

Stalinist Court in Hungary Follows Moscow Frameup Technique

Mindszenty Trial Seen Aimed at Opposition --

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profession (with its admitted authorship of the documents) was the sole proof...

totalitarian state; opposition to the regime, for example.

However much the accusations might seem to jibe with over-all Vatican views and objectives, past experience with Stalinist trials is itself sufficient...

EVIDENCE OF FRAUD

Or, with respect to the admission of seeking Chapin's aid in escaping. It is entirely conceivable that the Cardinal might have wanted to escape.

But: (1) would he be so stupid as to write the details in a letter and think he could get it to Chapin; (2) having written a letter, on the assumption that he could get it to the U. S. ministry, how did it fall into the court's hands? (3) would he have offered the U. S. minister \$4,000 to get a plane and a pilot?

Or, the documents found in his palace: would the Cardinal have left them lying around in the palace cellar to be picked up by the police?

Further, parts of the accusations could be entirely correct, and still not constitute a crime in any state but a

MOSCOW TRIAL PATTERN

The press has speculated on the use of drugs. No one can say for sure what methods were employed, but it is hard to imagine the Cardinal confessing except under some form of duress.

A whole generation of revolutionists was wiped out in the infamous Moscow purges of the thirties. Possibly, the same methods used to force confessions then were used now...

been drugged, may have been tortured, who knows?

There is, of course, an important distinction between the men and women exterminated in Russia, and the Cardinal. The accused then were revolutionists who could not possibly have committed the acts with which they were charged.

The Cardinal, as a servant of the Vatican, with its pro-West and anti-Stalin orientation, could possibly have negotiated with Western nations for one or another purpose.

The trial might have had some credibility had the Cardinal been able to choose his lawyers from outside Hungary, to freely prepare his defense, to ask for witnesses in his behalf...

ties like France and Italy whose support the Stalinists are particularly anxious to win.

The reason must lie primarily in Hungary itself. The Catholic Church there is the channel through which peasant opposition against the government's program is expressed.

Something more along the same lines is equally involved. It has happened in the past (under Hitler), and it will happen again: where other channels of opposition are destroyed, the people will utilize the Church as a means of organizing...

come the center of a democratic movement in a totalitarian country. (Pastor Niemoller became such a symbol in Hitler Germany.)

In these we think lie the motivations for the trial, a trial in the Stalinist manner. Perhaps there are socialists who react with sympathy for the jailers because the jailed has on his side a Cardinal Spellman...

Socialism is the champion of democracy. Socialism is the enemy of Stalinism. The one is equal to the other. A frame-up is a frame-up against no matter whom practiced.

The trial of Mindszenty is a "trial by confession," no matter who the victim. It is the way of tyranny. It outrages democracy.

Injunction Right --

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foregone conclusion that such strikes by workers for better health and greater security, will automatically be considered against the "national health and security."

REPUBLICANS CROW

It should be recalled that some two years ago during the railroad strike, President Truman actually sent a special message to Congress that he wanted strikers drafted into the army.

The anti-democratic position taken by the Democrats on this point has given the Republican senators a decided advantage in the debate.

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WHY THE TRIAL?

The Vatican has been known to accommodate itself to the most totalitarian of regimes. It got along fine, for the most part, with Mussolini.

And there we think lies the possible answer to the whole ratty affair. The Vatican is committed to the West. Agreed. The Vatican and Russia, for reasons implicit in the authoritarian nature of each, and for dozens of other reasons as well, are mortal enemies.

first assured himself of his power to get injunctions against labor by getting his Attorney General's opinion; then, as a grandiose gesture to labor, he did not put it into the bill--it was not necessary.

The clarification by the administration on the subject of "inherent powers" has placed the officialdom of the CIO and AFL in something of a fix. They have stated their approval of the administration bill.

The basic logic of the capitalist government has revealed itself in this debate on the right of injunction. It is clear that no matter what the law says or does not say, the government will find the loophole "to protect itself" against its mortal enemy--militant labor.

On the other hand, labor's forte is the justice of its cause, the strength in its numbers and in its solidarity and its ability to convince "the public" that labor's wellbeing is also public wellbeing.

London Letter

by GEORGE STONE, Editor, Socialist Leader

LYNSKEY REPORT PRODUCES NO SENSATION

Fleet Street waited expectantly, special editions were run off when the news came through but, all in all, the moguls of the press were bitterly disappointed with the findings of the Lynskey Tribunal.

It is true that two prominent figures of the labor movement have been found guilty of allowing their friendship with certain business men to influence their decisions on matters of public interest and procedure...

Ironically enough, J. H. Thomas, a former Labor cabinet minister, who was banished from the House of Commons in 1936 for divulging budget secrets, died a few days before the publication of the Lynskey report.

DEBATE ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION

The Palestine debate caused the government some anxiety. It all came right in the end but only after Mr. Atlee had announced that he would regard the decision of the House as one of confidence in the government.

This debate was markedly different from every other debate on foreign policy since Labor's accession to power, insofar that Bevin, formerly the darling of their political lives have been abruptly terminated.

There is no doubt that Bevin does not want to fall from grace too quickly, hence his announcement that recognition would be made after consultation with other members of the Commonwealth. But that the state of Israel will be recognized there is no room for doubt.

Apart from the government's general attitude on this question of Palestine, it is believed that they have been perplexed by the fact that both Russia and America have acted with accord in granting recognition.

Britain has been completely in the wrong on the question of Palestine and has been easily exposed. Nevertheless, those who imagine that the U. S. and Russia are motivated by any high ideals in the matter will shortly have a rude awakening.

BEVIN'S REMARKS ON A UNITED EUROPE

Bevin may have had a bad time over Palestine but he certainly showed some sense when addressing the Foreign Press Association on the day before the Commons debate.

Speaking on the conception of a United States of Europe, he declared: "Argument was no answer against Communism (Stalinism). A good standard of life and happiness in association with Western civilization was probably the greatest contribution we could make.

Mr. Bevin is not quite clear as to what form he wants this unity to take and much criticism could be directed to certain aspects of his speech. Nevertheless, the fact that he has the conviction that European unity is essential to progress is a welcome sign.

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capitalist. What is true, however, is that these bourgeois classes can lead the struggle for independence to the point of establishment of the nation.

clauses which call for nationalization and give recognition to many social problems of national construction. Such a constitution does offer more possibilities for struggle and for worker-peasant hegemony.

The decisive fact is this: The Republic, with all its many faults, is fighting. More than that, it is not the same Republic today that it was when it was blockaded and withering in the hills of Jogjakarta.

It would be false and suicidal to act now on the basis of yesterday's facts. As socialists we prefer the victory of the most conservative Republic over the most paternalistic Dutch regime.

Finally, these opinions are my own. The Workers Party has not taken any position on this question.

Jack BRAD.

Think About It!

There are two million more unemployed this month than in January. And there are four million fewer workers employed now than last summer. Whether the figure is 2,650,000 as the government claims, or considerably more as its own figures lead one to believe, the specter of unemployment is again haunting the American worker.

Palestine --

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is not limited to one country. It is continental and world-wide

Most national oppression tries to suppress and exploit the people it engulfs, that is, colonies, the Negroes in the U. S. These people are offered the alternative of death or slavery. Anti-Semitism is centuries old; its roots go back to theology, etc., creating a latent anti-Semitism that breaks out into overt anti-Semitism in times of social crisis.

In a fundamental and in only too real and immediate a sense, the survival of the Jews as a people, or even as individuals, is dependent on the overthrow of capitalism.

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