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## La Guardia Endorses George U. Harvey

### Erwin Wolf in Spanish Prison

Trotsky Secretary Held By G.P.U. in Barcelona

Erwin Wolf, young Czech revolutionist who acted as secretary to Leon Trotsky during the latter's exile in Norway, has been arrested and imprisoned by the Stalinist G.P.U. in Barcelona. Over his head hangs the threat of being assassinated in prison or of being shipped secretly to the Soviet Union in the hope that the Stalinist Secret Police can get him to sign one of those notorious "confessions" which they have imposed on other victims of their frame-up system.

This dreadful news comes from Erwin Wolf's wife, Hjordis, daughter of Konrad Knudsen, Labor Party member of the Norwegian Parliament. She accompanied her husband several months ago when they travelled to Barcelona. After his arrest, she left for France.

Betrayed by G.P.U. Spy

In Barcelona, the Wolfs were recommended to a certain Dr. Tioli by a Norwegian friend of Hjordis Knudsen, named Grete Finnstad. Tioli allowed Wolf to use his address for the receipt of mail from abroad. On the eve of Wolf's return to France, Tioli

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### VICTOR HARRIS OUSTED AS CONN. SECRETARY

Victor Harris, militant secretary of the Connecticut State organization of the Socialist Party, has been ousted from his post for no other reason than his loyalty to the principles of revolutionary socialism.

At last Sunday's meeting of the State Executive Committee, the right wing majority on the committee, representing the deadwood and conservative membership of the state, and mobilized under the direction of Devere Allen, member of the National Executive Committee, asked comrade Harris to resign the post which he has occupied for some time. Harris refused to resign on the ground that he, and not the N.E.C., was faithful to the tradition of the convention and of socialism. The motion was then made to remove Harris, which carried by a vote of 5 to 2. There was not even a semblance of charges of violation of discipline.

### Forward to the Convention

The need of the hour for the sincere and revolutionary socialists of the country is the speedy convening of an emergency rank and file convention of the Socialist Party.

Throughout the country, the usurpers of the National Executive Committee are splitting the party by the expulsion of the left wingers on the basis of an infamous "loyalty oath".

As a condition for membership in the party, they are seeking to compel the comrades who are earnestly devoted to socialist principles, who are concerned with their socialist integrity—to compel them to condemn the revolutionists who are fighting the betrayal of socialism perpetrated by the National Executive Committee when it sanctioned the support of the capitalist demagogue, La Guardia, and declared the expulsion of all those who opposed this loathsome sell-out.

On the basis of this "loyalty oath", which they know will not be signed by a single self-respecting socialist anywhere in the country, comrades are being expelled throughout the party and the locals are being organized on the basis of support for "La Guardia Socialism."

There is no other way of effectively combatting the disruption of the movement, no other way of reconstructing the socialist party on a revolutionary basis, than by the rank and file taking matters into their own hands. Over the heads of the La Guardia socialists on the National Executive Committee, guilty of perfidy and treachery to socialist principle, the rank and file of the party must mobilize for their own national convention.

The State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Ohio has already taken the initiative. By unanimous vote it has called for an emergency convention "for the purpose of throwing out the traitors, determining the will of the membership on all important party problems and reestablishing of the party on the foundation of revolutionary socialism". The Ohio S.E.C. proposes that the convention be held in Chicago on or about the Thanksgiving week-end. It has authorized the City Central Committee of Local New York, Left wing, to act as organizing committee on convention arrangements.

The National Executive Committee of the Young People's Socialist League has already given its unanimous endorsement to the movement initiated by Ohio.

The Executive Committee of Local Cook County (Chicago) has adopted a similar resolution.

Local Lynn, Mass., has unanimously decided to join hands in the calling of the emergency convention of the rank and file.

Local Rochester, New York, has now gone on record against the La Guardia Socialists and echoes the demand for the emergency convention.

Local Allentown, Penna., has joined the movement for the convention in Chicago on the Thanksgiving week-end.

Local Austin, Minn., has given a vigorous reply to the splitters and reformists of the N.E.C. and called for a special convention.

Local Philadelphia, Parkside branch, has taken the same action and will be represented at the convention.

Other local and state organizations throughout the country, from Boston to San Francisco, are expected to take action on the question in the coming days.

Throughout the country, the local must act immediately to endorse the Ohio resolution. Every day's delay facilitates the criminal work of the right wing and their centrist tools. The revolutionary socialist party must be restored and consolidated.

All hands united! On to the Chicago convention of the rank and file, of the revolutionary socialists!

### 'People's Front' Candidate for New York's Red-Baiter No. 1.

Thomas Is 'Shocked'—But Will Not Run

By a majority even larger than the most daring estimates, Fiorello H. La Guardia was nominated by the enrolled Republican voters of New York City as the Republican candidate for Mayor. The Republicans know their man when they see him. These enrolled voters were those who registered Republican in October, 1936, in the midst of last year's Presidential campaign. They are the real die-hard Landonites.

La Guardia has not been slow in showing his gratitude. On the eve of the primaries, in order to make things perfectly clear to the Republican machine, he went down the line for the regular Republican candidates for city-wide office: in particular, for McGoldrick and Newbold Morris, both among New York's most prominent Landon supporters last year.

Two days after the primaries, La Guardia devoted his speech in celebration of the Constitution to an elaborate defense of the Supreme Court as the guardian of the people's liberty.

#### Red-Baiter Endorsed

But the pay-off came on Monday. The morning's headlines gayly announced La Guardia's endorsement of George U. Harvey, Republican candidate for the office of Borough President of the Bronx. Few political figures in the city our better known than this same Harvey. It is granted in all camps that he does not have even a rival as champion Red-baiter of New York. He never loses an occasion to attack, in public and in private, every and any labor "agitator"

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#### To Speak Friday



HARRY MILTON

### When Will the New World War Begin

It has been often noticed that military tacticians are almost always caught off guard in the first stages of a new war. The reason for this is easily explained: At the conclusion of one war, the tacticians set about learning the lessons which its campaigns have taught. They then base their plans for the coming war upon what they have learned from the war just finished, expecting to correct "mistakes" chiefly by extending the scope of operations. But in modern times, during the interwining period of peace, vast technological changes have profoundly altered the instruments of warfare, and social and political shifts have altered ways of handling masses of people. Consequently, the lessons of the past war are discovered not to apply to the new war, or to apply only indirectly. The military staff have to throw overboard most of their studies, and learn afresh, from reality.

#### Same In Politics

The same difficulty is as common in political as in military tactics. Painfully, exhaustively, we learn the political lessons from the last war. But, if we apply them directly and mechanically to the new crisis, we are left floundering and disoriented, and have to learn our lessons all over again. Valuable and instructive as are political analogies drawn from the past, they are never a sufficient substitute for

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## The Truth About Spain!

HEAR  
**Harry Milton**  
Just Released from a G.U.P. Prison in Spain  
**Albert Goldman**

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