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Powell Framed; Scottsboro Boys In Peril

"Tell the Workers the Truth About Stalin's Hounding of Revolutionists in the Soviet Union!" -- Trotsky Urges

Mass Protest Only Means For Freedom

Smash the Bourbon by Mobilizing the Labor Movement!

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 NOT BUT IMPUGNANCE OF HEARST NO EXCUSE FOR CRIMES OF STALIN CLIQUE STOP GAVE STATEMENT TO ASSOCIATED PRESS UNDERSIGNED

TROTSKY

By L. D. TROTSKY 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...

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 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.

The fourth Scottsboro trial ended with the conviction of James Wood 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.

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.

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. The 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 Workers Party at the request of the N.P.L.D. is circulating all branches urging them to rush resolutions against this new frame-up and the Patterson sentence.

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.

The meeting was given little publicity beforehand. After it was announced came the shooting of Ozie Powell. Hopefully, the Committee hired an extra hall, but there was no overflow. Not more than 1,500 people turned up.

The meeting was opened by an L. I. D. representative introducing the chairman, Colonel W. J. Schiefelin, head of the Citizens Union ("balanced budget" agitators) and a prominent Communist lawyer.

The speakers were Osmond Frankel, Angelo Herndon, a school teacher, Robert Miron of the I.L.D. and Roy Wilkins of the N.A.A.C.P. The last two, until recently, were calling each other lynchers, provocateurs and whatnot.

"The Best People of Alabama" Herndon declared that the Scottsboro case shows "the slave-rulers" (Continued on Page 2)

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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 a "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 Payment."

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 Hearst.

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. American."

Mr. Cullen on the Phone You see, the editor of the "March of Events" section, Mr. T. V. Ranek, 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 his telephone answers to a court of law?

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

What does Budenz say that Cullen told him?

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

2. "Permission." Mr. Cullen is alleged to have said, "was given to reprint them from that paper... the New Militant, the Militant or whatever you call it."

'Socialist Call' on "Hearst Trotsky & the Communists"

(Editor's Note: The following editorial is reprinted from the Socialist Call for Feb. 1, 1936.)

"HEARST, TROTSKY 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 Trotsky, first published in the columns of the American Trotskyite weekly organ, deserves universal condemnation.

"But it is quite as shocking to find the Daily Worker seizing upon this and interpreting it as evidence that Trotsky 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 Trotsky a man of high principles who has suffered personally for his loyalty to his revolutionary ideals.

"The Daily Worker owes Trotsky 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 Yugoslav C.P. by the bureaucrats of the C.I. will appear in the next issue of the New Militant

C. P. PLOTS TO WRECK LOCAL 574

By CARL O'SHEA MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 27.—Recently there has come into our hands a set of directives drawn up by the Central Executive Committee of the Communist party for the Minnesota district, one of the most amazing documents in the recent history of the American labor movement.

In these directives is contained overwhelming proof, not only of the degeneration of the Communist party, but of its middlebrowedness. No more shameful proposals have ever been made by a group calling itself a working class party, and masquerading under the banner of Lenin.

This exposure of the Communist party's schemes will be of absorbing interest, not only to Local 574 and the Northwest trade union movement, but to honest trade unionists, Socialist party members and Communist party members the country over.

Such is the nature of this document that it is little wonder that it proved too much for some of the Communist party members in Minnesota, also. Page Mr. Meyer Lewis! 1. The C.E.C. orders the Minneapolis C.P. to "drive the trade union functionaries and membership further away from 574"—to colonize in General Drivers Local 574; to "negotiate" with Daniel Tobin; to "appeal" to the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, the locals, etc. Page Mr. Meyer Lewis! Here are his allies! He has been seeking for four months now to find someone who would go along with him in his plan to isolate Local 574 and to smash it. And now the C. P. in Minnesota is ordered to do this very thing; to agitate among the local trade union officials and membership to drive them away from 574.

From the very beginning the Communist party has had only one

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 of the Yugoslav section of the Comintern. Under any other conditions the differences of opinion between the leaders of this party would have been settled by means of discussion, by a Convention, and in extreme cases, by a split. But not in the Comintern. That section of the national C.E.C., which at any given moment executes the instructions of the Moscow clique, transmits a request to the latter to rid it of the opposition. Stalin orders the oppositionists to Moscow, where, after a brief attempt to "convince" them, they are placed under arrest, clapped into solitary confinement and subjected to other forms of physical extirpation.

Among the hundreds who were killed, as "implicated" in the Kirov case, i.e., in the majority of cases those who are in no way involved in this case, a number of Bulgarian and other foreign oppositionists were shot. The right of asylum for revolutionary refugees is thus conditioned upon their binding themselves to renounce all right to think independently. A call to Moscow "for a conference," implies time and again a treacherous trap. If the "criminal" is beyond grasp, then his wife, daughter or son are seized. In these cases, the agents of Stalin utilize methods

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700 at Tampa Protest in N.Y.

R. P. Farriss, Tampa business man and an important witness in the Shoemaker police-vigilante murder case, is dead. The Tampa newspapers are frankly sceptical about the police claim that he was murdered. When found, he had in his pocket a receipt for a post-office box, which is the official box for the Ku Klux Klan, who had a hand in the murder of Shoemaker.

Farriss was probably murdered by Klansmen in order to "cover up" their role in the murder of Shoemaker, unemployed organizer. Chief of Police Tittsworth and other members of the hooded gang are under indictment in the Shoemaker case. Tittsworth was bailed out by leading anti-union cigar manufacturers of Tampa.

Rogers and Poulnot, Socialist workers kidnaped and beaten with Shoemaker, will soon return to Tampa from the East to act as leading witnesses in the trial of the murderers. The Joint Committee for the Defense of Civil Rights in Tampa is keeping up its campaign

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Bare Murder On WPA

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 27.—The WPA Workers Union is continuing its aggressive campaign to organize all of the WPA workers in Lucas County into one solid, fighting organization. This last week it has lifted out of the obscurity which the WPA administration has attempted to place it, the cruel murder of Alonzo Walker, a Negro WPA worker, who was allowed to freeze to death on an open ditch project. The union has already called upon Harry L. Hopkins to conduct a federal investigation on the matter and is planning a mass protest meeting and trial.

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