THE CIVIL WAR IN GERMANY.

The Fascist Terror Is Let Loose!

Fascist students with clubs and knives. suit that 40 or 50 bullets struck the local Three Communist students, three social building. At that same moment another democrats and one other, from the S. A. Fascist band arrived coming from the P., were seriously wounded.

At Dresden

Nazi group attacked two social-dem- in the neck, the Nazi, Steinberg, fell. ocratic workers who were seriously in- Three others were wounded. jured. When numbers of workers ran up The "home group for self-defense" sec to protect them the band of Nazi cow- tion assembled and the Nazis fied. A ards ran away.

provoked some revolutionary workers in policemen asked some passers-by who rived they took the side of the Nazis it was the Nazis who had just passed turn over the keys of the cellar and against the Communists. Alleging that they had been attacked with rocks, the police used their arms. Two policemen were wounded, and we cannot ascertain whether there were any losses on the side of the workers.

July 2

At Janowitz Bridge (Berlin) a worker was beaten up by six Fascists. Some marble-workers in the vicinity immediately ran to his aid. A section of the League for Struggle and several young socialist comrades interfered, and the Nazis ran away. (On this occasion a permanent committee of defense was organized.)

At two-thirty, the Nazi bandit Trumpelmann, in Scheneberg, fired ten revolver shots on two revolutionary workers out on the street. One was seriously injured by two bullets, and the other by three. These two victims of the Fascist vermin are at present struggling against death in the hospital . . . This act of aggression took place after a discussion.

Nine Workers Killed In One Day At Hattingen (Ruhr) comrade Lubberich was assassinated, and comrade Scholz felled by a revolver bullet in the lungs. At Cologne, a Fascist motorcyclist killed who follow with ever deepening interest a worker, head of a family. Two other the vicissitudes of the class struggle-of workers were injured. At Berlin a pol- the CIVIL WAR already begun in Gericeman beat up our comrades Gericke and many-must read the answer of Thael-Schoneck. At Frankfort-on-the Oder, two mann", etc. What! civil war is already social democratic workers fell under the unleashed in Germany, in the most defire of Hitler's bandits.

July 3, Hamburg

After their C. P. meeting, in Dittmarchen, our comrades from Lunden, returning to their homes, were suddenly attacked by a hall of bullets from 300 Nazis. Comrade Frahm was killed by a bullet in the abdomen, and comrades Blesch and Krach were wounded in the arm and head.

In Berlin

A comrade in Berlin was assassinated, seated on motorcycles, a group of Nazis organized an armed attack against the Fischer workers' local (Vogtstrasse). Six THE TURN OF THE GERMAN C. P. or eight shots were fired in the local- TOWARDS THE UNITED FRONT

people were wounded.

At Mariendorf

murderous assaults.

At Wedding

In Neue Hochests and in Leuzenerby a bullet wound in the neck.

arrived immediately, they fled. Sudden- of 17-6-32.) ly, at eleven o'clock, a motorcycle with Thus, the C. P. of Germany has been correct strategy in the party, and second. the shutters; by doing so they saved their zations? No! It is necessary to per- cation of the masses to Communism or party today has no leadership, no correct

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July 1, at the University of Berlin posted in different corners of the street Fascist student bandits attacked anti- fired from every direction, with the reother side of the street. The Nazis who had just fired took them too for Com-June 21, in the suburb of Leubau, a munists and turned on them. Wounded

policeman ran to meet him, revolver in hand, but allowed the Nazis to pass, al-On June 29, a uniformed assault band though they were obviously armed. The had done the firing. He was told that him; in spite of this the policeman continued in the opposite direction. In their flight the Nazi bandits in the Neue Hochstrasse knocked down a porter named Kniest and slashed him with knives.

At a quarter of one Goebbels' bands returned. At Lenzenerplatz they tried to enter Neue Hochstrasse. Seeing that the street was filled with workers they assembled; in the commotion they fired on each other once more.

The Police Assassins

Rostockerstrasse (Moabit); because of ed and one policeman killed.

Hitler's bands are increasing their bloody deeds. Just as in Italy, they are laying a crushing burden of terror on city and countryside. Already acts of aggression and assassinations take place every day. We draw up here a record of Fascist

aggressions since July 1, taken from the Rote Fahne. May our comrades realize by these few examples that today it is the fate of the whole European proletariat which is being decided in Germany! Let us line up to help them!

porter of the house on 2 Rostockerstrasse fatally. was aroused from his bed and forced to store-room. The police ransacked the from the windows.

Berlin-During the night at 1 o'clock, prevent the workers from singing certain the police took unheard of measures in songs. Twenty-four workers were wound-

the heat many of the inhabitants had left - In the evening there were new encountheir window open. The patrol demand- ters between the workers, who were goed that the windows be shut immediately. ing home, and the police and Nazis. Al-As several of the inhabitants expressed legedly, stones were thrown at the poltheir indignation over this demand, one ice trucks; the police fired in every dirof the policemen drew his rifle from his ection. A worker was killed by a bullet shoulders and fired three shots. Another in the head, another seriously wounded patrol arrived and also fired. An assault- in the abdomen. The Nazis waylaid the tions, next hastened to the lair of the Two youths were wounded, one by a truck and an armored car came up. The youth comrade Werman and stabbed him

Kassel

house from top to bottom. In the middle Fascists at Eschwege, near Kassel, yes. solidly. of the night the inhabitants were rudely terday, there occurred some serious conaroused from their beds. The bourgeois flicts between the entire workers' populapress claims that there had been firing tion and the S. A. provocateurs. By their shouting the masses kept the Fascist orator from speaking in the market place. In league with the S. A. the pol-At the entrance of the Stadium where ice used brutal measures against the the trials of the Spartacus took place in workers. From a distance of several Essen (Ruhr), the Fascists and the meters Severing's police fired on the police provoked the workers. A serious workers. Two workers, a Communist conflict resulted, the police trying to and a social democrat, were killed by the shots of the Severing forces.

Minden (Westphalia)

Spontaneous United Front Developing

Nazi bandits opened fire on a working was arrested. The two others succeedclass street. A worker, coming out of ed in escaping. a saloon just at that moment, was so Tuesday afternoon, a motorboat beargravely wounded that he died a short ing the Fascist flag went along the

time later in the hospital.

Kottbusertor (Berlin) group of workers wounding two slightly, the Muheritz and Hinkeldey bridges, and killing one Reichsbanner worker. The shouting out at them "Long live Hitler!" workers punished the cowardly assassin. One man shouted back, "Down with Hitwho had to be taken to the hospital. The ler!" whereupon the Nazis drew revolvworkers, forgetting all party considera- ers and fired on the unemployed men. organize a joint demonstration in the at the boat, wounding one of the assasbanquet-hall at Ewald, in order to weld sins. On the occasion of the filing off of the anti-Fascist united front still more

July 6, Essen (Ruhr)

revolver shot, died this morning.

July 7

Yesterday four young unemployed workers took some food in Diana House, and were pursued and attacked on the Last night, with no excuse whatsoever, riding. He, as well as one other boy, thes through the windows. One worker

witz has pronounced "Rather ten times

with Thaelmann than once with Groe-

ner's", became a favorable ground for the

"Even though the propaganda of the

idea of unity has not yet been capable

of giving great exterior results to the

S. W. P. Even though the idea itself

serves at the present moment as an ob-

stacle to the rapid growth of our organi-

see how just is the demand for a class

front, of a bloc of workers, and how this

idea, thanks to our indefatigable propa-

working class is already uniting for ac-

tive resistance. A will for struggle such

as has never before existed rules in the

working class today; it is calling a halt

to fratricidal struggle in order more en-

ergetically and successfully to carry on

On July 9, Kamfsignal again carried a

"The C. P. and S. P. demonstrations

of last Sunday and Monday showed that

to assemble during the past ten years

the struggle against class enemics."

work of the S. W. P.

working class voices.

(Kamf.signal of 7-3-32.)

previous week:

Spandau canal (Berlin). The occupants of the boat hurled insults at the unem-Last night an S. A. bandit fired on a ployed men who were bathing between Nazi assassins in Skalitzerstrasse, and bullet in the arm, the other in the knee. demolished it. The workers decided to The bathers, bitterly aroused, threw rocks

July 8, Golinov

In the course of the wood-workers' strike, which has grown more serious The worker Heinrich Steinweg, from during the last few days, some encoun-Dortmund-Bracke, whom the police ters between the strikers and scabs ocwounded in the neck on Sunday with a curred. The manager summoned the police, who fired on the strikers, one of whom was seriously wounded by Severing's police.

July 9

Wednesday evening, at a quarter of Erckener-Neu-Zittar road by a car full eleven, a Nazi band fired on the Beeckof policemen. One of the unemployed man workers' local, at Pankow, Beritegyouths, seriously wounded by a bullet in strasse, 2. The bandits threw some his back, fell fom his bicycle while hand-grenades and rocks and beer-botwas seriously injured and had to be taken to the hospital. The Hitlerites fired three revolver shots at the cafe-The German Communist Party and the United Front their builds. When the police arrived, the mob had long since disappeared. The next day thirty Fascists came out of their barracks to provoke the population. The workers and passers-by demanded that the police search them. A revolver was found on one of them, who was recognized as a participant in the assault against the workers' local the previous evening, and he was arrested.

July 10, Frankfort-on.the.Main

Last night the bandits of the S. A. passed through the workers' borough of Nied, proceeding towards Hochst. Alzation nevertheless we can already today though the march had been forbidden, the police brutally cleared the street for the passage of the brown plague, knocking down men and women. The alarmed ganda, has taken root in all working workers assembled in front of the townclass organizations. Moreover from a hall, where about fifty Nazis were thorbloc in the extra-parliamentary struggle oughly thrashed. Intimidated by the unthe workers will demand more and more confinable anger of the workers, the polforcily a common list of all working class ice put away their clubs.

parties in the coming elections to the Shortly before midnight a police car Reichstag. This fact should not only bear drove up; it too was greeted with stones evidence of the common lot of all groups, thrown by the workers. The police but should besides prevent the loss of started firing and wounded a worker. Near Niddabrucke the workers threw up "Workers are still falling daily under barricades to block the road for the the bullets and knives of the Assault Fascists. Not until early morning did Battalion bandits. Dozens of workers they dare to return to their homes, unare shot or stabbed every day. But the der a strong police escort.

Hirschberg (Silesia)

Last night Nazi bandits from the entire region tried to attack a camp of young socialist workers at Schmeideberg. The S. A. bandits surrounded the camp and bombarded it with rocks. When the workers, who were instantly awakened, ran towards them, they tried to run story on the huge mass meetings of the away. In the melee 16 Nazis and 10 workers were seriously injured. The police searching the Nazi bandits later. found several dozen revolvers, clubs, and

Assault battalion 33 of Charlottenburg (Berlin), once more attacked and fired gathered from the laboring districts to upon the workers. Under police protec-"That which seemed unimaginable only the midst of the city. But not only the tion the Nazis had distributed leaflets differences, the working class of all was no friction between the social dem- treat in Hebbelstrasse. Along the way

> worker but had to release him soon. "Although the two bureaucracies have While the Fascist mob, with a strength not been able to agree on a joint demon- of about thirty men, was beating the stration, the a reals published by their workers with clubs and stones, while press have been completely distinguished Scheffler leading his Nazis, was hitting from those of the past. The Vorwaerts the workers with shovels and the workstated specifically that 'the demonstra- er's were running away, police car numtion is directed exclusively against our ber 1A45,951 passed up and down Grunenemies on the Right, and we must ab- strasse, where the workers local is sitstain from all polemic against other uated. workers' parties, particularly the C. P.

Child Killers

The capitalists live in Grunewald (Ber-To sum up, it is evident that the turn, lin); the proletariat lives in Fischeroutlined by German party is beginning keitz. When the assault battalions want to bear fruit. But in order that it may to undertake punitive expeditions, where not be the social democracy or the S. do they go? Not to Grunewald, but to W. P which ultimately reaps the re- Fischerkeitz. There lives Helmut Selten, ward of this tactic, the C. P. G. must a lad of thirteen. He is a puny child, make its program of action much clear- the youngest of eight brothers and siser, and above all must show that behind ters.

the united front struggle against Fascism Thursday evening, June 23, Helmut will inevitably arise the problem of and his friends were playing in the streets. Suddenly one of the little ones For the last several weeks, the party cried out, "Look out for the Nazis!" has been seriously altering its organi- Before they had a chance to run away, zation methods. It has built up a strong the Nazi rifles swept the street. The movement of "anti-Fascist action". In wounded were bathed in blood-among numerous places it has conferred with them Helmut. The Nazis cried out, "Get trade union and political reformist or- out of here, you red curs! This is the ganizations. New problems arise. The Third Empire!" A bullet wounded Helanti-Fascist struggle is not an end in mut in the thigh, severing an artery. itself. It is at present the most urgent The hole where the bullet entered is the need to fulfill; all our forces must be size of a five mark piece.

directed to this struggle. But in order The old mother ran to her son's aid. that this struggle may be advantageous She was weeping; Helmut tried to confor the revolutionary wing, we must sole her. "Don't cry, mamma, it's not so trace out a broad perspective of the serious." His blood was flowing fast. struggle for power. We must advance Some firemen carried him to the, hosa program of proletarian government, pital. In order to save his life it was for today the question is no longer that necessary to give him a blood transof a return, according to the wishes of fusion. One of the firemen put himself Like the tide they're still going out. the social democracy, to a "second repu- at the surgeon's disposal for this opera-

Subscription rate: \$2.00 per year; for- leaders and the Communist press, show Communism had the masses in China; be a reminder or a warning that com- struggle, we must march towards the leg is shattered to fragments. The asseign \$2.50. Five cents per copy. very clearly that the so-called anti-Fasc- a strong trade-union movement (3 mil- rades who want a copy should lose no proletarian revolution, towards the dic- assins gleefully make ready for their

The German workers' press gives daily abundant testimony of the development Is it Really Possible to Establish a Unified Proletarian Front W. P. have defended unswervingly the abundant testimony of the development Is it Really Possible to Establish a Unified Proletarian Front W. P. have defended unswervingly the united front. The words which Seyde-

of the class struggle in Germany. Publishing extracts from Thaelmann's speech, l'Humanite, central organ of the French Communist Party, is finally forced to write (7-6-32) "The French workers veloped capitalist country of Europe, and yet the official party press contents itself with giving the workers minutest doses of information. Is it in this fashion that the party can appeal to the work- against the social democracy. struggle? We will try to give here some does not really want a united front of (for five days) it appeared with the ers to aid the German proletariat in the extracts from the German workers' press the workers, which it recognizes in following heading in enormous letters: to help our readers form an opinion, words. This slogan is to serve only as "NOW, ARISE YOU, RED BERLIN" and to have on hand data necessary in a means of attracting social democratic And on the morrow a tremendous dethe daily polemics: unfortunately, even workers and voters. Everyone to whom monstration assembled tens of thousands

by day by the party press.

another comrade was seriously wounded. We have already spoken of the begin-concentrate in the electoral struggles on At eleven o'clock a group of Nazis in ning of a turn on the question of the winning the masses of voters who left THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY an automobile sped by the Karl Richter united front which the C. P. of Germany it to join the National-Socialists. By AND THE UNITED FRONT local (Berlin N. Gottschedstrasse), and was forced to make under the pressure such an orientation in the struggle, it fired six shots, which struck two women, of the workers and due to the penetra- could have reduced to a minimum the both wounded in the thigh. Twenty min- tion of the ideas of the Opposition. This friction with the social-democracy. But mediary parties like the S. W. P. (Soutes later the police appeared. One Fasc- is how Remmele presents the matter in it is not this that they want, since they cialist Workers Party), which try to ist was arrested. A short time before a speech at Tetlow: "After the elections direct their main attack against us, so make use of it. But the leadership this attack the same Fascist automobile in Prussia a mighty will of common that the front of brass as well as the of this party does not call for a united drove through Oudenarde Street and struggle against Fascism manifested it. front of defense must also remain firmly front to gather the masses with a view passed before the Koch local. Several self in the hearts of the working class, against them. A private automobile drove very slowly workers: "We, Communists, we want a knows that only the central leadership OF THE PROGRAM of the workers understand the present crisis. in front of the local which is situated on united front in the struggle against Fasc- of the parties are in a position to carry parties. It is the bankruptcy of their Masses such as we have been unable Kurfurstenstrasse. Fifteen to twenty re- ism and for the demands of the workers on negotiations which can meet with party that allows them to write the folvolver shots were fired, wounding a few with ALL ORGANIZATIONS ready to success. Local negotiations, instead of lowing: diners. At Steglitz some Fascist bandits fight. We do not pose the question of creating unity and clarity, lead only to on a Fascist motorcycle fired on the a united front in a formal manner. We dissension and confusion. Therefore, a few weeks ago, is now being realized masses themselves but their spirit too in Havelstrasse during the morning, but workers' local in Albrechtstrasse. For | set only one single condition; it is true, they must absolutely avoided." tunately nobody was wounded. In the a condition of decisive importance: we waerts, 6-29-32.) Angriff. Goebbels officially boasts of these demand a real struggle against Fasc- By perserving along this line, the parties and of all organizations finds a ocrats and the Communists. On the con-

ism and for the workers. In the night of Friday-Saturday, the struggle of the Russian working class. trenchment. Without making any con- with pride that these are the fruits of ist demonstrations, and conversely, there bicycle, crying out, "There's a lesson for Assault Battallions fired revolver shots WHEN THREATENED WITH THE IN. cessions on its political program, it will the minutest work, full of sacrifices, of were many Communists at the social the Commune!"The police arrested the and used knives in various localities. The SURRECTION of Kornilov, the Bolshe- gain the masses of reformist workers, the S. W. P. Already in the heart of democratic demonstrations, black dogs stabbed the worker Zahbel in viks made the Kerensky government give Messrs socialists, why do your friends of the Socialist party, the cadres of the S. the back with daggers and sent him to them arms and Kornilov was defeated. earth with a pistol shot. Comrade O. From the victory over Kornilov emerged Zahbel is in the hospital, gravely wound- the victorious October revolution and the power of the Soviets.

"The Von Papen government legalized platz the S. A. bands provoked some seri- anew the Fascist tands and let loose the a crowd of Nazis, who were coming in and Grzeshinsky the abrogation of the do good work here, teaching Communism | Shek-smashed the revolution. their direction, for the "Commune", and decree which chained the working class. to the workers. That work is my infired among them. One Nazi was killed I ask the social democratic workers, spiration." would the Van Papen government come On Friday Fascist provocations started if there had been and demonstration of of the "home groups for self-defense" Red Front fighters? etc." (Rote Fahne, the sacrifice of two tremendously impor-

an unlighted side-car arrived. In front forced to follow the road of a united the right of a party member to particiof the Lassam local, four or five revolver front. But is a half-turn, without ex- pate in the clearing up of important proshots were fired from the cycle. The planations, sufficient: Is it sufficient to blems. workers withdrew to the local and closed address only once the reformist organi-

demeracy against the wall. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AGAINST THE UNITED FRONT

It was sufficient that the C. P. of Ger- to Communism-but if we are not pre-Nevember 28, 1928, at the Post Office a many took the road of the united front, pared to offer wise leadership their New York, N. Y. Under the act of even though in a confused and not suf- forces will be smashed on the rocks of democratic leaders to become uneasy and Communism is delayed. to unmask themselves. Here is a circular published by the Vorwaerts in which opportunity to keep up his A B C educathe leaders of the social democrats try tional work. We have our street meet-James P. Cannen to put stop brakes on the pressure of ings (often broken up by party members. Maurice Spector the workers towards a united front in the it is true) but we combine with this ele-

> " . . . The avowals of the C. C. of of learning to apply correct strategy. the C. P. of Germany, as well as of the

Against the Growing Danger of Fascism?

ing but an anti-social democratic action. Germany refuse to bring about the uni-They openly declare that they will not ted front? This is the question which have a united front with the leaders of every worker asks. the social-democracy. All the invitations ARISE NOW, RED BERLIN! of the social-democracy to cease first the

loyal maneuver.

At the same time the heads of the struggle and to concentrate the forces social-democracy are themselves forced to against the common enemy were disdain- prohibit the Vorwaerts, that means their fully repulsed. The circular of the C. C. newspaper. They are wedged between of the C. P. of Germany of June 4 cen- the Right wing of the bourgeoisie which firms clearly that even in the present makes them capitulate in every instance fights the main attack should be directed and the mass of workers who want to carry them into the struggle. On the "This proves that the C. P. of Germany eve of the suppression of the Vorwaerts

so we cannot replace the immense work the idea of a true unit of proletarians is of reformist workers. That is the very which could have been carried on day a serious and sacred thing will turn reason why we must pursue our action away with indignation from such a dis- of the united front. This is the only road which will turn the direction of "Had the C. P. of Germany desired it, the social-democracy and gather the it could have had enough opportunity to great masses of workers under the banner of Communism.

If the C. P. has not taken the initiative in this matter, there are other interto action, in order to tear away the In his speech at the Sport Palace, our "Therefore, comrades, open your eyes. masses from the leadership of the socialcomrade Thaelmann declared to all the The one who is educated politically democracy. They want a UNIFICATION

(Vor. in a number of ways: through all the was significant. For the first time there they finally had to withdraw to their re-C. P. of Germany wil drive the leadership road to a common struggle against Fasc- trary, numerous social democratic par- strasse. "History had a similar situation in the of the social-democracy to its last re- ism and social reaction. We can say ticipants were to be seen at the Commun- The Nazis threw a worker off his

A Letter to a Party Member

tant issues: First, the working out of a

Which is the more important, the edulives for at that very instant, Nazis severe, to push the leaders of the social- a correct strategy? Both are essentials. strategy. In every important historical However, the masses are bound to come to us-economic forces are driving them

> The Opposition offers any comrade the mentary work the equally important task

ist action on their part is in reality noth- lions according to Losovsky), a tremen- time.

ous encounters. Seized with bestial assassins and a wave of murders against criticism with the reply "I know the ready to support us-but false strategysadism a group from the S. A. mistook the workers. We demanded of Severing party is wrong in important points, but I working hand in hand with Chiang Kai-

In Germany we have five million voters Why cannot you do this fine work, com- and the socialists nine million yet this again at about eight-thirty in the eve- 700-800,000 Socialist and Communist rade, and at the same time express your is not preventing the Fascist or Junker ning, in Neue Hochstrasse. In front of workers? I. ask: which social-dem- opinion on party mistakes? Because you dictatorship, which will mean attack upon Lassam workers' local the Nazis in ocratic workers would be opposed to would be expelled. Fear of this makes Soviet Russia. Why? Wrong Stalinist jured some workers; but when members Severing's lifting the ban against the you choose the work you love even at strategy in alienating the socialist work-

> army is worse than useless without a correct strategy. A builder must have bricks, but his house will topple, if his plans are incorrect. The Communist Either one is useless without the other. event where correct action was necessary, it has failed-in England, in China, in Germany and in Russia itself with the peasants

When the world is in an uproar-Stalin has nothing to say-he is silent ficiently sincere maner, for the social mistakes and deceit, and the triumph of at the XVII party conference. In the streets of Moscow it is murmured "He is

BOUND VOLUMES We're almost down to the point where blic" . . . a bourgeois democracy. In- tion. we can announce: Last Call. Let this stead, side by side with our anti-Fascist Helmut is still at the hospital. His

A comrade in the party answers my | dous peasant force, many army regiments

A general must have an army but his

expecting directions from Trotsky."

power.

tatorship of the proletariat.