

STALINTERN READY TO EMBRACE CHIANG KAI SHEK

Offer Chinese Red Army in Return for Resurrection of Disastrous 1927 Bloc

By LO SEN
On March 21, 1927, the workers of Shanghai rose in a mighty insurrection. With their own arms and their own forces they defeated and expelled the garrison of Northern mercenaries. Five days later Chiang Kai-shek made his triumphant entry into the city.

Do we then not tell the workers and peasants that the national bourgeoisie can not and will not consistently fight imperialism? That the fight against imperialism is the fight against the bourgeoisie for the interests of the workers and peasants? That the proletariat in alliance with the peasantry alone are capable of prosecuting a successful national revolutionary war against imperialism? Do we not show them how this was demonstrated to the bloody hilt in 1925-27 and a thousand times over since then?

The Stalinists propose a "People's Government of Self-Defense" into which "all parties, groups, political and military authorities" are to join. They will propose confiscation of the land of "national traitors" (?) and any "feudal landlords" who won't say they're against imperialism. Workers will be promised "increases in wages... Improvement in material conditions."

to an instrument of counter-revolution and the mass movement was crushed, the Stalinists came forward with "Soviets" which proved a tragic fiction. In the period of counter-revolution the Opposition called for a struggle for democratic rights centered around the slogan of a National Assembly. This was denounced by the Stalinists as the uttermost depths of "counter-revolutionary Trotskyism."

WORLD OF LABOR
London International Labor Conference
Endorses Imperialist War Policies
By JOHN G. WRIGHT

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A LETTER FROM ITALY
Nationalist Maniacs Driving Nation Through War into Collapse and Ruin

According to a recent dispatch from Italy, Vesuvius is again belching forth flames and the inhabitants of Naples, who live under its shadow, fear an impending eruption. Nothing could be more symbolic of the present state of affairs under Mussolini. The Fascist regime caps a fiery furnace of unrest, which not only exerts tremendous pressure upon it, but may, in the not very far future, explode and blow it to bits.

As an instance of the earnings in the upper levels, here is the monthly pay envelope of a shop foreman superintending the work of 40 skilled mechanics. This man is about 45 years old, has been in the service of the same firm for 13 years, and represents a sort of labor aristocracy.

statistics are notoriously unreliable) for an Italian worker may be placed at about 16 cents an hour. "The average weekly earnings of a factory worker would, then, amount to about \$6.40. Women workers earn from 7 1/2 to 10 cents an hour. Clerical workers, stenographers, etc., from \$16 to \$32 a month. Engineers get from \$64 to \$96 a month. Department heads up to \$112 a month.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Salary, Overtime, Total monthly salary, Income Tax, Dues to Fascist Syndicate, Total direct taxes, Net income for month.

According to all reports, the application of sanctions has severely crippled Italian economy. The small industrialists have suffered heavily from the imposition of sanctions. They have been shut out of their foreign markets and find it increasingly difficult to obtain necessary supplies and raw materials.

They are offering to do so in advance and we may be sure that the Chinese bourgeoisie will in one form or another, by this or that means, secure the utmost advantage from the promised liquidation of the class struggle without unduly compromising itself in the eyes of its imperialist masters.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Bread (1 pound), Macaroni (1 pound), Meat (1 pound), Butter (1 pound), Vegetables (1 pound), Eggs (1 dozen), Milk (1 quart), Coffee (1 pound), Sugar (1 pound), Oil (1 quart), Cheese (1 pound), Salami (1 pound), Light and Gas (1 month), Rent (1 month-2 rooms and kitchenette).

THE HITCH IN ORGANIC UNITY IN FRANCE
The subtle change in the policy of the French S. P. noted above is the biggest obstacle to the fusion of the C.P. and S.P. that has developed since the time the Stalinists launched their campaign for organic unity.

Skirmishes on the Manchukuo-Mongolian border in the last ten days have assumed the proportions of virtual battles. The morrow of war is not far distant. In China, as elsewhere, we can guarantee a firm revolutionary alliance with the Soviet Union only by waging common battle against the enemies of the Soviet Union and the enemies of the working class.

As a result, the pleasant dreams of a "single party" have been somewhat rudely disturbed. Some time ago the French C.P. sent a communication to the S.P. suggesting that the co-ordinating committees should meet, and that both parties should urge a joint meeting of the Second and Third Internationals.