EDITORIAL

The Leipsig Prisoners and the Boycott of Germany

A s the monstrous travesty of a trial at Leipzig approaches its denouement the workers of the world are called to solidarize with the Communist prisoners in the Fascist dock on an international day of protest December 19. We are for this action with all our hearts and bespeak for it the firm and unanimous support of the workers. Regardless of all differences of opinion or affiliation which may divide them, the workers of the entire world ought to stand united in a common bond of solidarity with the Leipzig prisoners and strive by all means in their power to save them from the executioner's knife that is poised over their heads.

The heroic prisoners at Leipzig, facing their Fascist accusers undaunted and proclaiming their Communist faith before the whole world, are the brightest symbols and most inspiring representatives of the liberation struggle of the proletariat. The international demonstration in their behalf on December 19 is a fitting occasion for the workers to roar a might protest against their assassination. We sincerely trust that no considerations of any kind whatever will prevent a united action of the international proletariat on that day.

But warmly as we support the protest demonstration we have to recognize that protest alone, no matter how loudly it may resound throughout the world, is not sufficient in this case. The wild beasts of Fascist barbarism care nothing for public opinion and will not be restrained by it. What is needed is a demonstration of power by the international working class. What is needed is an action that will strike directly at the Fascist regime and compel the brown shirt murderers to pause in their bloody course. Such an action, entirely feasible and possible and flowing with irrefutable logic out of the entire situation, is the boycott of transport and communication to and from Germany for a definite,

In the proposal for this boycott, which has been made by the International Left Opposition, there is nothing adventurous or unrealistic. Neither is it put forward with an exaggerated estimation of the results it can yield. The boycott is possible; all that is needed is an agreement of the various workers' organizations which will liberate the workers' will to act unitedly in the anti-Fascist struggle. The boycott will not overthrow Fascism-for that a revivication of the labor movement in Germany is necessary. But the boycott can deal a heavy blow to the Fascist regime. It can terrify the inhuman monsters with its menacing implications, and wrest concessions from them. It can save the lives of the intended victims of the Reichstag fire frame-up. And it can be an electric message to the tortured proletariat of Germany that it has friends in the world ready to help them to their feet again. The boycott can be a mighty force for the revival of the German labor movement in a struggle for the overthrow of Fascism on the road to Soviet Germany.

For the defense of the Leipzig prisoners and the beginning of a real international struggle against Fascism the transport boycott of Hitler's Germany stands on the order of the day. Let us press forward along this line. Let us make December 19th a day of united protest leading directly to a united front

Cuba and the Comintern

HAT is the opinion of the Communist Inter-national on the tasks of the Cuban revolution? What advice does it offer the Cuban workers for the solution of their complex and difficult problems? And, still more important, what is it doing in a concrete and practical way to help throw off the yoke of American imperialism? These are questions of the greatest important at the present moment, and the revolutionary workers of the United States, as of Cuba and the whole of Latin America, are entitled to a straightforward answer

It is no small matter. Cuba may very well turn out to be the Achilles heel of the Wall Street monster. The contradictions between its domination by U. S. imperialism and the life interests of the masses are at the explosive point there. For many weeks now the struggle has been blazing into a conflagration which the whole world could see. The workers on their own initiative have been taking possession of American properties and have even, in some instances, proceeded to the formation of local Soviets. The Island is small, but the uprising of its people has an enormous strategical importance and moral power. The Wall Street bandits justly regard it with apprehension as the peoples of Latin America and the conscious workers in the U. S. look to it with sympathy and hope. The U.S. bandits stand ready to crush the revolt with the brutal force of armed intervention. The workers and the peoples ought to be shown the way to unify all their efforts with those of the Cuban workers for the frustration of these designs.

This is a problem on which the "General Staff of the World Revolution" ought to speak out clearly. The Comintern was organized for just such purposes, and that is the way it acted in Lenin's time. In such a case-under Lenin-it would have put the conclusions of international experience at the disposal of the oppressed and exploited in order to steer the struggle onto the right path. It would have brought the weight of its international authority to bear to unify the struggle and impel it forward. Remember the bold manifestoes of Lenin's Comintern on Ireland and India, the appeals to the Hungarian Soviet, to the German workers, etc. Or, closer home, recall Lenin's famous "Letter to the American Workingmen" and a dozen other letters and resolutions, openly and publicly advising how to organize the fight against American Imperialism. In the present instance, filled with such great potentialities, the Comintern of Stalin remains as silent as the grave. And as for Stalin himself, the "best disciple of Lenin", his mouth, as the saying goes, might be filled with water -he cannot utter a word of advice, encouragement or hope on the grandiose events in Cuba.

Is this "non-intervention" in the Cuban revolution a deliberate policy? Was an express promise to keep "Hands off Cuba" a part of the Washington agreement for Recognition? If not, please explain the precise meaning of the following clauses in Litvinoff's letter:

"4. Not to permit the formation or residence on its territory of any organization or group-and to tion or group, or of representatives or officials of any had been met at the frontier or shown any attention of economy, the more it is forced into a war, if the internal forces mittee. organization or group, which has as an aim the whatsoever before arriving in Moscow." overthrow of, or bringing about by force of a change

in, the political or social order of the whole or any part of the United States, its territories or posses

This treacherous pledge, which brings the blush of shame to every revolutionist, does not refer to some "territory" on the moon. It refers, directly and 30 reported that a delegation of fitted to represent the Soviet power. ersities, and industrial construcconcretely, and at the present moment, to Cuba.

In our opinion, and we say it with blunt and brutal frankness, it was explicitly so discussed and understood in the negotiations. If our opinion is wrong, we stand ready to be corrected. The Stalin party has a way to do it. However, for this, bluster tion will demand," it was announced "This city reflects the calm and and fulmination, lies and boasts will not avail. Only "the release of 200 Turkish Com- firm security with which the new a few simple actions are needed.

Let the Daily Worker print a manifesto of the Comintern on Cuba!

Signs of the Coming Storm

MONG other characteristics the lynchings wave A demonstrated a feature which can be compared class terror of the Kemalist gov- are building up our life, our mater- disteners how Roosevelt had "charmonly with tropical storms. Like its meteorological ernment, which is supported by the ial and intellectual culture, by bas- ed" him: "I find myself still under counterpart, the lynching wave appeared suddenly same Wall Street imperialists who ing ourselves on the creative power the charm of your President", he and raged with great violence. Like many a hurricane it may reverse its course and sweep back ruthlessly increasing their robbery again. That remains to be seen.

Not alone the lynching wave comes up suddenly, and runs its course with unrestrained violence. These features are characteristic now of almost every large scale social event. The strike wave of last summer was marked, among other things, by the speed with which it developed and the violence which accom- from imperialist domination in the panied it. In nearly every large strike there was early post-war period with the aid government? not only the usual capitalist routine of police brutal- of Soviet arms. But we have a ity, but bloodshed: Paterson, Ambridge, the Penn- mind to recall to the memories of sylvania captive mine strike, etc.

The farm riots of the middle West last spring paper, certain historical facts which against foreclosures also shot across the social-political sky like a meteor. They too were marked by ment enjoys not merely Wall Street about which Karakhan before him violence. At Lemars, Iowa, the farmers dragged a support but also the support of the had enthused so fervently. His imjudge from his court by a rope around his neck. The present Stalinist faction which dicbitterness of the Iowa farmers and the violent energy engendered by it is explicable when one understands that 60 percent of the mortgaged farms in the United States are to be found in Iowa.

As the capitalist system disintegrates further the presentative of the Soviet govern- Turkey", stating that "the obvious social weather is going to get stormier and stormier. ment, made an official trip to Kem- difference between the new Turkey, The great reservoir of violence which these events alist Turkey, where, even at that the Turkey of People's Palaces. The great reservoir of violence which these events indicate is going to burst. Social upheavals, the like derous persecution of revolution-struction, and the Turkey of the Lacroix, that he disassociated himof which the world has never seen, are in store and ary Turkish workers.' Karakhan fez, the yashmak, mental torpor and self from the socialist ranks. Conwill very likely develop with frightful speed. The took occasion to inform inquiring Arab cafterias had become quite sequently he condemns his whole events we have described are lightning flashes and journalists that the Turkish mini-clear to me.' From the words of past activity, which was, accordthunderclaps that herald the coming storm.

The reservoir can burst in one of two directions: in the workers' interests or against them. Which deepest respect" towards the presi- and in other countries might be direction the flood takes will depend on the prepar-dent of the council, Ismet Pasha. edness of the classes-on whether the vanguard workers have constructed a revolutionary Communist acy? This attempted excuse is too letarian revolution in Turkey. Cerparty and established its influence. Without it the feeble. For must not Soviet dip-tainly, the American workers, deflood can engulf them. We have no time to lose. All lomacy be consistently distinguish- ceived and confused by the Stalinrevolutionary elements should devote themselves to states, its proletarian character may be excused if they exhibit surthe first task at hand; the building of a new and made always clear? And should it prise at the "discovery" that the genuine Communist party in the United States.

The Scottsboro Struggle

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THE efficient judge who presided over the third I trial of Patterson and the second trial of Norris has sentenced both boys to burn in the chair. The The appeal of the defense to the Supreme Court of guaranteed minimum, 40 hour week; the overwhelming majority of the Alabama acts as an automatic stay of execution.

For nigh on three years the fight has been waged to save the Scottsboro boys from death and set them ing day and pickets were placed at This was not without effect. The free. It has been a historic fight, involving hundreds the Armour Co. gates. The pickets workers began to return despite Lacroix to this struggle still more of thousands of workers all over the world. At succeeded in turning back the the efforts of the pickets to pre- monstrous. For if there were General Strike—that is a sign that Chemnitz, Germany, in 1932 workers in a Scottsboro protest demonstration were shot down by police un- not desiring to scab, registered back by the hundreds. der a social democratic regime.

The execution of the boys was prevented so far union which claimed to speak in only by this fight. That is true. But we are no nearer getting them off altogether. One has been strike. tried three times and one twice; the others once, almost three years ago. Has there ever been a ily admitted that men were not greater travesty on justice? It should be plain to joining the union, and that many of every one that it is not at all a question of deter- the workers were hostile to it. A mining guilt or innocence. The boys are innocent large number of these pickets were of the crime charged against them; that is clear be- Paul and Minneapolis. Lacking

The capitalists long ago demonstrated their in- to picket effectively the huge Artention of burning them in the electric chair. If mour plant. Scabs were brought in they are still in jail it is our fault. We have not been able to build a mass movement strong enough to force their release. The movement has to be broadened. The trouble with it now is that it is composed almost entirely of Stalinist organizations. And that, today, is far from enough.

The problem is how to get the workers in the A. F. of L., independent unions, under the influence of the Socialist Party and the I. W. W., and all the defense organizations and liberals to get together

ted front conferences with guarantees of democratic away with our duty to tell the work- Armour & Co. gates the few re- Vincent Tortora, baritone; and Vinrepresentation and conduct.

Either way there is no time to lose. The legal lull in the case is not a time to relax. It is an opportunity to work, to build a powerful protest move- in power in Germany, a reintegra- no longer play a progressive role in on the program, which is to be tucky miner serving life terms;

OREIGN Commissar Maxim Litvinov was sneaked Nazi foreign policy. Consequently, method of bureaucratic ultimatism unobtrusively into the Soviet Union on Decem- we must do that. (That has noth- was employed. Pulling their handber 9 when he arrived home after having scored the most signal "diplomatic victory" of his career in the agreement he entered into with Roosevelt at ership" like the Russian workers leaders-therefore the workers will been taking on a distinct and pre- the Nazi leadership towards peace-Washington last month.

Reported the New York Times: "There was no ski's sabotage of peace: they are formal reception or demonstration.... The public was not informed in the newspapers that he would return few months. (Let the leadership every serious worker. The work-

today."

Did the Stalinists perhaps shrewdly calculate that prior anouncement of Litvinov's arrival might have lead, not to a demonstration of welcome by the Soviet workers, but to a popular display of anger and disgust at the Stalin-Litvinov sale of the Third International to American imperialism?

Litvinov had to slink home, but William G. Bullitt, the American ambassador, who arrived a day the world war. From the revolu- That the South St. Paul workers after him, was officially greeted at the frontier and tionary fighters and members of the will rise again in militant struggle be nothing more than just another for the rearmament of Germany. It given a reception in Moscow. "It was the first time party I do not need to depart. I against the bosses is certain. And stage of economic decadence. in the history of the Soviet government", the New will go right along with them, but what is equally certain is that as York Times reported, "that any foreign ambassador without Stalin, without the E. C. far as the Stellinist "Independent gime of the Nazis is in the sphere A few years suffice to stagger anew

Soviet Policy and Turkish Terror Notes of the

Stalinist Diplomats Praise Oppressor of Turkish Workers as Best Friend'

"the murderous persecution of rev- minister and his government? olutionary Turkish workers by the Kemalist government. The delega- On his arrival at Angora he said: ers deported in 1926."

the delegation called upon the work-

both here and in other countries, endorses this protest against the vicious Kemalist terror in Turkey, the Turkey that was "liberated" Worker, and the readers of that indicate that the Turkish governernment.

Karakhan and Pasha

ed from the diplomacy of other ist scribblers on the Daily Worker, not be the duty of Soviet diplomats Kemalist government-which into avoid sowing illusions? Or did cludes in its ranks Karakhan's "best

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their lack of sympathy with this

their name, by returning to their

homes and not participating in the

Pickets to whom we spoke read-

mass support, the union was unable

by the company with comparative

Another German

Leader Revolts

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(L. Trotsky)."

the necessary details).

With Communist greetings,

the speedup, etc.

work as usual. These

The Daily Worker of November, "best friend"? If so he was un-jof "People's Palaces, schools, univ-Turkish workers in the United Sta- If not, why create an illusion and tion," a country whose ruling ideas tes would be visiting the local deceive the masses as to the true are identical with the ruling ideas

But Karakhan had more to say.

The government, and the economic tives of American big business. and murder of the white and Negro and social systems of Turkey have not changed since these words were last member of the Left Opposition spoken by Karakhan. It is there- ers, think of this gratuitous flattery fore pertinent to inquire how the action against a government which has the "same ideas" as the Soviet

The "New Turkey"

year from an extended trip to Turkey-the same Kemalist Turkey pressions of the country were published in the Soviet press without comment, therefore with approval. Nikulin was as enthusiastic as It is recorded that at the end of Karakhan had been. He compared 1929 Lev. Karakhan, diplomatic re- the "old Turkey" with the "new that he "harbors feelings of the the workers in the Soviet Union proletariat" (sic!) pardoned for drawing the conclu-Conventional language of diplom- sion that there is no need for pro-

The Armour officials, seeing that recognition of the union; against men were taking no active part in there were no "political" differ- the chief spokesman for the U. T. the strike, began to utilize the press ences between himself and the Left W. in this move, is doubly signi-The strike was called the follow- to induce them to return to work. Opposition. This statement made ficant.

Adventurism in St. Paul Strike

workers,

ber 23rd, the men were streaming Repudiated by the Workers

On the following day the union called a mass meeting of the Swift isted and were deeply imbedded, is holding in store for the toiling workers. About 250 were present, however hidden they appeared over masses bearing down upon the adthese men go on strike. They were time Lacroix was a foreign ele- far greater than any of those in answered with boos and jeers. The ment to the Bolshevik-Leninists, its the past. men present then decided to con-

tinue to work. The press reports that on the same day a group of men who claimed to be members of the Ar- that each time a Mill or a Well mour strike committee went to a South St. Paul lawyer, repudiated carrying on a furious struggle the union, and demanded that the against the International Opposi-"Communist leaders" Hurvitz, Kar- tion (24 hours before the treachsen, and Schneiderman be run out ery!) that there are no "political stage. In preparation for it, pracof town. The lawyer swore out differences". These lessons should tical and strategic problems loom warrants for their arrest on the be learned by our organizations. grounds that they were "obstructing public highways".

Whether or not this is true is hard to say but the fact remains hall and arrested the three men.

the cops in short order. Today we can tell the workers In this strike the official only this: As long as the Nazis are has once more revealed that it can tion of the Saar territory is out of the struggle of the workers. In staged Friday, December 15, in Irv- the I. W. W. strikers in the Yakthe question for them. (The S. P. place of a realistic appraisal of the ing Plaza Hall, 15th Street and ima (Wash.) jail; Mooney and Billhas not taken a clear position situation which demanded careful Irving Place. Proceeds will enable nigs; and various others. either). The workers in the Saar preparation and persistent work to bave the opportunity today to de-create a sentiment amongst the liver several heavy blows against workers for a mass strike, ing to do with separatism). The ful of followers out on strike they members of the Communist Party naturaly expected the 3500 men in react to the slogan of their "lead- the indstry to follow. "We are the the tendencies of the regime have ism. The startling sudden turn of

and peasants did in 1917 to Keren- follow, us' Fruit of False Policy

desertng it. More than 800 members have left the C. P. in the last should be carefully considered by of the C. P. of the Saar give you ers in the South St. Paul packing. and denounced. The fraternization bility for domestic misery on the The E. C C.. I. had an opportun- the grip of the bosses company unity to hold the C. P. of the Saar ions. Instead of engaging in milidown to a policy which could have tant struggles they are falling viclead to a fighting united front of the tims to the poison of class-collaproletariat. It has done nothing. boration. The criminal adventurism With this letter I take my de- of the party has served only to parture from the official C. P. and retard the movement of the work- dividing the existing half-starva- iron determination before the eyes the Comintern, one of whose first ers and to discredit Communism members I became in the course of before them.

ary government which suppresses the workers by means of a ruthless

white terror.

Stalinist Diplomacy in America To bring this brief study up to munists facing death in the Turkish Turkey is built, which supports it- date, to show the consistency with dungeons and the restoration of the self upon its own forces and PUTS which Soviet diplomacy has degencitizneship of 35 Communist lead- ITS HOPES IN THE CREATIVE crated under Stalinism, which has FORCE OF ITS PEOPLE AND rendered it indistinguishable from The C. P. organ concluded that THEM ALONE. What I have seen, the diplomacy of bourgeois states, a lot of baloney promises: about especially in this regard, is not we need only recall one incident of re-employment, jobless relief, a livers of the United States "to actively strange to me. THEY ARE THE Litvinov's recent visit to the United ing wage and a 30 hour week. NRA support the struggle for the re-SAME IDEAS AND THE SAME States. At the Waldorf-Astoria lease of these prisoners, for the STATE OF MIND THAT PRE- dinner the Soviet foreign commissar smashing of the brutal anti-working VAILS IN OUR COUNTRY." We permitted himself to inform his informed the assembled representa-

What do the American workers, particularly the Communist workof Roosevelt, this flagrant and dis- nire and nre at will, to command gusting fawning on the representa-, you to work for a bowl or miserable sociate themselves with a protest tive par excellence of American fin- slop or be thrown out into the But let us pass on. The well- growing separation of the bureauthe Stalinist editors of the Daily known Soviet writer, L. V. Nikulin, cracy of the Soviet Union under returned to Moscow in July of this Stalin from the international work ing-class movement?

Henri Lacroix--Deserter

El Socialista of September 29 publishes a letter from Fransisco Garcia Lavid (Henri Lacroix) in which the latter requests his reinstatement from the E. C. of the tound for getting around any of Spanish Socialist Workers Party. ster of foreign affairs, Tewfik Rus- both Nikulin and Karakhan, if they ing to his own expression "an adhdi Bey, was his "best friend" and were accepted at their face value, venture and a crime against the genuine broad collective effort-so

to Marxism"!). Less comrades might be astonished by among the first to be blessed with this fact. How is it possible that a NIRA code-the textile industry. Lacroix, who has played an important role in the Spanish Opposition has thus betrayed? Is it ERS union, by decision of its execuan accident? It is necessary to say that for some time we expected decided to call man the last—has the worst, because for some months Lacroix conducted a furious struggle against the International Opposition and his responsible comrades. This struggle of Lacroix is the most effective weapon for had an extremely violent and poisoned character; however, Lac- The fact that the reactionary labor roix declared in each case that the poisoned character given by 1300 men who were returning to vent them. By Thursday, Novem- really no "political" differences then the textile slaves under him are ipso facto the sharpness of the pushing hammer and tongs for it. struggle should have been dimin- When a McMahon begins to give ished. On the contrary. Why? lip service to labor action—then Because political differences ex-that means that the McMahonocracy The union leaders demanded that a certain period of time. For some vocates of class peace, a betrayal ideas and its methods. His shameful betrayal only serves to clarify the past.

It is opportune to recall here deserts our ranks, he states, while

GENERAL DEFENSE AFFAIR

that the police went to the union musical talent has been enlisted for unorganized. Men on the job will the General Defense Committee's be discussing these problems in inidiotic as the other. "Naturally we The workers present made no pro- annual Christmas Fund entertain creasing numbers and with growing must fight for a proletarian govern- test. Later, on their promise to ment, concert, and dance. Three interest in the coming days. We ment in the Saar and for a Soviet leave town immediately, these well-known concert soloists will will contribute our opinions in the The first step is the convocation of genuine uni- Germany. But that does not do "leaders" were released. At the sing-Aida Campomenosi, soprano; general discussion. ers how they should vote in 1935. maining pickets were dispersed by cent J. Nola, tenor. Accompaniments will be played by Paul Crest the sending of checks to political party ton, pianist of note.

THE DOLLAR isn't all that's 'butoney" under the NRA. Mr. Al Smith may have a broad wit but Turkish consul to protest against character of the Turkish foreign of the Soviet Union—is a reaction- ne has limited interests. Under ms brown derby rests the cares of a member of the possessing class. They have the dollars. And they don't want them transformed into risky sausages.

> What do we have? We have unemployment, cold weather, low wages, speed-up—and so far only speaks for all these dire needs of tne working people but what does it do about them?

Section 7a of the Recovery Act grants the legal right of both murvidual and cohective bargaining. 'individual bargaining" - that means, as so many of us have discovered-the right of the boss to ance-capital who is driving the street altogether. Collective barworkers of this country into ever gaming-any worker who has suclower depths of privation and mis- cessiumy participated in the use of ery? How much more evidence is this weapon, will tell you-means required to demonstrate the ever- organized union struggle; workers coming up in big bodies to put across their needs.

In his effort to wrest improvements from the boss, the laboring man has no strength other than the neiping hand, the common mind and will of his fellow men. The bosshas the banker, the police, the gunman and the dollar on his side. And the employing class has made ample use of the provision for individual bargaining in NRA, not to speak of the many ways they have the still too few and weak attempts It was only "by mistake", writes that have been made by workers at "collective bargaining".

What the worker is beginning to feel more and more is the need for more and bigger "collectives", for that the "bargaining" won't be all Lacroix has thus passed into the on the bosses' side. It is interestranks of the socialist lackeys of ing that the first organized expresthe Spanish bourgeoisie ("return sion for this need comes from the informed employees in an industry that was

> THE UNITED TEXTILE WORK-Federation of Labor to prepare for a General Strike to bring about the 30-hour week and other union demands. The General Strike-that "collective bargaining" there is. skate McMahon has appeared as

When a McMahon speaks for

Watching his fingers closely, the workers who have determined to stand up in struggle against capitalistic misery will use every measure to make McMahon and his ilk live up to their words. A sweeping country-wide collective strike is the best and surest way for labor up big; how to get together employed and unemployed, workers and the unskilled, those New York.—Important additional already organized and those still

prisoners and their dependents. The Class-war and classical songs are prisoners include the seven Ken-

Postscript to the Portrait of National Socialism

houses are now more than ever in of the classes reached its peak the government in favor of the disemployment has culminated in-

houses are through for once and upon the field of foreign policy. Hitler in time. for all. —WILLIAM KITT. That corresponds completely to the November 2. 1933.

The first anniversary of the Nazi internal dynamics of the so thordictatorship is approaching. All oughly aggressive German capitalcise character. The "socialist" rev- loving declarations can astonish olution which appeared to the petty only those who are completely limbourgeois masses as the necessary ited in their outlock. What other complement to the national revolu- method than this has Hitler at his tion, has been officially liquidated disposal to throw off the responsishoulders of the external enemy when the possessors waived their and to pile up the explosives of naright to hors d'oeuvre and desserts tionalism under the pressure of the on a day especialy proclaimed by dictatorship? This part of the program which was outlined even possessed. The struggle against un- before the Nazis assumption to power is being ful-filled today with tion rations in two. There remains of the whole world. The date of only the equalization of the statisthe new European catastrophe is tics. Planned autarchy proves to determined by the time necessary is not a matter of months, but The more impotent the police re- neither is it a matter of decades.