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Reformism Paved Way For Nazi Coup In Austria

With the French government fallen, Britain playing to break up the Rome-Berlin axis, and the Soviet Union confronting an ever more threatening line-up, Hitler has executed a smashing coup of Austria, absorbing the country and its government into the reich.

An ultimatum was given to Kurt Schussnigg, former Austrian Chancellor. Attempts were made by Schussnigg to wriggle out of the Nazi clutches by proclaiming a surprise plebiscite, for or against Austrian independence.

The Nazi answer was three stinging ultimatums in one day for Schussnigg's resignation, followed by the march of troops across the Austrian border into Vienna.

MAKES ECONOMIC GAINS

With the acquisition of Austria, proclaimed immediately after the conquest, Hitler gains important iron mines, including the largest in Europe, other minor economic gains, and an 80 million dollar gold supply to replenish his own

falling supply which is only one third that amount.

The direction of the drive is clear. Through Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Hungary into the enormous wheat fields of the Ukraine, and eventually to Asia—the drive towards the East.

Already thousands of revolutionists, jews, and anti-nazis are filling the newly emptied jails. The plebiscite preparations by Hitler which replaced the one by Schussnigg, for or against "anschluss" was accompanied with sacking of Jewish stores, beatings, arrests, and intimidations of all sorts.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA NEXT

Rumors of a similar ultimatum to the Czechoslovakian government become more persistent. The next step for Hitlerism is the conquest of this small nation, which is already almost completely bottled up by Germany.

The weak Hitler regime, just finishing widespread purges in its army, and suffering serious setbacks in its "4 year plan" and other economic ventures, is thus able to gain new life for the moment.

To ward off any military moves by France to interfere the Nazis are sending boatloads of soldiers to Spain, as a threat to France in the South and West, should France carry out its pledge to aid its ally in central Europe.

REFORMISM PAVED THE WAY

The new conquests by fascism bring the imperialist war much closer. The victory of Hitler for the moment is the direct result of the weakening of the proletariat during a decade of reformism in Europe.

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NEWS FROM SPAIN

(We publish below extracts from a recent letter from Comrade Martin from Spain)

"Hunger is now widespread in Catalonia. Sugar beets, an almost inedible cabbage and a few turnips are the only thing to be found in the markets... Meals in restaurants have risen 400% in one year. This is of course in terms of pesetas, but wages are still paid in pesetas and have not risen proportionately... The police forces and the government bureaucrats with soft well paid jobs are given the opportunity to buy food at very low prices.

Barcelona is infested with governments... If the mayor of St. someplace or other was lucky enough to get out with the city treasury before the fascists arrived, he was soon joined by all the other city officials who then continue to draw their salaries and hold their offices and titles as long as the money holds out.

NO MARXIAN PARTY

The masses are just grumbling, hoping for peace soon and waiting patiently. NOT ONE OF THE SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS IS MAKING THE SLIGHTEST ATTEMPT TO TURN THE MASS DISCONTENT AND SUFFERING INTO REVOLUTIONARY CHANNELS. The result is that the backward elements even among the proletariat would welcome any change — even fascist victory — if this meant peace.

THE STRUGGLE FOR WORKERS CONTROL

The government, playing for foreign imperialist support and serving the interests of capitalist property rights in general, is cracking down on the workers control of industry... At the beginning of the year the Government took steps to take over forcibly all the shops and factories of the chemical industry, as a war measure. The CNT Union of Chemical products, defying lead-

Moscow Frame-Up Aids Reaction

The trial and execution of 18 of the 21 defendants of the Bucharin-Rykov-Rykovsky Frame up comes at a period when the Peoples Front Policy reveals its utter bankruptcy, when a realignment of European forces is further pressing against the Soviet Union. Just as the road to Hitler's seizure of power in Germany was paved by the false "third period" policy of Stalinism, so, too, has the Peoples Front Policy helped pave the way for Hitler's seizure of power in Austria.

The trials of today are a smokescreen to divert attention, as the Jan. '37 Radek-Pyatakoff Trials were a smokescreen to divert attention from Stalinism's betrayal of the Spanish Revolution. These trials enable Stalinism to find scape-goats and place the guilt of Stalinism on the shoulders of victims who are physically and mentally beaten into submission to such an extent that when they are ready for the trials they are moral corpses.

CONVICTION BEFORE TRIALS

The Feb., 28th issue of the Pravda stated that the 21 defendants who go to trial on Mar. 2 will be shot. This is the kind of justice Stalin's "democratic" Constitution guarantees its victims — conviction before trials.

The Trotskyites have presented the material of the murdered GPU agent, Reiss, who has revealed the past frame-ups and trials. The Blumkin murder of 1929; the Kiroff trial of 14 behind closed doors in 1934; the Zinoviev-Kamenov murders; the Radek-Pyatakoff frame-up; etc. (Yogoda now "confesses" that he has always been a "Trotskyite", but in these former trials he killed "Trotskyites" while he was a "Trotskyite"? He now tells us that he directed the poisoning of leading individuals in the Soviet Union and used the personal physician to Stalin to carry out these murders while at the same time he was trying to figure out ways and means of disposing of Stalin?

ALL SOVIET LEADERS SPIES?

Trotsky is presented as the arch-criminal and organizer of the whole amalgam of spys and

ing committees of the CNT, who as usual advised "moderation", threatened general strike, even though their organization (CNT) did not support them. The government capitulated. The newspapers never even mentioned the matter at all. Even the CNT killed the story.

counter-revolutionists. Trotsky, according to the indictment was a spy for Germany since 1921. But the Social Democrats and not Fascists had power in Germany then and Trotsky was the head of Red Army. The Soviet Union was directing victories and advances while Germany was under the Versailles Treaty and sinking lower every day with a revolution around the corner. Likewise the accusations against Rakovsky, Bukharin, and others about spys, etc., are just as fantastic and fake.

YAGODA VICTIM OF OWN PAST

Yagoda, the former GPU head whom Stalin had to get out of the way because he knew too much is the vilest example of the results of frame-up activity. He became a victim of his own work today, as Stalin will tomorrow. Yagoda was head of the GPU since 1920. He directed the secret activity of Stalinism vs the Left Opposition and other oppositions since 1923. He planned and carried out the methods used by Stalinism to obtain their confessions from Bukharin, Rykov, and others. But at the end of the trial Bukharin startled the court by denying his guilt and by blaming Stalin. In the first day of the trial Krestinsky denied guilt only to break down the next day after a night with the GPU. At least the third big trial has brought to the surface greater contradictions for Stalinism, and presented the weakest public case so far planned by the GPU.

According to Stalinism ALL of the leaders of the Soviet Union have turned out to be SPIES while they were in office, all except Stalin and Lenin. All the heads of the Comintern; all the heads of the Political Bureau; all the heads of the Army; all the heads of Industries; all the Ambassadors to the leading countries; the heads of the national Soviet republics and the leading physicians — all are spies. But all are Stalinists and have been part of the official machine for years. This is a self-indictment by the bureaucracy itself!

Bukharin and his American follower, Lovestone, approved the Zinoviev-Kamenov trials, and called the Trotskyites fascist spies and counter-revolutionists. But today, Bukharin who yesterday helped Stalin dispose of others is himself called a counter-revolutionist and spy. In 1928 the right wing of Bukharin-Lovestone helped Stalin throw the Left Opposition out of the Party. Later Stalin gave Bukharin a similar dose. Now Lovestone and Wolfe are singing a different tune — but they have learned little fundamentally in this struggle with Stalinism. They remain with Stalinism on the same opportunist political position — the narrow

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Streeter Arrested At Unemployed Demonstration

Arrested by plainclothes men while selling the FIGHTING WORKER at the City Hall unemployed demonstration for relief on March 3rd, Bill Streeter was sentenced to 55 days in Chicago's "House of Correction" — Bride-well.

Fearing a disturbance, the dicks avoided using the patrol wagon standing near the demonstration, and instead quietly called up a squad car to pick up comrade Streeter at a side entrance.

The vicious sentence was vail-roaded through by a reactionary judge as an object lesson to those workers who seek to better their conditions by overthrowing this system of misery, starvation and war.

BLOW AGAINST LABOR

If the sentence against this worker is permitted to stand, it will be a blow against labor generally. It will serve as a precedent for reaction to still further intensify its drive against the working class. It will be used generally against workers distributing working class literature and propaganda.

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Economics Of Scarcity Under F.D.R.

The three Tennessee Valley Authority directors have had a sharp falling out over policy. When thieves argue some of the beans are spilt. It develops that Roosevelt's policy of "cooperating with business" has mean in regard to TVA granting the Mellon Aluminum Trust a saving of millions in lower power rates, and selling power to Morgan-dominated Electric Companies at much lower rates, while the companies were not forced to lower the price

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LAND OF THE FREE

President Roosevelt declares his "neutrality" in the Austrian crisis... The German freighter Kellerwald was ready to depart March 8th from the U. S. with 20,000 American made aerial bombs for a "secret destination"... Leading Republican Senators pointed out that Asia not Europe was the real danger for the United States.

"OUR YOUTH"

Twenty one year old boy in Seattle gets twenty years jail for taking 29 cents... National Child Labor committee reveals that children between 10 and 16 are a very large percentage of workers in southern turpentine camps. They are paid off with company tokens which must be spent in company super-priced stores... A Chicago high school banned a debate on "whether or not to abolish the ROTC". When the student paper and student opinion showed it favored abolition, the principal abolished the debate...

"WORKERS IN INDUSTRY"

St. Louis relief is 21 cents a day for food and nothing for clothing or shelter. St. Louis Mayor says "everything will eventually be all right"... 4,500,000 thrown out of work in less than half year... Labor Bureau statistics announce most firms will not hire men over 40, some younger than that...

"HEROES"

John L. Lewis ends vacation in Florida sun. Only person he visited was H. J. Kelly, vice president of Dominion Steel and Coal Co. of Nova Scotia. Daughter Katherine begged cameramen not to take daddy's picture "in such an affluent atmosphere"... Three scabs in an Illinois town, shot at police deputies mistaking them for strikers in the dark. Six men were wounded including a sheriff. The authorities blame the incident on the "irresponsibility" of the Union.

TO TELL THE TRUTH

F. Lundberg, author of "America's 60 families" makes a public retraction of statements imputing fraud to duPont, to avoid \$150,000 libel suit... It takes a lot of money to be able to tell the truth.

"NEW HOUSES"

Twenty one thousand applicants are waiting nearly a year to move into 15,000 completed housing project flats. They still stand vacant while rents go up and unsanitary conditions prevail all over Chicago.

Trotskyites For Labor Party

Are the Trotskyites for a reformist Labor Party? Shudder my timbers, NO! They are "only" for a "revolutionary" Labor Party But — the Trotskyites are known for their centrist "butts" — they will obligingly support (critically, you understand) any Labor Party candidate who is not on the Republican or Democratic ticket also. (New Intl March, page 72, 73). In the last elections they supported Norman Thomas. In the next elections they will probably support John L. Lewis, or some other capitalist "Labor Party" stooge.

A Letter

Dear Comrades:

Thanks for the sample copy of the FIGHTING WORKER. I enclose \$2. Put my name on the mailing list and try to make each issue better than the one before.

H. S.

Balkan Crisis Speeds Up Rearmament

CAPITALIST ANTAGONISMS SHARPER

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The opportunities for the proletariat in Europe are still enormous. The move of Hitler into Austria increases the strain and tension between the various imperialists. Notwithstanding all remarks to the contrary Hitler's anchluss is a smashing blow to Italian imperialism, which has been the most persistent defender — and exploiter — of Austrian "independence".

Without outside aid, Italy is now at the mercy of Germany, for superior German troops stand right at the border of Italy, only a few hours from Rome by motorized travel.

French imperialism, already wracked by economic difficulties and by another cabinet fall, and with a new patch-up cabinet by Blum that will have the stability of a rotten fruit, is the main loser in Hitler's march. The domination of central Europe gained by France after the war, and considerably weakened in the last few years, is now almost at the diminishing point. This again ag-

gravates internal French conditions and gives the French proletariat a favorable opportunity if it can build a Marxist Party, to begin work toward the proletarian revolution.

BRITAIN WORKS FOR BLOC

The British role in the affairs of Europe is one of constant double cross. Her main concern is to establish a British dominated four power bloc in Europe to be used against the American Dollar and the danger of proletarian revolutions. For that purpose she was willing to bargain away Belgium's and Portugal's African colonies, for an alliance with Hitler.

Lately she has held out two sets of "bargains" to both Hitler and Mussolini in an attempt to break one or the other away from the Rome-Berlin Axis. To Germany she offered, behind the scenes, a free hand in central and Eastern Europe (with the Soviet Union as the obvious victim) in return for withdrawal from Spain and requests for colonies. To Italy she offered a big loan to rescue Italian finances, and recognition of the Ethiopian plunder.

U. S. HYPOCRISY

American imperialism stands smugly in the background, supposedly "neutral", but undoubt-

edly delighted that Britain's attempts for a 4 power pact are again foiled. Behind the scenes there is no doubt American imperialism is fishing in the muddy water for some sort of "agreement" for material and financial aid for German Austria, and concessions in return to American imperialism for keeping its blessed "neutrality" — to be used against Great Britain.

Even at the last moment the stalinists and socialists in Austria, instead of proclaiming an independent policy, against Austrian and German fascism both, gave full support to the Austrian fascist Schussnigg, and marched in the streets of Vienna together in his support.

The reformist policy of the working class misleaders in both France and Spain, the Peoples Front and its bankruptcy, has so weakened the proletariat in Europe that when the Austrian workers faced this test the workers in other countries could give them no aid.

The Soviet Union and the Communist International in sharp contrast to the days of Lenin, did nothing. Worked into a most appalling apathy by reformism, the working class of the world stood by and watched fascism making greater and greater inroads, and making good part of its threat to eventually destroy the first Workers State.

WHY WORKERS SHOULD JOIN THE R.W.L.

continued

THE FAKE OF CLASS PEACE

Capitalism is moribund and bankrupt, but remains, never the less, seated on the backs of the toilers of the world. It rules with the aid of fables and bayonets. It spreads the fable of class collaboration through its schools, newspapers, radio, movies, churches, magazines, liberal "experts", and what have you. From the industrial spy, the paid agent of the capitalist class, to the labor skate at the head of a reactionary union who is tied by a thousand cords to the bourgeois political machine of his area (Chicago Building Trades, for example) to the reformist and centrist misleaders of labor who preach the theory of the collaboration of the classes (in reality the surrender of the working class to the capitalist class) — all of these and more are the instruments by which this fable is fed to the masses.

The fable itself is as simple as it is absurd. "We're all one nation, one people. We must work together for the common weal."

But the government, the political parties, the army, navy, and police are controlled and dominated by the capitalists. The factories and wealth of the nation are in the hands of the rich. The "nation" is THEIR nation. The working class owns nothing. When it fights for "its" nation, when it collaborates with the OPPOSING class, it fights merely for its own enslavement, for its CONTINUED domination by the ruling class.

THE MAILED FIST AND THE GLAD HAND

Behind these honeyed words of the bourgeoisie stands the open fist — the organs of force: navy, army, national guard, police. When the hypocritical lies of class peace, of arbitration, mediation,

"faith in Roosevelt" etc. fails, the bayonet is brought out. Eleven steel workers murdered by Mayor Kelly's police in Chicago. Four workers killed by "Famer-Labor" Latimer in Minneapolis. Georgia officials build concentration camps for striking textile workers. California officials frame up a dozen leaders of Agricultural workers union. And so on without end.

The mailed fist and the glad hand go together. Capitalism must use both to exist, no matter on which it places the greatest emphasis for the moment — the democracy of a Roosevelt, or the fascism of a Hitler.

STRAW BOSES OF CAPITALISM

In the World War the American Federation of Labor officialdom did yeoman's work for capitalism by imposing class peace on its members, by recruiting them into the army, outlawing their strikes at the behest of Wilson, selling them Liberty Bonds, keeping the masses enslaved and humble, while the master class piled up billions in profits — paid for in the blood of the hundreds of thousands killed, maimed, and wounded at the front.

Both before and after the war, the AFL leadership played the same role of chaining the working class to capitalism. The thousands of strikes betrayed and phoney deals made by these labor skates, is today legend. The hooliganism in their ranks against militant elements is like a page out of a history of gansterism.

In the coming war, this role is being "usurped" by the Committee for Industrial Organization machine and its political offspring, the Labor Party. In preparation, it betrays strikes like the AFL (Chrysler, General Motors, Little Steel, etc. etc.), gives up the militant sit-downs, "quickies," and strike action, which formerly was precipitated by the rank and file DESPITE the

Fourth Plenum April 2-3

The 4th National Plenum of the Revolutionary Workers League will be held April 2nd and 3rd in Chicago. The Agenda includes:

- War and the relation of American imperialism to the foreign situations in Europe and Asia;
- The internal crisis of American imperialism;
- Trade union and unemployment;
- A report from Spain, Organizational principles;
- The internal question.

Stamm And Others Suspended

Twelve members of the N. Y. unit of the Revolutionary Workers League, including T. Stamm and L. Basky members of the Central Committee, have been suspended by the Committee for refusal to abide by the decisions of the second Convention of the League.

REFUSE TO ABIDE

The suspension terminates a one year struggle with Stamm During and before that time, beginning with his defeatist and panicky motions to move the national center back to N. Y., Stamm has consistently sabotaged the work of the center and refused to carry out instructions of the Political Committee.

During the Convention Stamm voted on two occasions that the League and its leadership were Marxist and that he would abide by all Convention decisions. Less than a week later, however, he has reversed his position and refused to recognize the convention.

PETTY-BOURGEOIS CONCEPT

Stamm's petty bourgeois concept on democratic centralism — that you can violate any decision you consider bureaucratic or any position you disagree with — is the result of his ultra-left and false evaluation of Marxism, documents already presented in the Fourth international. He has shown a consistent mechanical thinking in this period, ranging from his proposal for support of the POUM to the giving up of the sit-down tactic.

Stamm's grouping is at present trying to organize a rump convention, against the RWL.

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Role Of Revisionists

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Lewis leaders. Instead the C I O pursues the policy of fealty and support to the "Great Father" in the White House, arbitration and mediation boards, which sell out the workers, acceptance of pay cuts and broken contracts without a word of class struggle in return.

The credo of the CIO leadership and the Labor Party is "Americanism". It grovels in the dirt before the bourgeoisie and carries capitalism's lies into the ranks of the working class. It supports bigger war appropriations and is meek and almost silent on relief cuts. It blusters loudly of the "peace" program of American capitalism, a program that is organizing the Philippines and the Western Hemisphere for the future attempt to organize the whole world for American Imperialism. With its Labor Party and mass industrial unions the Lewis machine will be beating the drums for American imperialism in the next world war.

These then are some of the open defenders of capitalism. Behind them, unfortunately, stand many of those who wear the mask of Marxism and who pay lip service to the class struggle.

STALINISM SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT

There is the Communist Party (Stalinist), which because it bases itself on the Soviet Union and the first Dictatorship of the Proletariat is the best able to delude the working masses today.

Instead of "working for the defeat of its own government" in imperialist countries, and to turn the imperialist war into a civil war, it openly states it will support "good" capitalists—such as the U.S. (!)—against "bad" capitalists. Instead of socialist internationalism it preaches "Socialism in one country" and re-introduces private property and capitalist governmental forms in Russia. Instead of a struggle against capitalism in the U. S., it supports one capitalist agent, Roosevelt, against those it terms the "tories". It openly preaches faith in capitalism — that form of it known as Bourgeois Democracy. In the name of "peace" it aids the war moves of American Imperialism: the pacification of the working class through the Labor Party, CIO and Workers Alliance, the imperialist threats of Roosevelt against Japan, the imperialist re-organization of South America by Roosevelt, etc. It proudly boasts about the fact that it will recruit workers to die in the next war for the greatest driving force towards that war, American Imperialism.

With Stalinism, almost on the same program, stands the Socialist Party, a small dreary party in the United States. It has learned nothing from the last war, or the experiences since. Instead of the revolutionary and forceful overthrow of capitalism it preaches "evolutionary" methods and parliamentary reform of capitalism. Despite its talk against war today, it will repeat the role of the socialists in the last war and in the subsequent revolutions. It will again support the slaughtering of millions and do much of the slaughtering itself as formerly in Germany, Russia, etc.

THE SWAMP IN BETWEEN

Besides these two reformist forces poisoning the minds of the working masses, there are the centrists — reformist in action, and "revolutionary" in words. Their type of "poison" is just the dose capitalism needs for many more advanced workers not fooled by the simple treachery of the reformists. In the United States the outstanding centrists are the Lovestoneites and Trotskyites.

The Lovestoneites are a bankrupt sect which opposes the building of a new revolutionary Party, and whose main emphasis in political life is to unify the REFORMISTS AND CLASS COLLABORATIONISTS into a "Labor Party", or later into a unified Party of reformism. In action they carry out almost a 100% Stalinist line — support of CIO, Workers Alliance, Labor Party, a number of semi-pacifist outfits and conferences, many bourgeois bills, etc. They stand with Stalinism upon the same fundamental breach with Marxism — the anti-working class theory of "socialism in one country."

The Trotskyist brand of centrism is more subtle. Since they broke with Marxism in 1934, after the defeat of the working class in Germany and the so-called "French Turn", they have moved further and further to the right. They have rejected the line of the political and organizational independence of the Revolutionary Party. They are for the words but gainst the content of revolutionary defeatism, of working for the defeat of one's "own" government and army in an imperialist war. They state clearly they will not apply such a policy in countries like France, if allied with the Soviet Union. They call for material aid—guns, ammunition, men, funds — to the capitalist People's Front government of Negrin and to the butcher Chiang Kai Shek in China. To them the CIO is "historically more progressive" than the AFL. They open wide the door for affiliation tomorrow with the Labor Party — although to them it must have a fancy trimming, "a genuine, mass, revolutionary, Labor Party". For a Workers Society in words; for support of "rotten bourgeois democracy" in deeds — that is their line!

Objectively, subjectively, or both, all these forces are part of a very tangible although sometimes invisible web of the capitalist class in the ranks of the working class, the feeders of class collaboration dope tablets to the working class to keep them wedded and humble before capitalism. They represent a giant ball and chain around the neck of the only progressive class in society, the working class. It would be impossible to smash the fetters of capitalism, without exposing and fighting its agents (both objective and subjective) in the proletarian ranks.

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Moscow Frame-Up

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STALINISM BETRAYED THE WORLD-REVOLUTION.

reactionary scheme of attempting to build socialism in one country at the expense of the international proletariat.

Instead of preparing the workers for a revolutionary defense of the Soviet Union and a fight to the finish against the Stalinist bureaucracy, Trotskyism promises in advance to give material aid to Stalinism in case of a war. This capitulatory position, part and parcel of the anti-Stalinist instead of anti-capitalist orientation of the Trotskyites and of their entire centrist program, makes of the Trotskyites an obstacle in the path of the proletariat to the overthrow of capitalism in the imperialist countries and of Stalinism in the Soviet Union.

TROTSKYIST CAPITULATION

The way Trotsky and his followers use the trials indicates this bankruptcy. Trotsky's main concern is to proclaim Trotsky's individual innocence, that he is the victim of a frame-up. The Trotsky Defense Committees and bourgeois - liberal investigation committees, containing friends and enemies of the proletarian dictatorship, thereby give the enemies of the workers' state a free hand to attack the proletarian dictatorship.

The fundamental issue involved is the defense of the proletarian dictatorship. Personal vindica-

tion is necessary. But the main line of attack must be to point out that Stalinism is the agency of capitalism, Stalinism is causing Russia to sink back to capitalism. Stalinism is betraying the world proletariat.

STALINISM IS LEADING RUSSIA BACK TO CAPITALISM.

The Stalinist frame-ups are an attempt to cover up the crimes of the bureaucracy that helped lay the basis for greater pressure against the Soviet Union and the workers of the world. They are an attempt to kill off all possible opposition and to beat back the growing working class opposition on to Stalinism. They aim at convincing their imperialist "allies" of the "reliability" of the bureaucracy.

NEED POLITICAL REVOLUTION

Stalinism must be destroyed. A political revolution in the Soviet Union to preserve the property relations and the proletarian dictatorship established by the Revolution is the only hope of the working class. But to achieve this political revolution, to smash Stalinism and to set the proletarian revolution moving forward once more in the Soviet Union and internationally, a new revolutionary party must be built, in Russia and throughout the world. The call for the Communist Fourth International must become the battle-cry of the masses.

LET MY PEOPLE GO

Pharoah on his purple carpet
Never knew who rowed his boat
Never noticed if a slave slipped his
ankle chains
By dying at the oar.

We called on Pharoah in his office
this morning
To arbitrate the speed-up.
There it was, the same old carpet,
Thicker, if anything.
The slave with the feather fan was
absent
(Courtesy of General Electric)
And we weren't clanking our
ankle chains
Not much.
Mr. Pharoah, we said
We've had enough of your phoney
arbitration —
It's a strike!

This afternoon outside the gates
I saw Moses smite the overseer.
It was this way, Your Honor —
He was defending a fellow-worker
The overseer was armed.

Comrades and fellow workers
Up to a certain point Moses has
been our leader
But he started something he can't
finish.
Ever since he apologized for
striking the rock
He's lost his grip.

Here, one of you fellows —
Plant a tree or something in
memoriam —
We have to hurry to the promised
land.

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THE PRESENT "RECESSION."

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Jap Puppet State In China Failure

Although it has succeeded in cutting the east-west "life line" of central China, the life of an imperialist brigand is not all clover for Japan.

Among other things the execution of the "undeclared" war is bringing forth sharp differences over the method of consolidating its rule over the 750,000 square miles of conquered China.

Observers agree that despite its military gains Japan has made little or no economic, or political gains. Consolidation of an empire of such magnitude for so weak an imperialist nation as Japan may be the straw that will break the camel's back. Without the aid of the finance capital of Britain or the U.S., the exploitation of China may prove a dud for Japanese imperialism, just as the Manchurian venture has been meeting constant set-backs.

MUST GUARANTEE CLASS PEACE

Further more — and this is where the present differences arise — if Japan can not establish a puppet state with sufficient "authority" to maintain class peace and keep the oppressed colonials in check, the whole venture will be nothing but a boomerang.

The fight is over whether to establish a central government ruled by a pro-Japanese leader of the "left" Kuomintang from the radical parts of Southern China, or to break up the territory more and put in an open reactionary.

The at present dormant proletariat of China may save these military gentlemen the effort of solving this problem by kicking both sides out and establishing the Workers State.

Likewise the growing discontent within Japan due to the strain caused by the military venture is creating the preconditions for a revolutionary situation.

Funds for Streeter's Defense

BROAD CAMPAIGN PLANNED

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Preparations are being made to fight the case to the end. Arrangements are being made by the attorney, Francis Heissler, to take the case to the appellate court. Meanwhile, after he had served 12 days, comrade Streeter has been released on \$200 bond. The General Defense Committee, Workers Defense League, Civil Liberties Union, and other defense organizations are being approached to open up a concerted fight for workers democratic rights. Such a campaign is urgently needed in Chicago where the police have been clamping down more and more stringently, and where in the coming summer period the holding of open air meetings and distribution of literature will be even more savagely repressed than last summer.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

Additional evidence that the movement for unity between the reactionary leaderships of the AFL and CIO is by no means excluded even today, was given by the speeches from the same platform of Homer Martin, CIO Auto Workers bureaucrat, and John Frey, Metal Trades bureaucrat of the AFL.

Both called for ironing out jurisdictional difficulties through subcommittees, and then taking in the CIO as a body, once these points of difference are out of the way.

It is significant that both these labor fakers had not a word to say about a class struggle PROGRAM for unity, a program that will achieve some gains for the workers. All they were interested in was the settlement of such issues as might reduce their memberships and dues.

Frey has always been considered one of the outstanding conservatives in the AFL. This "meeting of the minds" between these two "labor chiefs" shows, what we have said for two years: there is no difference between the AFL and CIO leadership and program.

New York employers have called in the AFL to organize the Food Workers in the upper part of the state. The main aim, as stated by both the AFL and employers, is to avoid strikes, introduce compulsory arbitration, and stop "racketeering". If this proposition is not the biggest racket on earth, we'd like to know what is...

A national progressive Group has been formed in the trade unions of France with a paper of its own... Almost all the hosiery mills in Philadelphia and thousands of workers in Milwaukee and northern N. J., struck — despite the command of their national leadership not to — against the decision of the government Wage Board, which as usual (with some fancy language) ruled for the employers... Unemployed organizations which preach "Americanism" and oppose all other "isms" are beginning to spring up in Chicago. They bear the obvious imprint of the administration behind them. They are able to win over certain elements only because of the wishy-washy policy of the Workers Alliance.

FUNDS FOR SPAIN

News from Spain reveal that the Fascist push toward Catalonia has placed the revolutionists in a most precarious position. The bourgeois loyalists and their Stalinist supporters are attempting to place the proletarian revolutionists in a trap. Funds are urgently needed for Comrade Negrette and others whom he is working with.

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EUROPEAN CRISIS INDICATES REALIGNMENTS

The powder keg of Europe is surrounded by fire. Poland has delivered an ultimatum to Lithuania over their long border dispute and is mobilizing for a seizure of that small nation. Germany states it will seize Memel the minute Polish troops march into Lithuania.

In Spain, with the aid of new batches of Nazi planes and men, Franco is mopping up on the Loyalists. Frantic calls for help by the Negrin government show that Loyalist Spain is in the worst shape of the whole war. Rumors of negotiations and capitulation to Franco are very persistent — they are the inevitable result of the treacherous policy of the Loyalist Government through out the war, its stifling of the working class.

In France the "Socialist" Blum is demanding a cold billion for more arms. The British cabinet is shaky. American imperialism, still stronger — although greatly weakened — than the European imperialisms, is likewise rocked with dissension from coast to coast.

There is no way out for desperate imperialism. It will choose another imperialist slaughter fest as the "lesser evil" to a wave of proletarian revolutions.

The Main Enemy Is At Home

DEFENSE FUND

To appeal comrade Streeter's case and carry through the defense, an abstract of the record must be made, brief filed, and various fees and bonds met. A minimum of \$300 is urgently needed. All readers and sympathizers are asked to send funds as soon as possible to the Streeter Defense Fund. Send what you can. Help deliver a setback to reaction.

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MOONEY DENIED PARDON!

Tom Mooney, Labor's outstanding frame-up victim, after twenty-two years in jail, after hundreds and hundreds of bits of new proof to show his innocence, was again denied a pardon by the State Legislature of California.

Despite all the financial aid given Mooney in the 22 years in jail, there has been little or no class action on his behalf. In the height of the strike wave last year and after, when the whole working class was interested in Mooney's and others' cases, none of the "leaders of labor" proposed any militant action — any protest stoppages of work, short strikes, etc. — as a means of forcing his vicious jailers to release him.

Legal defense work is necessary, but by itself it is useless. A national one-half hour protest strike would accomplish more for Mooney than all the "pure" legal defense activity and the scores of thousands of dollars spent put together.

TVA Struggle

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to the small consumer. "Curb the monopolies" to Roosevelt, it appears, means in actual life to make presents of millions of dollars to them.

It seems, too, the TVA was filled with graft and racketeering — according to the charges. Phoney sales — including some nonexistent marble of "labor's leader" Senator Berry — were made wholesale.

ECONOMICS OF SCARCITY

The fight in TVA is a struggle between different capitalist groupings. Of primary interest to workers is the light it throws on Roosevelt's policy of "regulating" and "reforming" business. The TVA — like NRA, coal price-fixing, etc. — is shown to be, not an advance toward a planned economy, but a means of aiding monopoly, albeit it aids one group of monopolists more than others.

Roosevelt's economics is an economics of scarcity, of plowing under in the face of mass misery, instead of producing more. To enforce his policy he intends to cram down the Congressional throat such bills as the May Bill, regimenting the working class during war (and probably before) and keeping it in starvation and scarcity with the "gentle" aid of force.

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