

American-Soviet Agreement

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The resumption of relations between the United States and the Soviet State marks, of course, a very important stage in the present development of an international situation, chiefly characterized by the question of supremacy in the Pacific Ocean.

The United States of "kidnappers, bandits, rapists and pickpockets", has given the world "an amazing example of what miracles can be realized by a State of confirmed rascals."

The only European country which had thus far escaped American control is the U. S. S. R. Now American capitalism, by means of the recent agreement with the Soviets, has wadded one of the last links in the chain which binds Europe to it as a dependent.

At the same time as the United States, there has grown up rapidly in the Pacific a young power, Japan. By a bold and tenacious attack, the Land of the Rising Sun is trying to come forward as a formidable antagonist to the United States, and to take from it the place which the latter seeks in the Far East and especially in the vast Chinese market.

The Significance of Russian Recognition by the United States

Both the United States and the U. S. S. R. need allies to meet the alarming situation created in the Far East by the Japanese offensive. In this sense the new American-Soviet agreement is certainly one of the most important factors in international politics of this epoch.

Indisputably, a workers' State has every right to utilize for the benefit of the proletariat the differences existing among the various bourgeois groupings, even to the point of concluding when necessary a defensive understanding with the bourgeoisie of one color against the bourgeoisie of another color.

Now, the "tactics" of Stalin-Litvinov are to the revolutionary, Bolshevik-Leninist tactic what the negative is to the positive. All the revolutionary sagacity in the strategy and tactics of Lenin has, in the strategy and tactics of the Stalinist bureaucracy, become a swindle of the workers.

dominated by petty shopkeepers, professionals, rabbis and priests, the F. S. U., is the main bulwark for Soviet defense. Further comments are unnecessary.

The workers have nothing in common with this murder case. It is a struggle between two counter-revolutionary groups desperately trying to maintain their position, having as their objectives to restore their rule in the Soviet Union.

Once again the workers must be shown that the U. S. S. R. and the gains of the October Revolution can be saved only by the force of the international proletariat, the joint action of the proletarians of all countries.

JUST ARRIVED!

THE BULLETIN OF THE RUSSIAN OPPOSITION has just arrived from Paris. The feature deals with the 17th Congress of the C. P. S. U. There are important articles by Leon Trotsky, Alfa and others.

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The Movement In Mexico

Revolutionary Events As Seen by Our Own Correspondent

the group, and where he worked—all the police had to do was pick him up and send him to the Islas de Tres Marias on this information.

When I showed this to a Stalinist party sympathizer he stated, "Oh, the police don't bother the Trotskyites". I said that I didn't believe him.

It was through this statement that I made contact with the group. I went up to the shop where the comrade was supposed to have done his counter-revolutionary work and asked where I could find this man.

Young Internationalists I made contact with our comrade, who at present is working in a little shop. After I showed him your letter and had talked with him, he gave me the following information:

Persecution of Comrades When the meeting broke up, one of the comrades in conversation with me accidentally let the remark drop that he had done time on the Islas de Tres Marias. I was amazed.

Demagoguery of Government The government, a master in demagoguery (it is in reality a Social Democratic government) has, with a loud blast, inaugurated "Socialist Education".

The first thing I noticed about the comrades was that the majority were young. I mean really young, —17 to 22 was the majority. There were a few older workers, obviously unskilled laborers, one of whom brought the latest copy of the Machete with a slanderous cowardly attack upon us in it.

The Militant also plays a great role in the education of the comrades. By dint of great labor important articles are translated and read to the comrades. Unfortunately, since none of the comrades know English, this can only be done at all-too-rare occasions. —C. C.

Who Was Bishop Tourian?

Recently an Armenian Archbishop, Leon Tourian has been assassinated in an Armenian church here in New York.

It is perhaps worthwhile to reveal certain facts pertaining to the attitude of the Stalinists regarding this case, especially the Friends of the Soviet Union.

The archbishop was stabbed to death by a few members of the Tashnag party, a reactionary organization composed of Russian Armenian counter-revolutionists having as its aim to restore the bourgeois nationalist republic in the area which is now Soviet Armenia and to extend that territory at the expense of Turkey.

The liberal democratic party which is composed of Turkish Armenians, apparently having a passive attitude to the Soviet Union and opposing the imperialist aspirations toward Turkey on the part of the Tashnag. Hence the enmity between the two groups which led to the tragic affair.

The contradictory attitude of the archbishop was Fascist to them; after his killing he became a Friend of the Soviet Union. They even called a mass protest meeting against the murder affair.

Paravor, the Stalinist organ in the Armenian language, of August 19, 1933 carried a lengthy declaration of the Central Committee of the Armenian Bureau with the most vicious denunciation against the archbishop, trying to prove the similarity of Tourian and his party with the Tashnag. A cartoon is pictured to that effect, Tourian representing the liberal democrats and Tashnag before the threatening hand of labor.

William Gandall, the chairman of the union, assured the strikers that no settlement had been made, and no settlement would be signed without the consent of all the union members. He informed them further that a meeting of the different taxi groups for that same evening was scheduled to discuss plans for amalgamation of the four unions in the field.

The hackmen became impatient with the many speeches and poured out into the street to attend the central mass meeting at Madison Square Garden. It was evident, that the march was not prepared. There wasn't a single poster in sight, except for an imprudent piece of cardboard on an end of a stick, marked "Bronx", which was wildly cheered, wherever it bobbed up during the march to the Garden.

But in the very improvised character of the march, the workers revealed their militancy and iron courage. As many as were able piled into the empty hacks—"We might just as well ride in style for once in our lives!"

How do these facts correspond with the present characterization of the archbishop by the Stalinists? That we leave to the Stalinist confusionists to explain.

It should also be remembered that last summer the F. S. U. invited archbishop Benjamin to deliver an anti-Soviet speech from its platform. (See N. Y. Times, July 1st and MHunt, July 8). And yet the Daily Worker of January 12 in an editorial entitled, "The F. S. U. is the main bulwark in the struggle against anti-Soviet poison propaganda" Not the C. P. but the typical petty bourgeois organization

Militancy Shown In Taxi Strike

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ing. Now, you were told to stay off the street today. Get your damned car into the garage and keep it off the street."

A cop rushed up holding his blackjack in his hand, and ordered the marchers to keep moving, but the line held its ground. "Don't use that, buddy, if you don't want to start trouble." The cop retreated.

Then the cry went up "To Broadway, clean up Broadway!" Broadway, was cleaned up cleaner than a ballroom floor, that Saturday night; while the cops kept chasing up and down trying vainly to disperse the dozens of hackmen groups who kept surrounding all independent cabs, ordering all passengers out, and tearing off the doors of all "tough" independent drivers. "The color of your badge ain't no different than mine, bud", they said to them. Four riot squads were called out; many of the workers were hit with blackjacks on their backs (the cops didn't dare smash them over the head). But after it was all over, very few cabs were to be seen on Broadway, and many a begowned and bejeweled lady, had to walk to a subway.

After participating in that cleanup, this reporter, for one, realized, why the strike has spread like a prairie fire, and why there isn't a single big company cab on the streets of New York today.

For the first time in their lives, the hackman of New York felt, in the words of one of their speakers, that "they are not lice, or scum of the earth, but workers, serving a service just like the worker in a big factory or plant." They are feeling their strength and unity, know what they want, and do not mean to go back until they get it.

A spokesman for the Independents is reported to have said: "Why should we quit, when every night is New Year's?" After what I saw of last night, I think the Independents will have some pretty good reasons to change their minds. —B. C.

"Unser Wort" a Weekly A Real Achievement The transformation of Unser Wort into a weekly is a great achievement not only of the revolutionary wing of the German emigration, not only of the new party of the German proletariat that is now being built, but of the Fourth International as well.

child, or his own life to such pitiable dillards. No capitalist, on the other hand, would entrust the erection of a plant to an engineer who did not master thoroughly the fundamental theories of technology. Only in the sphere of politics, even "revolutionary" politics, ignorant quackery continues as pretentiously to argue against the scientific method. It is at times difficult to believe that the Manifesto of the Communist Party was written 85 years ago!

Discussion of Youth Problems On Industrial Activity In a recent discussion article I read with interest the remarks of a comrade who bemoans the lack of concrete suggestions by the National Youth Committee on how to begin youth work and by what method to proceed.

knew were the best to follow at that particular time. Because, besides my personal experiences I had the advice of comrades long connected with various phases of union activity, I was able to voice the workers' demands in a generally correct line. And despite my youth there is no one who had more of the comradery, the sympathy and the trust of the workers than I had.