 billion dollars for social security, 47 billions of which will have been diverted to other uses. In its simplest terms, this means that for every dollar paid in by the people for social security, they will receive back in old age pensions only 57 cents.

Benefits Not a Gift

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Federation Plan Hit

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which these payments can be secured.

But every working man and every working woman has the right to insist that the moneys collected for insurance be spent directly and solely on insurance.

The old-age benefits cannot be looked upon as a gift from the government. They are insurance premiums, being paid for by the workers today, tomorrow, next year and all the years to follow in the form of a definite deduction from their monthly salaries.

Stop the Swindle!

It is monstrous and criminal that this money should be raised to any extent from the already underpaid workers. It is still worse for their money to be used for other purposes than that for which it is being collected. If the payroll taxes are higher than necessary, either they should be reduced correspondingly, or payments to people 65 years of age or older should be correspondingly increased. If a "reserve" is to be created then that reserve must be maintained as a reality and not a fiction, a reserve which when dipped into will produce handfuls of hard cash, not handfuls of promissory notes, paper which can be redeemed only by further taxes on the masses.

The swindle is only just beginning, but it will continue at an accelerated rate, for the means by which it is made possible have been written into the law of the land. It will continue, and the workers will be fraudulently gouged of enormous sums week by week and year by year, unless immediate pressure is brought to bear to expose the swindle and force its cessation.

INDIA CONGRESS DEFEATS GHANDI

Mahatma Gandhi and his fellow-compromisers with British imperialism have been sharply defeated!

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THEIR GOVERNMENT

By James Burnham

About three weeks ago a special attack bomber, newly developed by the Douglas Aircraft Company, crashed during a test flight in California. The incident would scarcely have been noticed had not astonished onlookers pulled from the burning wreckage the injured body of a man who turned out to be Paul Chemidlin, representative of a French governmental air mission assigned to purchase military planes in this country. Chemidlin's presence in this country, and his purpose, were a closely guarded Administration secret.

During the same week, a test pilot reported that in a Curtiss-Wright pursuit plane he had achieved the incredible speed of 600 miles per hour. Very few of the news dispatches that carried this story mentioned that this plane was one of several hundred on order by the French government.

Secret White House Conferences

William Bullitt, Ambassador to France, and Joseph Kennedy, Ambassador to Great Britain, left their posts a couple of months ago and have since been in this country. When they first arrived, they went at once to Warm Springs, Georgia, to report to the President. No news of this conference was released: the conference was secret. They later attended several discussions at the White House, and testified before Congressional Committees. Both the discussions and the testimony were secret.

The Military Affairs Committee of the Senate has been meeting almost continuously since Congress opened. A stream of General Staff officers, diplomats, War and State Department representatives has appeared before it. All of the key sessions have been secret.

The members of the Military Affairs Committee were summoned to the White House on Tuesday, January 31. For more than an hour they met with the President. They were told to regard everything spoken at that meeting as secret. When reports nonetheless leaked out as to what had transpired, these were three days later brazenly denied by Roosevelt; but along with the denial there was not a single word about what had actually been said at the Tuesday conference.

Last year a number of authoritative British representatives came to this country to visit the White House, including Runciman (subsequently hero of the rape of Czechoslovakia), Montagu Norman (head of the Bank of England), Anthony Eden, and several military attaches. No news of what transpired at any of these meetings has ever been published. They were all secret.

When the Bolsheviks took power in November, 1917, one of their first official acts was to publish to the world all of the secret treaties, alliances and agreements of the Tsarist regime. They made remarkably instructive reading for the workers of all the warring nations.

Those documents showed the true nature of "wars for democracy." They told what "democracy" means to imperialists. The undercover, double-crossing deals for colonies, mandates, spheres of influence, rights of exploitation, were fully listed. The phrases about "civilization" and "freedom" were omitted: those were reserved for the public speeches.

Men who have nothing to hide do not need secrecy. The Bolsheviks told, and tell, the truth to the masses because they have nothing to hide from the masses. Their aims, their full aims, are entirely open, for every worker to know and to judge.

Workers Must Demand Full Accounting

But imperialism can never tell the truth. For public consumption it offers only the multitudinous lies of its demagogues. Its real aims and plans are mentioned only behind the locked doors of secret chambers. Imperialism cannot tell the truth openly because if it did the masses would recognize their real enemy and would turn their anger away from the scapegoats conveniently provided and direct it against that enemy, against their own imperialist government.

All conspiracies are nourished in secrecy. The great conspiracy of the Roosevelt government through which it hopes to drag the people once more into a war for the salvation of the Sixty Families is no exception. The secrets will remain until the workers themselves bring the imperialist conspirators to their full accounting.

Labor Looks Through The Press

By ARTHUR HOPKINS

Mexico expels Frank L. Kluckhohn, New York Times correspondent, for his reports, which were "full of inaccuracies and bias against the Mexican government." These Mexicans act like they owned the country!

A courtroom mural depicting a child laborer with his hand caught in a machine is not allowed to be hung (by Federal Judge Guy L. Fike) because it might influence a jury.

Dentists offer simple rules for teeth health: "Secure adequate food, chew it well, and have a happy, contented frame of mind." Sharecroppers and relief clients, take note.

Those millions of nickels alleged to have been stolen from the New York subway company by several minor employes now turns out to have been only a few thousand, according to a New York Times dispatch. We knew that no mere worker could have got away with that much sugar—this is the exclusive province of the front office.

The Christian Business men of Minneapolis are holding a rally and are inviting all "Practical Christian Business Men" to attend. The hall manager is proceeding to nail everything down.

Mrs. Edgerton Parsons of New York, chairman of the Far Eastern commission on the Cause and Cure of War, asks for "protection of American investments in educational and religious institutions in China, and for an embargo by the United States on war materials and credits to Japan." So we're all set for another "war to end war"!

Buddhists want all of us to refrain from killing any living creature—even an insect—in an effort to eradicate the war spirit from the world. But if we don't get rid of parasites like flies, for instance, they get us. This also goes for bosses.

In Milan, Fascist police confiscate all available copies of a popular dictionary which defines the word "anti-Semite" as a "poorly civilized person who is hostile toward and fights Jews."