

Starvation Haunts Germany in Third Year of Nazi Rule

4,870 WORKERS HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY FASCIST BUTCHERS—100,000 ARE ENTOMBED IN PRISON—AMERICANS MUST AID THE GERMAN PEOPLE

A FEELING of horror and revulsion must grip every honest person when he remembers that three years of Nazi rule was celebrated by the German Fascist fiends yesterday.

German Fascism, which lighted its road to power by the criminal incendiary fire it set to the Reichstag, is now trying to set blaze to the world dynamite heap of war.

Treading on the bones and corpses of the 4,870 workers and anti-Fascists that the Nazis have slaughtered in its three-year reign, Hitler declares that Fascism feels "strong."

With 20,883 anti-Fascists already convicted, and the concentration camps bursting with more than 100,000 in their living tombs, Fascism feels "secure."

But the Nazi fiends know that the walls of history are moving ever nearer to crush them. They hope to save themselves by exploding the world into a war—

bloody and terrible beyond the most nightmare dreams of humanity.

"Peace," sweetly purrs the tyrant Hitler, only to disarm the unsuspecting about the realities of the war the Nazis are poisoning to launch upon the world.

Relentlessly driving to war, to world domination or destruction, the Nazi butchers have literally torn the price of their gigantic murder machine from the living flesh of the German people.

Hunger and starvation haunt Germany. Unemployment is growing by leaps and bounds. Since August, 802,000 German workers were plunged into the army of the starving jobless.

Like a mountain the Fascist rulers of Germany have piled a 40,000,000,000 mark (\$10,000,000,000) debt on the backs of the German people. They have spent more than \$6,000,000,000 alone to prepare the German masses for an unprecedented slaughter.

They have stripped the country of food to import war materials.

To distract the attention of the German people, the Nazi mad-men resurrected the sadist war on the Jews that humanity had believed was buried with Czarism and the Dark Ages. This racial murder was not enough, however. The Nazis extended their attacks to Catholics and dissenting Protestants.

The Fascist jailors of Germany make no secret of the fact that their chief aim in their incessant drive to war is destruction of the hope of humanity, the Soviet Union, the land of gloriously advancing socialism.

As Fascism in Germany enters its fourth year, we—all foes of Fascism—must renew our fight to save the

revolutionary and humanitarian hostages held by the Nazi butchers. We must fight harder to free Ernst Thaelmann, Carl von Ossietzky, and the thousands of unnamed victims of the Nazi degenerates.

We must anew pledge our support to help achieve a united front of Socialists and Communists in Germany and here so that Fascism may the more speedily meet its doom. In a number of districts of Germany the united front has already been achieved.

We must ten-fold increase our aid to the heroic Communist Party of Germany.

In the name of our fallen comrades, of the martyrs in the fight against Fascism, we must solemnly pledge that we will never rest until Fascism has been destroyed root and branch.

"Trotz alledem!" as the great Karl Liebknecht said, "in spite of all!"—the German toilers will conquer against its Fascist enslaver!

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Financing the Bonus
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has sent to Congress a request for an appropriation of \$2,249,178,375 to finance the veterans' bonus.

Where will the money come from? General Motors has just answered that question. Its net profits for 1935 were \$167,226,000, the biggest since 1929. Its leading officials receive salaries of more than \$200,000 a year.

Tax General Motors! Tax Alfred P. Sloan, William S. Knudson and other G. M. officials!

Other big corporations are also answering the question of where to get the money for the bonus. Their profits under the New Deal are soaring to new heights. They also have billions in cash surpluses. Administration leaders are disposed to finance the bonus through Treasury borrowing from the bankers. This will put the burden on the masses of the people, who already are weighed down with all sorts of direct and indirect taxes.

Others want to solve the problem by issuing two billions in greenbacks. This would result in a rise in living costs, and the people again would be the goat.

The debt to the veterans should be paid by those who cleaned up during the war. Tax the rich! Tax the Morgans, the du Ponts, the Rockefeller and the rest of the war-racketeers!

Party Life
By CENTRAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT

National Control Tasks
40,000 Dues Paying Members
100,000 Sunday Worker Circulation
By the Party Convention
March 8 to 12, 1936

'Terminal Jack'
Farmer-Labor Party Drive
Paper a One-Man Job

THE December issue of Terminal Jack, published in the railway terminal in St. Louis, completes a year's regular monthly publication of that paper, a record upon which the unit is to be congratulated.

There are several other features of Terminal Jack which are worthy of commendation, as well as several aspects which must bear criticism. Of effort worthy of emulation is a poll which the paper is taking among the terminal workers on the Farmer-Labor Party, as to whether they are for it or against it, what its composition should be, etc. It is to be hoped that this will become a regular feature of the party, with announcements as to the vote and a forum on the subject.

The preceding article urging the necessity for a labor party does a very good job also by using the problem of railroad co-ordination and resulting lay-offs as a basis. "We wish to point out the dangers that are already present in the attempts of some of the Brotherhood chiefs to tack this movement of the fight against consolidation onto the tailcoat of the old political parties. One of the speakers at the East St. Louis mass meeting called upon the railroad men to take political action through the building of a political organization. However, he further stated that railroad workers should support office holders who would carry on this fight.

"We certainly can agree with the statement to build a political organization that will fight against consolidations. We say such an organization must be a Farmer-Labor Party based on the trade unions . . . etc."

THIS article would have been considerably improved had the comrades been more specific about the "dangers of hooking up with the capitalist parties." They could have, for instance, given examples from the St. Louis itself as well as from national events, showing that American workers have been misled by "friends of labor" and elected them to office, only to find that their "friends" have worked against every labor proposal of did nothing to carry out their campaign promises.

Two other shortcomings of the paper must be mentioned here, as they are fairly common to many shop papers. First, that almost the entire six pages of Terminal Jack sound as if they were written by the same person. Not only does this give the paper a slightly monotonous tone, but it has very serious political implications.

While we say on the part of a single comrade is commendable at the same time we urge that a shop paper must be the product of collective effort.

Another shortcoming is that most of the articles are very poorly and repetitively. Comrades who get shop papers often complain that their copies are "stuffed" that they cannot bring many party campaigns before their shop mates. We do not say that it is necessary to have every comrade write a good piece. The above mentioned has been very well done, but it is not only to be done, but it is to be done well. It is to be done well as well as to be done well as to be done well.

Union Democracy
THE United Mine Workers is a great and powerful organization. In its convention this year in Washington, it stands four-square for industrial organization of all the unorganized in mass production industries.

The members of the union and their delegates in Washington know this means fight. It means struggle against the greatest and most ruthless capital groups: U. S. Steel, General Motors and Ford, Goodrich and Firestone, Rubber, Standard Oil and all its subsidiaries.

It means struggle also against those craft leaders who risk the life of the A. F. of L. to keep selfish power in their equally ruthless, hide-bound conservative hands, and oppose the organization by industrial unions in the basic industries.

In such a situation the leading bodies of the U.M.W.A. must see that the only hope of winning is through the enthusiastic, whole-hearted support by the rank and file of their own union and of other unions. This cannot be achieved by asking the convention to approve of the destruction of the right of members to elect their own district officials.

This convention should return to the miners that measure of inner union democracy they had until it was arbitrarily taken from them by their international officials a short time ago. Democracy within the union this convention can secure if it will. It could also take a big step toward democracy in government if it would reject President Lewis' advice, and go on record for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Connecticut Recruits
CONNECTICUT shows the way! Communists of the Nutmeg State, after a deep slump in recruiting for the party, now report that they have recruited 50 new members to the Communist Party in the last month.

What brought about this "miracle"? Real effort to recruit—that's all. The comrades applied themselves to recruiting and they got results.

Whom did they recruit? Workers who learned to appreciate the role of the Communist Party in various struggles. Workers who saw the brilliant fight the party is making for the unity of labor and the farmers of the states in their battle against reaction.

IT CAN be done. What is necessary is to make the effort and results will be obtained.

We cannot give leadership to a constantly growing front of working class battles if the membership of the Communist Party does not show a rapid increase.

Our influence is growing, but the growth of our numbers does not keep pace with the widening prestige and influence.

Recruit for the party! Let the entire party membership profit by the experience of the Connecticut comrades.

Thomas and Soviet Trade
WHEN the N. Y. Times publishes stories about the inner struggle in the Socialist Party, the Left Socialists properly brand them as lies and distortions. But when the Times publishes lies and distortions about the Soviet Union, Norman Thomas and certain of his friends lap them up.

On Jan. 18 the Daily Worker exposed a faked story in the Times, supposedly sent from Piraeus, Greece (it's no longer Riga), which stated that "the Russian governmental monopolies continue to sell Italy secondary supplies of war, virtually no change having been made by sanctions upon Soviet goods to carry on the war against Ethiopia."

The Daily Worker cited official figures of the Soviet Commissariat for Trade which showed that from January to November 1935 Soviet trade with Italy had declined 33 per cent in comparison with the same period in 1934; that oil shipments had been cut two-thirds, and that the export of wheat and cement had ceased altogether though the Times had stated that "Russian cement" was being used for "Italian cantonnements in Eritrea."

In the current issue of the Socialist Call Norman Thomas ignores all this and once more attacks the Soviet Union on the basis of the Times fabrication. At the same time Thomas keeps silent about the fact that United States trade with Italy increased 64 per cent in December, with substantial rises in all and other war products.

We are still waiting for Thomas and the Socialist Call to carry out the pledge of the Soviet program to "cancel" the trade embargo against Italy. We are still waiting for Thomas to restore the Eastern

'Sanctity of the Home'
WHO are the wreckers of family life? A judge in a Newark chancery court babbles about "the brotherhood of man, the virtue of women, the marriage institution as well as the personal relations between parent and child."

And then the same judge, in the very same speech, deprives the woman before him of the custody of her little five-year-old boy and ten-year-old girl.

The grounds? "The petitioner had permitted herself to become thoroughly imbued with communistic, atheistic and I.W.W. doctrines. Even though she does not hold formal membership in these organizations."

The evidence? A copy of the Communist Manifesto and an I.W.W. song-book.

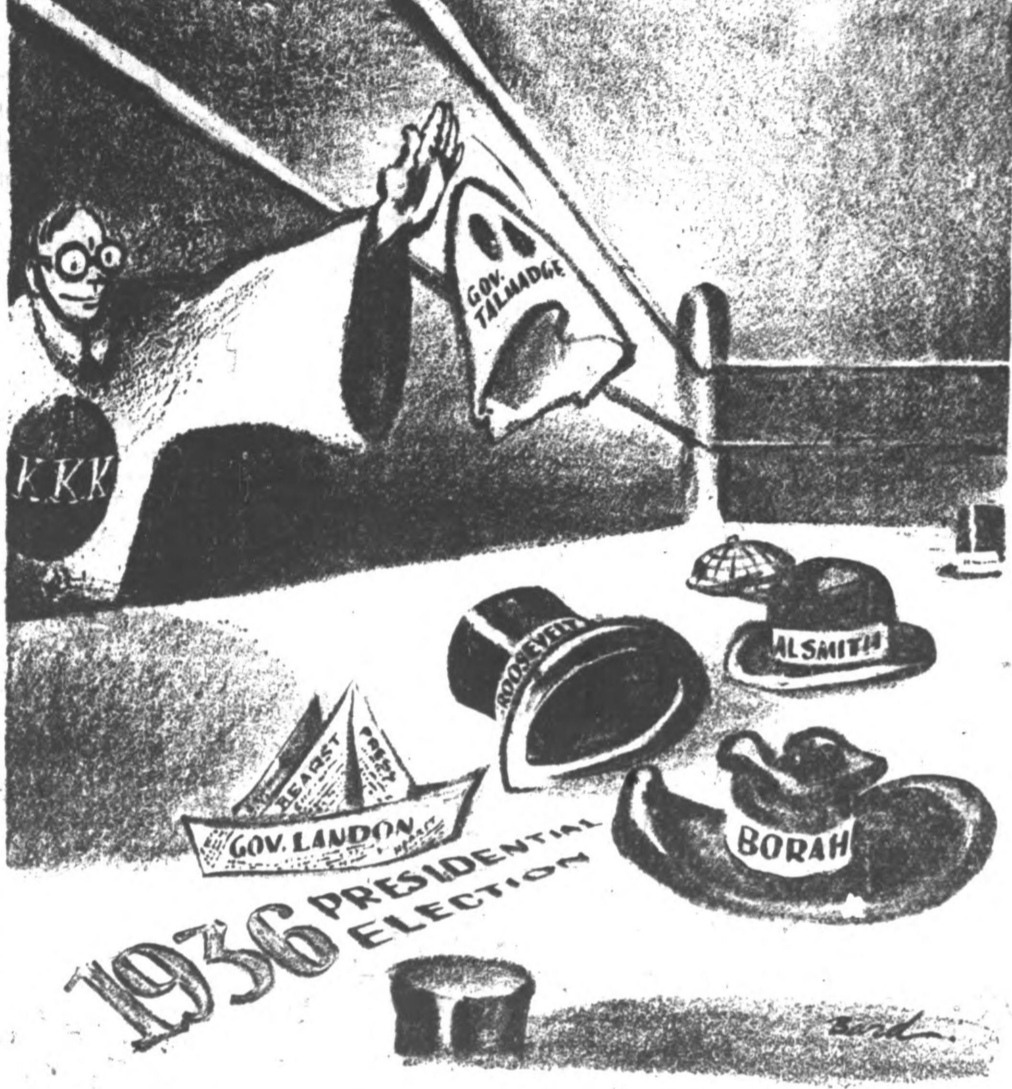
Dark reaction, whether it is talking through a chancery court judge or a William Randolph Hearst, or a Governor Tamm, speaks a language of its own.

In the name of "sanctity of the home" it tears children from the side of their parents.

In the name of "Americanism" it destroys the democratic traditions of America.

We urge our readers to write to Ruth S. G. in the name of "sanctity of the home" that he restore the Eastern

THROWING HIS HAT IN THE RING by Phil Bard



Letters From Our Readers

The First Step Is to Learn Your Congressman's Name
New York, N. Y.
Comrade Editor:
Where may other people and myself find out who their Congressmen are?

Not from Heaven, 'Bosses, But Taxes on Workers' Pay
Minneapolis, Minn.
Comrade Editor:
I wish you would inform readers "how money is gotten" to pay for the upkeep of all the alphabetical schemes. It seems that our liberal-progressive-minded folk have been swallowed up by the so-called New Deal. Folks nowadays should know money is not miraculously given from the heavens (or the bosses!) for the welfare. It is about time exploiters of the oppressed pay for our nation's folly.

A 'Boring' Philadelphia Lenin Memorial Meeting
Philadelphia, Pa.
Comrade Editor:
I am writing this letter during one of the numerous boring periods of the Philadelphia Lenin Memorial Meeting. The idea is for the American foreign gold credits, to back up the dollar's price in the foreign money markets.

Catholic Would Like to Know What Are Their Principles
New York, N. Y.
Comrade Editor:
Two events recently have come twice to my attention.

Welcome to 'A Corner on the Feature Page'
New York, N. Y.
Comrade Editor:
That boy Lou Lewis is a corner. He deserves to do a steady job. He says he has the native gift of talking U. S. to workers. He says he will make the gap growing for Miss Gode.

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'OUR ONLY SALVATION'

"I say to you here today, brothers and sisters of the American Federation of Labor, that we are the oppressed people! That we, the majority of the people, have been robbed of our constitution and civil rights by a powerful minority. And I say to you with almost unbroken emphasis that we shall never free ourselves from bondage unless we take the reins of the government ourselves. Our only salvation lies in a militant, courageous and unflinching Labor Party movement, based on the rights of the people."—Francis J. Grimke, vice-president of United Textile Workers, from speech at A. F. of L. convention in behalf of Labor Party coalition introduced by T. W. and supported by many other unions and international unions.