

MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

England Ends Versailles Treaty

Hardly one week after the Tories took over the British government the new foreign minister, Hoare, resorted to direct action to resolve the contradiction between the reality of German rearmament and the fiction of the maintenance of the Versailles Treaty.

At the same time the English ruling class serves notice to France that the latter had better come to terms also with Hitler and abandon the Soviet Union to its fate.

Stalinism Grovels Before Imperialism

The nearer the war of intervention, the more desperately the Stalinists grovel before world imperialism to prove that the Soviets are not really a menace to the bourgeois ruling class.

The Manager's Corner

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far from this goal. But here comes some good news. The New York party district has pledged itself to raise not less than half of the amount stipulated.

The Boston branch made a preliminary pledge of \$53.50 and in accord with the habit it has already established it proceeded to make good right away.

Contributions To Date

We have organized this campaign

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engaged in erasing every trace of the October Revolution in order to prove their worthiness to exist side by side with reactionary world imperialism.

Only one force stands in the way of Stalin and endangers his "success" in blocking the road to power of the proletariat of Western Europe.

The Fourth International alone can accomplish this necessary task of ridding the working class of the poison and treachery of Stalinism.

From The Very Beginning

By AL DASCH

The week of July 4th is a fitting one to review some of the revolutionary traditions of the American working class.

The history of this country is replete with class conflicts. From the time of the first indentured and chattel slave down to the modern wage earner an unceasing struggle has taken place between the contending classes.

A century before the armed conflict between the colonies and the mother country, England, two of the largest colonies, Virginia and New York, were plunged into the throes of a civil war.

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The Rebels of Yesterday

"Bacon gathers about him a rabble of the basest sort of peo-

Heritage of Class Struggle in U.S. History

ple, whose conditions are such as by a change could not admit of worse, with these began to stand in defiance against the government.

The American Revolution of 1776 was the class struggle breaking out into the open and taking place by armed means.

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Administration Split Policy In Teachers Union Threatens Progressives in A. F. of L.

This is the first of a series of two articles on the present situation in the Teachers Union.—Ed.

For the past five years a struggle has been going on in the Teachers Union of New York, Local 5, the largest local of the American Federation of Teachers.

Mass activity: The Administration believes in confining its chief activities to lobbying at Albany, City Hall and at the Board of Education.

Work of the Opposition Groups

In opposition to this the minority groups (Rank and File, Progressives, Committee for Democracy, etc.) despite serious internal differences, place the main emphasis on mass activity.

To accomplish these objectives the opposition groups ran candidates in the annual elections, and in the May elections of this year succeeded in polling over 40 percent of the vote for officers and members of the executive board.

constitutional ruling which will be contested at the national convention.

To prevent the opposition from gaining a majority, the Administration has resorted to anti-democratic practices, to arbitrary decisions, to red-baiting, to violations of the union's policies.

The "Investigation" Maneuvers

If the Lefkowitz-Linville faction succeeds in its present move to reorganize the Teachers Union, the results will probably take this form:

1) Leaders and many prominent members of the union will be expelled or excluded from the "reorganized" union.

tempt to garner for the workers and poor farmers the promises made to them. Shay and those with him were defeated by an army, especially raised for that purpose.

The revolution broke the domination of the mother country and liberated the colonies. It opened the west for expansion and made possible the unleashing of the productive forces in American society.

The bourgeoisie claims that the Revolution abolished the difference between classes and the necessity of strife.

Marx, in the introduction to the first volume of Capital speaks of the stimulating influences of the American Revolution of the 18th century and the American Civil War of the 19th on European society.

Effect on Other Unions

If the Administration succeeds in carrying through its program it will give the Green-Wall leadership encouragement in their present campaign to expel the communists from the unions.

If minority groups can be suppressed in one union, then they can be suppressed in other unions as well. It is to be expected that the reactionaries in other A. F. of L. unions will not be slow in seizing upon similar "reorganization" measures.

It thus becomes the duty of the progressives in other unions to come to the assistance of the large militant membership of the Teachers Union in their efforts to preserve the unity of the organization against the Administration splitters.

The Executive Council, American Federation of Teachers

FORT WORTH, Tex. (FP).—Though the Texas Electric Service Co. at Eastland, Tex., denies that a strike is in progress, about 40 union and non-union men have walked out, according to International Vice-Pres. W. L. Ingram of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Protest Meeting Friday, July 12, 8 P.M.—A.J. Muste speaks on "Recent Events in Soviet Union" at 1776 Pitkin Ave., B'klyn.

Bolshevik Speaks for Fourth International at SFIO Congress

The following is a summary of the speech of Molinier, for the Bolshevik-Leninist group, at the Mulhouse Congress of the Socialist Party of France:

He explains why some of the members in various sections will vote against the report of the delegates to the Second International.

What is involved here at this time is not the question of approving some points of opposition of the French delegation but of posing here briefly the international problem in all its amplitude.

This is the key question which determines all others, which delimitates the political evolution of the tendencies: the crossroad where they meet or divide, a problem which determines their will to carry on a real struggle against war.

And this question of the International poses itself again and again every time the question of war or the seizure of power appears in a sharp form.

Of what value are internationalist phrases if you are organizing for nationalism? At this time only the bourgeoisie acts in concert in the world and when the socialist delegates go to these conferences they act there as hirelings of their bourgeoisie.

Have we an international? That is, have we a coordinated political organization of international struggle? What do those think of the Second International who still have authority in the eyes of the majority of this Congress?

Lebas said at the National Congress on February 29, 1920: "... The war, as comrade Rafin-Dugens, has so correctly observed, has killed not only men and destroyed wealth ... one of its corpses, one of its victims was the International. ..."

"... One must examine the situation created in the Party in all countries and observe more over if we can agree on saying how we can reconstitute it, this International, whatever number we give it. ..."

"... These, of course, are the reasons why the Federation of the North has decided in almost complete unanimity to propose to the Party to withdraw from the Second International. This, of course is not because we are throwing mud at it but because we very sincerely believe that we can work more effectively for the reconstitution of the new International outside of the old and decadent one rather than by remaining inside it."

Paul Faure at the National Congress, February 29, 1920:

"... We ask, comrades, that the French Socialist party leave the Second International.

"I listened to Renaudel and vainly sought in his speech for decisive reasons which to my mind he did not produce for maintaining our adherence to this organization.

"Our resolution remains un-

shakable. We became more and more impatient, understanding that from the socialist standpoint the atmosphere of the Second International became absolutely unlivable. ..."

Since when has it come back to life?

Defeat in Italy, in Germany, in Austria, in Spain, in Belgium, where the former president of the International presides at the imprisonment of striking miners! The corpses are rotting.

The Third International? Let us consider it. It must be said:

It bore the banner of revolution throughout the world. Did it organize the split? Does it mean to split when one fights for principles?

It degenerated with the degeneration of the Russian revolution; it has seen its death certificate signed by Stalin.

It is now the International whose parties after many zig-zags are becoming the means of national defense in conformity with the fluctuations of the foreign policy of Russia; such a betrayal means placing the official seal upon the tombstone of the oppressed of the entire world.

(Molinier retorted to Dormoy who interrupts him at this point:) "It is only natural that you defend Stalin after he has sunk to your level."

WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Unity of the Second and the Third Internationals?

On what basis? The basis which allows the same class influences, the same grades of difference to exist?

Or our basis? Concerted, joint, action against capitalism, which is concentrated and spirited action driven forward. Never class peace! No theory of socialism in one country.

In the present state of things one must base himself on experience to rebuild the International.

WE MUST BUILD THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL which means to take into account the life and the death of the others.

In many countries: Holland (R. S.P.-O.S.P.), America (C.L.A.-A.W.P.) unity was achieved on this basis.

All the living forces of the two internationals must be organized on this basis! What about the big parties? Win over the decisive elements.

For that: without subordinating daily action to the creation of the Fourth International, we will group around us on the principles of revolutionary action all the active forces of the Party, and with them pave the way for the Fourth International.

Molinier's speech was for the most part heard in intense silence, interrupted very infrequently and applauded lustily by a small minority of the Congress.

The defense of the Stalinist policy fell upon citizen Grumbach, one of the most active defamers of the Communist International in its best days.

READ THE NEW MILITANT

Zack Expelled from Workers Party

Joseph Zack has been expelled from the Workers Party of the U.S. for gross violations of discipline. He wrote to a leading comrade in Minneapolis advising him to violate an N. C. decision on a grave trade union matter in action.

which has for one of its slogans: "For A New Progressive Federation of Labor." The W. P. has never issued any such slogan; it is contrary to the Party's trade union line.

LECTURE

The Truth About "Trotskyism"

A REPLY TO OLGIN'S PAMPHLET AGAINST "TROTSKYISM" What is the connection between the new slanderous attack and Stalin's Campaign Against the Bolsheviks in Russia? —The Social-Patriotic Policy of the French Communist Party? —The Right Wing Swing of the American Communist Party? —The growth of the movement for the Fourth International in France, Holland and the United States?

Speaker: MAX SHACHTMAN Editor, The New International

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th at 8:00 P.M. At IRVING PLAZA Irving Place and 15th Street, New York

Questions and discussion in Jewish and in English. Auspices: New York District, Workers Party of the U. S.