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Czech «Democracy» Crumbling Before Nazis

Cleverly using the dual tactic of both forceful and "peaceful" penetration, Nazi Germany continues its drive toward the East, with Czechoslovakia as its immediate goal.

After more than a week of military tension of the Czech

border, when jingo papers were predicting another forceful seizure such as occurred in Austria, there has been a let-up of threats of force from without, and Hitler is content — for the moment — to bust up Czech opposition from within the small nation.

A movement of oppressed nationalities, slovak, poles, etc., is following that of the Sudeten Germans in the demand for autonomy. Should these demands be granted and the Czechoslovak nation divided, the Nazis will gulp up the 3,500,000 Sudetans and then proceed against a much weaker enemy in the march to the rich oil fields of Rumania, the wheat fields of the Ukraine, and eventually the practically untapped resources of Asia.

FOUR POWER BLOC

British imperialism, ever on the defensive, is playing the role of pacifier, so called. In a last-ditch attempt to maintain the semblance of the status quo, Britain is calling upon Czechoslovakia to make major concessions, and at the same time using all the pressure of its mighty empire to slow down the tempo of German aggression.

Caught between the urgent need of cementing a four power continental bloc, directed mainly against the proletarian dictatorship and against the U. S. — and the imperialist needs of the less fortunate imperialist brigands, such as Italy and Germany, who are in deep economic straits — caught in this trap, England plays a constant game of middle-of-the-road maneuvering.

PUPPETS CAN'T DEFEND COUNTRY

The working class of Czechoslovakia must put Benes' and Hodza's hypocritical assertions of defending their native land to a test. If you are for real military defense, then arm the workers, permit the formation of workers militias and workers councils to help coordinate the work of the militias and the work behind the lines, in the factories, mines, mills, and farms.

If you are really opposed to fascism, messrs Benes and Hodza, then permit the democratization of the army, the democratic elections of soldiers committees.

Obviously these two puppets of French and British imperialism want nothing of the sort. Rather than see Soviets established they would turn the country over to Hitler.

The workers must use this opportunity in Czechoslovakia to organize a real workers defense for its own class needs. On the line of an independent working class struggle; of land to the peasants; freedom from debt; the right of self-determination to oppressed nationalities, the working class can unify the oppressed of the nation in a real struggle against fascist aggression, a struggle which at one and the same time with the help of the in-

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G.P.U. Prepares New Spanish Frame-Up

Guided by the Stalinists, the Spanish Loyalist government is intensifying its attacks against revolutionists. Frame-ups against revolutionists proceed at break-neck speed. To the dozens of POUM and left-anarchist leaders who have been murdered and imprisoned, is now added the names of seven revolutionists accused of the murder of a militia officer and of being "fascist agents".

The seven men are Manuel Munis, Adolpho Carlini, Jaime Rodriguez, Teodoro Hernandez, Aage Kielso, Louis Zanon, and Victor Offdik, all old time revolutionaries.

FACE STARVATION

The life of all revolutionists in Spain is a precarious one. Those who are not up on frame-up charges are in hiding and in desperate need of funds to keep alive and escape. Protests to Negrin and united front demonstrations are necessary to help defend these workers.

Financial help to enable us to bring comrade Negrete back is greatly needed.

Every FIGHTING WORKER reader is urged to scrape together a few dollars, make collections from his friends, organize affairs, to raise funds for the defense of the revolutionists in Spain. The life of a number of proletarian fighters is at stake!

Don't delay! Send your money in now!!!

Address funds to:
Spanish Workers Defense Fund
2159 W. Division Street
Chicago, Ill.

Make U.S. War Conscious, F.D.R. Plan

The organized campaign by our Jekyll and Hyde "peace" president, Roosevelt, to make America war conscious is reaching its apex.

What was advertised as the "biggest and most exciting military spectacle ever to be presented anywhere in the United States", took place at Soldiers Field Chicago, June 18th and 19th.

WAR MANEUVERS AND PEACE

A pageant of the "Fifteen Famous Armies in History", in contrast to the modern-equipped army of today, the "elephant" tanks, anti-aircraft searchlights, etc., touched off with a reenactment of the Battle of Argonne, were the highlights of the Military Show and Pageant, put on by the 33rd Division of the Illinois National Guard.

Concurrent with this "pageant", were the Military shows in Rock Island, Illinois; the "black-out" in Farmingdale, N. Y.; the "battle" to protect the Gold supply in the South; the naval maneuvers on the west coast; and the projected plan of naval maneuvers involving the problem of transferring the fleet from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The newspapers in the past few months have given increased space to new military information. A series telling of the national

mobilization of industry during war, the blue prints and dyes for which are already prepared, was published throughout the country.

Assistant Secretary of War, Louis Johnson, topped off these articles with an interview in which he stated that "we are better prepared for war now than ever before", and that even though American imperialism has a lack of anti-aircraft guns and not the largest plane fleet in the world, its is all counterbalanced by American industrial efficiency which can manufacture guns and planes of a type far superior to that of any other nation.

By 1940, Johnson stated, "we will be leading the parade... We haven't lost anything by waiting."

MEN FOR THE CANNONS

Pictures of new cannon and railroad guns are flooding the press. Latest models include an 8 inch which can hurl 4 two hundred pound shells a minute for a distance of 20 miles, with only a 2 or 3 inch kickback, and another one that can hurl a ton projectile for 75 miles.

To round out this whole campaign by the President and the Army and Navy, there is the list of figures recently compiled by an Army officer to show that it is cheaper to feed the unemployed in the Army than on relief. The conclusion is obvious.

Anti-War Conference Rejects Class Struggle

WASHINGTON — The "Keep America Out of War" Congress meeting in this city, over Memorial Day, was a so-called broad "united front". Guided behind the scenes by the two "Marxists", Jay Lovestone and Norman Thomas, it included everybody from Hamilton Fish, a reactionary Republican isolationist, to Homer Martin, Auto Worker bureaucrat and sell-out artist.

A. J. Muste, exTrotskyite, now priest, a host of rabbis and priests, bourgeois pacifists of all stripes, were there to lend their support.

What causes war? The Congress left this question totally unanswered. "Neutrality, genuine neutrality (!!) is what we want" chimed the whole gathering in unison.

WORKERS CAN'T BE NEUTRAL

When a resolution was introduced in one of the sessions stating that the workers cannot be neutral in war time, that they have the task of converting the war of the imperialist government (which is not neutral, either) into a civil war against the imperialists

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Terrorism of Jewish People Sign Of Nazi Crisis

New terrors against the Jewish minority in Germany and other oppressed minorities, including the Poles, are an indication of impending new purges and rifts within the Nazi regime.

Despite the seizure of Austria and the gains made in Czechoslovakia, the Nazi government is feeling the pinch of its ruinous economic policies. The new economic measures (practically confiscation) taken against oppressed minorities, point to dire need within the internal economy, to the increasing failure of Goering's four year plan. Otherwise Hitler would not risk the adverse publicity his new butcheries are receiving.

Hitler uses the Jewish question, very much like the Southern bosses in the U. S. use the Negro question and negro lynchings, as a floodgate for popular resentment against the low standard of living and new miseries occasioned by the pre-war economy of Germany.

The Main Enemy Is At Home

Cleveland Unemployed Fight Burton Davey Sabotage

CLEVELAND — Eighty thousand half-starved families are being given the merry run-around while Republican Mayor Burton of this city, and Democratic Governor Davey try to get as much political capital as possible out of the situation.

Relief has been stopped on and off now for more than two months. One emergency appropriation by the Cleveland City Council of \$80,000 was made at the expense of low paid civil employees. The Street Cleaning Department was laid off for a week to meet part of the "savings" for relief.

"We are doing all we can", said Governor Davey, well known in Ohio for his liquor, coal, and hot mix graft, and his shake-down of civil service employees for contributions to his campaign fund.

BURTON LIKE DAVEY

Burton, no less adept at starving the unemployed than Davey, is protecting a sinking fund of two millions dollars, even though a few perfunctory motions would make those millions available for relief.

The Stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance directly and in-

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Arrest 2 YWLeers In Chicago

Comrades Jensen and Wilkman, members of the Young Workers League, were arrested in Chicago for pasting up anti-Roosevelt posters, opposing the preparations for the imperialist war. The town is still littered with Democrat and Republican primary posters, but the workers are not allowed to paste up small hand stickers.

The comrades have been released on bail and their trial is set for the early part of July. We are in urgent need of funds to handle this case, which will be handled in court by Attorney Heisler of the Workers Defense League.

Send all contributions to the Jensen Wilkman Defense Committee.
2159 West Division Street.
Chicago, Ill.

LAND OF THE FREE

"We want peace" — secretary Hull... American war fleet manouvers in semi-secret around the other side of the Pacific... Roosevelt war budget of 1938, post-war model, is more than 4 times that of 1914, and more than three times that of Great Britain in the first war year, 1914...

The Land of Peace... Where army generals boast of the new rifle that can kill once every two seconds... Government manouvers take place in Tennessee, Iowa, Chicago, West Coast, and dozens of less publicized places... Where blueprints are already prepared (and bragged about in the press) to utilize all industry to manufacture for war; and the secret "blue prints" to lynch all oppositionists and revolutionists when the war breaks out... Where uninhabited Islands (Wake, Aleutian) are fortified at the cost of millions...

THE COST OF WARS

For the capitalists... 25,000 new millionaires.

For the workers... 9 million dead, 22 million wounded, 7 million permanently disabled, 5 million missing, 10 million dead behind the lines of starvation disease, massacres, epidemics and raids.

For society as a whole... 270 billion dollars, plus pensions and interest on debts — more than all the wealth of the whole United States; twice as much as the wealth of any country outside the U. S. Enough to feed all of mankind (on the quota of relief rations) for more than 3 years... Enough to buy each American family a \$5,000 farm and support it on \$20 a week for 5 years...

FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY

The right to die — an inalienable right of workers under capitalism. Colonel McGrudey, recruiting office of 2nd Area in N. Y. announced all relief clients eligible for military service would have to enlist in order to cut relief rolls... And while Roosevelt's flunkies were disavowing the good Colonel, WPA was turning over lists of unattached males to army recruiting office...

VETERANS AND PRESIDENTS

Sixty-two percent of world war veterans were unemployed in 1935. To make the world safe for democracy... cost \$25,000 to kill ONE man in the last World War... On relief rations one man could eat 130 years for that money...

Bethlehem Steel president got 3 millions just in bonuses out of the last war — enough for one relief client to eat on for 20,000 years.

BULLETS AND BREAD

Whether your shell hits the target or not.
Your cost is 500 dollars a shot
You think of flame, of noise,
and powder
You gorge a hundred barrels of flour.
Each time you roar, your flame
is fed.
With twenty thousand loaves of bread.
Then peace, and millions of hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths again.
By an unemployed war veteran.

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«Defend The Constitution»

C.P. Convention Goes American

The 10th Convention of the Communist Party held in New York City the end of May, adopted documents so openly bourgeois that it will make the leading traitors of the Socialist Parties green with envy.

ALLIANCE WITH CAPITAL

The key note of the convention was, "for the democratic front... of the Roosevelt New Deal Wing of the Democratic Party... and cooperation with the Catholics."

Today they ask an alliance with the New Deal Democrats and the Catholics; tomorrow they will ask this with the fascists, as they did in Germany against the Socialists before Hitler took power (the famous "red referendum"), and as they did in 1936 in Italy, when they asked for an Italian "People's Front" with the fascists on the Fascist program of 1919! (see the Stalinist Inprecorr, Aug. 22, 1936).

The Stalinist four main slogans are: JOBS; SECURITY; DEMOCRACY; PEACE. These are slogans for capitalism and negate the class struggle.

SUPPORT IMPERIALIST WAR

In one of his speeches on "peace" Browder said, "The fundamental features of such a peace policy have been clearly formulated by president Roosevelt in his slogan 'Quarantine the war makers', and by Congressman O'Connell in his peace act before

Congress (H. R. 527)". Not to Lenin's position of revolutionary defeatism and to the working class, but to Roosevelt and a bill before Congress is where the Stalinists look for peace.

SUPPORT THE CAPITALIST STATE AGAINST PROLETARIAN REVOLUTION

The new constitution of the Party states that the C. P. "upholds the democratic achievements of the American people. It opposes with all its power any clique, group, circle, faction, or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken, or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy whereby the majority of the people have obtained power to determine their own destiny to any degree."

In the U. S. we have a capitalist DICTATORSHIP in the FORM of Democratic institutions, that has never, and will never enable the majority to rule. On the contrary these institutions are to suppress and keep the workers, Negro masses and other oppressed layers of the population in check. DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS of the working class and oppressed masses have been obtained, can be held, and new gains made, ONLY on the basis of the CLASS STRUGGLE against the exploiters and their STATE — the "democratic institutions."

PERMIT RELIGIOUS OPIUM

The Convention discarded the

Marxian position on religion. "Questions of religious belief have nothing to do with this problem... there is no dogmatic obligations in party membership and we have a growing number who retain their church affiliations... Communists (?) scrupulously respect all religious beliefs and avoid all offense against them, firmly upholding religious freedom and toleration."

SUPPORT EXPLOITERS CONSTITUTION

The Convention openly supports the Constitution of the U. S., the legal mainstay of private property. Workers Councils (soviets) and the overthrow of the capitalist state is impossible if we support the constitution. Only counter-revolution is possible on this Stalinist line.

The Stalinist traitors today sing the Star Spangled Banner and raise the exploiters' flag instead of singing the International and raising the Red Flag of the working class.

PETTY BOURGEOIS COMPOSITION

They openly admit in their official organ that 73.8% of their membership is petty-bourgeois and white collar. A new member must be a citizen or agree to become a citizen before he can join. They are no longer a section of the C. I. They are now only "affiliated". This makes them 101% American, even better than the D. A. R.

The Road To Power

The present period is one of "Wars and Revolutions". In the decay stage of imperialism, the differences between the various groups of capitalists and world imperialists grow sharper and sharper. That is inevitable because productive forces increase as the markets fail to keep pace and become glutted; the booty to be gained becomes smaller and smaller.

A time comes finally, whether during imperialist war, or before it, when the whole system is in chaos, when the crisis becomes so acute capitalism is temporarily powerless to act, when whole layers of the farm population, of the oppressed middle class, are ready to follow the working class to power.

In such situations the Marxist Party coordinates and gives guidance to the working class to establish its own future organs of power. Workers Councils (Soviets) of representatives of factory, armed forces, and farm; it organizes, together with the Soviets, Workers Militias.

To the oppressed farm population the revolution gives freedom from debt, nationalization of the land and collective farming.

To the oppressed colonial masses it gives the right of self-determination.

To the Negro People in the United States it gives full economic, political, and social equality.

The working class and its vanguard party will make possible all of the immediate demands for which it has been fighting and socialize the means of production to begin the steps toward a classless communist society.

SMASH THE EXPLOITERS STATE

To succeed in all this, however, the working class cannot hope to gain state power by the use of the paper ballot against the armed force of capitalism, but must defend itself by the use of the same

methods used by the exploiters and their state. If the bourgeois system refuses to yield even minor immediate demands without police measures, beatings, frame-ups and shootings, how much more — no matter how chaotic — will it TRY to butcher the working class when it demands the full power of running society?

THE SOVIET UNION

The type of society we speak of is not just an abstract matter. For the first time in history such a society — a Workers State, — was created in Russia in October 1917. Despite the treachery of Stalinism in the Soviet Union, which is bringing the first workers state back to the brink of capitalism and in great danger of a counter-revolutionary overthrow — despite that, its economic and social achievements out-ran anything that capitalism has done or can do.

THE NEW SOCIETY

With the conquest of power the working class must establish a CLASS government of its own, such as existed in the Soviet Union at its beginning (the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.) Unlike all other states in history, this one has as its purpose its own liquidation. This state will insure

workers democracy, a democracy 100 times broader than bourgeois "democracy", a democracy which can afford to be so much more extensive because it will be based on much higher productive forces. The production of goods under the new society will be based on the socialist mode of production, and the elimination of the profit system. It will be organized production on a much higher plane than capitalism.

With the elimination of classes, the new state withers away and mankind reaches the classless Communist Society free from all the miseries, wars, and starvation of the CLASS societies.

(From "WHY COMMUNISM?")

QUESTION BOX

Shall workers celebrate July 4th?

Our answer is, take the day off — if you get paid for it — go down to the lake or the park and have a good time, at the boss' expense. Because this holiday — Independence Day, so called — is a holiday of the capitalist class, not of the working class.

Although the rising bourgeoisie of America in 1776 played a progressive role, with the Declaration of Independence and Revolutionary War, we must not forget that then as today, they tried to make as many gains as possible at the expense of the working class. They put over an enormous land grab in Ohio — including Washington and practically every official in his government; they withheld the franchise from the working class, brutally suppressed strikes, refused the thousands of workers in prison for small debts, etc.

OUR HERITAGE

The heritage of the working class is not the heritage of Washington, the right wing Jacobin Jefferson, or Hamilton. It is the heritage of the John Brown Rebellion; the Massachusetts revolts after the Revolutionary War; the Negro Slave Revolts; the struggle against the debtors Prisons; the struggle for Schools, free speech, the right to organize; the frame up of Spies in May 1886; the Pullman and Homestead strikes; the Wobly strikes during and after the war; the struggle against the Sacco-Vanzetti, and the Mooney frame-ups. These were the acts of class struggle by the working class against the Washingtons, Jacksons, Lincolns, and others, which were the only things that advanced workers interests.

Trotskyite Ranks Crack

The Trotskyites report in their organ that they have expelled the Mexican section of their organization, but they do not give one word of information as to the reasons.

From other sources we learn that the Mexican group was expelled for opposing Trotsky's support of Cardenas and his government.

On the heels of this news comes other news that Fred Zeller, long touted as the "great recruit" gained by the entry into the Socialist Party in France, has been expelled; and that the Holland section of the Trotskyists, in their biggest organization in their movement has now broken off relations with them.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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international proletariat will stay the hand of international imperialism, and usher in the social revolution.

WORKERS ACTION NEEDED

Despite the great show of military strength by the Czech government, there is little doubt that at the first onslaught of the Nazi military machine the whole government structure will crumble. Furthermore, the compromise proposals, both by Britain and by Henlein, German puppet who is the "leader" of the Sudetans, will be compromises at the expense of the workers, intensifying their misery and need.

Anti-War Congress

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the Lovestoneite chairman ruled the resolution out of order!

It did not conform, according to him, with the basic six point program of the Congress! The outlawed resolution stated that "capitalism is the cause of war. There is only one method to fight war — that is, by fighting capitalism".

PACIFISM LINE OF CONGRESS

Instead of calling upon the workers of America to wage a consistent war on their exploiters, the Congress resolved to work for "peace", as exemplified by a statement of Homer Martin, "The workers in industry want peace not war."

No matter for this bureaucrat that the bosses of the U. S. are today waging a brutal campaign to lower the living standard of the workers, that they are carrying on a war against their unions and strikes.

Not one word was said about the Class Struggle, about intensifying it, helping it, leading it to a government of real peace — the Workers Government.

The fact that capitalism is the cause of war and that capitalism cannot be destroyed without force and violence, did not hinder the pacifist-patriotic congress from adopting a resolution calling for "a war to end war by non-violent means". The "nonviolent" means, is, of course, sending petitions and letters to Roosevelt and the U. S. Congress to vote war out of existence!

TALK OF BOURGEOIS ISOLATIONISM

Among the many pacifist speeches were some about "no foreign entanglements", and the open patriotic talk about "defending the Western Hemisphere from the tip of Alaska to the Straights of Magellan". Small wonder that reactionaries like Fish could become friendly with "Marxists" like Lovestone at this Congress!

The workers of the U. S. have but one answer to this fake "anti-war" program of the Republican-pacifist-Socialist-Lovestone combination. The "Keep America out of War" movement like the Stalinist controlled "anti-war" movement is merely one more support to decaying American capitalism, and therefore, of its wars. It is an attempt to sow pacifist illusions in the minds of the working class, and thus prevents a real struggle against war.

It will be smashed by the might of the working class, guided by the Revolutionary Marxian organization that declares as its purpose the establishment of a Government of Workers Councils as the only way of fighting war and attaining lasting peace.

League To Hold Fifth Plenum

The fifth plenum of the Revolutionary Workers League, U. S. will be held in Chicago, July 3rd, 4th and 5th, following a two week National Training School for Organizers, held in the same city.

Foremost on the agenda of this plenum is the completed Programmatic Draft, the outline of which was agreed to by the 2nd Convention. Other points include the Trade Union Question, Spain, and Organizational.

The Young Workers League will hold a special meeting of its National Committee immediately afterwards.

OUR POSITION ON THE RIGHT AND LEFT ARMS OF THE EXPLOITERS. TEN CENTS A COPY



Stalinists Attack RWL Meetings

Thoroughly consistent with their new "democratic" line, the Stalinists organized a group of 60 pool room hooligans, in an attempt to drive the R. W. L. off the street on its regular Sunday night open air meeting on the west side in Chicago.

On June 5th the Stalinists placed a soap box a few feet from the RWL meeting and attempted to shout the speaker and start a fight. But the determination of the RWL members and the sympathy of the crowd put these misled members of the CP and YCL in their proper place. They moved across the street and confined their heckling to singing the Star Spangled Banner, while the RWL meeting was singing the International.

SING BOSS SONG

The following week on June 12th, the Stalinists began with a meeting on the other side of the street, started, as usual, with the singing of the Spangled Banner. At the close of the RWL meeting a number of YCL's, CP members, together with an organized group of hooligans, — organized by the Stalinists and taking orders from them — attempted to get to the speaker's chair and break it up. Their attempts were thwarted, but a general pushing melee in which hundreds of people participated ensued for more than fifteen minutes.

The RWL is enlarging its defense corps and calling upon all other working class organizations to defend the right of free speech from the Stalinist hooligans.

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THE REVOLUTION OF ALL VALUES

There never was a time like this.
A man who in his youth Hung garlands on a bare wall to make it endurable
In his middle age must tear them down
Painting a target in their stead.
He who jumped like a rabbit at the back-fire of an auto
Must learn to shoot, oh Lord - to let it bang
And spatter on the wall.
There is a moratorium on gentleness.

The rabbits will be shot for pot pie
Sprinkled with paprika and swastika
And fed to the beast of Berlin (Budapest, Rome or Tokio.)
Hell has arrived officially.
Shall we be violets and shrivel to no purpose
Or shall we ex-rabbits each make our bit of hell fertile
With a dead anachronism?
Look - I shot him myself, mother.

Children used to work in his mills
And he couldn't learn anything.
But isn't he a beautiful corpse
And ripe to feed to the flowers?
The flowers of hell are hungry for mine-owners
The very vegetables of hell will not grow without phosphates from the bones of fascisti.
Arise, ye rabbits -
Never mind about Jesus and St. Francis
Never mind about waiting forty years for the owners to die -
Did they wait for Sacco and Vanzetti?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN VANZETTI?
He died for us only yesterday
Not one or two thousand years ago;
He called for a million men
Not rabbits.
The garden of Eden is in the future -
First we must convert the carnivora -
And not with lettuce... B.

AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR, FOR CLASS WAR

IS SILK BOYCOTT AIDING CHINA?

Ending 1937 with a trade deficit of 636,000,000 yens, the Japanese imperialists were forced to cut down imports. This in turn caused them to concentrate mainly on the import of those commodities most essential for the continuation of the war.

Cotton imports from the United States in January and February of this year were cut by 180,000,000 yens. The falling of export is primarily due to the strain caused by the military conquest in China.
UNITED STATES SUPPLIES JAPANESE WAR NEEDS.

Even though Japan has cut down the imports of cotton from the south and wood pulp for Rayon from the west coast lumber industries, and other supplies from United States industries, she has become its best war customer.

Over 75% of the gasoline and 33% of the steel for military

purposes in China has been supplied by the United States.

The State department figures reveal that Japanese war orders have surpassed the Chinese. In the month of May the Brazilian dictatorship purchased \$1,484,829 and Japan \$1,334,608 in military supplies. The New Deal "democrats" not only work with dictator Vargas in Brazil but keep Japan too, well supplied with war materials.

BOYCOTT

Boycotts for limited duration on specific issues are necessary as an AUXILIARY in the class struggle, but the Stalinist "silk stocking boycott" is a caricature of how to conduct the struggle. Military supplies go unhampered to Japanese imperialism, without even a word for action, even though the Stalinists etc., dominate whole sections of the transport and marine industry. In reality they are sabotaging the struggle of the colonial masses.

Jersey Democrats Squelch Free Speech

Norman Thomas, a safe and sane liberal who has been the presidential candidate of the Socialist Party since Debs died, has been kicked out of Jersey City by Mayor Hague, national committeeman of the Democratic Party, and was egged in Newark by conservatives a few weeks later.

Many "democratic" capitalist camp followers are "aghast" over this display of "democracy". These "fellow travelers" seem to know absolutely nothing about the American class struggle.

It must be remembered that every DEMOCRATIC RIGHT the working class has obtained has been FOUGHT FOR AGAINST THE "DEMOCRATIC" INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. The School system, the right of speech, press, and assemblage; the right to organize unions, to picket and to strike — and countless other elementary rights have been won and can only be maintained by a constant struggle against the "DEMOCRATIC" INSTITUTIONS of the Boss class of United States. We still have a long way to go to obtain elementary rights for the oppressed Negro masses of the United States, and other rights.

Mexican Fascists Receive Set-Back

The Cardenas Government has been successful in its first major struggle against the Cedillo Fascist Forces in Mexico. The main reason for the failure of the Fascists at this stage was due to their inability to obtain the support of either of the two powerful imperialist groups in United States — support from Great Britain, United States will support dictators like Vargas in Brazil, etc., but will hold off as long as possible before resorting to a dictatorship just south of the Rio Grande, even if it does cost the New Deal considerable through its Silver subsidy to Mexico.

The American oil companies know they have less to lose through Cardenas than they have with Cedillo and although the British oil companies would like to find a new force vs Cardenas as the American puppet they too are not ready to give support to Cedillo.

HOW TO FIGHT FASCISM.

The only effective struggle against Fascism in Mexico, is first of all — no support to the present Cardenas capitalist government, which is a puppet government that could not last if the United States would withdraw its favors. This means that the workers must carry on their own independent class action. This is possible on the basis of the political and organizational independence of the revolutionary Marxian organization.

Establish workers defense committees now and smash Fascism as it raises its head. Extend the struggle against Cardenas, who by his policies is sowing illusions in the working class and laying the basis for fascism.

defeatism...

Not a single one of the revolutionists who were with the Trotskyites in 1934 is with them to day. Nearly all of these comrades are now in the RWL and the remaining ones are closely sympathetic and lend us splendid cooperation in our work.

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Fraternally yours,
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FROM ST. LOUIS, MO.

Comrade Oehler's meeting in St. Louis was a success from the standpoint that it was attended by the best class conscious elements — comrades who are active and influential in the trade union field here.

A number of Trotskyists attended and showed a keen interest particularly on the questions of Mexico and Trotsky's revisionist position on revolutionary

Organize The Unorganized !

FREE TOM MOONEY.



FREE FRED BEAL

Chicago Jobless Face New Cuts

Need Mass Picket At City Hall

CHICAGO — The relief crisis in Chicago continues. State, federal, and city authorities have a "united front" to push the unemployed back onto the old system of food orders, and do away with the already far too meager cash relief. Food orders from the Federal Surplus Commodities station are being increased. The relief administration has now cut off payments for rent or for clothing. Under this system unemployed must dig into their "food check" to pay for rent and clothing — an absolute impossibility.

Horner's special Legislature, convening in Springfield after the relief stations were closed on May 18, appropriated even less money than previously, even though the number of unemployed has increased. Meanwhile Mayor Kelly and the governor are playing the game of passing the buck to one another, neither one of whom intends to raise the money for relief.

RWL HOLDS DEMONSTRATION

The first demonstration against the closing of the stations and the relief cuts was organized by the Chicago City Committee of the Revolutionary Workers League, Sunday May 22 at Newberry Square. Five hundred workers there approved a resolution demanding the immediate opening of the relief stations, adequate cash relief, trade union wages for the unemployed, and other demands.

IWA PLAYS BOURGEOIS POLITICS

The Workers Alliance Stalinist policy in Chicago was to confine the struggle to the closed relief stations. Left wingers at the lower North relief station were able to extend the IWA picketing of an empty station into making the station somewhat of a neighborhood center of protest, holding several open air meetings there, etc.

Cleveland

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directly is supporting Burton as against Davey (even though under pressure of the R. W. L. and the Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief, they passed out a few leaflets against Burton). A small abortive sit-down strike in the City Hall, obviously with the silent assent of Mayor Burton, who instructed police not to eject the sit-downers, has been the main activity of the Alliance.

CLASS STRUGGLE GROUP

The only organization really fighting for the unemployed in the present relief crisis has been the Association of Unemployed. It organized a number of meetings inside the relief stations, held protest picket lines when a state committee to investigate unemployment met in Cleveland. Its leader, C. B. Cowan, turned the boos of a few Stalinists at a City Council meeting into cheers when he told the Mayor and Council that the unemployed would take extra-legal means of supplying itself with the necessities of life, unless the bourgeois politicians get busy.

The demands of the Association include "all war funds for the unemployed", an end to discrimination against negroes, and propaganda for Workers Control of Production.

Two Cliques Split Auto Union

DETROIT — Hell has broken loose in the United Auto Workers Union. The struggle of two bureaucratic cliques — the Martin group versus the Stalinist group, which now uses the ex-Coughlinite, Frankenstein as its face — is reaching a stage bordering on split.

Four vice-presidents and the secretary treasurer of the UAW have been suspended by president Martin. The only remaining officer besides Martin, is R. J. Thomas. With the suspended members are six other members of the Executive Board, who walked out with them. As it stands now Martin has only a two man majority.

That the politically ambitious Frankenstein, the worst red-baiter in the whole union should have joined hands with the Stalinists is no surprise. He is known as an opportunist and faker of the worst sort.

BOTH RED BAITERS

Martin, who despite his Lovestone alliance, is no mean red-baiter himself, is now again drawing a red-herring across the dispute.

Underneath the whole thing, however, lies a two year struggle for control, with Martin constantly firing Stalinist organizers, and second to that — for these bureaucrats — the struggle over a war position in the union, between the CP position of Collective Security, and Martin's "neutrality".

Just Out

The July issue of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, theoretical organ of the Revolutionary Workers League, is just out.

It is a special supplement devoted mainly to a recently arrived document of the Left Wing of the POUM, a historic document of the Spanish Revolution, with an analysis and discussion by the R. W. L.

Van Drivers Make Small Gains

COLUMBUS

After a strike of three days, the moving van men of Local 413, Truck Drivers Union gained a slight increase in pay and a reduction in the work week, besides several improvements in working conditions. The strike began on June 1. The drivers were asking for new contracts with an increase from 50c to 65 an hour in the city and from 45c to 60 on the road. They also demanded a reduction in the work week from 56 to 48 hours, after which overtime would begin at time and a quarter.

The strike was settled with an increase of 2½c on the hour, the reduced work week demand, renewed rigid closed shop contracts, and the union was able to tighten up organizationally through the disciplining of many members who worked during the strike. Members of the RWL were active both in the union and the strike.

LEADERS HELD WORKERS BACK

Undoubtedly more gains could have been made, had all the truck-drivers gone out together. All contracts had expired, but the other truckers postponed action for two weeks more of negotiations. Local 413 has a very bad leadership, old type AFL craft unionists, out for all they can get, and giving all sorts of excuses to keep the strike from spreading or becoming more militant.

To circumvent the craft narrowness of the transportation industry in Columbus, workers should organize a Transportation Council, unifying the truckers, cab-drivers, and street-car operators. Columbus has been open-shoppers' paradise too long. Steps of this sort, which will undoubtedly meet with opposition from the bureaucrats, will really give the union movement here an impetus to grow.

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The support by the Stalinist controlled Illinois Workers Alliance of Cook County for Mayor Kelly's so-called relief measures, as against those of Governor Horner, gives credence to the persistent rumors during the past months in Chicago that the Cook County Alliance has received a \$200 donation from the Kelly-Nash machine.

Kelly used the Alliance leadership during the primaries when they advocated support of most of his candidates, and during the present relief crisis when they soft-peddled any action. The Sta-

linists who dominate this leadership have done everything possible to prevent the locals from being militant class organizations in line with their class collaboration policy. Every class conscious worker who opposes them is expelled, and often labeled "Trotskyite", "fascist", etc.

FOLEY JUGGLES FUNDS

Recent developments in the Stalinist fraction itself, moreover, point to the fact that Foley, the Cook County secretary, has been padding expenses regularly, has failed to give financial accounts, sabotaged the work, etc. For two

St. Louis Local Fights Wage-Hour Bill

ST. LOUIS — A group of militant workers, many of them influenced by the RWL position, introduced in the Molders Union, the resolution on the Wages and Hour Bill published in part below. It was carried in the Local but defeated by the City Council of the AFL.

By way of contrast, underneath the resolution, we publish a few excerpts from the Trotskyist organ, Socialist Appeal. The comparison between the left workers and these so-called Marxists speaks for itself. It reveals utter bankruptcy on the part of the Cannon-Schachtman opportunists.

RESOLUTION OF LOCAL 59

This is the position of the unionists:

"This bill (wage-hour bill) sponsored by the friends of capital and the enemies of labor is a direct threat to organized labor and to the working class in general, proposing as it does to legislate upward the hours of labor (already too long) and to legislate downward the wage standards of the workers to the starvation level of 25c an hour or \$10.00 a week.

"Once again as under the N.R.A. the bosses will construe the word 'Minimum' to mean 'Maximum' and the workers will be forced into bitter struggle for the very right to live and to

receive a living wage. In this struggle they will have arrayed not only the bosses but the Federal Government who will be called in to enforce the 'law'.

"The new wage-hour bill will become the signal for the labor hating employers everywhere to begin a campaign of wage slashing which will be ferocious in character and national in scope...

CRITICIZE GREEN

"Resolved that the Molders Union Local 59, goes on record as emphatically protesting the passage of this legislation which will establish a system of Fascist wages and working conditions for the great mass of the American toilers and that Local 59 assures all workers of its support in their struggle against this bill and for a living wage...

Resolved that we protest and condemn in no uncertain language the action of Wm. Green, President of the AFL lending his name as the endorser of this anti-labor legislation...

THE TROTSKYIST POSITION

This is the Trotsky position as published in the May 21st issue of the "Appeal":

"All sections of the labor movement do, and must, support the Bill (wage and hour bill). Inadequate as it may be, if it improves conditions in even a single sweat-shop, if it stimulates even one move to wipe out sub-union standards, it will be that much to the good."

Textile Workers Hit By Crisis; Three Fifths Unemployed

PHILADELPHIA — The hosiery workers of this city are feeling severely the effects of a decaying capitalism, what with unemployment increasing, and competition by workers living in a South that "combines the worst features of medieval feudalism and 20th century capitalistic exploitation" (to quote a Phila. Record reporter).

With only 6000 out of 15,000 working, they face a future which is dark unless they carry on a militant struggle.

Early this year the bosses put across a 11-15% wage cut, against which the workers called a "holiday" walkout. Lacking a fighting leadership, the workers gave in without any gain. Recently, 700 Reading workers accepted another 15% cut to help keep the bosses in business. The national President, who office is here, agreed without protest, thus giving the local bosses ideas.

WAGES — HOURS BILL

Of late, the "leaders" of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO), together with other CIO heads, have been running around like mad, with bright ideas to benefit capitalist profits at workers expense. After going to Washington to plead for the wage-cutting wages-and-hours bill,

they called on Gov. Earle to call a conference of Northern governors to try to stop factories going south. Then Wm. Leader, president of Branch 1, went to Washington with representatives of the bosses association, to plead for RFC subsidies ("loans") for the bosses.

The workers are anxious to struggle, as the wave of strikes nationally show. The leadership, however, fears it.

At the May convention in Charlotte, N. C., Emil Rieve, national president, shoved through a change in the negotiation powers of the national executive board, from 1 year, to 1, 2, and even 3 year contracts, in spite of approaching inflation. Against those who protested the split effect of the change, he scoffed, "I thought the myth of a general strike in the hosiery industry had been exploded several years ago."

OPEN THE BOOKS

A progressive group is needed in the union, to fight the class collaborationist leadership. The demand to open the bosses' books to labor inspection must be raised; the unemployed must be drawn into strikes. A real drive, of which the labor fakers are incapable, is needed to organize the south.

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