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# Powell Framed; Scottsboro Boys In Peril

## "Tell the Workers the Truth About Stalin's Hounding Mass Protest Only Means of Revolutionists in the Soviet Union! -- Trotsky Urges For Freedom

Cablegram from Leon Trotsky Hits Hearst and Daily Worker Lies

Just before going to press we received the following radiogram from comrade Trotsky in reply to an inquiry from us:

PUBLICATION OF TAROV ARTICLE BY HEARST COMMON PRESS GANGSTERISM STOP BUT IMPUDENCE OF HEARST NO EX-CUSE FOR CRIMES OF STALIN CLIQUE STOP GAVE STATEMENT TO ASSOCIATED PRESS UNDERSIGNED

TROTSKY

#### Pen **Prostitute** NO. 1

Louis F. Budenz has been rewarded for his craven capitulation to Stalin and Browder.

Decorated with shame, he will be known to the revolutionary workers as Pen Prostitute Number One of the Daily Worker.

In the late edition of the Sunday Worker and in Monday's edition of the Daily Worker appears "scoop" by this new convert to Stalinism and twice converted American patriot.

Its title reads: "Militant Gives Hearst Permission to Reprint Trotsky's Articles-New York American Is Non-Committal on Cash Pay-

And the proof: the word of Hearst's agent himself! Yes, the very institution the Stalinist rag never tires of denouncing for its lies about and against the working class movement,

Frenzy at Revolutionists

In their mad hatred of those who tell the truth to the working class, who excoriate the Stalinist recruiting sergeants of American imperialism, who throw a searchlight upon the crimes of the bloodhounds who persecute Lenin's co-workers, the hired liars of the Daily Worker achieve a touching confidence in the hired liars of William Randolph

Budenz is shameless enough to write this scurrilous attack on Leon Trotsky and the NEW MILITANT on the basis of an alleged telephone conversation with a certain "Mr. Frank Cullen of the 'March of Events' section of the N. Y. Amer-

Mr. Cullen on the Phone You see, the editor of the "March of Events" section, Mr. T. V. Ranck, was conveniently "out"

when Budenz phoned! And what is Cullen's position on

the American? Has he the authority to speak officially for the Hearst press? Will he repeat it's telephone an swers to a court of law?

All this Mr. Budenz never troub led to find out. From the word "go" he trusted Mr. Cullen like a

What does Budenz say that Cullen told him?

1. That the Trotsky articles were reprinted from the NEW MIL-ITANT.

Great discovery! Hearst's introduction to the articles specifically stated that they were reprinted Lenin. from the NEW MILITANT.

Who Gave This "Permission"? 2. "Permission," Mr. Cullen is alleged to have said, "was given to reprint them from that paper . . . whatever you call it,"

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## Socialist Call on "Hearst on under even worse conditions. When Trotsky & the Communists'

Socialist Call for Feb. 1, 1936.)

"HEARST, TROTZKY AND THE COMMUNISTS

"It is no news to readers of the Call that William. Randolph Hearst is a journalistic whore-monger who has not the slightest conception of honesty in publishing. His latest venture in the realm of

larceny, stealing a series of articles by Leon Trotzky, first published in the columns of the American Trotzkyite weekly organ, deserves universal condemna-

"But it is quite as shocking to find the Daily Worker seizing upon this and interpreting it as evidence that Trotzky has sold out to Hearst. We are not concerned with the truth of the statements in these articles; but even the Daily Worker must recognize in Trotzky a man of high principles who has suffered personally for his loyalty to his revolutionary ideals.

"The Daily Worker owes Trotzky an apology. Or are we to assume that the Stalinists, too, have lost any idea of journalistic propriety?"

#### NEXT WEEK!

Another installment of comrade Anton Ciliga's searching exposure of Stalin's repression against revolutionists, dealing especially with the shambles made of the Jugoslav C.P. by the bureaucrats of the C.I. will appear in the next issue of the New Militant

(Editor's Note: The following editorial is reprinted from the

#### 700 at Tampa of the Yugoslav section of the Comintern. Under any other conditions Protest in N.Y.

Shoemaker police - vigilante murder case, is dead. The Tampa newspapers are frankly sceptical murdered. When found, he had in his pocket a receipt for a postoffice box, which is the official box fo the Ku Klux Klan, who had a hand in the murder of Shoemaker.

turers of Tampa.

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The letters and documents recently published by comrades Tarov and Ciliga have served to stimulate highly the interest in the repressions of the Soviet bureaucracy against the revolutionary fighters. Eighteen years after the October revolution, at a time when, in accordance with the official doctrine, Socialism has conquered "finally and irrevocably" in the U.S.S.R., revolutionists who are unwaveringly devoted to the cause of communism but who do not recognize the dogma of the infallibility of the Stalinist clique, are clapped into jail for years; incarcerated in concentration camps; compelled to do forced labor; subjected, if they attempt to resist, to physical torture; shot in the event of real or fictitious attempt to escape; or deliberately driven to sui-When hundreds of the prisoners, in protest against the intolerable hounding, resort to the terrible means of a hunger strike, they are subjected to forced feeding, individual revolutionists, finding no other means of protest, cut their veins, the G.P.U. agents, i.e. the agents of Stalin, "save" the suicides only in order then to demonstrate with redoubled bestiality that there is no real salvation for

The Comintern-G.P.U. Terror Into this horrible picture, comrade Ciliga's account introduces an element that is especially tragic. He was one of the former leaders the differences of opinion between the leaders of this party would have been settled by means of discussion, by a Convention, and in the national C.E.C., which at any given moment executes the instructions of the Moscow clique, transabout the police claim that he was it of the opposition. Stalin orders where, after a brief attempt to "convince" them, they are placed under arrest, clapped into solitary confinement and subjected to other Farriss was probably murdered forms of physical extirpation. by Klausmen in order to "cover up" Among the hundreds who were their role in the murder of Shoe- killed, as "implicated" in the Kirov maker, unemployed organizer. Chief case, i.e., in the majority of cases of Police Tittsworth and other those who are in no way involved of the WPA workers in Lucas members of the hooded gang are in this case, a number of Bulgarian County into one solid, fighting orunder indictment in the Shoemaker and other foreign oppositionists ganization. This last week it has case. Tittsworth was bailed out by were shot. The right of asylum lifted out of the obscurity which leading anti-union cigar manufac for revolutionary refugees is thus the WPA administration bas atconditioned upon their binding tempted to place it, the cruel mur-Tampa from the East to act as plies time and again a treacherous ditch project. The union has alleading witnesses in the trial of trap. If the "criminal" is beyond ready called upon Harry L. Hopthe murderers. The Joint Commit-grasp, then his wife, daughter or kins to conduct a federal investigatee for the Defense of Civil Rights son are seized. In these cases, the tion on the matter and is planning

## Bring the Slanderers Out Into the Open!

New Militant Editor Calls for Impartial Committee to Pass Judgement on the Stalinist Frame-up

The following letter, proposing of Comrade Trotsky and were the setting up of an impartial committee to investigate and pass judgment on the charges of the Stalinists has been sent to the American Civil Liberties Union by James P. Cannon, editor of the NEW MILITANT.

January 27, 1936 Mr. Roger Baldwin, Director, American Civil Liberties Union 100 Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

Dear Comrade Baldwin: The Daily and Sunday Worker have carried stories alleging that the articles by Comrades Trotsky and Tarov, relating to the situation of political prisoners in the Soviet Union, were reprinted in the Hearst press from the NEW MILITANT with our permission. It was further stated that Comrade Trotsky received money from

Hearst for these articles. There is not a word of truth in these allegations, The Hearst press neither solicited nor received permission from us to republish these articles, which appeared originally in the NEW MILITANT under dates of September 28 and October 19. I can further state authoritatively that the articles were also printed

never destined by him for publication in the Hearst papers. The accusations against us and against Comrade Trotsky are a deliberate frame-up. In order to establish the truth

about this matter before labor and liberal public opinion, we herewith request your organization to set up an impartial committee to investigate the matter and make a public report of its findings. The fact that the A.C. L-U. has acted in a similar capacity in other disputes and has had its findings recognized by various factions in the labor movement as fair and impartial prompts us to turn to you with We are ready to appear before

such a committee, to furnish all facts and information at our disposal, and to answer any questions whatever. We have no doubt whatever that the frame-up against us and against Comrade Trotsky will be thoroughly and completely discredited by an impartial investigation and that the violation of labor ethics involved in the controversy will be placed where it belongs.

Yours fraternally, JAMES P. CANNON, Editor, New Militant.

## without the knowledge or consent R. P. Farriss, Tampa business extreme cases, by a split. But not man and an important witness in the Comintern. That section of Bare Murder Local Wins

#### the oppositionists to Moscow, Toledo Union Demands Mpls Power House Union Federal Investigation Into Case

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 27.-The WPA Workers Union is continuing its aggressive campaign to organize all

in Tampa is keeping up its cam- agents of Stalin utilize methods a mass protest meeting and trial.

#### Forces Wage Rise and Seniority Rights

(Reprinted from the Northwest Organizer)

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 22.-General wage increases, seniority rights, recognition of the right of the employees to hold union mem- publicity beforehand. After it was bership, and representation by un- announced came the shooting of ion committees in settling griev Ozic Powell. Hopefully, the Comances are among the gains which mittee hired an extra hall, but Rogers and Poulnot, Socialist themselves to renounce all right to der of Alonze Walker, a Negro of the Northern States Power Co. than 1,500 people turned up. No workers kidnapped and beaten with think independently. A call to WPA worker, who was allowed to by Local Union No. 160 of the I.B. resolutions of solidarity or protest Shoemaker, will soon return to Moscow .'for a conference," im- freeze to death out on an open E.W. These conditions are guaranteed in writing over the signature of Mr. R. F. Pack, president of the L. I. D. representative introducing

The terms of settlement were accepted by unanimous vote of the ("balanced budget" agitators) and members of Local 160 in a special a prominent Protestant layman. meeting held on January 15. The The speakers were Osmond Frankel, meeting had been called, by a Angelo Herndon, a school teacher, previous decision of the union, for Robert Minor of the I.L.D. and Roy the purpose of taking a strike vote Wilkins of the N.A.A.C.P. The last after the negotiating committee re- two, until recently, were calling ported that the company refused to each other lynchers, provocateurs "neutral." But Local 160 objected,

ing interest, not only to Local 574 very thing; to agitate among the who withdrew its support from the services it has rendered the work- 15 deadline contact was established movement, but to honest trade un- membership to drive them away fighting Meyer Lewis and William the C. P. is preparing to make all pany by Attorney Fred A. Ossanva, sorts of behind-the-scenes deals acting as a special mediator, On

with the worst gang of reactionary January 14 the union committee, your copy without interruption.

Smash the Bourbon by Mobilizing the Labor Movement

The fourth Scottsboro trial ended with the conviction of Haywood Patterson. Judge and prosecutor worked hand in glove. No Negroes were on the jury; the state went through the farce of putting Negroes on the panel, but none served on the jury. They were either challenged by the prosecution or evaded service through fear of reprisals.

Patterson was given a 75-year prison sentence. The attitude of Attorney S. S. Leibowitz, enemy of the mass defense movement, is that he has won a victory. The New. York Times special correspondent comments that it may be a victory for Leibowitz but it is a defeat for

Patterson himself is not deceived. He announced on hearing the verdict that he would rather die than spend another day in jail for something he did not do.

All other trials have been indefinitely postponed because of a material witness sickness. boys were returned to Birmingham jail, Patterson pending appeal of his case on the grounds that he was denied a change of venue and thus did not get a fair trial. Powell Framed

On the road from Decatur, where the trial was held, to Birmingham, a guard shot Ozie Powell, one of the boys, who is now close to death. The state will prosecute Powell and two of the other boys for attempt to kill a guard. It appears that Powell, subjected to repeated and terrible provocation, scratched one of the guards with

The Workers Party at the request of the N.P.I.D. is circularizing all branches urging them to rush resolutions against this new frame-up On WPA Recognition and the Patterson sentence. Protests should go to Gov. Bibb Graves and Lt. Gov. Tom Knight at Mont-

> The Scottsboro Defense Committee held its first public meeting Sunday in the Hotel Delano, New York City. The Daily Worker has admitted that the date was deliberately chosen so that the meeting would follow the trial. Thus it could bring no pressure on the prosecution in the fourth trial.

> The meeting was given little were adopted.

> The meeting was opened by an the chairman, Colonel W. J. Schieffelin, head of the Citizens Union Norman Thomas, Charles Zimmerman of Local 22, and B. S. Mc-"The Best People of Alabama"

'Herndon declared that the Scotts-(Continued on Page 2)

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#### (Continued on Page 3) P. PLOTS TO WRECK LOCAL 574

By CARL O'SHEA

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 27. -Recently there has come into our by the Central Executive Commit | nesota, also. tee of the Communist party for the Minnesota district, one of the most

the degeneration of the Communis: to "appeal" to the Minneapolis union members," they "deceived terms. masquerading under the banner of one who would go along with him to revoke the charter," etc., etc.

the New Militant, the Militant or ionists, Socialist party members from 574. and Communist party members the From the very beginning the

Page Mr. Meyer Lewis!

The Surrender-to-Tobin Plan

Such is the nature of this docu- line regarding Local 574: No matter | speakable scheme of these people ment that it is little wonder that what service the General Drivers The directives cited below mean discuss a written agreement. With and whatnot. Minor now calls it proved too much for some of the Union in Minneapolis renders the only one thing-that the Communist the announcement of the impending Wilkins "an honest intellectual"; hands a set of directives drawn up Communist party members in Min- working class, SMASH IT, for the party means to do everything in strike vote, the Latimer Employer- Wilkins says nothing about Minor. Trotskyites are in the leadership! its power to emasculate one of the Employee Board attempted to step During the 1934 strikes, the C.P. finest and most militant and power- into the controversy. Meyer Lewis. 1. The C.E.C. orders the Minne- issued leaflet after leaflet repeating ful unions in America, to isolate not bothering to discuss the prob- Laurin of the Sleeping Car Porters amazing documents in the recent apolis C.P. to "drive the trade un- the same charges and slanders Local 574, to undermine the sup- lem with Local 160 issued a long were announced as speakers, but history of the American labor move ion functionaries and membership cooked up by the Citizens Alliance port the union receives from the statement to the press demanding did not appear. further away from 574"-to colon- and Daniel Tobin. The 574 leaders rest of the movement, to break the Pack's resignation from the board In these directives is contained ize in General Drivers Local 574: were "yellow," they did not "per- union, to drag it back into Tobin's -he seemed to consider that this overwhelming proof, not only of to "negotiate" with Daniel Tobin; mit expression from the floor by International Teamsters on Tobin's action would render the board boro case shows "the slave-rulers'"

part, but of its muddleheadedness. | Central Labor Union, the locals, etc. | the workers with false promises" - | And this is really not so surpris- | with considerable emphasis. Hav-No more shameful proposals have Page Mr. Meyer Lewis! Here the 574 leaders were "dishonest," ing. This follows out the current ing no confidence in the board as ever been made by a group calling are his allies! He has been seeking they "did not pay the per capita C. P. line: Back into the A. F. of such, they felt that Pack's influitself a working class party, and for four months now to find some tax, and so gave Tobin an excuse L. at all costs. In effect the direct ence, on or off the board, would tives of the C. P., if they could be still be felt and would render the in his plan to isolate Local 574 and At the height of Meyer Lewis' carried out, would mean to smash board even less captble of making This exposure of the Communist to smash it. And now the C. P. in red scare directed against Local 574 Local 574, the union that has won a fair decision. party's schemes will be of absorb. Minnesota is ordered to do this in November, 1965, it was the C.P. a nation-wide reputation for the A few days prior to the January and the Northwest trade union local trade union officials and progressive union bloc which was ing class movement. This means between the union and the com-

Communist party has had only one And now comes this latest und (Continued on Page 3) (Continued on Page 3)