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No Retreat! Struggle or Annihilation!

Every day brings the report of a new blow dealt the German working class movement by the Hitler regime. No half-sane person above the age of six has put the slightest credence in the fascist charge that the Communists set fire to the Reichstag building.

suppressed and the Fascist swastika still waves from the Karl Liebknecht House. New decrees signed by "comrade" von Hindenburg, erstwhile presidential candidate for the Social Democracy, provide for the most rigorous penalties against revolutionary or militant working class activity.

significance. The world movement of the proletariat is at stake in Germany; the fate of the Soviet Union is involved. Between Fascism in Germany and the workers' State there can exist only an irreconcilable antagonism which, in the long run, will be settled only by force of arms.

greater practical interest is the recent agreement concluded by the Deutsche Bank and Disconto-Gesellschaft and the Dresdner Bank to provide \$50,000,000 in new credits to the Soviet Union.

authoritative backstairs spokesmen of the upper stratum of the apparatus. While this unbelievable indifference is being manifested by the upper layers of the Stalinist bureaucracy, matters do not improve in the German Communist Party.

that what was counter-revolutionary on Tuesday is good Bolshevism on Wednesday? Unfortunately, the situation is not as clear as it should be. The "Once More" in the Freiheit headline gives away the Stalinist stratagem.

well—and the newspaper reports to the humiliation of the Communist movement, confirm it—that the Austrian and Scandinavian leaders are being scanded by an increasing number of Communist officials and leaders from Germany.

LEON TROTSKY "Soviet Economy in Danger"

The following letter was addressed to the editorial board of the "Sozialistische Arbeiterzeitung" (central organ of the German Socialist Workers Party. After the press of the S. W. P. reprinted the deliberate falsification about the "liquidation of the Trotskyists," comrade Trotsky was obliged to refrain from sending the letter.

Dear comrades: In the two numbers of your paper, January 11 and 12, there appeared an article on my brochure "Soviet Economy in Danger". As it deals with an extremely important question, about which every revolutionary worker must form a clear opinion, I request you to afford me the possibility to elucidate to your readers by the terms, those sides of the question which in my opinion were submitted to a false interpretation in your paper.

1. In the article it says a number of times that you are "not in agreement with everything" and "far from agreeing with everything" in Trotsky's conceptions on Soviet economy. Differences of opinion between us are all the more natural as we belong to different organizations. Nevertheless I cannot suppress my regret that—with one single exception, deal with below—you did not indicate which conceptions you are not in agreement with. Let us recall how Marx, Engels and Lenin censured and condemned easiveness in fundamental questions, which finds expression from agreeing with everything.

2. In only one point does your article endeavor to delimit itself more concretely from my conceptions. "We believe," you write, "that Trotsky considers matters somewhat onesidedly when he ascribes the main blame for these conditions to the Stalinist bureaucracy" (!)....Further on the article sets out that the main blame does not lie in the bureaucracy but in the circumstance that tasks of too great dimensions are put before economy, for the fulfillment of which the necessary qualified forces are lacking. But who was it that set up these exaggerated tasks if not the bureaucracy? And who was it that warned in proper time against their exaggerated dimensions if not the Left Opposition? Thus it results that precisely your article "ascribes" the whole blame to the bureaucracy.

Arrest Soviet "Trotskyists"

We are reliably informed from the U. S. R.:

In the course of the month of January, a large number of arrests were made in Moscow and Leningrad. In addition to Probrzhensky, L. N. Smirnov, Ufimtsev, more than one hundred former Left Oppositionists were apprehended. They were accused of carrying on illegal "Trotskyist" factional work. It will be remembered that almost four years ago, some of those named above renounced the Opposition and capitulated to the Stalinist regime, claiming that it had adopted most if not all of the essential planks in the Opposition platform.

In the huge Moscow automobile plant "Amo", approximately one hundred workers were arrested, because an Opposition leaflet had been distributed there. The same occurred in other plants and factories. Similar reports emanate from Leningrad.

Jap Advance To Union Sq. on Saturday Hits U.S.S.R.

LEAGUE PRICE FOR SUPPORT OF JAPAN IS ASSAULT ON FATHERLAND OF WORKERS

With laudable thoughtfulness, the Japanese imperialists lay their plans in advance and then follow their schedule carefully. Many moons ago, a Japanese "surveyor", engaged in political surveying in Inner Mongolia for the followers of Baron Tanaka, discovered an obscure prince, the "direct descendant of the great Genghis Khan". This Mongolian prince could never have dreamed how fortunate was his fateful meeting with the awe-struck Jap. For lo and behold, the press already hints at the Japanese desire to restore this scion to his rightful place at the head of a new Mongolian state to be called Tayu-ankuo.

Thus the Japanese militarists continue to build a foundation for the ultimate struggle with the Soviet Union. Inner Mongolia will follow the road of Manchuria and Jehol, possibly after the conquest of North China. If the powers continue to jockey for position in the present situation, each hoping to reap the benefits while the other pays the piper; if there is no real pressure applied to Japan to halt her march into China, it is because they expect Japan to pay the price, military intervention in Siberia. Of course America and England are well served to establish the record that will be relied upon in the more distant future to solve their internal conflicts. But as yet, that is merely a record.

A Turning Point. We have undeniable arrived at a turning point of the international revolution. This truth should not be concealed from oneself nor from the proletariat of all countries. The Communist International, on the contrary, is silent; it remains mute out of fear of being forced to draw the terrible balance of this last decade. But in its silence, it stubbornly seals its lips, in "patiently" supporting the forward march of the Hitlerist troops, it is only marching to ruin, drawing in its train the ruin of the German

To Union Sq. on Saturday

The Unemployed Councils of Greater N. Y. have issued a call for a demonstration on Saturday, March 4 at 11 A. M. on Union Square. This demonstration is timed with the inauguration of Roosevelt which takes place in Washington on the same day.

The Left Opposition on Union Square and will be there in full force. The demands of the demonstration, however, can and must be broadened to include the demand for long-term credits to the Soviets and to draw attention to the German crisis.

All out on Union Square on March 4th! For Unemployment Insurance and Relief! For Recognition and Long Term Credits to the Soviet Union! For the United Front to crush the Hitler Gangs!

Roosevelt Regime Reopens Question of Russ Soviets

SITUATION OVER-RIPE FOR AMERICAN MILITANTS TO RAISE DEMAND FOR LONG-TERM CREDITS TO SOVIET UNION AS PART OF INTERNATIONALIST CAMPAIGN

Tomorrow, Roosevelt will be inaugurated as president of the United States. One of the first questions which he will have to decide will be whether or not to recognize Soviet Russia. Bourgeois and liberal papers have been hinting for some time that the attitude of the new administration will be much more favorable to recognition than that of previous administrations—it is even rumored that preliminary conversations between Soviet and American representatives have already begun.

If the attitude of the new administration is more friendly, it is not primarily because of the "liberalism" of the party of Jefferson and Wilson; it is rather because of the pressure of the economic crisis in the United States on the one hand, and of the political crisis in Manchuria on the other.

In other words, the question of recognition is being treated on the basis of the interests of the Soviet State and those of the bourgeois American state. The voice of the proletariat of America, whose class interests are indissolubly connected with those of the Soviet workers' state, has not made itself heard so far, with its own distinctive slogans and demands which are not those of the American capitalists.

Anti-United Front Policy Plays Into Hands of Socialist Party Bureaucrats

The conference on unemployment, held under the auspices of the "Labor Committee" of the Socialist party of New York last week, offers a number of aspects deserving of examination.

The brutal attacks of the socialist gangsters upon the Left wing delegates who came to present their credentials, the atmosphere of terrorism which pervaded the whole session, are a natural accompaniment of Socialist bureaucracy—weapons borrowed from the class enemy and first introduced by the Right wing into the labor movement in the days when the Left wing first raised the banner of internationalism during and after the war. The socialist patrons, allies and

brothers of the Lewises, Schlesingers, Kaufmanns and their ilk in the labor movement, revealed at this conference how seriously are to be taken their pseudo hypocritical protestations against violence and their preachment of the pacific methods of "democracy".

Socialist "United Front" The fervid claims that they are against the splitting of the labor movement and for the "united front", did not stand up so well in the conference. The united front of the socialist bureaucracy is directed against the Left wing, which they fear and hate, from whose militancy and boldness in putting all questions from the class standpoint, they recoil right into the arms of the worst reactionaries in the labor movement or into the embraces of the petty bourgeois liberal politicians. Confronted with the choice between the "united front" with Wm. Green and his kin and the united front with the Left wing and Communist movement, the socialist bureaucrats will always choose the former—unless the Communists are able to arouse the socialist rank and file to force their party and their party leadership to a reluctant choice of the latter. Confronted with a choice between relying upon treacherous and servile attempts to ingratiate

OPEN FORUM BONA PARTISM & THERMIDOR IN THE SOVIET UNION DOES THE DANGER THREATEN? Speaker: MAX SHACHTMAN Friday, March 3, 1933 126 East 16th Street, New York, N. Y. Br. Communist League of America (Opposition)

Comintern and World Revolution at Decisive Historical Turning Point

When comrade Trotsky, in his writing "Germany: The Key to the International Situation", issued the urgent warning to the proletarians of all countries, to the Communist International, to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, on the danger of Hitler, of the Fascist counter-revolution in Central Europe, this writing took on the significance for the most conscious proletarians as that of Lenin's October 7, 1917: "The Impending Crisis". Two undoubtedly different situations; two palpably different epochs. In 1917 it was the eve of the proletarian revolution; in 1931, the eve of the Fascist counter-revolution in Germany. But in the first warning as in the second, in Lenin's of 1917 as in Trotsky's of 1931, in spite of the differences between the two epochs, one encounters the same revolutionary and internationalist spirit, the same clairvoyance, the same strength.

Now, it can no longer be a question of foreseeing; now it is a question of seeing. Hitler is in power. And how the task of leading his open struggle for the crushing of the organizations, of all the organizations of the working class has been facilitated for him! The battle which the social democrats and the Stalinists thought could be evaded by submission and docility is at the present time inevitable. Otherwise, it will be annihilation without the struggle—

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