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## LABOR DEFENSE ORGANIZATION MUST BE BUILT

the world-an adequate organization to defend United States. on a broad and militant scale those proletarian In answer to the murder-budget of the impeascending reaction.

The defense of Trotsky's right of asylum and | The only war which we will support is a war ganizations in this country and throughout the social liberation. world. No serious mechanism has even yet been found for defending the militants in Spain against the counter-revolutionary terror which crushes them. The Scottsboro case was allowed to degenerate into the most shameful dregs of class collaboration. There is no existing medium for conducting the Fred Beal case along class struggle

With the new slump in this country, and with the deepening of the war crisis, it is entirely certain that the time ahead will see a steadily increasing invasion of democratic rights, and judicial and vigilante frame-ups against militants in the labor movement. Stalinism is only on the first laps of its counter-revolutionary career, and in the next years as in the past two, the defense of proletarian and democratic rights against Stalinism will loom ported elsewhere in this issue of The Appeal, | vessels. proves-if any further proof were necessarythat the defense of labor and democratic rights from but in headlong collision against Stalinism.

A step must be made. The time has come for all those, independently of political belief and program, for whom truth and justice are not mere sops to troubled consciences, and who mean business about the concrete defense of concrete democratic rights, to come together and to translate their intentions into organized and vigorous action.

# ROOSEVELT'S NAVY BUDGET

submitted a budget for the fiscal year ending to insure that glory and profit? June 30, 1939, which cut hundreds of millions of dollars off the previous appropriations for Un- is taken, word for word, from a leaflet issued by pointed which, in eight months, phony link which must be forg- the poll tax provided the addi- had the following to say in his hot spot in a typical gangster pointed which, in eight months, phony link which must be forg- the poll tax provided the addi- had the following to say in his hot spot in a typical gangster pointed which, in eight months, phony link which must be forg- the poll tax provided the addiemployment Relief, work relief, and C.C.C. camps, the Young Communist League of Brooklyn, N. Y., did exactly nothing. She then re- ed in an effort to connect the tional turn of the screw that Daily Worker column: "Here bumping off case? The full but "made up" for the cuts by an enormous in- advertising a meeting in Premier Palace on Jan. viewed the history of the trials Rubens couple with the Trotsky- was needed. This was indicated is something for the marine charges against them have been was needed. This was indicated in the Daily Worker and crease in the army and navy appropriations— 14, 1938, at which the names of those great re- from 1928 to 1933 which form ites, A G.P.U. agent masquerad- by Cecil Rhodes when he intro-

ary-naval budget it has ever had in any peace triotic flag-wavers from the Stalinist school,

year and made it possible for a good Liberty Leaguer like Herbert Hoover to say in his address to the women Republicans: "We are leading the

More than half a billion dollars was asked for the Navy. Now it is reported that, in his coming special message, the President will ask for an additional appropriation for the navy, variously estimated at between \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000.

What Big-Navy jingo could ask for better? This is the "peace" budget of the President who continues to declaim: "I hate war!" What kind of budget would he propose if he didn't hate it?

The Communist Party press has not had a single word of criticism of this purely imperialist budget, because they are bound by their servitude to the Stalinist bureaucracy in Russia which looks favorably upon increased imperialist armaments in the United States for the simple reason that it looks towards a military alliance with the American spoils-hunters in the coming war to Make the World Safe for Democracy-again. But we are not bound by any such scoundrel's pact. We can speak openly.

The naval budget is a war budget! The arguments about "defense"--especially in the light of statements by such experts as Major-General Hagood, Hugh S. Johnson, the late Admiral Sims and others who say that the U.S. coast line is virtually invulnerable-are so much unadulterated buncombe. The Roosevelt budget is planned The events of the past year and the prospect for the murderous war which is coming, for the for the future unite in nointing to a grave and protection of purely imperialist interests in Latin langerous breach in the armor of the labor and America and the Far East, for the conquest of revolutionary movements. There does not exist new fields of exploitation abroad in behalf of the in this country-indeed, there exists nowhere in profit-lusting financiers and industrialists of the

and general democratic rights which are so al- rialists, we reply with the traditional watchword together indispensable in the struggle against of the revolutionists: "Not a penny and not a man for imperialist war!"

the inquiry into the Moscow Trial--the crux of to the end against the exploiters and oppressors the struggle for democratic rights in this last of our "own" country, who, in a land brimming period-had to be conducted by independent and with abundance, keep the masses in unemployspecially created organizations, in the face of not ment, poverty and servitude. Herein lies the only merely indifference but venomous hostility from real patriotism-patriotic support of the workall the alleged "defense" and "civil rights" or- ing class and all the oppressed in the war for

# NO, IT WASN'T HEARST!

Suppose the following had appeared in the columns of the Hearst press:

"In Chinese waters an American boat, the Panay is cruising peacefully on its errand of mercy for American refugees.

"Overhead fly death dealing Japanese planes, a typical sight in the invasion of China. "SUDDENLY.....

#### "An Eye-Witness Talking

" 'Without warning a trio of Japanese bombers dived at the American ships, unloosing their ter rible burden of high explosives. All hands rushed large in the general struggle. The experience of for cover but the bombs rained on them like a the French Ligue des Droits de L'Homme, re- hailstorm and fires burst out on the American

"'When the three Japanese planes had unburdened their explosives, six more took up the savage, must henceforth go forward not merely apart attack on the helpless river boats and one American ship sank to the bottom of the river.'

"Next day black-bordered telegrams were received by American mothers and wives.

"That's the story of the Panay sinking." Suppose, we repeat, the above appeared in the Hearst press. Wouldn't you say, shrugging your ed by the League published a MOSCOW DENIES shoulders, that it is simply typical of those yellow brief report which at one and rags? That it is habitual with Hearst to try to the same time justified the verwhip up a jingoist, pro-war spirit among the dict of the Trial and also stated people? That it is just like him to cover up the that there was not enough infact that the "helpless river boats" were three formation at hand to form the Standard Oil tankers, working in Chinese waters basis for an opinion. The report for the greater glory and profit of the Rockefeller was published in the journal of At the beginning of the year, President Roosevelt family, and that the Panay was escorting them the League, and the Committee slinging machine.

Only, it did not appear in the Hearst press. It view. A new committee was ap- Street as raw material for the the mines and white man's farms volutionary internationalists, Lenin, Liebknecht and the preliminary steps to the ing in the relatively innocent duced the Taxation Act in 1894: Newsweek of December 6th other papers, but I fail to hear This gave the United States the largest milit- Luxemburg were to be desecrated by young pa- Trial of August, 1936, and show- guise of a capitalist reporter got

#### French Group Splits On Stalin Trial its adversaries; it is at the same

Even an extremely superficial ex- or city. amination of the record of the Trial calls the attention of a League member to another mat-

(Continued from page 1) [examination: the place where it the League, and translate them should have been committed does into the required action that not exist, or rather no longer

Liberty At Issue

MARXIST SCHOOL

Opens Week of February 14th

- 1. ELEMENTARY SOCIALISM—Hal Draper Monday, 7 - 8:30 P. M.
- 2. PROBLEMS OF YOUTH MOVEMENT-Jos. Carter - Monday, 8:45 - 10:15 P. M.
- 3. MARXIAN ECONOMICS-J. Wright
- Tuesday, 7 8:30 P. M.
- 4. PRINCIPLES OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIAL-ISM-M. Spector - Tuesday, 8:45 - 10:15 P. M.
- PROBLEMS OF TRADE UNIONISM B. J.
- Widick E. R. McKinney -Wed. 7 8:30 P. M.
- 6. HISTORY OF THIRD INTERNATIONAL Max Shachtman — Wednesday, 8:45 - 10:15 P.M.
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time judge and party to the dis-State, spread out in a mighty apparatus; on the other, beating its breast sixteen times, and sixteen times falling to the lowest stared us in the face: An out- existed; the alleged accomplice rung of the human ladder, aprage to the principles of justice without whom the act would pears the individual. Quite apart -we must intervene; an outrage have been impossible stated that from the testimony, we know that and at the same time the environ- put it beyond them to involve to humanity-we must intervene. he can prove that he has never the accused were only a bodily "Is that all?-Not in the least. been either in the alleged place fragment in the accusation: they were chosen, deliberately selected from among 50 others involv-

ed, whose absence permits the "Justice, humanity, truth-is supposition that they refused to ter: to the problem of truth. The that all that is at issue? Not enter the path of confessions following detail, for example, yet all. Liberty is no less gravely where, with a single step, the among many others: One of the offended. The Trial is an episode 16 who were on hand marched. accused was condemned to death -and it is going to be the epi- and who seemed in no way free for his confession of having com- logue-in a struggle between two to confess or not confess. Even mitted a certain act. Now, this political factions. In that police at the threshold of the police act hardly stands up well under court, the ruling power judges court there came to us the unchained echo of a press (the only

press which exists there, the State press) which furiously demanded death and which called for the destruction of the mad dogs who were the defendants. Even at the threshold of the tragedy, a heavy odor of mystery, of slime, of terror, of an ar- 1937.) bitrary and macabre farce, caught

no liberty there .... ber were brought to a head. The 1937.) defense of justice, the defense of It will be noted that the recent 3. Rumors in circles close to SLAVERY CALLED LIBERTY humanity, the defense of truth, publicity is identical in tone with 13th Street are that a special de-

neral mobilisation...." League As Censor

refused to publish articles put- Hence, it would seem, he has

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sions. The study of the earlier an attempt was being made to trials brings out an already es- implicate me in some way."

of the confessions.... dent in History."

# SOVIET PARLIAMENT SANCTIFIES PURGE fore the Robinson case broke!

(Continued from page 1) (Herald-Tribune, March 14,

low a small committee appoint coming weeks and months.

# HULL REQUEST

(Continued from page 1)

ting forward contrary points of been under consideration on 13th force the Bantu to slave labor in ed their integral connection with Beal's address in New York to remove those poor children of the Sailors Union of the Thomas uttering a word. And I (where he was hiding from the from this life of sloth and lazi- Pacific, with being nothing short doubt that he will comment on "...the method is unchanging. North Carolina bloodhounds), ness and to give them some gentle short of a rat." Mike then Lundeberg." the procedure always the same: and questioned him about the stimulus to come forth and find quoted the item to the effect that pute. On the one side appears the secret investigations, selection of Rubens case in such a way, Beal out the dignity of labor." the defendants, complete confes- said, as to make "me feel that

> tablished tradition of outrages "The Communists," Beal conagainst justice, humanity, truth, tinued, "have heaped abuse and and liberty; it clarifies at one vilification upon me. I do not ment, the men, the system, the me in alleged espionage in Russia. accused and accusers; and per- If they do, I shall not be the first mits an estimation of the worth person to have suffered in this manner for daring to criticize the "We have said that if the Mos- rule of the Communists. I know cow Trial claims so imperiously nothing about the Robinsons. I the attention of League members, am not a Trotskyite. I am a labor it is because it was the prelude organizer in jail today for leadof other trials whose outcome ing the textile strike in Gastonia. was identical, the starting signal It is true that, like the Robinsons, for a repression without prece-II went to Soviet Russia after my conviction on a false passport furnished me by friends in the C.P. That was years ago, and I have told the story frankly in my book, published long be-

# Photographer Questioned

2. Another name entered the picture early this week when the Federal "passport racket" Grand "The newspaper (Pravda) con- Jury in New York questioned consciousness of a League mem- all. " (N. Y. Times, March 14, an almost unprecedented "wall of secrecy."

down years ago.

### Jabs Left

NATIVE TAXATION IN S. A.

THE SOVIET UNION

.. OF LIBERTY

If the taking away of the Native's land was not sufficient to "It is our duty as a government charges Harry Lundeberg, head any suits of libel or Norman

### THE "GENTLE STIMULUS"

no means finished once it is paid. high, wide and handsome libel to say several words, for the In or out of working hours, in similar story. the streets and other public places, on the way to work, at THE SEQUEL wedding parties or funerals, at any place and at any time the usually at night, arresting peo- squared him. ple in batches and treating them with extreme violence.

## EQUALITY

In towns and on the diamond diggings, where, under slum conat our throats. No, there was tended many real enemies of the Ossip Garber, Fifth Avenue pho- ditions. Europeans, Coloreds, party escaped successive house- tographer, who is reputed to Asiatics and Natives are living sometimes accompanies democ-"Thus, all the reasons which cleanings and still were on the have known both Mr. and Mrs. side by side all equally poor, only ratic administration. It is at the League has ever had for act- rolls while thousands of loyal Rubens. The nature of his reve- the Natives pay direct taxes. But present hard to recall him for ing were concentrated, all the members were dropped for slight lations is unknown, as the Grand though the others are eligible technical reasons. doubts which could stir the infractions or for no reason at Jury continues to operate behind for Old Age Pensions the taxpaying Natives are not.

the defense of liberty: everything that of almost a year ago. The legation of Stalinist Central | Listen to General Smuts, great friends ran against Lundeberg, called upon the League to as- March order to "suspend" the Committee members is now in lawyer and S. Africa's most but again those "technical reassemble all of its forces in order purge was followed by an un- Moscow, summoned by special famous statesman: "The British ons" interfered; the Sailors voted to go forward, in the face of precedented extension of the ukase. Their tasks include Empire has weathered all storms Lundeberg 6-1. Shortly theresuch an attack, to a kind of ge- terror. It goes without saying that guarding the G.P.U. scenario because it is based on the funda- after the Marine Firemen also similar steps are now being con- writers against boners in the mental principles of liberty and took a vote and now in that Untemplated-with the inclusion of Rubens script, such as a "Trots- equality and trust in the peo- ion also "technical reasons" stand a goodly number of the purgers kyite conference" in 1937 in the ple." The above excerpts are in the way of the wrecking crew.

South African 4th International-

AND PROSPERITY

PLANNED MURDER

SLANDER AND APOLOGY

The tax receipt must be produced case to slap on Newsweek ... I on the demand of a policeman, doubt myself that he will sue." at any hour of the day or night. The Western Worker printed a

of Labor investigation of Harry

Bridges. And continued: "Pretty

Lundeberg and the Sailors took | The Progressive Group of the police may demand the receipt, Gold's advice and began the first Workers Alliance of Greater and failure to produce it means steps in a libel suit. Result: New York, organized to fight summary arrest. The streets of the Newsweek apologized for the for a more militant and demo-Johannesberg are not safe for a false story which had been cratic regime in the Alliance, black man after dark. The "pick- palmed off on them by some will hold its first public enterup" vans roar along seeking frame-up artist. The Western tainment and dance, Saturday, whom they may devour. In prac- Worker swallowed its vomit and January 29, at 8 P.M., at the tically all the larger towns of also apologized. So far Mike has East Side Labor Center, 159 Rithe Union, the police from time said nothing, possibly thinking vington Street. to time raid the Native Locations, that suggesting the libel suits

### ANOTHER GOLD BONER

In the same column Gold had this to say: "Why the sailors retain Lundeberg is one of those things that must be charged to the red-tape clumsiness that

An election was held in the Sailors Union and one of Mike's (The orator then described among those to be purged in the old Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, torn taken from "Taxation of the The Stalinist leadership was vot-Bantu" Published in the "Spark," ed out all along the line.

### MINNEAPOLIS

Not content with sewing up the West Coast, Mike Gold still in the same column decided to do another good deed before calling it a day. "What have they got to say about the Dunne brothers, for example, Trotzkyist labor leaders in Minneapolis who are said to have made alliances with Early in December Mike Gold racketeers and now are on the

Carlo

### Lundeberg had instigated a Dept. THE SEQUEL

I don't know whether Norman isn't it? If its just another Thomas has said a word, but The pressure of this tax is by newspaper lie, Lundeberg has a Mike will have the opportunity Dunne brothers took his tip and

# WAA GROUP DANCE

All those interested in militant trade unionism and all those friends of democracy within the organized labor movement are invited to attend.

Come, not only because you will have a swell time - which you will-but also because you will be helping in your own way the struggle for a more militant. more progressive and more democratic Workers Alliance in New

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