## Labor and The Second World War

By J. R. Johnson

#### The Rise of the Socialist Movement

Each imperialism had to contend not only with rival imperialisms abroad, but with an even more deadly enemy the organized workers at home.

Monopoly capitalism increased the concentration of great masses of workers into large units of industry, which facilitated their organization into powerful unions. The concentration of wealth at one end of society and the resulting poverty and unemployment at the other, the restriction of production to serve the profits of the few rather than the needs of the many, the worldwide competition between great monopolies controlling the economic life of whole nations, the burden of armaments in preparation for the war that loomed-these and other connected causes sharpened the inevitable crises of capitalist production and intensified the insecurity and dissatisfaction of the masses.

Militant labor movements, both industrial and political. embracing millions of workers in each country, menaced the imperialists throughout Western Europe. These movements marched under the banner of socialism, the substitution of public for private ownership. The imperialists could pacify a portion of these workers by paying high wages and creating a labor aristocracy, which functioned as a check on the millions of workers below. This bribery, however, required still greater profits, more new sources of raw materials, more new markets, still wider fields for investment. But new ones were not to be had. It was necessary therefore more intensively to exploit the old. But this intensive exploitation of the colonies brought new dangers. The industrialization of India and China by exported capital had created there a working class that now began to revolt against the increasingly inhuman conditions imposed upon them by their imperialist masters. Trapped between the competition of their rivals abroad and the pressure of the socialist movements at home, menaced by the growth of the labor movement in the colonies, the imperialists could see no way out but a redivision of the colonies, industrial centers, and "spheres of influence." They fought it out between 1914 and 1918, at the cost of ten million dead on the battlefield, twentyfive million wounded, and suffering and destruction beyond human calculation. That was their first great war for "democracy."

#### The Way Out

As early as October, 1914, a profound student of politics, undeceived by all the propaganda, wrote as follows: "The European war, which the governments and the bourgeois parties of all countries have been preparing for decades, has broken out. The growth of armaments, the extreme sharpening of the struggle for markets in the epoch of the latest, the imperialist, stage in the development of capitalism in the foremost countries, and the dynastic interests of the most backward East European monarchies were inevitably bound to bring about, and have brought about, the present war. To seize land and to conquer foreign nations, to ruin a competing nation and to pillage her to divert the attention of the toiling ternal political crises of Russia, Germany, England and other countries, to disunite the workers and fool them with nationalism, to exterminate their vanguard in order to weaken the revolutionary movement of the proletariat-such is the only real content, the significance and the meaning of the present war."

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## Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

More than two million men are for trying to cast discord into the immobilized along a muddy west- tentative. Moscow-Tokyo. harmern front that will soon be win- ony!

ter-bound. Except for an isolated air raid and the occasional deadly is from Russia that the next war swish of a torpedo through the move in southeastern Europe is open sea, the war has not yet be- now generally expected. In Berlin gun. The French sacrificed thou- they are looking for it and Bersands of men to advance into lin has the inside track right now. German soil at the outset, mere- Shrewd observers recognize that ly to give the appearance of do- despite the new pact of the Aling something to help the beleag- lies with Turkey, Rumania is ured Poles. At the first sign of likely to get the same kind of German counter-pressure they "support" that Poland got. Apfell back, at the price of an un- parently the general sense is that disclosed number of lives and if Stalin wants Bessarabia he the status quo ante. Sept. 3 has can probably have it without unbeen re-established.

their hour and between London, Kremlin dictator is certainly get-Paris and Berlin the air is filled ting every encouragement to with reciprocal imprecations and move. Hitler is proceeding, apthreats that somehow continue parently, on the theory that it their persistent failure to mater- will be comparatively easy to reialize. Is it because on both sides capture ground lost to Stalin if of this so-far-sham battle eyes Stalin can be brought to overare fixed on Moscow? Is it not, reach himself.

principal actor in this strange any steps which would more or spectacle and strangest of all, no- less irrevocably line up Russia as ing the investigation. body seems to be sure just what an ally at Germany's side in acrole it is playing! Scan one day's tual hostilities. Not until they news: Russia makes new de- give up all hope of bringing mands on Finland which send the about a German-Russian clash latter's negotiators back to Hel- will the Allies risk extending the singfors. Russia turns the City of war front to the southeast and, ish refugee, an aviator in Spain Flint over to Germany. Russia of necessity, to the Mediterrantells Britain it will not recognize ean as well. the blockade. Russia sends a big It is over this diplomatic notrade delegation to Berlin and an- man's land that Stalin is flying reason. The secretary asked him nounces it will furnish Hitler like a trapeze artist, high, wide, with a million tons of grain. Rus- and handsome. But he can't just him when he could see Trotsky. sia even gets a ginger little ap- keep swinging, especially with He gave his address as the Hotel erno. While the police hid, Van proving pat from Chamberlain foe-friends and friend-foes sawabout its invasion of Poland. Rus- ing away at the ropes on both sia sends aid to China-for cash sides. and goods on the line-and de-"agents of Washington" seriously lacks is a safety net.

And most important of all: it

due difficulty. "Peace offensives" have had From Hitler, certainly, the

degree of forbearance because he

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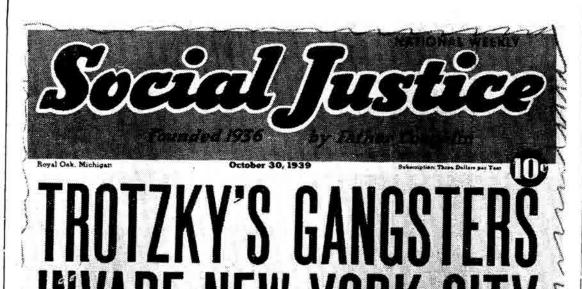
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# ROOSEVELT USES 'FLINT' SEIZURE PROMOTE U. S. WAR PLANS

### Fascist Rag Attacks 4th International

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### PURGE OF COMMUNISTS HITS STALINISTS, NOT

Above is a facsimile of Fr. Coughlin's fascist to squeal. gutter rag, Social Justice. The big scare about As for the rest of the trash, it hardly desocialist society

EZON TROTZKY

Workers Party leadership, have given Coughlin's trade unions either by anti-semitism or by refratnests of Christian Mobiliers cause enough for erence to their pro-war position. worryin the past six months. We promise to duplicate our performances in double doses in the -it will save the trade unions from the war future. The stuck pig, Coughlin, has only begun mongers-and from Coughlin.

the Fourth International taking oven New York serves even contemptuous comment. We are has a basis in fact for the future if not for the loath to accept credit for the purge of Stalinists present-when the workers of New York take from the American Labor Party. Alex Rose and command over their own lives and destiny in a David Dubinsky, whom Coughlin's vile scribblers make the target for an anti-semitic attack, will We are proud to be the butt of attack of this be the first to deny the charge of "Trotskyism." fascist fiend who is enemy No. 1 of American They are the trade union agents of Anglo-French workers. Revolutionary workers, under Socialist imperialism. But Coughlin cannot discredit the

dependent of the subsidies of the bor Aid is a clear-cut illustration large capitalist interests."

vast army of youth: "The youth of America, like the youth of the countries at war today, have nothing to gain from the present war. It is a war bethe present war. It is a war be-truth which is amply evidenced in of, the State Department issued re-divide the earth. No matter the Watson case: democracy is its demand on the Soviet governwhich side wins, totalitarian dictatorship will triumph, small nations will still be enslaved and son, in itself the elementary duty Berlin. 'peace' will be restored in the of every anti-war worker, the spirit of the robbers' Treaty of A.L.A. made it plain that it was

Calling upon the young people of this city to support the antisigned to emasculate the basic Workers Party's candidates, union demands for the union Shachtman and Paine urged that, joint union-management "Unless the youth of the nation

## **Boss Press Wails Loud** About Incident; War Propaganda Gets Spurt

The Roosevelt administration's war drive was accelerated notably this week, when the American government made demands on the Hitler-Stalin camp, in the City of Flint incident, which it has carefully refrained from making in similar cases where the Anglo-French camp is involved.

Roosevelt's "neutrality" speech on Thursday, denouncing as "one of the worst fakes in current history" the warnings sounded in and out of oCngress on the danger of American participation in the war, was exposed as the real fake, when at his bidding the State Department peremptorily demanded that the German and Soviet governments surrender the

Scizure and detention of a score of American vessels by British and French war-

## New York SWP Set For Whirlwind Finish To Election Campaign

Reiterating that the anti-war platform of the Socialist Workers Party in the present municipal elections most adequately corresponds to real needs and desires of the workers in New York, Max Shachtman and George Lyman Paine, Councilmanic candidates for the Bronx and Manhattan, prepared today for a whirlwind two-week Flint, Senator Clark and other wind-up to their respective election campaigns.

"We are confident," both candidates stated today, "that the ful in getting the State Departworkers of this city will rally to the Socialist Workers Party candi-ment to release a list of the

Calls for

Aid To

cialist Appeal, Farrell said:

of this. On this basis I support

Funds Vital

also fighting the entire issue of

war-time suppression: today in

Canada, which is already at war;

tomorrow in the United States,

Funds, said the committee, are

argently needed. The expenses

involved in conducting the de-

fense of Watson are extremely

high. Every nickel, dime and dol-

lar is of the utmost value. Con-

tributions, however small or

large should be rushed to the

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dates in a manner that will surprise everyone. From our contact with the workers of the Bronx and Manhattan during this election campaign, we are prepared to say that our anti-war program is being received with the greatest interest and sympathy. In the same way that our Party answers the needs of the workers, in the same way the workers will respond to us on election day.

Pennies Financed Campaign Both candidates today filed their campaign financial statements with the Board of Elections. James Burnham, Treasurer of the Campaign Committee,

"The financial cost of the cam- day added his voice to those who ternational law. aign to elect Max Shachtman have spoken out in condemnaand George Lyman Paine to the tion of the arrest of Frank Wat- 1907, to which the United States our campaign has been financed nies of the workers themselves. Let the other candidates, who say they are 'independent', divulge the sources financing them. These 'independents' would have to ad- the Watson case which has been mit that in no sense are they in- supplied me by the American La-

Speak to Youth Answering the questionnaire submitted by the Young Citizens Committee For a Progressive City Council, Shachtman and Paine gave their program for the

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#### NOTICE

There will be an important nembership meeting of all New York SWP and YPSL mbers this Sunday, Oct. 29, at Webster Hall, 119 E. 11th St. Time: 2:30 p.m.

ships, and the confiscation of the cargoes carried by two or more of them - it is known now that the phosphate cargoes of the American freighters and Saccarappa have been confiscated by the Britishnot only were not protested by the State Department, but the veyr facts about the seizures did not become known until last Wednesday.

After days of clamor about the German seizure of the City of congressmen finally were success-American ships seized by the Anglo-French warships.

While the State Department felt no need to inform the American people that many of these ships were and are for weeks in Anglo-French hands, much less to protest their seizure, it didn't even wait to establish the facts perore it demanded of the Soviet government immediate release of the City of Flint.

#### U. S. Fakes Excuse

The ostensible justification for the State Department's demand on the Soviet government is, that in the Anglo-French cases the seizures conformed to interna-NEW YORK, Oct. 26-James tional law, but that the City of T. Farrell, the noted novelist, to- Flint case did not conform to in-

Under the Hague Convention of City Council will show the lowest son, Canadian militant, who was government is a signatory, Arexpenditures of any candidate in arrested and sentenced to one ticle 21 provides that a prize ship the field. From beginning to end, year's imprisonment for deliver- may be brought into a neutral ing an anti-war speech in Toron- port "on account of unseaworthiwith the contributions and pen- to. In an interview with the So- ness, stress of weather, or want of fuel or provisions", but that "I agree with the statement "it must leave as soon as the cirthat democracy is the first casu- cumstances which justified its enalty of war. The information on try are at an end.

> Soviet Followed Law Formally, at least, the Soviet

government adhered to these provisions. The Germans brought Watson. I hope others will realize claim that is covered by the term case and join me in adopting this the port only a few days. Maybe the Germans were lying, and the Soviet government was helping In doubling its efforts on be- them—they are scarcely above a half of Watson, the American little deceit! But the U. S. gov-Labor Aid which has organized a ernment could not possibly know Watson Defense Fund, pointed to this to be a fact. Before it had Farrell's reiteration of the old made any investigation to speak in rallying to the defense of Wat- and similar representations to

> Press Openly Partisan The American press took it up,

and day in day out wailed loud and long against the Hitler-Stalin camp. But when, under pressure, the State Department finally released its list of American ships seized by the Anglo-French camp, it caused scarcely a ripple in the press.

This incident is a warning sign to the American people that the whole apparatus of the American government is geared to dragging us into war on the side of the Anglo-French camp. If such a flimsy pretext as the City of Flint incident is utilized to such an extent, we can imagine what will happen when some real incidents occur, as they will inevitably occur in the course of a war.

## Mexican Police Arrest Man Who Tried to Enter Trotsky's Home

Danger of Attempt at Assassination Makes CHRYSLER CO. Additional Precautionary Measures for The Defense of Trotsky Necessary

MEXICO CITY—Precautionary measures to protect Leon certainly, because no one is sure, From the Allies he can at the Trotsky against assassins were increased this week, after a suseven now, who is friend and who same time count upon a certain picious character attempted, with a fake story, to make his way in to see Trotsky. The suspect, Manuel Fernande, Barrechena, was Moscow is most assuredly the knows they are not going to take arrested by the Mexican police, rechena be received by Trotsky,

> On Oct. 20 Barrechena presented himself at Trotsky's home retaries were certain now that in Coyoacan, describing himself to Trotsky's secretary as a Spanand a member of the Communist party there. He wanted to see Trotsky, but gave no particular for his address, in order to inform

The next day someone telephoned the Trotsky household, And the one thing Stalin most said he was the Spanish general, Jose Miaja, and urged that Bar-

Moderno.

who announce they are continu- saying that Barrechena was to arrange for the gift of an automobile to Trotsky. Trotsky's secthere was something afoot, for Miaja was scarcely likely to seek contact with Trotsky. The general is living here in political retirement. Through the police, Micall had not come from him.

> Trotsky's secretary, Van, went with police to the Hotel Modwent to Barrechena's room. Barrechena told him that someone named Mata was providing the automobile for Trotsky. At this

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## SEEKS TO BALK **AGREEMENT**

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) DETROIT, Oct. 27—The Chrysler Corporation continues to Versailles." throw every obstacle in the way of an agreement with the UAW-CIO. Its chiselling tactics are de- war campaign of the Socialist shop, regulation of production sched- is reconciled to becoming cannonules and the reinstatement of ov- fodder in an imperialist war, it aja confirmed the fact that the er one hundred workers fired for failing to keep up with the speeded production.

The stubborn attitude of the corporation, which contrasts so sharply with the excessive conciliation of union officials, is now responsible for throwing 50,000 men out of work in the Chrysler plants and an additional 100,000 (Continued on Page 3)

## A New Anti-War Pamphlet \_\_\_\_\_

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- By J. R. Johnson tinued to dispose of their regular though advising us that not have quotas of the Socialist Appeal, ing a regular place to meet cre-

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The writer ended his analysis with a program of action: "Transform the present imperialist war into civil war-is the only correct proletarian slogan. . . . However difficult such a transformation may appear at any given time Socialists will never relinquish systematic, persistent, undeviating, preparatory work in this direction, since war has become a fact. .

"Long live the international fraternity of the workers against the chauvinism and patriotism of the bourgeoisie of all coun-

This was Lenin, the great follower of Marx and Engels. the founders of scientific socialism.

#### Imperialist War and Proletarian Revolution

But the war of 1914-1918 settled nothing. It could settle nothing. It could re-divide but it could not increase. Only the discovery of a continent with a few hundred million natives could save imperialism from a crisis that was now

And, as in the colonial sphere, so in Europe.

The Treaty of Versailles reshuffled boundaries, but national states remained. Even under capitalism the productive forces had attained a high degree of internationalism. The war had shown that what was now needed was the reorganization of world economy by an international cooperative plan instead of on a national competitive basis. What else could prevent the periodical explosions of rival national economies into devastating imperialist war? But private ownership of the means of production was the basis of the national state. The abolition of private ownership was a political task, and could be accomplished only by the socialist revolution of the working-class. It was for these reasons that Lenin characterized the period in which we live as the period of imperialist wars and proletarian revo-

In one great country, Russia, the workers and peasants, under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party, well educated and prepared by Lenin, overthrew the capitalist system. They transformed the basic industries from private into collectivised property, and boldly set out upon the road to socialism. The workers in Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia swept away their monarchical governments and established democratic republics-but they failed to abolish the capitalist system of property. The new Russian economy was thereby left isolated. In the rest of the world, the national state, private property and the oppressed colonial countries, in other words all the pre-war dynamite, remained. The imperialists were thus faced with the same problem as before: the accumulation of profit, the need for investment, and a world that obstinately remained the same size as it had been in 1914. Their post-war plight was now more desperate than ever, for the example of the Russian Revolution stimulated the militancy of the workers in Europe and unleashed revolutionary movements in India, China, Palestine, Egypt and other colonial countries.

#### The Imperialists Try Fascism

A method of temporarily solving one phase of the difficulty was discovered by the Italian capitalists. They subsidized Mussolini who attacked the workers' movements with armed bands. The leaders of the labor aristocracy. flourishing as members of parliament and trade union bureaucrats, would not lead the workers to the only way outthe revolutionary struggle for socialism. The workers were defeated and terrorized. Deprived of their trade unions and thei democratic rights, they were powerless to resist wage cuts, and increased hours. Thus for a time fascism stifled the pressure of the working class on the capitalist system.

But for a time only. The powers maintained an unstable equilibrium until 1929, when the world crisis once more showed the bankruptcy of the capitalist system. Britain. France, Belgium and Holland could maintain "democracy" at home only by squeezing their colonies still more. The colonials replied with fierce uprisings, which though unsuccessful, weakened still more the unstable system. Germany and Austria had no colonials to squeeze. The German capitalists followed Mussolini's example and subsidized Hitler and his fascist bands. The German workers failed to resist, their movement was destroyed, here also, as in Italy, with the connivance of the "democratic" government. With the workers crushed. Hitler was free to begin the rearmament of Germany.

In 1931 Japanese capitalists were seeking to solve their crisis by the absorption of China, In 1935 Mussolini launched his attack on Ethiopia. Another great war for "democracy" was on the order of the day.

#### Once More Imperialist War

Britain and France, leading lights of the eLague of Nations, took no serious steps against either Japan or Italy. The League was only a means of protecting their own possessions and organizing support for their own defense. By 1938 Hitler began to expand over Eastern Europe, first into Austria, next in Czechoslovakia. Hitler and Mussolini helpe destablish fascism in Spain. Britain and France, with their workers hostile at home and their colonies on the verge of revolution, could only retreat, offer "appeasement," and try to bargain with Hitler for what they called a "general settlement." Britain had helped in the rearmament of Germany, hoping to push Hitler into an attack on the Soviet Union. But the plan miscarried. Instead, Hitler accepted for the moment an alliance with Stalin.

The very practical gentlemen who rule Britain and France care nothing for "poor little Poland," for "democracy" (which was destroyed in Spain with their tacit assistance), for the JJews whom Hitler murdered-for anything they talk so much about. But if Germany, allied to the Soviet Union, conquered Poland and was allowed to digest its conquests, then British imperialism, its markets.

colonies and profits were in mortal danger. Chamberlain put aside his umbrella, picked up his rifle, and marched forward as the leader in the second great war for "democ-

#### American Capitalism and the First World War

While the European imperialisms scrambled in Asia and Africa, American capitalism prospered. The elasticity of a youn gand vigorous capitalism, the extent and wealth of the United States, gave American capitalists the illusion that this was God's own country, immune from Europe's troubles. But they, too, felt the need for colonies, and took some away fro mSpain, before the Twentieth Century began. And they began their struggle to dominate Latin America, shouldering aside here Britain and Germany, and encountered Japan and other rivals in the Far East.

During the 1914-1918 war. American capitalists made billions selling supplies and munitions, chiefly to the "democracies," who controlled the seas. When the "democracies" could no longer pay cash. American capitalists invested vast fortunes in credits to them. But by 1917 the "democracie swere in danger of being defeated, imperilling American investments. Furthermore, the whole of American economy was no wgeared to the production of war material for the "democracies." A German victory would mean immense losses abroad and a desperate crisis at home. The America ncapitalists gave their orders to Woodrow Wilson, and he, elected but five months before as the man who "kept us out of war," led America into the trenches, to make the world safe for "democracy" and the investments of American capital.

#### The Economic Crisis of 1929

The exhaustion of European imperialism and the vast profits made from the war enormously increased America's financial power. This wealth had to find a field for investment—the perpetual preoccupation of capitalism. Because they had to invest somewhere, American capitalists invested in Europe, bankrupt as it was, as well as in Latin America and the Far East. For a time imperialism on a world scale seemed to prosper as never before. But it was an artificial prosperity: prosperity under capitalism means accumulation of rofits ,and accumulation of profits means a necessity for further expansion. Expansion where? In 1929 the system crashed again, and this time as never before.

In no country was the crisis worse than in America. By 1932 the unemployed numbered at least seventeen million. Whereas Britain underwent a slow decline over more than half a century, American capitalism plunged downward hal fthe distance in one year and, today, after nine years, gives no sign of recovery. Such is the violence of capitalist disintegration in our time.

#### New Deal Into War Deal

Roosevelt was elected in 1932 as the man to solve the crisis. Vain hope! By an adroit combination of relief, government expenditures, and demagogy, he impressed the people. Profiting by the slight alleviation of the world crisis, he was reelected in 1936 by the enthusiastic vote of a hopeful but deluded people. But one year later another catostrophic convulsion, the sharpest drop in American history, demonstrated finally to those who still needed proof that American capitalism was, like the rest of the world, in

Four million workers organized into the CIO; for the first time hundreds of thousands of Negroes entered the organized labor movement; sit-down strikes followed one another in quick succession—the American workers were learning from their brothers in Europe. Here was danger,

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and Roosevelt, like every other capitalist statesman, knew onl yone way out-imperialist war.

For an immediate issue he didn't have to look far. Japan, long a rival of American imperialism for the great Chinese market, began a large-scale war in China and served notice on all other capitalists to keep out. In close cooperation with Japan, Germany and Italy, using cheap goods wrung out of their defeated workers at home, were pushing into that special preserve of American imperialism, Latin America. Listen then to Franklin Roosevelt at Chicago in October, 1937, speaking to the startled people of America:

#### Let the People Vote Against the War

"Innocent peoples and nations are being cruelly sacrificed . . . The peace-loving nations . . . Those who cherish their freedom . . . the sanctity of international treaties international morality . . . moral consciousness . . .

When a "democratic" statesman shouts hosannahs to peace and international law, then the imperialist war is not

In our time peace is merely a period of preparation for war. The moment was drawing near, the preparations had to be accelerated on all fronts.

Roosevelt set out on his war-mongering career.

Late in 1937 Congressman Louis Ludlow managed to get his proposed amendment to the Constitution discharged from the Judiciary Committee where it had been collecting dust for almost three years to the floor of the House. This called for a referendum vote among all the people before a war could be declared by the United States government against another country. The Ludlow amendment is not a revolutionary measure; even if passed it cannot by itself stop war. But it does give the people an opportunity to express at least an opinion on whether millions should be a few increases and new orders Again it must be emphasized cut short in their prime. A vote against the war might be quickly made up these losses. that prompt bundle payments a preliminary to more effective means of stopping it.

Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, opposed the amendment. Under heavy pressure by the President, the House refused, by a vote of 209 to 188, even to discuss it. The close vote shows that the congressmen were aware of the strong sentiment among the people in its favor. In the very week the vote was taken, a Gallup poll showed 75% of the people in favor of the amendment. That was why many among his trade union contacts. expired. dared not vote against it.

Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, has bitterly fought the bill ever since. Let the people vote against the war! Let the people decide! No, says Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger

#### "Fight at the Drop of a Hat"

On February 4, 1938, through Admiral Leahy, chief of naval operations, Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, outlined before the House Committee, and to the world, his blueprint for war. A note was sent to Japan heralding the naval race.

On February 17, 1938, Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, called a secret meeting of the great financial, industrial, and newspaper lords, the heads of the army and navythe real rulers of this country. At Chicago it was all peace on the part of the Madras Legis-still affords scope for repairing and international morality, but now, when these high-up lative Assembly, resigned today the blunder. gangsters were speaking not to the public, but to one an- (Oct. 27), in accordance with inother, you could have closed your eyes and imagined your- ist Congress. This, is the first of persist in the hypnotic belief that self in Rome or Berlin. Said Roosevelt, "This nation used others to come. to be ready to fight at the drop of a hat and we must get it that way again.

On February 24, Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, asked or fuel to the fire of revolt now and will give no rest until the the New York up-state WPA for lists of unmarried men on home or work relief. He did not hide why he wanted tary and police terror against In- suit of this goal which is no less the lists. It was to get the men into the army.

On March 5, Franklin Roosevelt, war-monger, announced plans for a war alliance with the Latin American

On March 26, 1938, the war situation sharpened in Eurone. No European nation, no three European nations, could meeting in London, the center of attack us, could send across the ocean three or four million soldiers and all the supplies they would need. Roosevelt point on the war agenda and is to knows this as well as anybody else, but he seized the op- be discussed this week. portunity to increase the naval budget. In 1934 it was \$290,000,000. Early in 1938 he had it up to \$1,00,000,000. Now he added an extraordiany appropriation, making a the need for launching an immessages proves this. At home, total of \$2,121,000,000. For the army the budget was \$500,000,000.

During the next few weeks he praised the Sheppard-May bill which provides for the mobilization of industry for war. He initiated vast naval maneuvers in the Pacific, on a Indian Nationalist Congress. front of five thousand miles from Alaska to Samoa. This was a warning to Japan, whose drive in China continued unabated. While the naval maneuvers were taking place, he tish, and feeling the intense and announced war-games on land and in the air, to last until hostile pressure of the masses the fall.

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continues to do very well in sell- But special emphasis must be ing a bundle of the Socialist Ap- pleaed on the task of getting afpal and The New International ter the subscriptions which have

Ill. hopes to be able to continue

Likewise the comrades in Houston, Texas and other localities continue quietly to dispose effect-

magazine. An order has been placed for Syracuse, N. Y.

In New Haven N. Lyons has taken over the work of literature agent and writes they are confi-Since our last record, 27 new dent shortly of increasing the

As reported before, the Oakland comrades have been very ed in the best week's job in this successful in selling the paper at meetings. Recently Comrade E. The record of the cities since M., Literature Agent, together with another comrade sold 50 copies at a single "Ham and ewal Eggs" meeting.

Lennie Saunders has become the new literature agent in Philadelphia and is taking steps for increased sales

The Newark, N. J. organization continues to dispose regularly of its large quantity.

In Allentown, Pa. Comrade R. Q. disposes of several copies regularly at the unemployed gath-

One of our comrades speaking at a high school in Reading, Pa. acquainted many persons there for the first time with our litera-

In Pittsburg Comrade O. I. has been doing well in obtaining new readers.

Local Cleveland decided to cut and liquidation of large outstandthe Management ways and means In Portland, Ore. our comrade for paying up their back bills.

### India's Masses Want Action, Not Stop-Gap Compromises

#### Whatever the Desire of Gandhi, the Masses Have No Faith in Parliamentary Debate

BULLETIN .

with a 152 to 23 vote of approval has passed a mild resolution. It structions of the Indian National- that this is a blunder, or will they

Meanwhile, Sir Samuel Hoare, that India must always remain speaking in the British Parlia- their milk cow? I can only say ment, added an enormous amount that the Congress will not rest. spreading throughout India, by a goal is won. Its very existence speech threatening drastic mili- depends upon its relentless purdian nationalists.

For the time being, the burning question of India and its demand for independence, has been shifted to the British Parliament now the British Empire. There the question occupies an important

This shift does not reflect the desires of the Indian masses to ers and peasants of India behind whom the only relevant factor is mediate, mass struggle against the bloody imperialism that rules over them. But it is the direct reflection of the cowardly fears of the Indian capitalist class and its leaders who at present guide the "Hot and Cold"

Unable to obtain any concessions from the war-minded Briwho are egging them on to revolutionary action, these vacillating leaders would do anything to reach a compromise. This blowing "hot and cold" is shown in a message sent by the conservative Mahatma Gandhi to the London News Chronicle:

"I wish that the British gov ernment would realize that India is not begging for its independence. The Congress (nationalist organization) asked Britain to say that she would not resist in dependence. Hindu, Moslem and other difficulties are there beyond dispute. The question is whether Britain will stand aside and let India settle her own difficulties in her own way when the war is over. That is why the Congress has suggested a Constituent As sembly, where every community will be fully represented, to frame a constitution for India. The mis

chief done is very real. The The Madras Congress Ministry, Working (executive) Committee

"Will the British public realize the India Office can never err; than the complete independence of India.

Passivity Won't Do

This statement is a combination of cajoling and threatening. But the emphasis is clearly on the desire to capitulate before the British, if only they will give the Indian bosses a few bones and some promises.

The fact that Gandhi-instead of preparing for mass action and mobilizing the 375,000,000 workthe Congress - sends pleading where the real fight is, the Gandhists urge the people not to act, but to remain passive.

But Gandhi can no longer represent the relentless urge of the masses for their independence. Even if he should temporarly succeed in bringing about some fake compromise, he can no longer call a halt. The need of India's people is for bread: only their own workers' and peasants' government can give them this.

V. K. Krishna Menon, Secretary of the British India League, and a conservative follower of Gandhi has recognized this in a speech delivered October 25 before British Labor and Liberal leaders. He said, "I cannot see how a large scale conflict between the powerful All-India National Congress and the Viceregal's government in India can be

The round of Parliamentary waddle cannot last long. The voice of Britain's imperialists and their Labor Party agents cannot reach across the seas to India's masses. They know what their goal is.

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#### THE NOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERF LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED"-KARL MARX. **NEGRO QUESTION**

By J. R. JOHNSON \_

(Continued from Last Issue)

#### Negroes! On Guard against The New Stalinist Line

If James Ford is asked why he and Browder spent five years tomobile Workers Union and the confusion that has swept the persuading the American workers that their future lay with Roose- Lewis machine became evident in plants. velt and the New Deal, he will lie like a trooper in reply. No people Flint this week, as the issue of a in history ever lied like the Stalinists. But the real reason for Ford's Chevrolet strike uncovered grow-

Whereas Lenin and Trotsky always said, "How can we best help groups. the workers in Russia and all over the world, for we are all one," Stalin, Ford's master today says, "How can I use the workers to help me and my burocrats preserve our wealth and power?'

In 1935, he was trying to get an alliance with Britain and France But the reactionary imperialisms didn't want to make an alliance with a revolutionary. So Stalin gave his orders to his servants ail over the world. "Stop being revolutionary. Be good lovers of 'democracy'. Above all no class struggle." Whereupon Browder and Ford started on their "democratic" career. How their paper and their speeches used to stink! They fawned all over the boots of Franklin Roosevelt, the same Roosevelt who now jails Browder and who may well jail Ford tomorrow. Every other column in the Stalinist papers whooped it up for F.D.R. All who were for F.D.R. were heroes in the eyes of the Stalinists. Formerly they had denounced the NAACP and the Urban League. Suddenly these Negro petty-bourgeois, who are as revolutionary as a stale potato-pie, were embraced by the Stalinists, and transformed over night into leaders of the American Negro workers.

The Workers Alliance, led by David Lasser and controlled by Stalinists, became one of the most reactionary organizations in the late a speed-up and discriminate preparation. country. It stifled the militancy of the workers and reached its final degeneration when it made Eleanor Roosevelt an honorary member. How in the name of God could a workers' organization, designed to lead the starving unemployed against a chiseling capitalist governand Stalin, the Big Boss, was er to lead the battles of the auto ment, make the wife of the head of that government an honorary member? Strikers may as well ask the boss's wife to come and be an honorary member of the picket line.

#### Acted against the Class Struggle

The Stalinists were simply killing the class struggle, as they had killed it in France and in Spain, and for the same reason-to help Stalin get his alliance with Britain, France, and America. For the American workers, and for the American Negroes, the Stalinists didn't care a damn.

Naturally, to be able to influence the workers at all, the Stalinists had to maintain a show of militancy. But even while maintaining this show, their main business in life was to act in such a way as to give the capitalists the following impression:

"We are not real reds any more. See how we restrain the workers. See how we praise F.D.R. Make the alliance with Stalin and you can depend upon us to keep the workers quiet. If war comes we shall get them into it much more quickly and efficiently than you the speed up in the Flint plants nothing more than to smash un-

The Stalinist rank and filer didn't know that this was the real meaning of the policy. Ford and Browder knew all right.

But thinks didn't go well in Europe from Stalin's point of velw. Britain and France wouldn't agree to his territorial expansion in the Baltic. Hitler, hungry for an ally, agreed to Stalin's demands (for the time being). The two made their bargain, and Stalin, as Hitler's ally, dropped all his talk about Russia and the "democ-"acies" fighting against fascist aggression.

Here was a fine mess for the Stalinists to be in. All they could do was to double back, put a good brass face on it, and start supporting the Hitler-Stalin Pact. They had to or they would have been as a mechanical device to launch ion. Inspire the ranks. Once this stall the union negotiators until a man with a package attempted called Trotskyists. They would have been abused, expelled and cal- an adventuristic and badly organumniated. But though they now have to support Hitler, who at present is doing most of the fighting in the Hitler-Stalin combination, they are supporting him in a very clever way. They are praising Stalin of course. That they have to do, or out they go on their heads into the street. It would be difficult, however, actually to sup- that the auto workers will rise What is needed is genuine acport Hitler openly. So what they do is to carry on a vicious cam- in a short time, when given the paign against Hitler's enemies, the "democracies". The more they slightest chance to learn the is- eye should be kept on the "genembarrass the "democracies", the more they help Hitler, and, as sues involved, and when they feel erals" who order an advance prethey see it, the more they help Hitler, the stronger is Hitler's ally, they have an organization behind maturely. They are probably in

Hence, this strange spectacle of Ford in Harlem bellowing But the conservative bureauit undoubtedly is), and saying that his purpose and the purpose of who have spent the past several his party is to save the Negroes from wasting their blood and lives in a quarrel not their own (which is certainly not Ford's purpose.) This two-faced scoundrel was no more thinking of Negroes' welfare than in the days when he was trying to shepherd them into the "democratic" front and send them fighting against Hitler on behalf NEW YORK PARTY of the Moscow bureaucrats.

#### A Judas Re-Born

There have been many Judases in the world, since the first and CLIMAX TO DRIVE most famous one. Negroes have produced their fair share. But of all the criminal specimens on that dirty list, you will have to search must fight side by side with the far before you meet one like Ford, a Negro, brought up in the South, Young Peoples Socialist League knowing what his people suffer. And yet in August 1939, this traitor for: is telling Negroes to fight for "democracy" and in September he's telling them to keep America out of war. And all the time he's using them to serve the interests of the Moscow murderers of revolutionaries and organizers of frame-up trials.

But F.D.R., as the Stalinists so lovingly used to call him, and Murphy allowed Ford and Browder plenty of "democracy" so long as the supported American imperialism. But the moment they start talking about imperialist war on both sides and impeding F.D.R.'s mobilization for America's imperialist war against Hitler, then they get a real test of the "democracy" which for the last five years they so powerfully supported. Franklin jails his old friend Earl.

Negroes! Put not your trust in princes, neither in F.D.R., nor in F.D.R.'s "democracy", nor in anything else except the organized force of the working class movement, black and white. And the Negroes should feed with a very long spoon a political party that between 1935 and 1939 spent its time telling them to trust in

The Negroes must beware of the Stalinists when they come whining that Browder has been made a martyr on account of his struggle against imperialist war. If Browder is a martyr, he's a the teachers to rally against any martyr to his own crooked support of Roosevelt's "democracy" during the last five years. If Browder is a martyr, he's a martyr to Hitler's war, which he's trying to win for the sake of Hitler's ally, Committee and the League of Stalin. If Browder is a martyr, he's a martyr for the sake of Stalin's Women Voters, both candidates bloated bureaucracy. But that slick double-crosser is certainly no stated their support of the plan martyr for the revolutionary workers and their struggle for so- for County Re-organization as a

So when Ford comes around putting across his sorrowful tale about Browder suffering for "democratic rights" and as an anti-war fighter, the Negroes will tell him to go and tell that tale in Moscow, what they extort from the poor. All workers will oppose Roosevelt's interfering with the working class movement on any pretext whatever. But that does not in any the fight against the Lyons Resiway mean that we shall cease to expose Ford, Browder, Stalin and dence Bill, which, they stated, all their works.

And at the same time also let us, as vigilant revolutionary work- workers of long service in the vaers. not be taken in by the "democracy" fakers, with their ballyhood rious city departments. about agents of a foreign power. Negroes and white workers will Initiating the windup to the not lose two winks of sleep about foreign powers, except in so far campaign will be two outdoor as we can help the workers in a foreign country to overthrow that mass rallies this Saturday eveforeign power. We know only two powers-the imperialists on the ning at which both candidates one hand, and the workers, farmers and oppressed colonials on the will speak. other. Franklin, who jails his old friend Earl, belongs to one camp. Many of Earl's followers belong to our camp, and that is why we Shachtman, George Clarke and protest when Franklin jails his old pal, Earl. But we have to make others will feature the mass ralit very clear that our protest on behalf of Browder is in reality on ly at Tremont and Prospect Avebehalf of his misguided followers and the rights of the workers as nues. a whole. That protest doesn't in any way make us mitigate, but In Manhattan, candidate Paine leads us rather to intensify our denunciation of his corrupt and will speak between Lexington poisonous politics.

## "LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN Stalinists and Lewis Forces at Loggerheads SEEKS TO BALK On Auto Uniou Policy AGREEMENT

Vigilance Necessary

A strike under these conditions

Who Will Lead?

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | spend a few dollars on leaflets or FLINT, Mich., Oct. 24-Indica- other means of publicity, are now tions of a brewing battle between rushing ahead without any con-Stalinist forces in the United Au- cern whatever for the manifest

The Stalinist forces, typically and other incompetents, pulled as ground, are pushing for strike union. action in Flint Chevrolet plants. on the International Executive go over the heads of their irres- compromise Board of the UAW-CIO, and ponsible leaders, and by sheer the ranks of the union.

Growing Discontent Discontent has been brewing from the company. for months in the Flint plants, against union men.

While the Stalinists were foltant action as an aid to "Fased to embarrass Roosevelt.

Now, however, that Stalin has ers will lead the workers in a waved his magic wand, and has ordered his flunkeys to oppose and both will back down when a corporation-wide contract be Roosevelt and lend aid to the Hitler-Stalin camp, these self-same ionism conflicts with American ments for each plant. They use as Stalinist robots, with as little participation in the war. concern for the workers' needs, are vigorously pushing for strike are engaged in a bold campaign union had conclusively demonaction, and flaunting defiance in to smash the auto unions in prethe face of the International Ex- paration for war production. ecutive Board of the UAW-CIO.

That action is needed to settle come with orders for war mater- percent of the workers. the pile of grievances, and stop ials, these manufacturers want is true without a doubt. There is considerable stirring of the rank and file, and demand for a fight That a strike is necessary is beyond question .But the Stalinists, the issues, without so much as ed calling a mass meeting to inspire the workers in the plants, have pushed through a strike vote that

ized action. The fighting forces in Flint can easily be routed. Their back- fore you have a well-knit army ground of militancy has proved on the field will mean defeat.

months trying to insure their own salaries, who have hesitated to

# PREPARES BANG-UP

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A peoples vote before war can be declared.

A lowering of the voting age to 18 years to permit the youth, who will be called upon to fight in war, to vote on war

For youth WPA projects instead of NYA handouts, and the transference of the two billion dollar war budget to provide youth with jobs and a chance to ive, instead of guns and death."

Support Teachers' Demands In answer to the questionnaire of the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations, comprising 40,000 New York school teachers, Shachtman and Paine denounced all attempts to cut the school budget and called upon attempt to cut their salaries.

In reply to the City Affairs step toward ridding the city of petty grafters and corrupt sinecures, many of whom thrive on

Shachtman and Paine endorsed discriminates against many

In the Bronx, candidate Max

and Third Avenues on 86th St.

# CHRYSLER CO.

To Fight Company By Strike Action

Top officials of the union out adequately preparing the ous problems now confronting the "union shop" requires only that find a feudalist. Once however they are in ac- quired to join the union within a fact that I wholeheartedly and against the express policies of R. tion, it is possible the rank and specified period of time). But the completely stand for the support tion of the Ukraine does actually the future the national Ukrainian Thomas and other Lewis men file of the union will sweep ahead, corporation flatly rejected this of the Ukrainian people in their weaken the U.S.S.R. What to do

still a good "Democrat," they workers. While the Stalinists are sion in this proposal since corporbranded every attempt at mili- agents of Hitler-Stalin, Lewis is ation officials previously labelled ficialdom of the union under pres- crat Miliukov are perhaps ready going to help sell you to the war every demand of the union for a sure of government mediators to answer to this question that cists" and as a maneuver design- mongering Roosevelt and the Al- voice in production-schedules "so lied camp. Neither of these lead- vietization."

And now the corporation is vigorous fight against speed-up, holding out on the demand that the crucial fight to maintain un- signed instead of separate agree-The automobile manufacturers N.L.R.B. ruling. This after the Greedy for the profits that will that it had the allegiance of 80

The Stalinist irresponsible polimust have weapons! First preis done, no force on earth can stop the advance of the auto And meanwhile they will speed that he had been sent by General workers. To try to give battle beplants to complete their 1940 pro- garden. While the secretary

tion, not an adventure. A wary

(Continued from Page 1) ing animosity between the opposed by R. J. Thomas and in feeder plants and in the rubber Lewis, led by Stalinist flunkeys and glass industries.

new employes hired shall be re-

The original demand of the unitancy, manage to hold together standards by joint committees doesn't embarass L. Trotsky at ibly retains within its boundaries the union and force concessions has been whittled down by the all." Absolutely so! As regards some other nationality considers But workers must be aware of place an ambiguous proposal only embarassed but deeply would weaken the state in ecoas the Stalinist leadership, to- the new political turn of the lined with yards of red tape: progether with conservative misfits Communist Party, and beware of duction standards are to be set separation of the Ukraine. The lci annexed the Czechs and semiwho sold the offices, have allowed their attempts to provoke pre- by the corporation; in case of democratic urge of an oppressed annexed Slovakia precisely bethe company to pile up a moun-mature strikes, or other irrespon-complaint they are investigated nationality to gain its complete cause this leads to the militain of unsettled grievances, init-sible actions, without adequate by a joint-union-management Lewis, Thomas and his aides

> a pretext a technicality in the TROTSKY HOME strated in the N.L.R.B. elections. called on company insistence, chena

weeks-and probably more. Dur- ities. ing this time the corporation will In a similar incident recently, gram. Then the union can whistle for its agreement.

for the UAW-CIO to be euchred before police could apprehend out of its just demands. Chrysler him. must meet competition with Gendealers, who are already howling ways and means of putting him

## Democratic Feudalists and the Independence of the Ukraine

In Kerensky's periodical, "No-|independence cannot fail to of the Ukraine to the interests of vaya Rossia" for July 12, 1939, arouse the ire of feudalists. "The the international proletariat if Workers Stand Ready my article on the independence of question of how this revolution they came into conflict with one the Ukraine (printed in Socialist (the national Ukrainian revolu- another. But there is no sign ev-Appeal, May 9, 1939) is subjected tion) will be utilized by Hitler to a "criticism" of its own kind. for the realization of his plans is being strangled by the very From the standpoint of socialist, is not touched by Trotsky." The same Bonapartist reaction that scientific, literary, etc., criteria, gentlemen of "Novaya Rossia" strangles the whole of the U.S.-'Novaya Rossia' is of course of consider that "the separation of S.R. and undermines its capacity no interest at all. But it possess- the Ukraine will lead to the mili- for self-defense. The Ukrainian es this merit, that it enables one tary weakening of the U.S.S.R.," revolutionary movement aimed to peer into the heads of the and they come very close to the against the Bonapartist bureauc-Russian middle and petty bour- conclusion that Trotsky's politics racy is the direct ally of the ininconsiderate of the needs of the a political maneuver, will not suc- agreed to modify their original geois democrats. Scratch any of serve Hitler. The same opinion is ternational revolutionary prolerank and file workers, and withceed in settling the host of seridemand for a union shop. (The

The periodical fumes over the reads a French proverb." without adequate preparation of weight of their numbers and mil- ion for the setting of production Soviet Ukraine from the U.S.S.R. nations? Every state which forc- and the dismemberment of the corporation. In its stead they Messrs. Democrats, they are not that the separation of the latter roused by the prospect of the nomic and military spheres. Hit-

committee; if satisfaction is not voted overwhelmingly for strike obtained through this procedure Up to 5,000 workers have picketthe dispute is to be thrown into ed the Dodge plant. This is a lowing their pro-Roosevelt line, are not to be depended upon eith- the regular grievance machinery. strike the corporation cannot There is undoubtedly a conces- break once it gets under way. The great danger is that the ofand even the war department will the Ukrainians are "by and yield what it should gain before the strike ever gets in motion.

## TRIES TO ENTER

(Continued from Page 1) point the police arrested Barre-

Barrechena attempts to pass a Spaniard from Malaga, but In the yielding attitude of fails to conceal his Central Amer-Thomas, Frankensteen and the ican pronunciation. He had no other negotiators of the union, papers of any kind or personal there is a great danger for the belongings. He had a Pan-Amercies will only lead workers into Chrysler workers. There is now a ican-Airways schedule on him, the trap set by the corporations, move on foot, initiated by gov- and a scribbled note listing the who know well enough that they ernment "meditator" James Dew- days when Pan American flies. It without preparing the ground, have picked a moment when the ey, to return Dodge workers to is believed here that he was the rights of the Ukraine like horsewithout acquainting the men with unions are none too well prepart the plant and resume work duragent of a group attempting to ing negotiations. These negotia- organize the assassination of rect and immediate point of de-The speed-up can be ended only tions, it is conservatively said, Trotsky, assigned to make a preby struggle. But to struggle you can drag out for at least three liminary survey of the possibil-

> they are green around the gills. to enter Trotsky's house, saying hell out of the workers in the Mugica with fertilizer for the checked over the telephone, General Mugica denying any knowl-There is no reason in the world edge of the man, the suspect fled

There are numerous other indiworkers are more than ready to the household has been reinforced fight. Every Chrysler local has by this latest incident.

minds run in the same gutter,

struggle for national and state then with the democratic prin- to the fact that Hitler already independence. "The separation of ciple of the self-determination of today is utilizing the suppression ary strengthening of Germany. Wherein does the criterion of our democrats differ from the criterion of Hitler? As regards the nation or the Ukrainians, the democrats of "Novava Rossia" following the not uncelebrated demo-

Let us grant that the separa-

large and in general" in all likelihood a nation, but after all there are limits. In other words, f they are a nation, it is a second-class one inasmuch as the termined by the interests of Russia, i.e., the Great Russian majority. And this is precisely Ukraine! the viewpoint of the chauvinistic feudalists.

In the sad and sorry days of the February revolution, the Provisional Government brazenly refused to extend to the Ukrainians not only independence—the Ukrainians did not demand this at that time as yet—but also mere autonomy. Messrs. Democrats haggled over the national traders. They then took their diparture the interests of the old hand survey of the historic Great Russian "masters" of the events of this year right at your landlord, bourgeois and democratic type. Today they are translating the very same great and glorious tradition into the language of the emigres.

From a much higher historical standpoint, namely from the standpoint of the socialist revolution, it would be quite possible to subordinate for a certain period of time the national interests

en of such a conflict. The Ukraine

The far-sighted democratic feudalists are very much concernea lest Hitler utilize some time in revolution. They close their eves Ukrainian nation

In contrast to Messrs, Democrats of the Menshevik and Narodnik variety, we do not at all proceed from the consideration that there is no beast more powerful than the cat. Hitler's strength in general, and in relation to the Ukraine in particular, lies not in himself but in the worthleseness and rottenness of democracy, in the decomposition of the Second and Third Internationals, in the vast wave of disillusion, decline, and apathy among the masses. The triumphant revolutionary movement in any country will sound the knell for Hitler. The national revolutionary Ukrainian movement is an integral part of the mighty revolutionary wave which is now being molecularly prepared unfate of the Ukraine must be dederneath the crust of triumphant reaction. That is why we say: Long Live Independent Soviet August 5, 1939

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### Trotsky In Danger

Elsewhere in this issue we report the details of the latest attempt against Trotsky. The vigilance of those guarding Trotsky in his household succeeded in thwarting the attempt as soon as it began.

But let us not delude ourselves: Trotsky is in grave personal danger. Not only is he in danger from the Stalinist GPU assassins, but also from Stalin's allies, the Nazi gangsters; and from the "democrats" who, as the war deepens and is prolonged, fear more and more the spectre of the ending of the war by revolution. To both the camps of Hitler-Stalin and Chamberlain-Roosevelt, Trotsky represents the revolution which they would destroy.

Trotsky's comrades and friends are taking all the precautions that are humanly possible within their means. Particularly, guard precautions have been increased within the household.

The Fourth International does not intend that Trotsky, who represents the direct line of Marxism, shall suffer the fate handed out to the old Bolsheviks by Stalin,

### American Labor Party

In the New York City councilmanic elections, we are asking the workers in the Bronx and Manhattan to give first place on their ballots to Max Shachtman (Bronx) and George Lyman Paine (Manhattan), the candidates of the antiwar party, the Socialist Workers Party, For all other councilmanic and other posts, we ask the workers of New York to vote for the candidates of the American Labor Party.

Our support of the ALP candidates, now as in other elections, is not based on any agreement with their program. It would be more correct to say that we support them in spite of their program. The ALP program has always been an opportunist one, a patchwork of petty-bourgeois proposals, tinged here and there with a trade union coloration. The ALP's pro-war resolution of Oct. 4, which we have analyzed and condemned in a series of articles, merely continues the opportunist course of the ALP. Peace-time opportunism is the fountain-head of war-time chauv-

Why, then, do we call upon the workers to vote for the ALP candidates? Because the ALP is the organized expression on the political field of a major group of trade unions. We want to see the trade unions and other workers' organizations organize their own party, a Labor Party, independent of and opposed to the capitalist parties, and within the arena of the Labor Party a struggle of programs for the working class can

be carried on far more concertedly than today. The bigger the vote for the ALP, the more would the workers be encouraged to insist that their unions join in the formation of a nationwide Labor Party.

A Labor Party, to have any meaning, must be based on the trade unions. That is why, in the present fight between the pro - Ally and pro -Hitler-Stalin camps in the ALP, we recognize the pro-Ally camp—the leadership, of the needle trades unions—as the official representatives of the ALP. They have with them the overwhelming majority of the trade unions affiliated to the

ALP. The Stalinists have few unions; the neighborhood clubs they control mean nothing in the basic structure of a Labor Party.

Programmatically, we fight equally against both war-camps: against the "democratic" as much as against the Hitler-Stalin camp. We ask the workers to support our program in this election by giving first preference on their ballots to our candidates. But we also ask them to vote for the official candidates of the American Labor Party in order to speed the day when the workers will break away from the capitalist parties.

Within the ALP we ask the workers, in the voting on the ALP pro-war resolution, to vote neither with the Stalinists nor with their opponents. A vote for either side is a vote for a camp of war-mongers. Within the ALP, as everywhere in the working class, we work for the formation of a third camp: the camp of revolutionary struggle against both warring camps.

#### **Courting Stalin**

Winston Churchill's statement on Oct. 1 that Stalin's invasion of Poland "was clearly necessary for the safety of Russia" received the guarded approval of Prime Minister Chamberlain on Oct. 26; the same day Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, stated "It is worth recalling that the action of the Soviet Government has been to advance the Russian boundary substantially to that recommended at the time of the Versailles conference by Lord Curzon."

In short, after a month of great moral indignation, the Anglo-French camp has decided to put a good face on Stalin's annexations.

All that this new development tells us is that the Anglo-French camp has not given up hope of wooing Stalin away from Hitler. It tells us nothing new about Stalin's invasion.

We did not join the Anglo-French imperialists in their self-righteous and hypocritical denunciations of the invasion. We do not join them now in their whitewash of the invasion. A month ago and today, our judgment of the invasion remains

We criticised the invasion from the standpoint of the international working class. That standpoint has nothing in common with that of either warring camp, or their Social-Democratic or Stalinist agents. We repudiated with contempt the Social-Democratic call for defense (in "democratic" uniforms) of "poor little Poland." We repudiated with contempt the Stalinist alibi that Stalin was "liberating" the occupied territories; we said that the nationalization of industry and the land by the Soviet bureaucracy in the occupied territories was being carried out, for one reason only: that the Soviet bureaucracy did not desire to share the power with the Polish capitalists and landlords. We called upon the workers in the occupied territories to take advantage of the new situation, by taking the lead in destroying the old regime, organizing factory and peasant committees and preparing to carry through, jointly with the workers of the Soviet Union, of which they are now a part, the overthrow of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

We still stand on that position, Messrs. Chamberlain and Halifax and Stalin to the contrary.

### Why Catalonia Fell

In the early spring of this year, we now know, Hitler prepared his anti-Polish military campaign; the first negotiations between Hitler and Stalin in this connection began then.

In the early spring of this year, the Stalinistdominated Negrin government was still in power in Lovalist Spain. Suddenly, its defenses in Catalonia collapsed. The chief stronghold of the Loyalists, Barcelona, fell without a fight. Within a few days all of Catalonia was in the hands of Franco. When the outright capitulationists, led by Miaja and Casado, moved to take control and make peace with Franco, the Stalinist leaders offered no resistance; they flew to safety abroad, leaving the masses to Franco's mercy.

Was it a coincidence that, as Stalin was coming to terms with Hitler, Stalin's hirelings were abandoning the fight against fascism in Spain? We did not then know the facts about the secret agreement with Hitler, although we then predicted a pact between them. But even then we were able accurately to characterize Stalin's role in Spain: a deliberate betrayal of the Spanish

working class. The Stalinists indignantly denied it then. But

Heywood Bround, columnist and president of the American Newspaper Guild, denied he is, or ever has been, a member of the Communist party. Gad! Think of the dues he's cheated that party out of!

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## What the Nazi Press Says About The Stalin-Hitler War Alliance

The significance of the collapse of the Comintern is summarized fulfilled in the Soviet Union" and is follows by the Nazis. (All "there can be no question of Bolquotes are from the Deutsche shevism in the Soviet Union." Zeitung von Mexico, Sept. 12, 19

"This complete ideological and rganizational disintegration of developments in the Soviet Unon." After Bolshevik Russia men in the Soviet Union were than that of liquidating Bolshevism in their own country too."

The Nazi organ has no doubt that the liquidation of Bolshevism inside Russia has been concluded for some time: Bolshevism means the erection of a Socialist order of society; Socialism, however, means the removal, i.e., the withering away of the State. The Nazis are not deceived by the years." abel "Socialist State" which the stallnist bureaucracy have pastwho take completely into account shevism and Socialism, Hitler at label "Socialist State" which the

police, etc., had not been destroyed; on the contrary the Soviet hanner bearer of the world revo- the Versailles Diktat." the battlefields of Poland not for ner-political "stability" of Ger-other along with it. the world revolution but, just like the German Army, to rectify an injustice, against British and French imperialism and for a greater Russia.

#### SEE NOT A TRACE OF BOLSHEVISM

"The workers, peasants and oldiers councils which are suposed to form the actual ground work of the Soviet system, have been successfully eliminated for 15 years and in 1937 they were finally liquidated with the re-introduction of Soviet foreign in-

"Nor has the officialdom been abolshed in the Soviet Union. Officials are not elected by the workers, as the Bolshevik program calls for, but are appointed by superior bodies of the State. They receive not the pay of the worker, as Socialism propagates, but have on the contrary, the very same and even greater privleges than the officialdom in old Czarist Russia

"Cast distinction and cast conflicts have not been abolished in the Soviet Union. They are perhaps not greater, but in no case smaller than in other countries." The Nazi paper substantiates this contention by taking up wage policy in the Soviet Union and concludes :"We have here differences in income from 3,000 up to 300,000 rubles.

And after all these facts have been enumerated we get this reassuring balance sheet: "Of the

(Concluded from Last Issue) | program of the Bolshevik Party many rests in the main upon a . . not a single plank has been convulsive terror. Hitler and his retainers are to

#### HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT STALINISM

The Nazis are also acquainted he Comintern has not failed to with the arguments which have affect in turn the inner political lately been brought forth by the bewildered Stalinists and People's Fronters, namely that "this pact ound out that it had no revolu- is only a bluff on the part of Sotionary support in the other viet Russia . . . in order to facilicountries, "the responsible states- tate the organization of the Boishevik revolution in Germany. left with no other alternative In Germany there is a different conception: "Such an interpretation . . . is based only upon distrust as to the inner-political stability of Germany, and can only be explained by the fact that the sponsors of such views leave out of consideration the tremendous political and economic changes MASSES DO NOT TRUST which have taken place in the Soviet Union in the last few

ed on; they prefer to stick to the the tremendous political and economic changes which have come in the eyes of the German mass-"The State and all its institu-tions such as the standing army, last few years, finally come out with hope to Moscow and secretly with the following contention:

Russian Army and Police are two Germany can live in undisturbed masses of their Socialist hopes, very important factors in the friendship with a National Bol- but he will only free them of power of the State. And in order shevik Russia which has given up their last illusion about Stalinthat no illusion shall remain on the ideas of world revolution, has ism. The Pact may have caused the score that the Red Army has no territorial claims on Germany, temporary confusion and depreslong ago ceased to be an instru- and which fights together with sion in Germany but Hitler will ment of the Comintern and the Germany for the destruction of not gain new confidence even

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Whither England

lay engaged in exploiting the pact with Stalin in the face of the dissatisfied German masses who were opposed to war: if Russia itself, they plead stands on our side, then de we not fight for a just cause? Thus the pact with Stalin serves them to justify the plans of German imperialism and to infuse in the German masses confidence in the fascist warmongers. In reality, however, the support which the Hitler dictatorship finds in Stalin is of very questionable value. Just as the German masses have come to understand the genuine essence of Hitler's "National Socialism," so they will also lose their illusions egarding Stailn's "National Bol-

#### EITHER OF ITS "FRIENDS"

By ordering his scriveners to

describe Stalin as a trustworthy listened in to the Moscow broad-"Even a National Socialist casts. Hitler intends to cure the with Stalin's help. In turning aglution the following words have If the Hitler press has no illu- ainst Hitler, the German masses been deleted from the oath of the sion about the true substance of are now turning at the same Red Army at the beginning of the Stalinism, it does have very time against Stalin and his clique. current year: I pledge myself to many illusions regarding the "in- The "undisturbed friendship" of fight for the cause of Socialism ner-political stability of Ger- Hitler and Stalin is approaching and for the brotherhood of the nations.' The Red Army fights on friendship" with Russia. The in- one will most certainly carry the

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## Regime Add to Its Conquests? By SHERMAN STANLEY The uppermost question in the minds of imperialist

Will Stalinist

diplomats today is, "What next from Stalin and his regime"? Is it possible for Stalin-already deeply enmeshed in his alliance with Hitlerism-to withdraw? Or must he continue along the path of conquest and enslavement upon which he has set out? Stalin and his bureaucratic cohorts have raised to their lips the bottle containing the heady wine of conquest and expansion, pressed from fruits gathered by their plunderers. The first drops have tasted sweet and have gone down smoothly. Will Stalin now give an additional tilt to the bottle so as to increase the

Let us summarize what has been done by the ruling Kremlin powers to date. They have conquered Eastern Poland (Byelo Russia and the Polish Ukraine) and established their undisputed rule over this large area. Estonia has been made a military "protectorate", with such conditions that its whole national structure is, in effect, ruled by Russia. With this arrangement there has come sea control over the North Baltic (Gulf of Finland) and military positions that make the capitulation of Finland inevitable before the threats of the Kremlin rulers.

Latvia and Lithuania are meekly following behind Estonia and are likewise foredoomed to become "protectorates"-thus giving control of the entire Baltic Sea over to Stalin. Bessarabia—a totally undefended section of the tottering Rumanian state-can be plucked by the Kremlin's hand at a moment's notice. Rumania is eventually to be parcelled between Fascist Germany and the Soviet Union. Thus, a transportation route running from Georgia and the Caucasus, via the Black Sea and Rumania, has been cleared. Over this route will flow a part of the raw materials bound for Hitler's troops.

As to the fate of Turkey and the Balkan nations, while this question has been postponed for the time being by the signing of the Anglo-French-Turkish Pact, it is nevertheless more likely that the German-Russian alliance will be more potent. The door has been left open for this eventuality by an "escape" clause in the Pact which categorically states that under no circumstances will Turkey fight against Russia.

The great strategic value and importance represented by the Dardanelles and Bosporus-as proven by the great campaign waged for control of the Straits and the Gallipoli penninsula in the last world war-make it vitally necessary for Stalin to attempt to hold Turkey in line. This fact, combined with the traditional policy of German imperialism—the drive to the East-will tend to dominate the fate of the

#### Not a March for Liberation

Already there are reports that indicate the rapid approach of events in the Near and Far East which will have the utmost significance for the oppressed colonial peoples of Asia. These reports indicate the intention of the Stalinist bureaucratic gang to embark on a program of expansion southward and eastward.

Fulfilling his current role as a supporter and agent of German imperialism, Stalin may-at the command of his present master-be instructed to strike vital blows at British imperialism in its territories that extend from Iraq on the West to distant Burma on

These lands are now the prize possessions of the badly shaken British Empire. They include Iraq, Iran (Persia), Afghanistan, British and Native India. Nepal, Tibet, and Burma. Within its yast confines live hundreds of millions of colonial slaves—workers and peasants-who have suffered long years under the harsh rule of "democratic" British imperialism. These people-representing almost one-fourth of humanity (500,000,000!) have been swept by tidal waves of revolutionary nationalist sentiment for liberation from imperialist rule

The people of these British colonies desire-above all - their national independence. Right now their lives are spent as colonial slaves working in the interests of the hated British slave-masters. The oil fields of Iran, the produce of the "Fertile Crescent" of Mesopotamia (Iraq), the mineral and industrial wealth of India- all of these are exploited by the British imperialists.

But Stalin would not come down among these people as a "liberator" or a revolutionary enemy of British rule. If Stalin should march south into the Persian oil fields; if he should attempt to overrun Afghanistan as a route into the Punjab, the most fertile and developed agricultural area of India; if he should conceive of a double invasion of India by way of Afghanistan from the West, Sinkiang and Tibet from the East; then we must openly state that he comes as an enslaver of the colonial peoples-not as their "eman-

#### Colonials Will Reject Stalinism The key answer to this complex problem lies in the

overwhelming desire of these colonial people for their real, genuine freedom and national independence. Although the forms and methods of conquest and oppression of Stalin may vary greatly from those of British imperialism, nevertheless the entire nationalist and colonial revolutionary movement will instinctively reject and oppose any moves of Stalinism in their di-If reports continue to come through of the massing

of Red Army troops in Sinkiang, of border violations in northern Afghanistan, of Nazi and Stalinist agents at work among the colonial peoples in attempts to deceive them and misuse their more than justified hatred of "democratic" British enslavement, then we shall return to what may become a burning question for the revolutionary colonial movement. For the masses of the countries involved in these

events there is only one slogan that strikes to the root of their desires: Neither British imperialism, nor enslavement by the Stalinist bureaucracy. National independence and the right to work out their own revolutionary and socialist destiny!

It took the Stalin regime three months to intervene in the Spanish revolutionary events, with results that everyone is acquainted with.

Now with the beginning of activity on the part of the 375,000,000 people of India in a drive to gain their independence from British tyranny, the Kremlin masters are already casting an anxious eye in the direction of India. They are already laying the basis for their counter-revolutionary intervention through the pseudo-revolutionary activities of the Indian Stalinists and GPU agents! Stalin stands in unholy fear of a colonial revolution in India. Such a revolution would knock at the very doors of the Kremlin and threaten the ruling caste with immediate overthrow.

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