

The Negro Struggle

By Albert Parker

Father Haas, chairman of the Fair Employment Practices Committee, has resigned to take a job as bishop in Michigan, and President Roosevelt has promoted Malcolm Ross, former deputy chairman, to Haas' post.

there is not a Negro serving as a commissioned officer in the entire Navy, and only one in the Coast Guard. Trained seamen are strictly segregated.

Negroes at home have no desire to see Negro troops slaughtered on the war fronts. Nevertheless they are getting angrier and angrier about the Army's policy of not using Negro soldiers for combat duty.

During this same period, the Navy policy has changed somewhat, for it now admits many Negroes and not only as kitchen lackeys, but it too still treats Negroes as second-class citizens.

TROTSKY SAID: EUROPEAN LABOR MUST BUILD ITS SOCIALIST FEDERATION

The danger of war and a defeat of the Soviet Union is a reality, but the revolution is also a reality. If the revolution does not prevent war, then war will help the revolution.

the status quo that the European workers and the colonial peoples can rise against imperialism, and against that war which must break out and overthrow the status quo almost as inevitably as a developed infant destroys the status quo of pregnancy.

San Francisco Union Skates Block Road To Labor Party

By C. Thomas

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17. — The current municipal election provides an object lesson in company unionism in politics.

The CIO Council, completely dominated by the Stalinists, met Sept. 19 to discuss which of the four principal contenders for mayor was to be designated as the "workers' choice."

Two weeks later the AFL group met and endorsed their own "workers' choice," George Reilly. This caused a bit of consternation in the Stalinist camp which had hoped to force an all-labor endorsement of MacPhee by confronting the AFL with an accomplished fact.

These events coincided with the appearance in the city of Sidney Hillman, who as chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, was making a tour of the West Coast.

Spellman Defends Rule Of Franco Dictatorship

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man is compelled to explain why Spain was a republic from April 1931 until crushed by Franco in the civil war of 1936-1939.

General Franco's supporters maintain that the general would have assumed control over Spain if international legionnaires had not come to the aid of the Loyalists.

3. In 1932 a group of generals attempted to overthrow the republic. Not even the soldiers under their command would follow them and they were quickly suppressed.

4. The first "international legionnaires" that appeared came in July 1936 in the Franco forces—German and Italian aviators and artillery specialists, German and Italian battleships, and finally whole Italian divisions, the

material from Hitler and Mussolini on which Franco was entirely dependent. Axis aid to Franco outweighed a hundred times the pitifully small amounts of material received from abroad by the Loyalists.

5. Spellman raises the Communist spectre. In reality, the republic was thoroughly bourgeois, and the Loyalists lost the civil war not only because of Franco's military superiority but also because of the conservative policy of staking everything on the vain attempt to win the support of the "democracies" instead of arousing the European masses.

Nowhere in Spellman's account does the fact appear that Franco led an armed invasion against a legal government. Nor is there a word about the fact that the first forces of this "Christian" enterprise consisted chiefly of Moorish mercenaries.

To cover up these omissions, Spellman digs up again the old lies of Loyalist atrocities: "Thousands were put to death for no greater crime than wearing a necktie," etc. The truth is that the workers and peasants, when they rose to repel Franco's invasion, were all too generous, failing to take the necessary stringent measures against the upper class which would have put an end to the "fifth column" about which Franco openly boasted.

"We understood each other perfectly," writes Spellman of his meeting with Franco. No doubt, for they were there to do a filthy job together. Of that bloody butcher, his hands still reeking with the blood of Spain's millions, the Archbishop dares to write: "I cannot doubt that he is a man loyal to his God, devoted to his country's welfare, and definitely willing to sacrifice himself in any capacity and to any extent for Spain."

But how is this vile support of Franco compatible with the "war

the official Stalinist "Election News" published by the campaign committee of the Communist Party expressed the following sentiment:

"We hope, together with every other union and progressive force, that the way can be cleared quickly for labor to get together behind ONE candidate."

STALINIST FLIP-FLOP

And lo and behold! It wasn't but a few days after that the prayers of the Communist Party were answered: the local CIO Council met, rescinded the endorsement of MacPhee and endorsed Reilly. The same Reilly who was characterized in the CIO Council's original statement in the coming elections as Chester MacPhee.

"While seeking labor support, Reilly remains on the friendliest terms with the labor-baiting Hearst press. This benevolent association dates from the time when Mayor Rossi appointed Reilly to the Board of Supervisors. In fact, the record shows that Reilly has been, and still is today, all things to all men." (My emphasis—C. T.)

A number of CIO unions influenced by the Stalinists had already gone on record for MacPhee. The rank and file Stalinists

in the unions translated the official CIO characterization of Reilly — "all things to all men" — into the language of the street, referring to him as a "pimp." Now they are confronted with the not too pleasant task of explaining to the workers why it is necessary to cast their vote for a "pimp."

The boss press, which has divided its endorsement between Lapham and Rossi, published indignant editorials stigmatizing the CIO "betrayal" of MacPhee as "contemptible" and "unprincipled." In reply, the CIO Political Action Committee explains that it was done in the name of "unity of labor" and for the purpose of "unifying all the people in support of the commander-in-chief."

"The CIO endorsed me because they said they believed I was the best qualified candidate for mayor. If this was true two weeks ago, it is true today. The rank and file of organized labor will speak for labor on election day — they need no one to pick their candidate for them."

ABSTENTIONISM

Unfortunately, it is not true that the rank and file of labor will speak for labor on election day. AFL and CIO leaders have again blocked the road to independent working class political action.

The workers of San Francisco are not fooled. This is indicated by the report of the registrar of voters that San Francisco will go into the election with the fewest voters since 1935. This, in spite of the fact that the population of the city has enjoyed a tremendous increase, and despite the frantic efforts of the union officialdom to get out the vote — amounting in some Stalinist-led unions to making membership contingent on registering to vote.

There will come a time, and soon, when voting with their feet is converted by the workers into active determination to pick their own candidates, to write their own program, to build their own independent labor party.

U. S.-Britain Back Regime Of Badoglio

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gram far more successfully by means of the Italian Quisling Badoglio regime than through its own military government. Roosevelt and Churchill believe that the Italian masses can be held in check more easily if Italy is still in a state of war and officially a partner, even though an insignificant one, of the Anglo-American war camp.

The Badoglio deal sets the pattern for the Allied "liberation" program in all Europe. Wall and Lombard Streets think they can impose their rule of exploitation, military occupation and political reaction in this round-about fashion. The AMG will serve as behind the scenes master under the facade of the Quisling Badoglio government.

The Italian capitalists are perfectly willing to play this jackal role to the allied war machine. They understand too well that the only chance of saving their rule is with the aid of Anglo-American arms. Badoglio makes no bones about this aspect of the matter.

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Proposed Plans For Peace That Will Bring No Peace

By M. Morrison

The discussion now raging around post-war foreign policy is a clear indication that American imperialism is confronted by tasks that demand a sharp turn on the part of those who formulate and control its policies.

The First World War ended with American capitalism winning a dominant position in the capitalist world. Its productive capacity brought victory to the Allies; from a debtor nation it became the outstanding creditor nation and its influence became paramount in every corner of the globe.

In proposing the creation of a League of Nations with full membership for the United States, President Wilson gave expression to the needs of American capitalism. Naturally the proposal was made with all the necessary idealistic references to peace and justice, and it need not be categorically denied that President Wilson would have liked to see peace and justice reign on earth.

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Wilson's failure did not bring to a halt America's irresistible penetration throughout the world, with the exception of the Soviet Union. Every major economic problem had to be discussed with American financiers who made the ultimate decision.

As the strongest section of world capitalism, the United States could not possibly isolate itself. When German imperialism made another desperate venture to achieve a "place in the sun," it was inevitable that this country should participate in the conflict against Germany.

As against all the false propaganda of the capitalists and the Stalinists, the class-conscious workers will stress the fundamental proposition that this war will mean the end of wars only if the working masses will take power and control the economy of the world.

The passing of the "isolationists" is indicated by the adoption of a resolution at the Republican Party conference held recently at Mackinac providing for the participation of the United States in some form of international machinery to be set up after the war for the purpose of "preserving peace."

If the economic factor is basic in determining the trend of American capitalism, it does not mean that the sentiments and ideas of both the masses and the ruling group can be disregarded. Anxious to prevent another frightful holocaust, the masses are undoubtedly in favor of some form of international organization.

But the time was not ripe. The isolationist forces developed by the preceding economic era, in which the home market was almost, if not altogether, adequate, were too powerful to permit American imperialism to make the necessary adjustments.

But even at present, while the war is still raging and the capitalists are trying their best to create an impression that this is really the last war, the rivalries between the two most powerful capitalist nations are coming to the surface and clearly indicate that the forces operating under the capitalist system will not permit peace to endure for long, no matter what kind of machinery is created.

American imperialists have already warned their British allies that after the war the American merchant marine will control its share of shipping. The British capitalists are terribly worried lest air traffic come under complete control of their American brothers.

And aside from the economic rivalries between the capitalist nations the fundamental antagonism between them and the Soviet Union is a constant threat to peace. An agreement may be reached between the capitalist nations and the Soviet Union but it will not do away with that antagonism. An agreement may be reached between the United States and Great Britain but it will not do away with the economic rivalries between American and British imperialists.

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