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**HAIL THE NEW PARTY!**

The New Year will witness the birth of a  
 new revolutionary working class party in Chi-  
 cago, where the delegates representing the left  
 wing socialist movement will gather to consolidate  
 their forces.

The new party will be launched under the most  
 suspicious circumstances. It represents a fusion  
 of all the best elements who came out of the old  
 Communist party and the Socialist Party, as well  
 as hundreds of revolutionary militants who ral-  
 lied to its banner without having passed through  
 either of those organizations.

It moves into action in the class struggle, for  
 the leadership of the working class, without fac-  
 ing any rivals in the revolutionary field. The Com-  
 munist Party has long ago stricken its name from  
 the rolls of the revolutionary movement. It is  
 not only a simple tool of the Kremlin autocrats,  
 but the most persistent force for reformism and  
 class collaboration in the ranks of labor. It no  
 longer even claims to be the enemy of present-day  
 murderous capitalist society, but the most active  
 supporter of "democracy", that is, of capitalism.  
 What is left of the old Socialist Party is a melan-  
 choly collection of reformists and confusionists,  
 dominated by a right wing bureaucracy and its  
 centrist friends, and looking about anxiously for  
 some pleasant way of committing political suicide  
 by self-dissolution.

The new party will make its appearance in a  
 period of tremendous ferment in the ranks of the  
 workers. Never before have so many workers  
 been organized into trade unions in this country.  
 Never before have they had so much power to ad-  
 vance their class interests. Rarely have they dis-  
 played such militancy and aggressiveness in fight-  
 ing for the own cause, breaking through on more

than one occasion the restraints which the govern-  
 ment and their own labor misleadings sought to  
 impose on them.

Even on the political field, where the American  
 working class has lagged behind so badly, the  
 forward movement is clearly visible. The illusions  
 of Rooseveltism are being broken by the realities  
 of capitalism and the class struggle. The prolet-  
 arian party that links itself inseparably with  
 the working class and fights in its ranks and by  
 its side in the daily battles, will speed their de-  
 velopment beyond the stage of a reformist Labor  
 party and towards revolutionary political action.

The present period is one that is also filled with  
 grave difficulties, which demand the greatest  
 spirit of responsibility on the part of the new  
 party. The infamous persecutions which every  
 section of the Fourth International is subjected  
 to, both by the Stalinists and the bourgeoisie, will  
 not leave our movement unnoticed. The attempt  
 to hound and isolate the revolutionary Marxian  
 movement is an inseparable part of the prepara-  
 tions that are being made so hectically for the  
 coming imperialist war—in which both Stalinists  
 and bourgeoisie rightly recognize us as their most  
 irreconcilable foe. They see in the new party  
 that which it will always be: the most determined  
 fighter for socialism, the bitterest enemy of their  
 murdering imperialist wars.

The new party in undeterred by the difficulties  
 facing it, and is inspired by the great traditions  
 and principles on which it is based and by the  
 great prospects of growth which lie before it. It  
 will march forward in spite of all its detractors  
 and enemies, for it marches with the confidence  
 of the ultimate victory of the proletariat and of  
 socialism.

Long live the new revolutionary Marxist party!  
 Long live the Fourth International!  
 Long live the triumph of the working class of  
 the world!

**On One Condition: That History  
 Be Falsified**

We reprint the following news item from the  
 British New Leader:

To mark the twentieth anniversary of the Rus-  
 sian Revolution (the London Evening Standard  
 tells us), the News Chronicle planned to serialize  
 John Reed's "Ten Days That Shook the World".  
 The copyright belongs to the Communist Party.  
 When approached, the C. P. gladly gave permis-  
 sion for its publication, without any fee, on one  
 condition: that all reference to Trotsky should be  
 eliminated from the text.

**Horror at Nanking**

A vividly horrifying lesson in imperialist frightfulness has been  
 furnished by the Japanese capture of Nanking, capital of the Kuomintang  
 regime in China.

Newspaper correspondents have told of the mass slaughter of  
 non-combatant civilians, the wholesale execution of defeated Chi-  
 nese soldiers, the rape of women, and the wild looting of the city  
 by the conquering hosts of Japan.

Although months—indeed years!—were available to Chiang-  
 Kai-shek to prepare the capital against invasion, the Nipponese  
 troops had, by all accounts, relatively little difficulty in entering  
 and investing the city. As they surrounded the city, the Chinese  
 officers in charge of the defense deserted their commands and fled  
 to safety. The rank-and-file of Chiang's armies on the outskirts  
 of Nanking, pressed back within the city walls by the onslaughts  
 of the invading hordes, ran disorganized through the streets in  
 search of military headquarters.

The search was vain. There were no more headquarters. The  
 whole tribe of Kuomintang officers had deserted and left the sold-  
 iers to their fate. It was too late for the men to retreat. The enemy  
 was closing on all sides. Realizing that they were trapped, the  
 Chinese soldiers shed their arms and their uniforms, seeking safety  
 in the guise of civilians.

What followed is reminiscent of the Paris Commune. Just as  
 the armies of Thiers examined the palms of the Parisian workers,  
 shooting all those found to have gunpowder marks (which indicated  
 that they had fought in the ranks of the Communards), so the  
 Japanese conquerors of Nanking ripped the clothing from the backs  
 of the male inhabitants in search of marks left by the shoulder-  
 straps of military haversacks. Men bearing such marks were  
 herded together and mowed down by machine guns.

The bestial terror inaugurated by the Japanese imperialist  
 conquerors, copying similar events at Shanghai and in North China,  
 stands in murderous contrast to the hypocritical formulation from  
 Tokyo: "the establishment of permanent peace in eastern Asia"  
 and "friendly cooperation between the Japanese and Chinese peo-  
 ple." As always, however, the methods used indicate the real aims,  
 and the real aim of Japanese imperialism is to terrorise, cove and  
 subdue the Chinese people in order to convert them into colonial  
 slaves.

Workers in the United States must rally to the Chinese cause.  
 Not a single ship should leave these shores with munitions and  
 supplies for the Japanese imperialists, nor should a single shipload  
 of Japanese merchandise be unloaded at any United States port.  
 Only international solidarity action by the working class, mani-  
 fested in workers' sanctions, can really aid the cause of the op-  
 pressed masses of China.

**C. P. Pickets  
 "Tsar to Lenin"  
 In Philadelphia**

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—"From  
 Tsar to Lenin" opened in Phila-  
 delphia Sunday, December 19, in  
 a small neighborhood theater  
 at 6th and Poplar Sts. The man-  
 ager opened his show in the face  
 of telegrams and letters of pro-  
 test from the Communist Party  
 and its stooge organizations. The  
 manager invited them all down to  
 see the picture.

**"Champions of  
 Democracy"**

These champions of democracy  
 that tell us they fight for free-  
 dom of expression, picketed the  
 theater carrying placards read-  
 ing "Trotskyites with the aid of  
 Hitler killed Kirov and hundreds  
 of the workers in the Soviet Union",  
 "Tsar to Lenin is an histor-  
 ical distortion," "Stalin was the  
 real leader of the October  
 Revolution." "Trotskyites fight  
 against the people of Spain,  
 China and Soviet Union." The  
 manager replied with a sign read-  
 ing, "Respect our Pickets, we  
 have no labor trouble," etc.

**Stunt a Boomerang**

Far from keeping people out  
 of the theater, the Stalinist  
 picket line created considerable  
 publicity and attracted crowds  
 of people that would not, ordi-  
 narily, have attended the show.

Our comrades selling papers  
 outside of the theater were push-  
 ed around a bit by the Stalinists.  
 We had too many people present  
 for them to get rough.

**Stalin Purge Strikes  
 New Soviet Deputies**

A Tass dispatch for Dec. 17  
 gives the number of ballots  
 "voided" in the election for the  
 Supreme Council as 1,487, 582;  
 and the number of ballots on  
 which the name of the only can-  
 didate running was struck off  
 as 562,402. About the only "of-  
 ficial" reason for "invalidating"  
 a ballot, if the alleged rules reg-  
 ulating the elections were adher-  
 ed to, would be the failure to  
 seal the envelope in which the  
 ballot was enclosed. It is hardly  
 likely that the "trusted persons"  
 supervising an election would  
 throw out a ballot on this ground.  
 It must be assumed therefore  
 that the bulk of the ballots that  
 figure in this category were  
 "scratched" in one form or an-  
 other. These figures constitute  
 an admission on the part of the  
 Stalin regime that there was a  
 sizeable opposition vote cast in  
 the last election, the true pro-  
 portions of which will be estab-  
 lished only at some future date,  
 if ever.

Much more symptomatic of  
 political opposition, however, is  
 the evergrowing list of candida-  
 tes (who were in effect delega-  
 tes) removed either on the very  
 eve of the election or immedi-  
 ately thereafter.

We have already listed among  
 the missing "deputies" the names  
 of Rudzutak and Postyshev  
 (members of the Politbureau);  
 Yakovlev (at the July Plenum  
 of the C. C. he delivered the re-  
 port on the electoral law); Ruk-  
 himovich (head of the Defense  
 Industry) and Mezhlauk; and the  
 elimination of Generals Alksnis  
 and Bokis. Now comes the re-  
 port of more than a score of pro-  
 minent names to be added to this  
 roll of "deputies-for-a-day":  
 Dybenko (head of the Leningrad  
 military district), A. N. Tupolev,  
 famous aeronautical engineer  
 (the initials of his name NAT  
 have been reported removed from  
 Soviet airplanes); General Veli-  
 kanov of the Trans-Baikal mili-  
 tary district (Blucher's bailiwick)  
 Ozolin of the Military  
 Council of Kharkov; Mezis of the  
 Military Council of White Rus-

sia; Apse of the Military Council  
 of Trans-Caucasia; Genner, the  
 acting President of Biro-Bidjan;  
 Chamurzin, acting President of  
 Kirghistan; Gerwald of the Ger-  
 man Volga Republic; Abrahimov,  
 Kirghistan Commissar of Agri-  
 culture; Barakanov, secretary of  
 Komsomol (Young Communist  
 League) of Kirghistan; Nasu-  
 rova and Goldbrot, secretaries  
 of the Central Caucasian Komsomol;  
 the President of the Tatar  
 Republic; Sidersky, Commis-  
 sar of Agriculture for the  
 Ukraine; Niazov, Commissar of  
 Education of Tadzhikistan; Petri-  
 chenko, Chairman of the Dnepro-  
 petrovsk district; Gulkis, direc-  
 tor of Azerbadjan petroleum  
 plants; Jutchenko, member of  
 Poltava C.E.C.; M. Geladze, mem-  
 ber C.C. of Georgian Komsomol;  
 S. Burbian, director of Azerbad-  
 jan Theatre; three chairmen  
 of the C.E.C. in Ordjonikidze, Tam-  
 bov and Kazakstan respectively;  
 two party secretaries, and one  
 "propagandist" from Taganrog.

We can only repeat what we  
 said last week: the full scope of  
 the purge among the candidates  
 will only be revealed when the  
 complete list of the deputies is  
 finally published. To this we must  
 now add, that the purge among  
 the deputies, allegedly elected,  
 has begun, and its full scope will  
 be revealed only when the Coun-  
 cil convenes.

**NOTICE**

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**WAR!**

The Socialist Appeal is not  
 only a newspaper—it is also an  
 educational organ for PEACE.  
 While the capitalist press and  
 the Stalinist press prepare the  
 international working class for  
 another imperialist war, the  
 Appeal wages a consistent battle  
 against it. It is not a passive  
 fight that the Appeal makes  
 against war, but a militant, re-  
 volutionary, Marxist fight which  
 in the last analysis is the only  
 means of preventing war. The  
 Appeal alone cannot stop the  
 coming war. But it can be a tre-  
 mendous factor in educating the  
 masses to understand the nature  
 of it. And should it come despite  
 the inherent hatred of the work-  
 ing class, the Appeal is the only

Marxist newspaper that can teach  
 the American workers what  
 course to follow to create a society  
 in which there can be no war.

On the eve of the convention  
 of the Socialist Party (left wing),  
 let all friends and party mem-  
 bers make a final drive for sub-  
 scriptions and contributions to  
 put the Appeal in a position to  
 carry out its program after the  
 convention when we will make  
 public our position on the war  
 problem and the other great,  
 burning questions of the day—  
 a position which will represent  
 a true Marxian analysis of the  
 world situation.

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 it now.

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