An Objection and the Answer

are still to be found in the West

not a few activists in the workers'

movement who sincerely ask them-

selves the following question: But

bring harm to the Soviet Union Is

there not the danger that together

may be flung from the tub? These

ality. Can the exposures of the

Just the contrary is the case, for

the entire bourgeoisie, including the

pledge of the "normalization" of

sive of extirpation against the Bol-

shevik-Leninists and other revolu-

tionists. The serious and respon-

sible captalist press of the entire

the struggle against the "Trotsky-

ists." Small wonder! For Litvinov,

side by side with the representa-

tives of world reaction, sits in the

Geneva Commission for the struggle

against "terrorism." Involved here,

of course, is not the question of the

struggle against Governmental ter-

ror against revolutionary workers

uncrowned tyrants. Marxists, as is

well known have irreconcilably re-

jected and continue to reject the

method of individual terror. But

this has never prevented us from

Gessler. The Soviet diplomacy, on

the other hand, is now discussing

jointly with the Gesslers how best

to exterminate the Tells. By his

facts of the Stalinist repressions,

but during the last two years they

have deliberately and maliciously

wing.

passed them in silence. In the eyes

pparatuses are raised over them,

luping them incessantly and skill-

to the following simple question:

to pose this question is to answer it.

blind friends, or allies whose eyes

The workers are not children.

They are capable of appraising at

revolution and the onerous histori

on its body in the shape of a fright-

ful bureaucratic ulcer. A revolu-

abolutely worthless! We leave

louble book-keeping to the patriot-

e partiamentarians, parlor idealists

and priests. The "Friends of the

Soviet Union," and other philis-

tines will perhaps say that we are

motivated by "factional" and even

"personal" malice? Of course

they'll say it. But we have not yet

become accustomed-thanks to na-

ture's gifts!---to look upon philis-

tines and their public opinion other-

wise than with contempt. By em-

bellishing the present it is impos-

sible to prepare the future. Fealty

to the October revolution demands

merciless exposure, and, if need be,

the instrument of the possessing

classes. Today, lies have become

the instrument of the Soviet bur-

eaucracy as well. The oppressed

need the truth. The workers must

are bandaged.

geois world?

To be sure, even at present there

«Tell the Workers the Truth About Stalin's Hounding of Revolutionists!» Trotsky Urges

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ican gangsters. What Are Their Crimes? The so-called communist parties October revolution as a whole. At Rolland! not only cover up these unpreced the present moment a complete dented villainies of Messrs. Mar- about-face has occurred along this shalls and Super-Marshalls against line, in Europe at any rate. The tops of the degenerated Comintern the revolutionists --- villainies in policy of the social-patriotic "unit- and the tops of the Second Interwhich the leaders of the various ed front" has become transformed national evokes however a salutory sections of the Comintern take di- into a conspiracy of mutual con- reaction as well. An ever greater will not exposures of this sort rect part—but the press of the cealment. Even in those countries number of advanced workers are Comintern seeks on top of this to where no united front exists be beginning to open their eyes. Such turn the edge of the accusation cause of the insignificance of the "socialistic morals" as constant with the wash-water the baby, too, against the victims themselves. In- communist parties, the reformist crawling on the belly before the volved here, you see, are not mere organizations prefer not to quar- "leaders," as Byzantine flattery, as fears, however, have no basis in reoppositionists. not Bolsheviks who rel with the Kremlin upper crust the creation of castes of "red" Colrebel against Stalin's self-rule or who, today, after they had inscrib- onels, Generals and Marshalls, as Stalinist bestialities perpetrated the patriotic degeneration of the ed upon their banner the defense of the reactionary cult of the petty upon revolutionists damage the So-Comintern. No, involved, if you the League of Nations and of the bourgeois family, down to the resplease, are "terrorists," conspira- democratic fatherland, are immeas- surrection of the Christmas tree .-tors against the sacred person of urably closer to them than the rev- all these compel thinking workers the Leader or one of his Marshalls, olutionist internationalists who are in all countries to surmise to what and finally, agents of foreign es- persecuted. The "defense of the profound extent the ruling stratum White Guard emigres, sees the best pionage, the hirelings of Hitler or U.S.S.R." serves of course as a of the Soviet Union has managed the Mikado. Zinoviev and Kamenev pious justification for passing in to degenerate. On this soil of awak- the Soviet regime in Stalin's offenhave been caught red-handed in a silence over the crimes of the Stal- ened critical consciousness are falhorrible crime: they criticized inist bureaucracy. (within four walls!) the adventur- In this connection, we ought to tialities perpetrated by the bureauistic tempos of collectivization that mention also a special category of cracy upon those revolutionists who led to the senseless destruction of the professional "friends" of the are a threat to its sacred privileges, world is unanimous in applauding millions of men. A genuinely pro- Kremlin: intellectuals in search of and w' stubbornly refuse to acletarian court, investigating the a gilt-edge ideal, writers who have cept the gospel of Dimitrov, Litvincase, would have indubitably taken stock of the superiorities ov and the League of Nations. clapped in jail the adventurists- of the State Publication Society, The number of such "criminals" collectivizers. But the court of lawyers who are hungry for is constantly increasing. In the Stalin and Yagoda sentenced Zino- publicity, and, finally, ordinary am- course of the latest purge of the view and Kamenev to ten years im- ateurs who are fetched by free ruling party of the U.S.S.R. (the

implicated! social-democratic, labor-party and the G.P.U. buzz into the ears of a general rule, immediately arrest-

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2. The C.E.C. directs the Minne-

C. P. members working in the

proposed that this organization

with no assurances from the A. F.

of L. union that it will change its

by the Communist party is all the

more abhorent when one sees that

for the first time in history, the

packing house workers have a real

chance to form a national indus-

trial union in their field. (As a

matter of fact, the groundwork has

already been laid for a broad and

all-inclusive conference of packing

house unions which will meet in

The Charge of "Syndicalism"

3. The C.E.C. directs the Minne-

sota "communists" to expose our

"unprincipled," "semi-Syndicalist"

trade union policy, and to chal-

lenge the Workers Party to a de-

The charge of "semi-Syndicalist"

is worthy of comment. It is within

the realm of possibility that these

people have made so many turns

that in their dizziness they no

longer recall what syndicalism

means. In our trade union work,

have we foresworn the necessity of

a revolutionary party? Just the

opposite is true. Or is it that the

Stalinists can no longer differenti-

ate between an independent union

and a union based on syndicalist

principles. It is well established

that Local 574 has sought, ever

the International in April, 1935, to

be reinstated—on a principled and

honorable basis, and not on one

which would mean liquidation of

the union. It is also well estab-

lished that the "defeatist" local

574 has consistently advised the

unions which it has helped into

being (candy workers ,furniture

workers, electrical workers, etc.)

to join and remain within the A.

in this way?

Labor party.

F. of L. Do semi-Syndicalists act

4. The C.E.C. directs the Minne-

sota district to place the unem-

ployed under the leadership of the

A. F. of L. and of the Farmer-

Before Local 574 was expelled

from the Central Labor Union, it

several times proposed that the A.

F. of L take the initiative in or-

ganizing the federal workers. When

the Central Labor Union and the

State Federation of Labor refused

to act, Local 574 got busy and or-

ganized its Federal Section, which

now has thousands of members.

Local 574 has participated in the

two conferences which laid the

groundwork for the state-wide WPA

conference which will be held at

Local 574's hall on February 8-9,

a delegated conference with repre-

sentatives from unemployed organ-

izations, WPA groups and the un-

ions. Local 574 has proposed that

a state-wide WPA organization be

formed, to fight for trade union

wages. The organization will seek

the active support of the State Fed-

eration of Labor, and of the vari-

since the day of its expulsion from

bate on trade union policies,

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Feb. 1.)

C. P. Plots

labor fakers in America.

Austin, Minn.

worthy of the best qualified Amer. actual but also of the fictitious revolution. Suffice to refer only to labor camps. These facts must be crimes of the Soviet bureaucracy, the unworthy role assumed by so made known to the working class in order thus to compromise the outstanding a writer as Romain of the entire world!

prisonment on the charge of-a trips and jubilee banquets. These latter part of 1935) there were exterrorist act in which they were people, parasites in most cases, pelled, in so far as one can gather not and could not in any way be then eagerly broadcast throughout from the official data, from 10 to 20 but of the stuggle against individu-Not more than two years ago the and insinuations that the agents of the expelled in this category are, as

upon revelations not only of the pers given in honor of the October; used to prevail in the Czarist hard-

Prison for the Critics

The fraternization between the ling today the accounts of the bes-

both hemispheres the inventions thousand "Trotskyists" alone. All al avengers, aiming at crowned and trade union press, eagerly seized their "friends" during heroic sup- ed and subjected to conditions that

> for its members will be urged to In all earnestness, we publish the join the union of their trade when Communist party document and

All Workers, with headquarters in Independent Union have already dissolve into the Amalgamated sota Communist party is "weak," the new directives,

port to the unions when help is and that they follow a do-nothing needed. This economic organiza policy. Also, we shall be pleased always siding with William Tell Against 574 organization to the A. F. of L. debate on trade union policies. tion will in no sense be a dual to cooperate with the C. P. on that and not with the Austrian despot

working for a private employer, ask all workers to study it very and to retain, if possible, their carefully. Let them ask themselves: membership in the trade unions 2. The C.E.C. directs the Minne sota district to follow out a similar while working on federal projects. self revolutionary should act? Does his own terroristic stalking of the that party still understand the fun- Bolsheviks. It is self-evident, that There are slanders contained in damentals of Leninism and Marx- in the eyes of the League of Nathese directives which the Workers ism? Are these the tasks that a tions, in the eyes of the American Party has answered a hundred communist party should be setting government, even in the eyes of Hittimes before, and will continue to for itself? Shall we repose any ler, our exposures will only answer and expose in the future. confidence in such a party? The strengthen Stalin's already quite debate, Mr. Pack agreed to raise no case will the rate of pay be strengthen Stalin's already quite debate, Mr. Pack agreed to raise no case will the rate of pay be The directives contain three workers of Minnesota will know extensive credit. Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers plots with which we are in com-how to answer the Communist Reformists Mum on Stalin's Crimes plete agreement: that the Minne- party when it attempts to apply

present stultifying and ineffectual Directives of C.E.C. of Communist Party either. The reformist bureaucrats to the District Committee -- Minnesota

Planned struggle against Trotskyites-

 Strike at major base of Trotskyites—discard idea that 574 cannot be touched.—Buro responsibility for recruiting-establish fraction-concentrate on some key people.

2. Impreve work in Southern Minnesota. Win over people in Trotskyite units in Austin and Albert Lea.

4. Drag Trotskyite trade union policy into open to defeat it. Challenge for debate on trade union policy-broaden progressive conference, WPA-propose concrete program for 574-regaining membership in A. F. of L.—paying per capita fax—change independent-Syndicalist policy, etc. 5. More attention to leadership in unemployed work to out-man-

neuver Trotskyites which can be done through uniting unemployed under leadership of A. F. of L. and Farmer-Labor Party.

6. More attention to explanation of Soviet peace policy, anti-war program. Drive on building the LAWAP.—mass meetings—talks in unions, including 574, Independent Union of All Workers-utilize broader delegates.

7. Work with S.P. in Minneapolis as a number of now Trotskyites are former Socialists, Mpls. Special Problems—

If we talk about our major problem to build the Farmer-Labor Party, we can . . . smash Trotskyites.

The role of Trotskyites internationally; their role and the expression of its counter-revolutionary character in this state,

a. Obstruct the unity in economic organizations, b. Obstruct the organization of the People's Front against Fas-

cism-the Farmer-Labor Party. c. Obstruct the sympathy to Soviet Union and prevent workers from recognizing their strengthened position due to existence of Soviet

Preventing the consolidation of an anti-war movement, etc.

Their strength in this district. Why !--

1. Due to our weakness.

2. Their stealing of march over us in many fields, a. truck drivers.

b, unemployed

c. liberal groups

d. Socialists, Mpls, e. strength of leadership.

Their policy of defeat-

a. Trade union-semi-Syndicalist approach-relation to A. F. of !..-shady deals and actions.

The effect of this policy of ours-policy of ruin for themselves,-We cannot permit a policy of let them alone and they will destroy themselves .- People capable of maneuvering, unprincipled people, will seek and find a stop-gap to their own smashing. Cur approach tactic-

Must overcome the idea that 574 is welded to Trotskyites forever. Drag into open their real Trade Union policy to drive the trade union functionaries and membership further away from them. (Our

Special attention to unemployed work for unification of the unem-

Attention to *

More education on Soviet peace policy. Steps to drag them into open-

Friendly recruiting, and, yes. colonizing of capable forces in 574. Improvement of work in I.U.A.W.

Build I.L.D. Our ear to the ground.

Not to overlook opportunities to have a real alert state committee of C.P. really directing within the state as a whole.

* items so marked have been deleted. They are of such a nature ous unions. It will give its sup that their publication might bring injury to the workers' movement. is: to al'eviate the fate of tens of tens

Russian Fascists Hail the Anti-**Bolshevik Terror in Soviet Union**

HE Stalinist press the world over, and the Daily Worker in particular are waging a hysterical and poisonous campaign to nullify the effect upon thinking workers and sincere friends of the Soviet Union of the exposures in the letters and documents of revolutionists who escaped from the toils of the hounders of revolutionists, Stalin-Yagoda and Co. and their crew of flunkies and hirelings, Browder-Hathaway-Budenz and Co., in this country.

The Daily Worker crawls out of its skin not only to link up Trotsky with Hearst and the Fasciets but to convey the idea to the workers that these exposures of the bestialities practiced upon revolutionists in the Soviet Union damage the repute of the Soviet Union. These revelations damage only the repute of the Stalinist clique-but not in the eyes of the capitalists.

In his article appearing in this issue of the NEW MILITANT, comrade Trotsky makes the following statement:

". . . the entire bourgeoisie, including the White Guard emigres, sees the best pledge of the "normalization" of the Soviet regime in Stalin's offensive of extirpation against the Bolshevik-Leninists and other revolutionists. The serious and responsible capitalist press of the entire world is unanimous in applauding the struggle against the Trotskyists.' " (Our emphasis.)

To naive and unpolitical minds these words may seem as exaggerations uttered in the heat of the

We therefore reprint below a few extracts from the organ of "Young Russians," one of the factions of the Russian Fascist-Monarchists. No more rabid foes of the Soviet Union exist on the face of the earth than are these gentlemen. And here is their frank opinion of Stalin: here is how they really view the persecution of the revolutionists by the usurping Stalinist clique. (Our emphasis throughout.)

"We do not deny that the Stalinist Government is still formally guided by the ideas of communism. . . . But we are also aware that it has subordinated the interests of the foreign Communist parties to the interests of the Russian state, from the theory of the world revolution is has passed to the theory

of socialism in one country, and from the latter to Soviet patriotism; ideological internationalists find themselves proscribed and in exile, while in power are people who have either become patriots or are compelled to masquerade as such."

—BODROST, issue No. 30.

". . . desirous of maintaining himself in power, Stalin is swimming along the stream of a revolution that is becoming nationalized. His blows are being today directed primarily against the representatives of ancient Leninist Marxism. The dissolution of the Society of Old Bolsheviks is a new and symbolic instance of this struggle against the old guard of Bolshevism." -BODROST, No. 31.

'From the day he (Stalin) assumed power, and particularly since the First Five Year Plan it became clear that the last vestiges of orthodox Marx--BODROST, No. 34. ism would disappear.,"

"Stalin, seeking to keep power in his own hands, has become the open and quite obvious traitor and wrecker of Marxism, artificially adapting himself to the demands of the nation and of life. From the leader of the Communist party Stalin is striving to become a people's, a national leader. Precisely herein lies the entire gist of what is taking place in Russia." -BODROST, No. 41.

"Three new milestones have marked during the last weeks the degeneration of the Russian revolution. We have in mind the introduction of military ranks, the reform of the ZAGS and the elimination of ration cards for an entire series of the most essential necessities.

"Both of the latter measures only supplement what has already been accomplished in the same direction during the past year. The introduction of ranks is a phenomenon of a new order and therefore especially significant." -BODROST, No. 49.

"The convalescence of Russia, the first symptoms of which we pointed out many years ago, is proceeding apace with every new day. In this convalescence is the pledge of our victory."

BODROST, No. 37.

Comment, as the saying goes, is superfluous!

Mpls Power Union Wins

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participation in the international with the Secretary-Treasurer of stulking of terrorists, Stalin supple-Local 574 as their spokesman, held with their more hardy brothers who a two hour conference with Mr. Pack and other high officials, of the company. The discussion centered about the demands of the union for around \$10 per month or the equivand wage increases. After a lengthy wage cuts will be restored, and in wages and to recognize seniority below the 1929 level. In the lower and the right of the union to repre. wage brackets some increases will sent its members. He stated, how As regards the reformist labor ever, that he would not put this in are to be based on the 40 hour bureaucracy in bourgeois countries, writing and that he could make no week. definite guarantees as to how long the wage increases would remain take of resting on the laurels of its tre quite well informed about the in effect. The union spokesman in victory. The union will now prothat the terms be in writing and day service to its members, A large for a definite period of time.

of Leon Blum, Otto Bauer, Sir No further meetings were held. Walter Citrine, Vandervelde and Co. our exposures will not, in any case lower their esteem for the Soviet bureaucracy; involved here is ment continued all day Wednesday ments and crews, together with a friendship that is calculated, and this friendship is directed first of 7 P.M., one hour before the time ances to the higher officials when all against the left, revolutionary set for the strike meeting. Mr. Pack they cannot be settled satisfactorily agreed to put the terms of settle- with the immediate supervisor. ment in writing over his signature, There still remain the masses of workers. In their majority, the workers are sincerely and honestly tire year of 1936. devoted to the Soviet Union, alhough they do not always know

how to express this devotion in action. The masses find it all the more difficult to find a correct road on his question because bureaucratic fully. Thus, the matter is reduced Are we on our part duty-bound to it the night before at the union playees. tell them the truth? For a Marxist, meeting, and that they knew it was the union that had got them the The revolution has no need for raise. The company has further attempted to deny credit to the union by pointing out that the raise will go into effect throughout the entire system which includes one and the same time both the many localities outside Minneapolis. colossal conquests of the October This is mere "abc," If the comany put the increase into effect in -cal beritage that has congulated the Twin Cities only, the power of the union would become so obvious to all the workers that the entire tionist who is afraid to tell the system would be unionized in 60 masses what he knows himself is days. This the company does not want: hence the system-wide raise.

As a matter of fact, this action croves that the workers in Minneapolis and St. Paul, through Local 60, fought the battle for every employee of the Northern States Power Co. The battle could better in 10 new subs. ave been fought and even greater gains made had the employees in other localities been organized to assist. However, this was not the case, due to the failure of the officers of the International Brotherbood of Electrical Workers to organize and direct the fight on a system-wide basis. Local 160 single handed, has broken the ground and that are still behind their quota, planted the seed for the growth of not to mention those that have not canterize its sores. Lies serve ax a powerful industrial union in the yet made a start. Our advice is to power industry in the northwest. It get to work and to speed up. is now up to the officers of the International to till this fertile field.

est publications, it is necessary to from the situation and from our abeyance for a little while. broadcast as far and wide as pos- burning desire to save the heroic sible the news of the vile repres-fighters. Fulfilling this tack, we campaign is as follows: sions to which irreproachable pro- will thereby assist the toilers of the letarian revolutionists are sub- Soviet Union and of the entire Akron, Obio....... 20 jected in the Soviet Union. Our world to take a new sten forward Albert Lea, Minn.... 10 thief and immediate task thereby on their road to emancipation

timid workers, who did not have problems of the union. the courage to join the union, even though they knew that they should, have come forward to join hands had already taken up the cudgels for them and won the fight.

The wage increases will average exceed \$10 per month. All wages Local 160 will not make the mis-

formed him that Local 160 had in-ceed vigorously to the consolidation structed the committee to insist of its position through its day by organization committee has been elected and charged with the rebut the argument between the sponsibility of organizing grievance union committee and the manage. committees in the various departthrough Mr. Ossanna. Finally, at special committees to carry griev-

One of the first responsibilities and he further agreed to make the of these committees will be to see wage increase effective for the eu-that there is no discrimination against union members in connec-The company is now striving tion with the wage increases, desperately to convince the workers Questions of seniority and general that Local 160 had nothing to do job conditions will be taken up by with getting the wage increase. O.: the union committees as the occathe day after the union meeting, sion may arise. On the matter of the department supervisors in seniority the company expressed a formed the men that they were to desire to show preference to marget a raise in pay, but the workers ried men with families in certain informed them that this was not cases; they agreed, however, to rews, that they had heard all about leave the final decision to the em-

As it has in the past, the execu-

With the written statement that tive board of Local 160 will conthe company "will not discriminate tinue to receive the benefit of the in any way against any employee experience of the officers of Local because of union affiliation," many 574 in the day by day organization

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