

MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

THE DIVISION OF ETHIOPIA
The imperialist robbers have evidently reached agreement on the proper share of the "white man's burden" that each is to bear in Ethiopia.

FORCES IN BRITISH LABOR
The Brighton Congress of the Labor Party in England adopted a resolution on the war crisis as

BROWNSVILLE OPEN FORUM
"The Lessons of the A. F. of L. Convention"

HARLEM MASS MEETING
Defend the Ethiopian People!

BOSTON DEBATE
"WHICH ROAD FOR SOCIALISM?"

WORKERS
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shameful as any of those adopted by the social democratic parties in 1914. This social-patriotic betrayal of labor through supporting the application of "sanctions" by the ruling class, puts to the test every real militant worker in England.

Shachtman on National Tour

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Interesting is the fact that some of those who a few years ago were our most violent opponents, and even allowed themselves to be used to attack our meetings physically, are now our warm supporters.

TOLEDO: Meeting in their own hall, the W. P. organized a meeting for Shachtman on the same subject, with Sam Pollock, noted leader of the Auto-Lite strike, in the chair.

EXPULSION OF LUDWIG LOBE
Ludwig Lore has been expelled from membership in the Workers Party for publicly advocating views in conflict with the position of the party on a number of fundamental questions, notably on the question of war and sanctions.

Attempts of the party leadership to arrive at an agreement with Lore in such a way as to regulate his public expressions in consonance with the party Declaration of Principles were unavailing.

SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE COMING WAR

Resolution of N.E.C. Reveals Centrist Position on Basic Problems of the War Danger

(By the Editorial Board)

The resolution on the war situation adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party at its Chicago meeting, Oct. 12-13, and the "Answer" of the Socialist Call to the Bauer-Zyromski thesis, in the October 12 issue, constitute the two most important statements made so far by American Socialists on the war question.

The Outright Chauvinists
1. The leaders of the Second International continue their historic position of unqualified social-patriotism, expressed most blatantly by the "British Duty Party's" declaration of "the duty unflinchingly to support our Government in all the risks and consequences of fulfilling its duty" against Italy.

The "Left" Chauvinists
2. The pseudo-lefts in the Second International, led by Bauer of Austria and Zyromski of France, use the most inflammatory language, the most "realistic" exposure of imperialism to call for support of imperialist governments in the war against Germany.

Division Growing Between Chauvinists and Revolutionists
3. The unification of chauvinists, pseudo-lefts and Stalinists into one camp has sounded the death-knell of all groups which seek to stand between this camp and that of the revolutionists.

ability of this ossified right-wing to adapt itself to the revolutionary ferment pervading the Socialist masses after Hitler's victory. Similarly, the American Leon Blum, having sought, by the ambiguous phraseology of the Detroit Declaration of Principles, to maintain their grip on the leftward-moving Socialists, made a desperate attempt, three months ago, at the New York N.E.C. meeting, to arrive at a "peace pact" with the Old Guard.

The Real Meat of the Document
BUT it ALSO boasts that the Socialist Party has been the only political party during the last two presidential campaigns which stood for the League of Nations; nor does it now repudiate this stand for the League of Nations. True, it speaks of support of the League, "only through reservations designed to free the League from the domination of the large imperialist countries and to direct its procedure into channels of democracy and peace," i.e., for a "reformed" League.

The N.E.C.'s "Radical" Phraseology
At the time of the split with the Neo-Socialists, Leon Blum, leaning on the left for support, used positively inflammatory language. "Working class revolution," "armed insurrection," came trippingly from his lips.

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This is the same reasoning that leads the Stalinists and Working Socialists to betray the working class to the capitalist war machine by calling upon the governments to enforce economic sanctions. The N.E.C. calls upon workers to fight for governmental legislation to insure peace. The fundamental crime is the same in both cases: it is to tell the workers to seek any form of governmental action against war, to entrust the fight against war, which is inseparable from the struggle against imperialism, to the imperialists themselves.

But to sow the illusion that it is theoretically possible to make a peace instrument out of the League of Nations is to sow the worst illusions. The League is, and cannot be anything else than the sum of the capitalist countries which constitute it. What "reservations" can "direct the procedure" of the U. S., for instance, "into channels of democracy and peace"? Even to pose the question is to demonstrate its absurdity.

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For all its radical phraseology, therefore, the Socialist N.E.C. resolution does not depart fundamentally from the position of the Stalinists, the Second International and the Bauer-Zyromski group.

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Build Left Wing -- Real Lesson of A. F. L. Confab

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The chief point that must be made is that Lewis-Hillman et al. do not represent genuine progressivism and labor militancy. They aim to build a more up-to-date model (up-to-date for the U. S., for it is the same type of unionism as that of the British Trade Union Congress for years and the famous German Confederation of Labor before Hitler so easily wiped it out, represented) of class-collaboration unionism.

The Camp of Revolution
But at the same time that some intermediate groups go into the traitors' camp, others move sharply in the opposite direction. The I.L.P. of England, yesterday closest of independent youngsters to the Stalinist, comes from the Seventh Congress, recedes out sharply against imperialist sanctions, and in its intransigent struggle against both chauvinist internationals, is rapidly moving toward a Leninist position against war.

The Old Guard and the N.E.C.
The American Old Guard is not a peculiar phenomenon; it is somewhat analogous to the Neo-Socialists, led by Marquet, who split from the French Socialists two years ago. Time and time, Leon Blum attempted to arrive at permanent harmony with Marquet, only to have to break, finally, because of the inability of this ossified right-wing to adapt itself to the revolutionary ferment pervading the Socialist masses after Hitler's victory.

School Notes

MUSTE'S COURSE
Due to an error in the printshop the notice intended for last week's NEW MILITANT in reference to "Current Trends in America" did not appear.

Opportunity for Militants
The line of policy for revolutionists and for all genuinely militant elements in the unions is not that of an alliance with Lewis-Hillman to wage a mock battle against the corpse of Gompers or the non-entity Green or the much deflated Matthew Woll whose ideas, like his oratory, are of nineteenth century vintage.

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