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Clashes in Far East and Mediterranean Make New World War Danger Imminent

Stalinist Bureaucracy is Tied to Imperialist Appeal

By Herman Stern

Like the bursting of an enormous swollen balloon, the next war, more devastating and horrible than has been witnessed since World War I, will be a direct and immediate outgrowth of the present international crisis. It is no longer a question of, will it come—but where and how soon. This estimate of the toiling masses and furnished by the "peace, freedom and democracy" sentiment markets rages unceasingly.

The capitalists are in a panicky state. The struggle of the more powerful nations among themselves for colonial investment markets rages unceasingly. In general this struggle proceeds "peacefully" thru tariff and currency manipulations, often accompanied by armay and navy, the old struggle only assumes a new form. The war now is a struggle of classes retain their economic and political domination. As in the partition of Poland by other nations, so the West has divided Russia given in this simple explanation.

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The stage for a World War is being carefully set. The East is the main arena. The struggle to gain the colonies of the British Empire has postponed war thus far. The capitalists have kept the British Empire and France, and Italy and Japan who, like Germany, have comparative- ly nothing. For the "have-nots" are the real "have-nots." The stage for a World War is being carefully set.
Trotsky Hounded and Imprisoned
By Fascist Terror in Austria, Germany

While the Stalinists Slander Them as "Agents of the Gestapo", the Real Gestapo Makes the Fourth International Its Chief Victims.

That the slogan "Smash the Trotskyists Agents of the Gestapo" is mere camouflage for a world-wide line of counter-revolutionary activity on the part of the Stalinist press is well known to the workers. They have been following the policy of the parties of the Communist International from day to day. But even the most simple-minded worker can see through the whole treacherous deception of the Stalinists once he becomes acquainted with this fact: that they, the Gestapo, the Fourth International are the constant prey of the bloody butchers of this self-styled same Gestapo (Fascist Secret Police) whose agents they are supposed to be.

Within recent months a whole wave of Gestapo, Nazi and Fascist trials in Dusseldorf, Hannover, Darmstadt, in Danzig, in Vienna. The trials in Dusseldorf and in Darmstadt were given wide publicity in the press. In Hannover and in Vienna of new trials and new convictions against Trotskyists and Trotskyist organizations. The Gestapo has ruthlessly attacked Schuschnigg's Fascists in the Austrian government.

Trotsky Trial In Hamburg

In Hamburg, the Nazi secret police has brought to justice the fighters of the Fourth International. Within a few days of their arrest, they have been tried by a Special Tribunal. Needless to say, the comrade courageously upheld his revolutionary views, as did the leaders of the Austrian Fascists before them. The Gestapo has so far not succeeded in seeing the overthrow of the Hitler dictatorship. Under the Gestapo, the comrades courageously sailed their ship throughout the world. They have not been moved from their achievement.
Our Duty in Spain Is Aid To 4th Internationalists

The Spanish events once again underline the central role of the workers and peasants in the revolution. This lesson has now been put in either positive or negative form, and is equally true in both: without a revolutionary party which is able to mobilize all the power, the socialist and national revolution cannot succeed; with a revolutionary party, victory is assured. Now, in the decline of capitalism, all the small national revolutions making possible the success of the revolutionary process, the working class, in Germany, Hungary, China, Austria, Spain, history has placed the conquest of power within the hands of the workers. But, tragically, too, there has not been a present leadership, a party, capable of living up to history's requirements.

Nowhere has been more apparent than in Spain during the time since the outbreak of the Civil War. In the weeks immediately following the Fascist coup, power was but a step away; and yet there was no force capable of seizing and decisive step.

It is in this fatal back and this terrible need which gives the Bolshevik-Leninist (Fourth International) group of Spain so mighty an influence, an influence which is growing in its present weakness. The Bolshevik-Leninists in Spain emerged from the Civil War revolution only in the early Spring of this year. Since then their activities have steadily continued and expanded. They were the strongest workers' side of the Barcelona octobers. They alone, in those days, presented a program answering to the revolutionary needs of the moment. Though driven into illegality by the repressive measure of the People's Commissar of the Interior, they were prepared to face the deepening of the reaction, and they function actively and persistently in spite of the terror of the fascists. They are aggressively carrying on common activities with the left wing anarchists of the friends of Durruti, and with the workers' and peasants' groups of the POUM.

Above all, the Bolshevik-Leninists understand the fundamental requirements of the Spanish revolution, and express them in a completely non-organizational and unmissable program. As the key task, focusing all the rest, they pose the question of the new party, with the unity of all in a program of a fusion of forces on the basis of the revolution, the program of a fundamental and indispensable condition of victory.

Their task is our task. We must not forget for a moment that the defense and advance of the Spanish Revolution, the building of the new party in Spain is inseparably linked to the American revolution, the building of the revolutionary party in this country. Our solidarity with the Spanish Bolshevik-Leninists is expressed first of all in our adherence to the same program, to the program of the Fourth International. But our solidarity must also include active propaganda in their behalf, and concrete and specific aid for them, in particular financial aid. Under the conditions of the illegality and persecution, the practical tasks of the Bolshevik-Leninists are incomparably difficult. Every dollar, every quarter of aid can be translated into revolutionary results.

Money has been and will be found to make certain that the defense and advance of the Spanish Revolution is. It is for us to give it, and to utilize this to end every public meeting and lecture on Spain, as well as special collection in all the localities and funds, marked for the Spanish Bolshevik-Leninists. The Socialist Appeal has already, towards January 3rd, presented its collection to the local party. As Victor Serge points out, the forcible defense of the Spanish workers means the forcible defense of the working class of this country, and therefore of the Socialist Appeal.

The Spanish Revolution is the revolution of the working class, the revolution of the Socialist Appeal and therefore of the Working Men's Club.

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LaGuardia Favored by Wall Street to Preserve Its Financial Interests

By James Casey

Fear for Life of Widow of Reiss, Murdered by G. P. U.

LaGuardia favored by Wall Street to preserve its financial interests.

That Fiorello H. LaGuardia is in a good position to overcome the labor troubles that have darkened his recent public career seem to have been clearly shown by the recent general elections. The previous issues of the Socialist Appeal have already indicated, also, that the Republican- People's Front candidates for the city or state offices are among the most powerful re- actions to the candidates of the Demo- cratic-Fusion, the allies of LaGuardia.

Jeremiah T. Mahony, the Demo- crat for the 2nd district, had never been for the working class and a spokesman for Big Business. But in the concentration of forces fighting the American toilers hour by hour day in the year, the advantage is clearly with the LaGuardia-Tammany ticket. For this political development, there are ample and undenied reasons.

With the exception of two or three states in Wall Street for more than three generations, had been thoroughly satisfied with the New York administration as a Democratic political wing. Tam- many, in the beginning, had been the city's treasury with its natural outcome of a situation centered around the Wigwam of trade, merchants' associations and banking institutions. The growing failure of Tammany (natural products of the capital­vention) Big Business demands "behind the scenes" and so subtly and so disorderly as to arouse the dis- Pleasure of business 'leaders as Nicholas Murray Butler, the Rockefeller man, and a narrowing down in the dis- close the clubbing of workers on the picket line by company thugs and a curb on "illegal" racketeering and a narrowing down in the dis- tribution of graft and at least one per cent of that amount. In other words, underworld gangsters herd to club workers and commit other depredations, had received more than $44,000,000 for their work one year.

Reports in the office of W.C.T.U. and various Socialists, New York City, showed that the Tammany machine had paid off solicitors to workers for "protection." Later, this significant data was discredited by the findings of the District Attorney's office. The clubbing had not been uncovered. All in all, the Seabury investigation had advanced the work for which they had been set and had brought down upon the Wigwam chiefs the wrath of the Chase National and the City National Bank. Tammany was too closely linked with Wall Street to risk the dis­ pleasure of business leaders and capitalists as "Fusionists" groups the Tammany machine.

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French People's Front in New Crisis

Labor Systematically Robbed Of Gains Made in Struggles

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directions of a Bonapartist regime — at first, due chiefly to the rivalry with the Labor System. But the labor movement (alliance with English strangers, trade unions, an industrial policy, etc.) increased as a bloc, and it was the Bonapartist policy of the People's Front palatable to the workers in order to maintain its own ranks.

In the face of all doubt the depth of the disunion within the People's Front, or, perhaps even the existence of a crisis, the smoke that has not ceased to obscure the Bottom. Blum-Faure, again carried news throughout the country, was the only man ready to continue participation in the cabinet by the Chautemps cabinet, and he has removed the "independent" Socialist, but the "labor" status, and has replaced it with the motion to prepare for the re-organization of the Socialists. When I asked the Mauritanian delegate for French Sudan as an example, I wanted to reactivate the Radicals to carry out your own goals, when the program for the creation of a new party, on which there are 18 supporters of Blum-Faure, 9 of the People's Front, and 3 of Pivert.

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Rubber Workers Convene in Akron

By Jack Wilson

AKRON, Ohio—The second annual convention of the Rubber Workers of America recently held here reflected the growth of the industry and the labor movement in the past year.

Rubber production, strikes and gains furnished the background for the annual union gathering which had trebled in the past twelve months. Many important contracts and strikes had been won. Over 250 delegates with 100 votes were present compared to slightly over 100 at the 1936 convention.

At the very moment this convention was celebrating the victories of the 1937 organizing drive, it was able to allow 1,500 layoffs, and 2,500 Goodrich unionists were walking the streets, victims of production reorganization.

Contrasted to the previous convention with its spirit of militancy, this one was different in tone. This convention was a somewhat routine affair.

Conservatives Dominant

General meetings held before the convention indicated that the make-up of the union delegates was in complete agreement with what the rank and file are fighting against—organization without any charges to the worker and a struggle against unfair labor practices. Only the leaders were in disagreement. There were no floor leaders, delegates from outside the industries who fought brilliantly at the last convention for the leadership and were present again at this one.

In particular by the action taken on the Stalinist resolution for war. "against fascism was adopted, it was clear that the Trotskyites were not a factor in the union and that the C.I.O. and the C.I.O.-U.A.W. were the most important phases of the American labor movement. The Trotskyites did not figure at all.

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Opposition Fights Fur Union Bureaucracy

With the expiration of the Fur Manufacturing Act this year, the furriers will face a serious situation. The future of the union and the nature of the new agreement is in a large extent dependent on the attitude and policy of the Stalinist administration. To retain any semblance of control over the fur industry the furriers must abandon the present cooperationist line of the Communist Party.

The Fur Manufacturing Association which will deal with the valueless organization in the trade. The Association has been powerful and threatening not only against the Stalinists but against the whole union bureaucracy. The method of the Stalinists in dealing with the Union is even more harmful to the union than that of the right wing leaders who preceded them. Three years of Stalinist administration have diminished the furriers' relations with the Association by decreasing the size of the Communist membership. The furriers are now better organized than before the union was formed.

Nevertheless the communist representatives of the union failed to gain many years of their membership for the Association. They willingly agreed to requests of them by the Association but did not fight for the just and burning needs of the workers. The result was that the furriers were not well satisfied with the agreement. The agreement was made to bow to the wishes of the Communists. The Stalinists declared that there was no time for the signing of the agreement. The result was that the Fur Associations existed in the industry were merged in the Fur Manufacturing Association which embraced the large coast houses. The second was the Trimming Association. It was organized a year later.

A struggle of the two associations raged for many years.

When the Stalinists, coming to power on the aid of the large associations, forced the smaller ones to dissolve, all of its members entered the large associations without a fight. The system used to bring the trimmers and independent shops into the Association was as follows:

A settlement made by the union with the Fur Manufacturing Association was to accomplish the ends of a collective pact in the trade. The purpose of the union was to be affiliated with the Trimmers Assn. Instead the furriers signed with individuals who were not affiliated with the Trimmers Assn. But not for long.

According to the terms of the Fur Manufacturing Act, contracts are negotiated by the representatives of the union. In 1937, the opposition was not represented by a business agent. The question of the agent was settled by an Association representative, but this was not well received by the workers.

Heavy Price Paid

These outrageous conditions did not apply to the trimming and independent shops of the workers there were better preserved. But as the workers under the union and the furriers increased they rushed and took complete control of the shops. The active furriers were then carefully removed from their positions and then carefully removed from their positions.

The first example of protest was a strike which was called for the last elections and one in the voting on the agreement.

Democracy Flouted

As is the custom, the furriers hold their election of officers every year. This election is dominated by the Communists, conducts 100% bureaucracy. The elections are not held, reactionaries union can learn from the local meeting of the Stalinists impose election objections on the commissions of their own election. Before the election objection committee, the Stalinists issue blanket objections to the election of the workers. Then, the commission will meet once a week's time. The opposition is not even allowed to come to the commission objection.

Nor is the opposition allowed any influence in the election of officers. At what they call "100% democracy". As a result of this system, the administration was caught red-handed stealing votes from the opposition in the last elections. Regardless of the fact that the opposition did not have sufficient time and force to contest these elections, and though the elections were exclusively under the control of the administration. The opposition, in addition to the whole election casted, the members.

The administration, believing that if the thousands of furriers voted down the $25 tax, it would be able to push through any proposal. How surprised they were when the furriers voted down the $25 tax! Not even Gold, who, relying on his past popularity, was brought down to swing the vote, succeeded in accomplishing his aim. Here it should be explained that the furriers did not vote down the tax because they do not believe in a system of the Russian Revolution. Cafe Idrott, membership meeting, 35c at door.

Heady Tax Voted Down

The Stalinists and their administration have always boasted that they are all-powerful. Knowing that the figure was a high one, it was decided to ap­ pear before the rank and file without a specific recommenda­tion on the sum, but only for a "substantial tax". But in the fur market, it was already known that the $25 had been decide on by the administration, and the furriers came to their meetings for the purpose of voting down the recommendation.

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