#### EVIDENCE MADE TO ORDER

The trial of the gangsters, Coll and Giordano, on murder charges, which re sulted in the acquittal of the defendants throws a glaring searchlight on "justice' as it is administered in New York. The men were "positively identified" as the men who fired the shots in the baby killing last Summer by a witness who had been on the police payroll for months and kept seeluded in a hotel under guard. Brecht, the police witness, did not merely think they might be the killers. He knew it. He was an "eye witness" to the shooting, and he swore that Coll and Giordano were the men he saw spraying bullets from the auto. And then, all of a sudden, the prosecution's case went to pieces. Brecht was exposed by the defense counsel as a professional "identifier" and perjurer, a thief, ex-convict and all-around scoundrel -a sort of a Hoyle. It was, even disclosed that he had "identified" the defendants some years ago in a similar case in St. Louis and that on that occasion, also, his testimony had been discredited. Following this bomb-shell the case collapsed and the court ordered an acquittal.

Victims of the frame-up system of American justice are not always so fortunate. The police in this case made the mistake of picking on real gangsters with money and influence. They were able to employ competent legal counsel. They had the means to finance investigations. They owe their acquittal to these circumstances. If they had been small fry, if they had been friendless men, without without a doubt.

The police frame up their victims all the time as a matter of routine, as a habit. We have seen the revelations of the Scabury investigation regarding women framed as prostitutes. During the Greco-Carillo case a few years ago a veteran newspaper man covering the trial remarked: "Half of the fellows who go out of this court room to prison are convicted on fake evidence. Everybody knows that. If these two men don't go up, it will be because they have good lawyers and influential friends." This is the record and the reputation of the New York police and prosecution system among all informed people. If the use of perjured evidence and third degree intimidation are used systematically in ordinary criminal cases day by day, what man in his right senses would trust WHERE DID THEY LEARN? them to deal justly and fairly with de-

railroading by the time-honored meth Workers Defense Committee and to as things look now, I must consider Turods in the case of the indicated marine vote a donation for the expenses of its key my home for some time to come. workers, Soderberg, Bunker, and Trajer. work. This action took place at its meet The formation of a defense committee and the employment of qualified attornevs have introduced a few "complications" into the game. It is already obvious that there is going to be a fight and not a one-sided victimization of

And that will not be a victory for them alone. It will be a form of protection to the labor movement as a whole against attempts to disrupt it by frame-ups and dynamite plants. To that end we must work with all our strength in the time that is left before the trial.

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### FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROBLEMS

The appearance of a Greek organ of the Left Opposition in America, and the projected early publication of a Jewish paper, will no doubt extend the propaganda effectiveness of our movement to a considerable extent. At the same time these developments pose before the Communist League, for the first time in its experience as a distinct organization, one of the most difficult and complicated problems-the problem of coordinating and centralizing a movement which is compelled, by the force of circumstances forbid! They only want to know more in the country, to speak in many ton-

Foreign language speaking workers constitute an important-even if not the ter. most decisive-section of the American proletariat. To carry the message of Communism to them and to unite them with the native workers in a single movement is a task that American Com- this hypocritical shrewdness. Is it not class to harass America at home. She munism has stumbled over more than time for the trade union militants who once in the past. We ought to learn draw their inspiration from the Comfrom the costly mistakes of the past munist Party to stop discrediting them-Party experience in order to avoid them in our own work as a faction.

The problem is political, first of all. Organization difficulties, which have in the past assumed tremendous importance, flow from the political essence of the qu'estion. As Marxists we can do no other than aim at a centralized movement which carries an identical message in every language, and always acts as an organizational unit. Special language organizations cannot have an independent existence under our banner. The Left Opposition has no use for autonomous

all of its manifestations, is the strength Pittsburgh, Pa.......January 7th It is nowhere written that the United sense."

principle. Every special language grouping or propaganda expression must be built from the very start on this conception. It follows from this that all of our language papers, as well as all other propaganda mediums, are organs of a single National Committee. The references all our language organs make to specific problems of the immigrant workers have to be subordinated entirely and directly related to our fundamental prin-

ciple line. The right wing of American Commun-Revoultionary Age complains about its house is the abode where the two police-Lithuanian twin Naujoji Gadyne which men, the cook and the fishermen live. has recently made its first appearance. It is here together with his wife, Natalia

the struggle of the Lithuanian Opposi- retary comrade Frankel, and a stenotion as if it were an isolated 'Litnuanian' grapher, that Trotsky lives and works, fight. The fundamental political struggle . . . is almost completely neglected Communist Party (Majority Group)."

Well, what do you expect? Of course they leave aside the big questions and the workroom face to face with the devote themselves to the comparatively leader of the International Left Opposipetty "national" issues to catch the sup- tion. Comrade Trotsky pushed aside his port of people with transitory griev- manuscripts and greeted us warmly. ances. The opportunists always do that. Little time was wasted with formalities. The Naujoil Gadyne is only repeating We were too eager to question each other. tionary Age.

Left Opposition. The Revolutionary Age cover the length of our stay. money or connections, they would be on also criticized the manifesto of the Comthe way to the electric chair already munist League in the Greek languagemanifesto, it said, talked too much about lips and which our American readers thoroughly corrupted bureaucrats, it is the situation there to be decisive in its the Anglo-Russian Committee and the undoubtedly are anxious to learn about quite possible to win large sections of influence on the whole trend of events Chinese Revolution, and not enough is the state of comrade Trotsky's health. the youth to the Opposition. They are internationally. "A victory of Fascism Let us go to the workers in all langu- which he was afflicted. When we in- must concentrate especially upon winning Party does not realise that should Hitler their ideas are the ideas of the October fundamental questions of world import, replied: "My two chief ailments are a tremeudous reserve for us. I should Party and the Labor movement. But In that way we will build a movement malaria and an ulcerated stomach. I really like to see efforts made in this instead of that it plays with the situaamong the foreign language speaking suffer of these from time to time. The field of work." The steps already taken tion in a most criminal manner. It re- time came to leave. But there was no the Communist League and an integral here to a rigid diet and occasionally I in promulgating youth work through the Brandler and Company capitulated. Then The thought came often to us: What a part of its organization. If we go ahead have been laid low through this illness, issuance of Young Spartacus and help the Party followed behind events instead horrible crime Stalinism has committed with this aim we will be armed in ad- Regarding my malaria I can add very ing to create the Youth Clubs will find of leading the proletariat in the strug- to the revolutionary movement. The vance against most of the difficulties and little to what I have already told the a favorable support from comrade Trot- gle for power. From all appearances exile of comrade Trotsky is a terrible contradictions which hampered the Party comrades previously. There is very little sky. He is especially interested in our the Party is continuing the very same blow to the Russian Revolution and to in the past in the foreign language field. that can be done for it in Turkey. The efforts in this field of work.

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of New York. This is the first union to climate where the heat were not so in-The stage was all set for a speedy respond to the appeal of the Marine tense it would help considerably but, in the present crisis? Are they really ing last Wednesday when a representative of the Defense Committee spoke before it on the case.

This act of solidarity was not performed without an internal struggle. Of course nobody flatly opposed the idea of helpless prisoners who have no means helping union men to defend themselves of defending themselves. They will have in the capitalist court. Nobody ever ond volume of the "History of the Rusto be more careful with their cooked-up does. The opposition to the contribution sian Revolution". (The first volume perjury out of fear of another annihil- expressed itself in the form of proposals ating exposure. The whole question of to delay, to "investigate", to find out Simon and Shuster Company), Comrade whether they will have the nerve to go more about the facts, and similar fraud- Trotsky lives very methodideally. He in the Jewish language in order to make Successful Banquet for through with their brazen frame-up will ulent devices and subterfuges. And goes to bed early and rises early. He it accessible to them. "Yes, you should depend on the public interest in the whom do you think were the exponents begins to work in the morning and con- not neglect the Jewish worker. He will case, and particularly the interest of the of these worthless and dishonorable tinues until he is ready to go to sleep, be a great help to you and the American maneuvers to cheat the imprisoned work-This interest is growing and is being ers of the aid that is their due? As the completion of his present work. In addi- the Opposition and win them to the suporganized. But not fast enough. If we news report in another column in this tion to the book, Trotsky maintains a port of the our ideas." work harder, if we extend our fight on issue tells, it was the members of the a broader front, if a real movement of Trade Union Unity League, the revolu the working class comes to the support tionary trade unionists if you please of the prisoners, they will be liberated. who spoke for this counterfeit caution The reactionary elements in the union voted with them. An incongruous lineup, indeed.

Militants in the labor movement who have served their time on various occasions in the fight to gain trade union sup port for persecuted workers have grown struction to this work. Never, or in any he works. case hardly ever, do you encounter a straight out fight against the prisoners in question. The impulses of the work ers are always on the side of their per secuted brothers; their tendency is to respond generously and unquestionably to their appeal. The reactionaries know that. That's why they resort to flank movements, tricks, traps, maneuvers to put off and wear out the question. The favorite maneuver of all, when they are taken unawares, is to postpone action and "investigate". They are never opposed to helping the men in prison. God about the case. If it comes to trial and results in a conviction, before they get the necessary information-all the bet

This, as has been said, is the well known strategy of the reactionary bureaucrats. But here we have "the vanguard of the proletariat" resorting to selves in this manner? You cannot violate all the ethics of labor solidarity and then expect to be taken seriously as a revolutionist. You cannot fight reaction with methods and practices borrowed from the reactionaries.

### THE NATIONAL TOUR

The balance of the schedule for the National Tour of comrade Arne Swabeck is as follows:

Balance of schedule follows: Cleveland, Ohio ......January 5th

# 4 Sojourn With Comrade Leon Trotsky - Five Weeks in Kadikoy --

Kadikoy is an Anglo-American resident suburb of Constantinople, twenty minutes by boat from the Pera quarter of the city and located on the Asiatic side ted here and there with many islands, is the home of comrade Leon Trctsky.

Comrade Trotsky has been living here ism is also having an experience in this island of Prinkipo. The present hour. "There is a distinct tendency to treat Ivanovna, his daughter's son, his sec-

We arrived at the house early in the . . . It does not as much as mention the morning and after making our identity known gained admittance into the house. In a few moments we found ourselves in

> . . . . climate is extremely bad for malaria. Particularly-in hot weather do I succumb | America is not altogether strange to My heart functions well and otherwise I feel well. If only for these two ail-l and liberal mutterings of the Thomases? ments I would consider myself a healthy American Socialism has not changed its

We observedly particularly, during our stay, the enormous energy of comrade Trotsky. While we were there he was completing the last chapters of the secwill be out in February, published by All his energy is directed toward the comrades should try to attract them to correspondence with the leading sections of the International Left Opposition. He reads the most important international periodicals of the Comintern, the organs of the various parties and the capitalist press of the leading countries. The only break in this program of immense work of the leader of the Opposition, comrade Trotsky finds in fishing occasionally and, on rare moments, to hunt. This is the only form of relaxafamiliar long ago with the technic of ob- tion from the terrific pace with which

> the rest of the world. The United Party.' States will turn its attention to the quest for a redivision of the world markets. And in this development she will exhibit her ruthlessness. One of the weaknesses in the present situation is the subjective factor. It is not enough to say that statistics point to the impossibility for America to rise out of the present difficulties. We must not forget that from the subjective point of view there apparently feels free to proceed without much protest with wage-cuts on a national scale and repressions against the

American working class.

for almost a year-since the lamentable parations made by the Communists for The clothes belonging to the entire famfield. In the contrast between that ex- is a simple two-story, wooden-frame the role of American Imperialism and Trotsky said smilingly, "it could have perience and ours can be seen the con- dwelling, that boasts of no historic pre- only after a criticism by the Opposition been very much worse". trast between a movement that lives occupants. It is surrounded by a high made a belated turn about face. But it from day to day, as best it can, and a picket fence, reinforced with barbed is absolutely necessary for the Communpare for the future?"

assumes even more importance now.

whether he would like to come to the United States to live. He expressed a real desire to be here, but replied: "I think it is best to wait until the revolupush a little faster to accomplish this." . . . .

Comrade Trotsky is deeply interested in the Youth movement. Repeatedly he asked us questions regarding the youth activity have you been carrying on?" ture?" He expressed himself as fol. rade Trotsky. lows: "It is absolutely necessary that A subject of intense interest to every the Opposition concentrate on winning but from an opposite standpoint. The revolutionist, one that came first to our the youth to its support. Unlike the the situation in Germany. He regards ages with a uniform propaganda on the quired as to his health comrade Trotsky them to our banner. They will become workers that is ideologically united with condition of my stomach forces me to ad- by the National Executive Committee calls to my mind the period of 1923 when other choice and we made ready to go. . . . .

> making efforts to build their organization? Do the workers support the antiworking class activity of the Hillqu'its reformist approach to the problems confronting the proletariat. It remains a

> constant danger to the working class." In connection with the Socialist Party, comrade Trotsky asked about the role of the Jewish workers in this country. He told us that it was quite possible to win their support. But for this it would be necessary to publish our literature

. . . . Comrade Trotsky takes a deep interest in the minutest tasks of the Opposition. Militant, which he regards very highly. "The Militant must be maintained as a phase of work". He questioned us reby the members of the Party, what our financial condition is, and numerous ion. Alpert rendered some vi lin selecof the Lovestone group and the activ-America absorbs a great deal of com- ity of the Party. He often repeated the rade Trotsky's interest. To him the Un- absolute necessity to win the Party memited States symbolizes capitalism at the bers. "They are most important", he height of its development. "This period told us, "and for this you must organsees America assuming the leadership ize your Party factions. They must be of the capitalist world", he told us. He active bodies, participating in the life of and duties of the Communist movement continued: "While it is not excluded the Party. We must not lose sight of and dealt particularly with our press. that America can rise out of the present the fact that we are a Party faction. crisis and attain its former strength, she and our Luture depends directly upon the will have to do this at the expense of whole future of Communism and the

,We found comrade Trotsky in good spirits despite the extreme hardships of his exile. He must write in order to live and this in a sense is a handicap in that it does not allow him to concentrate all his thoughts and energies on the International Opposition. We talked about life in Turkey, and often its humorous though tragic sides would come in does not exist a revolutionary working- for discussion. The fire that broke out almost a year ago destroyed his library and a box of valuable clippings that were collected over a period of years. Comrade Trotsky is planning a book on the International Situation following "But in spite of this we have reason the completion of his present work. It to be hopeful for the American working- was for this that he had been collecting class. The effects of the crisis have a material. "When we first arrived, I tremendous influence in shattering their made inquiries regarding a · library in bourgeois and petty bourgeois longings, Turkey, which I might be able to use in which came as a result of the stupendous my work. But unfortunately, I learned rise of American capitalism during the that such an institution was not to be almost uninterrupted growth of industry found in Turkey. After the fire, I sent there. But America has passed that comrade Frankel to the National Univer-"golden era". I think that it is correct sity of Stamboul requesting the use of to say that from now on her development | the school library. They were anxious Time: SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1932 will be a far more difficult one, made to help, but found that impossible beat the expensive of the rest of the world | cause the university did not have a and in particular through increased per- library which I could use. So you see The strength of the Left Opposition, in Youngstown, Ohio ...... January 6th | secution of the working class at home. | that I am really handicapped in this

of its ideas, its granite foundation of Philadelphia, Pa. .........January 9, 10. States must be last on the calendar of We learned from the comrades there

of Turkey, where the Bosphorous flows the revolution. The world character of that the fire destroyed almost every into the Marmora Sea. At the outskirts economy, plus various combinations, can thing. It broke out late at night and by side of Socialism and Capitalism, the of this surburb, in the section called push the United States to the upper before much could be done, it spread capitalist powers only work to make Moda, located on the bluffs overlooking portion of the list. I have spoken on through the entire house. All that was matters more difficult for Soviet Econthe eastern shores of the Marmora, dot- this same question to the American saved from the ruins were the archives, omy. For the Opposition it means more comrades before. The problem, however, Lenin's letters and documents. His lib determined efforts than ever. rary consisting of 2000 read and annot-

movement that goes by principle. The wire. In the garden running about the ist to realize the role of American capi- incident to us; "Shortly after the fire we continuously denouncing the Opposition talism, to see its development and pre- engaged a room in a nearby hotel. All and rencuncing every principled idea that Jokingly we asked comrade Trotsky much disturbed by the irreparable losses vicious of them all. Most of the capition and I trust that you comrades will tate chapters of his book as though noth- Oppositionists remain steadfast. There

in the States. "Have you any youth in library that he lost. Books on economics. conditions of work (lack of writing the Opposition"? "What kind of youth history, politics and labor movement are materials, lack of books, periodicals, re-"What are the possibilities of organizing In this article we appeal to our com- or with the Party itself) exhibit a fearthe method it learned from the Revolu We talked for over two hours, drifting a youth movement supporting the Op- rades, sympathizers and anybody who lessness that should encourage every from subject to subject and then pro- position and training, educating and pre- is interested, to communicate with us in Oppositionist. There are in exile today Such exhibitions cannot happen in the ceeded to outline our discussions to paring the cadres of youth for the fu-

Comrade Trotsky is much troubled by come to power he would destroy the course today. The Opposition must do the Communist International. Trotsky all in its power to prevent this attitude in Turkey is Trotsky endangered. The of the Party from continuing. This is nest of white-guardists in Constantinople to spells accompanied by terrific fevers him. He asked about the role of the one of our chief tasks. We must make and in the Balkan countries always loom which forbid me from continuing my Socialist Party in the present crisis. the Party realize that its task at pre- up as a constant threat to-the life of Honor to carpenters' union Local 2000 work. If it were possible to live in a "Does the Socialist Party take an ac- sent is to organize the working class our leader. The great handicaps in the resistance to Fascism and prepare for work, his health made more aggravated the revolutionary struggle."

> From Germany we went on to a discussion on the situation in the Soviet Union. We asked comrade Trotsky just what effects the world crisis would have tribute to him is to build the Internaon the Soviet Union. Comrade Trotsky tional Left Opposition and to carry on was of the opinion that "the world crisis | the historic fight against Stallnism-that will have severe repercussions there. It virus which has brought these conditions appears now that the five year plan is upon the Communist movement-and experiencing a number of difficulties thereby to regenerate the International about which we warned long ago, but Communist movement for the conquest the relation of economy on a world scale of proletarian nower. to national economy will cause a crisis

of the five year plan and only increase the economic difficulties of the proletarian dictatorship," Even now, while Stalin and Litvinov speak of the possibilities of the peaceful development side

"The capitulators find things more dif-"A great deal depends upon the pre- ated volumes and clippings were burned, ficult than ever. Those who were influenced by the step of Radek and the other fire destroyed his home of exile on the the struggles of the future. The Com- ily were destroyed and \$150,00 in cash older comrades, and who sincerely felt intern heretofore refused to recognize was burned. "But even so," comrade that a change was taking place in the policy of the Party, found themselves returned to exile shortly after they were taken back into the Party. Radek tries Comrade Frankel related the following to establish himself in the Party by of us felt dejected and were very he ever held. He has become the most of the fire-all except comrade Trotsky. Julators do not exist politically. They No sooner were we settled, when he laid have sold their ideas for the right to his manuscripts out on the table, called return to the centers to enjoy the existthe stenographer over and began to dic- ence of "marked men". The genuine ing at all had happened during the are many thousands in exile. It is hard to estimate how many. Official figures Upon news of this loss, books were will tell nothing. Those in exile are sent to Trotsky from different parts of forced to go through terrific persecution the world. These help to rebuild the and in spite of the extremely unfavorable especially needed and welcomed by him. lations with other Opposition colonies, between three and five thousand young Oppositionists as well as a few thousand old Bolsheviks. In the Party ranks there are currents of Oppositionists everywhere. Stalin thinks that by his severe repressions he can stamp out the Opposition. But he can never do this in spite of everything that he does. The about the so-called "Greek" questions. In the past a variety of reports circulated less corrupted and are more susceptible in Germany would have disatrous ef- Opposition lives because its ideas are We need not worry about such criticism. regarding the numerous ailments with to the ideas of the Left Opposition. We fects everywhere", he told us. "The the ideas of Marx and Lenin. Because Revolution".

> It was not easy to part when the in this country, his general separation from the centers of the movement, are not easy to overcome. Comrade Trotsky keeps on fighting. The greatest

-ALBERT GLOTZER.

## Press Held in Mpls.

MINNEAPOLIS-The first of a series of events, which marked comrade Swabeck's visit to Minneapolis, the banquet held for the benefit of the Militant and the forthcoming Jewish organ, Unser Hamf was held on Saturday, December He asked many questions about the 26 and was unanimously considered a success. After an excellent dinner of over 50 comrades and Left wingers, comweekly at all costs. It is a powerful rade Carl Cowl, the chairman, gave weapon and no doubt is your strongest greetings in the name of the Left Opposition and then introduced comrades Carl garding its sales, whether it was read Skoglund and Vincent Dunne who made appropriate remarks befitting the occasother questions regarding the existence tions, and then comrade Miles Dunne favored the audiences with a few monologues. Comrade Avrin next read Trotsky's farewell remarks upon Lenin's death, "Farewell, Hyitch!" and then delivered a speech on Lenin, Comrade Arne Swabeck then spoke on the tasks In response ever \$60.00 in cash and pledges was collected, as well as a number of subscriptions to the Jewish paper. Unser Kampf.

The cash contributions were as follows: Vincent Dunne, \$10.00; Carl Skoglund, Louis Roseland, S. Zalmanoff, Ladies Auxiliary of the I. W. C. and L.each \$5.00: Hoberman-\$1.50: comrades = Averbach, Malinsky, Chas. Johnson, Lucatsky, J. Schwartz, Pat Rogers, Frank Glaser, Grant Dunne, Miles Dunne, Carl Cowl, Avrin, Fanny Barach, Lessin, M. Schwartz, Mogilebsky, Lubitssch-\$1.00 each; Clem Forsen Bertha Sauer and others-50 cents each.

The Committee is grateful to al those comrades who worked to make the banquet for the Left Opposition

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