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"Trotsky Innocent, Trials Frame-Ups"

"We find the Moscow Trials to be a frame-up! We find Trotsky and Sedov not guilty!"

The thunderous applause of 2,500 people greeted these findings of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Moscow Trials as announced by John Dewey, world famous educator and commission chairman, at a mass meeting held Sunday, Dec. 12 in New York City.

The commission report was the greatest triumph of truth against frame-up since the brilliant Emile Zola, French author, exposed the Dreyfuss trials at the close of the 19th century.

Withdraw America's Forces from China!

An Editorial

The sinking of the United States gunboat, *Panay*, in Chinese waters by Japanese bombers, has let loose a veritable wave of jingoism in the United States.

All the war-mongers are screeching for "strong measures". Both the yellow press and the "respectable" Big Business press are demanding "action". Joining the blood-pack is the *Daily Worker*, the organ of the Communist Party. It rushed to endorse Roosevelt and to demand that American imperialism join with French and British imperialism to take common action against Japan.

"Our" gunboat has been sunk.

"Our" flag has been insulted.

"Our" honor has been sullied.

"We" must be avenged.

These are the cries of the hypocritical scoundrels who would like to rush the American workers and farmers into another war to "make the world safe for democracy".

We say, however: Call a halt to the imperialist war-mongers now, before it is too late.

All our sympathy and support go to the valiant Chinese people who are fighting against such terrific odds to preserve their independence from Japan's attempt to convert the country into a colony. In China, it is the elementary duty of every man and woman to fight to the bitter end against the monstrous invasion by Japan. In Japan, it is the elementary duty of every working man, every peasant, to promote the defeat of his ruling class, to sabotage its criminal war, to overturn its despotic sway by revolution. In the United States, it is the duty of every worker, especially everyone in the maritime industry, to refuse to load any ships destined for Japan and to speed all ships destined

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It was a mortal blow to Stalinism.

The commission's conclusion flatly challenged the verdict of the Moscow court on twenty-one separate counts. Basing its judgment both on the trial records and on a mass of new documentary evidence and new affidavits, the Commission affirmed, among its more important findings:

"That Trotsky never instructed any of the defendants or witnesses in the Moscow trials to assassinate any political opponent... to engage in sabotage, wrecking, and diversionism... or to enter into agreements with foreign powers against the Soviet Union."

"On the basis of all the evidence we find that Trotsky never recommended, plotted or attempted the restoration of capitalism in the U.S.S.R."

"Fantastically Falsified Trotsky's Role"

"We find further that the prosecutor fantastically falsified Trotsky's role before, during, and after the October Revolution."

Once again, Trotsky's place in history as the co-leader with Lenin of the Russian revolution in 1917 was re-affirmed by the commission's findings.

Once again, Trotsky's role in world politics as the greatest

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Dewey Broadcasts on Trials; Hits Minneapolis Frame-Up

NEW YORK.—Warning that the methods used in the Russian frame-ups are increasingly being transported for use against opponents of Stalinism in the rest of the world, Dr. John Dewey followed up the publication of the findings of the International Commission of Inquiry Into the Charges Made against Leon Trotsky in the Moscow Trials Monday night in which he discussed the implications of the ver-

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Trotsky's Telegram to The Commission

The commission condemned nobody to death or to prison. Yet it is impossible to imagine a more terrible verdict. The commission says to the rulers of a great country:

"You committed a frame-up for the purpose of justifying the extermination of your political adversaries."

"You tried to deceive the toilers of the world."

"You are unworthy to serve the cause which you invoke".

The commission, which includes people of different political views, could not follow our political aims. But its verdict has an immeasurable political importance. The methods of lying and blundering frame-ups which contaminate the inner life of the U. S. S. R. and the workers' movement of the whole world received today a terrible blow.

Let the official friends of the U. S. S. R. and the other pseudo-radical bigots say that the verdict will be used by reaction. This is untrue. Nowhere and never did the truth serve the cause of reaction.

And nowhere and never is progress fed on lies. The commission, it is true, delivered a blow to the bureaucracy, but this bureaucracy has become the main brake upon the progress of the Soviet Union.

Aiming to serve the truth, the commission served the liberating struggle of all mankind. From now on the work of the commission as well as the names of its participants belong to history.

The Stalinist Frame-Ups From Moscow To Minneapolis

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