

S.W.P. Replies To Slander Of 'New Republic'

Ex-Liberal Organ Caught Lying In Issue of Bridges Ouster

The following letter was sent to the New Republic last week by James P. Cannon, national secretary of the Socialist Workers' Party:

Your department of Washington Notes by T.R.B. in the New Republic of February 23, comments on the new attempt to deport Harry Bridges on the basis of affidavits by ex-members of the Communist Party purporting to connect Mr. Bridges with membership in that organization.

Slander Retracted

Some weeks ago the Western Worker, California organ of the Communist Party, accused Harry Lundberg, Secretary of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, of instigating the new deportation movement against Bridges.

Beal Unmentioned

On the general question of stool-pigeonry it has been noticed that you have avoided all mention of the indecent campaign of the Communist Party to hustle Fred Beal back to North Carolina to serve a twenty-year prison term, imposed on him for his strike activity at Gastonia.

This is real stool-pigeonry without precedent in the entire history of the American labor movement. This is real news and the stool pigeons are named by a body of well-known and responsible people.

PROTEST STALIN'S TERROR!

Friday, March 4th, at 8 P. M. STUYVESANT CASINO Second Avenue and 9th Street

JERSEY JOBLESS WIN CONCESSIONS

NEWARK—Acting in conjunction with many C.I.O. and A. F. of L. unions, as well as the Workers' Alliance, the Trade Union Committee on Unemployment of Essex County has succeeded in winning many new concessions from local relief and W.P.A. authorities in Essex County.

Under the driving force of the progressives' program, the militants of the committee have been able to overcome the do-nothing respectable People's Front program of the Stalinists, and have developed a strong demand in many trade unions for more intensive activity in relief affairs.

The chief Stalinist in the committee has been revealed as a letter-writing, resolution-passing bureaucrat who has never at any time presented a clear-cut aggressive program for the unemployed.

The unemployed, however, are fast recognizing the consistent militants, and will not easily be fooled by words alone.

WPA Rolls Used For U. S. Army Recruits

Military, Relief Agencies Join Hands To Put Men In Uniform

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To all local public welfare commissioners outside of New York City asking them to cooperate with the army in its recruiting as a means of reducing your relief rolls and costs.

Beans Spilled

What was the outcome of the conference? Magruder, according to the Times report, "came out of the conference with the conviction that persons who refused to accept military posts would be dropped from federal relief posts."

All this is merely a smoke-screen to cover up the beans which Col. Magruder has spilled. It is not true that the recruiting of unemployed from the relief rolls is a "local matter."

The truth is that all government activities are directed towards the coming war. The Civilian Conservation Corps are ready for war. The W.P.A. is doing considerable army work.

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Akron Teachers Fight Layoffs With Union Aid

Board Drops 38 In Face Of Militant Union Resistance

BY BLAKE LEAR

AKRON—For the first time in Akron history, school teachers dared speak up in defense of their jobs when the Akron Federation of Teachers opposed the Board of Education's plan for wholesale layoffs.

Although 38 teachers were laid off, this was achieved only by a secret rump session of the Board of Education after five weeks of battling during which the Teachers were supported by representatives from the Akron Industrial Union Council and the rubber locals.

The rump session was convened under the pressure of the Akron Beacon-Journal and the Chamber of Commerce, who fear the penetration of anti-labor ideology into the rubber shops, the basic industry of Akron.

The Akron education system, one of the worst in the United States for cities of its size, is paying the price of a large bonded indebtedness for its boom growth. As a consequence there are no kindergartens, the first grade is on half time, half of the high schools run in two shifts and school is held in buildings long since condemned by the State Fire Warden.

By cutting the school year only three days, the proposal supported by the Federation, all 38 teachers could have been retained. In supporting this proposal, however, the Teachers stated that at best it was only a stop gap, and that a more fundamental revision of the system's finances through either a special election, legislation which would free money for the schools, or through further state aid, would have to be made.

The campaign of the Federation of Teachers was led by Chalmers K. Stewart, President, and Donald D. Burns, Corresponding Secretary, progressive leaders of the organization. They were elected in a recent election in which the progressives defeated a Stalinist-reactionary bloc.

MONEY FOR WAR NONE FOR RELIEF

Deficiency Appropriation Fails To Meet Most Pressing Needs

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Official estimates disclose the fact that at least 3,000,000 men have lately lost their jobs, thus swelling the army of unemployed to 13 millions or more. The deficiency appropriation will take care of only 2,500,000, according to the same sources. Presumably the remaining 500,000 are to be allowed to starve. Or, if the Stalinist estimate is accepted and 2,900,000 get jobs, 100,000 will starve. At the same time, Roosevelt blandly asks for a naval appropriation of \$800,000,000 (now advanced to \$1,100,000,000) to be employed for mass slaughter in the coming war.

On the subject of Roosevelt's war budgets, the Stalinist managers of the Worker Alliance maintain a discreet silence. Why? Because the war preparations of American imperialism meet with their approval, although, as yet, they do not dare say so quite openly and explicitly.

Militant Action Needed

Only the Progressive Group in the Workers Alliance, basing itself on the true interests of all the workers, employed and unemployed, draws attention to this crying contradiction: that while Roosevelt prepares to spend sums running into billions for the destruction of human life in the rapidly-approaching war for the aggrandisement and profit of the exploiters of the American workers, only paltry sums are asked to save human life, to save the unemployed victims of capitalism who are threatened with the loss of their homes, with privation and hunger, with disease, with death by slow starvation.

The Progressives seek to rally all workers for united assault upon capitalism—upon the system of hunger and war—with the battle-cry:

ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!

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Spy Scare, Somewhat Too Neatly Timed, Rouses Jingo Newspapers

The capitalist press is being filled with the most sensational stories about the discovery of a big "Nazi spy ring" in the United States. Government agents have already apprehended two men and one woman—it is said that others are about to be added to the list—and charged them with military espionage in behalf of a foreign power. It is broadly intimated that the foreign power is none other than Germany.

The arrests are meat and drink to the jingoistic press, which has joined readily with the Roosevelt regime and its spokesmen to work up a frenzied war spirit on the basis of which the professional patriots hope to swing through without difficulty the biggest peace-time naval appropriations budget in American history.

Spurred by Washington

The Washington authorities, of course, are not behindhand in this drive. Quite the contrary. They spur it on with all the powers at their command. It is highly significant that while the State Department dilly-dallied and stammered, when it was not entirely silent, about the "Robinson-Rubens" case, which so plainly involves the whole G.P.U. machine in this country, a sharply different attitude has marked the behavior of Washington with respect to the alleged Nazi ring of spies.

We do not, to be sure, have any conclusive evidence about the crime of espionage with which the arrested persons are charged. Even if it were clearly demonstrated that they were guilty of the charge, we would beg to be excused from participating in the chauvinistic hysteria which the press is working up. We are not such gullible idiots as not to know what every government official throughout the world—and every informed person, for that matter—also knows. We refer to the well-established fact that every government in the world has an espionage service, whose agents are active in spying on every other government in the world, seeking to acquire for themselves, by bribery, theft and similar methods, the military and diplomatic secrets of the country to which they have been assigned.

What we do have, however, is some very suspicious evidence that all is not what it seems to be with this peculiar "Nazi spy ring." One of the prisoners says he was engaged in his job merely by sending a request to the German secret service in an envelope addressed to a German newspaper. How simple! Just like applying for a job advertised in the "Help Wanted" columns!

Some Peculiar Features

The origin of the discovery is also not without interest... and surprise. The spy, we are told, simply calls up the Passport Bureau, says his name is "Mr. Weston, Under-Secretary of State," and asks for 50 blank passports. This is really a bit thick, as the English say. Can it be that Nazis are so much more stupid than they are said to be? It would seem that such a naive step would not be taken even by a spy who had come by his profession through a correspondence school course.

And when it is added that the 50 passports were for use by Nazi agents in traveling to the Soviet Union, and that there was found—how conveniently!—in one spy's pocket a picture very much like that of Mrs. Rubens-Robinson; and when it is borne in mind that "Mr. Weston" gave himself up to the government—excuse us! we meant "was apprehended by the government"—right on the eve of the announcement of the New Moscow Trial, we are tempted to believe that the whole affair hangs together just a little bit too well.

A Little Too Neat

In fact, if one of the agents of the G. P. U., disguised as a Nazi spy, had cooked up the whole business—and Heaven knows we could never, never suspect the spotless G.P.U. of doing anything so dirty—it could not have fitted together more prettily.

Frankly, we await further developments—especially what Moscow may have to say—fortified against any "surprises" that certain gentlemen may have in mind. For after all, in concocting affairs of this type, what is there left to surprise anybody with?

Ohio-Michigan District Meets

SWP Organizations meet At Cleveland To Plan Building Drive

BY R. FERGUSON

CLEVELAND.—Gathering in Cleveland February 13, delegates from the branches in the Ohio-Detroit region met in their first convention to set up a district organization and to lay plans for a concerted Socialist Workers Party-building campaign in this industrial area.

Inspired by the decisions of the national convention, the delegates reported from the various branches the work done in the localities since then and outlined the prospects for future growth. Like a red thread through the reports ran the description of the Communist Party bureaucrats' difficulties in subduing the revolutionary reactions of militant workers in their party, and the possibilities this affords of attracting such workers to our ranks.

Work In Unions

Likewise the delegates' reports showed that all comrades who are eligible for membership in trade unions have joined them and are pursuing coordinated work therein. A great majority of the comrades in the district are trade unionists, members of C.I.O. and A.F. of L. unions ranging from auto, steel and rubber to office workers, teachers, retail employees, etc.

A district committee representative of all the branches was erected to coordinate inter-branch activities by aiding in forming classes, conducting public forums, assisting in the organization of new party branches in hitherto unorganized communities, and facilitating the strengthening of the party in the unions by the exchange of experience and advice.

Clarke Field Organizer

George Clarke of Detroit was elected field organizer, and R. Ferguson secretary for the district. As the first concrete step in launching the new district organization, Comrade Clarke was sent on a speaking tour of all the branches to initiate a regular series of public forums. Concluding with the singing of the Internationale, the hall-full of delegates, alternates and visitors left the convention knowing the party was on the right track in its struggle to win to its banner the decisive section of the working class in this industrial "Ruhr Valley" of America.

N. J. Chemical Plant Strike In Ninth Week

NEWARK.—With ranks still solid, 325 members of United Mine Workers Chemical Division, have ended the ninth week of a bitter strike against the United Color and Pigment Co., a rich chemical company with a long anti-labor history.

The union went on strike last December when the company refused to renew their contract unless a wage-cut was accepted by the workers. Despite lack of organizational help from the International, the union, organized only last summer, has carried on a spectacular and solid strike against overwhelming odds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINNEAPOLIS

SOCIALIST PUBLIC FORUM: March 6: CARLOS HILSON. "The Situation Inside the Farmer-Labor Party and the Coming War." March 13: MALES B. DUNNE. "Will the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. Unite?" March 20: GRACE CARLSON. "What Will Happen to the Workers in the Next War?" March 27: FELIX MORROW. "Is America Ripe for Revolution?"

BOSTON

PUBLIC FORUM: March 5: George DAVIDSON, "War and the Workers." March 12: DON CARSON. "Wage Slaves and Cannon Fodder—Our Educational System." March 20: ANTONINETTE KONIKOW. "The Stalinist Practicality?"

CHICAGO

WAR ALLIANCES IN EUROPE. ALBERT GATES, Sunday, Mar. 6, 2:30 P.M., Room 105, 50 N. Wells. Auspices, S.W.P. Admission 15 cents.

NEW YORK

ASTORIA BRANCH, S.W.P. JOIN us in a gay social evening and aid the party's anti-war campaign. Wed. 4-12 Party Second Street, Sunnyside, L. I. Apt. 5-K, Saturday, Mar. 5.

PARIS COMMUNE ANNIVERSARY Celebrate at the Boro Park La-zer Lovcom, 11th Ave. and 42nd Street, Brooklyn, Sat., Mar. 12, 8:30 P.M. MAX SHACHTMAN, Speaker. Dancing, Recital, and Refreshments.

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YPSLS Fight Rule On Alien Students

Picket Board of Higher Education To Force New Decision

NEW YORK.—Several hundred students, led by the Young People's Socialist League (Fourth Internationalists), picketed the Board of Higher Education meeting last Thursday to protest a reactionary ruling barring all non-citizens from New York City colleges.

Shortly after the pickets had held a mass meeting outside as the climax of a vigorous campaign led by the Y.P.S.L., the Board decided to ask the State Legislature to reverse the old law under which it had barred all aliens, including many young refugees from Fascist countries.

In leaflets distributed throughout the city the Y.P.S.L. pointed out that the ruling was a prelude to an attack on all democratic rights similar to the anti-alien hysteria and purge during the World War, and called for an immediate struggle against the law. In a few days over 1,500 signatures were collected in a petition drive. Caught off guard, Young Communists in some schools attacked the campaign and in other schools supported it!

Having achieved a certain amount of success with the passage of the Board's recommendation to the Legislature, the campaign will be continued by the Y.P.S.L. until complete victory is secured. To this end the Y.P.S.L. now demands that the Legislature drop the old law and that in the meanwhile, the Board return to its former, looser interpretation of the law.

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'Pro-Labor' Congressmen Abandon Beal's Defense

NEW YORK.—The action of two congressmen, Rep. John T. Bernard of Minnesota and Rep. John M. Coffey of Washington, in resigning from the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E. Beal, former member of the Communist Party now in jail in North Carolina for his activities in the Gastonia strike in 1929, was severely criticized by the Committee this week as unworthy of public officials elected with labor support.

A letter addressed by the committee to the two Congressmen states, inter alia: "General statements purporting to emanate from liberals, Socialists and Farmer-Laborites have appeared in the Daily Worker charging that Fred Beal is unworthy of

Stool Pigeons Put Finger on Writers

Informers Cause Many To Lose Jobs On WPA Project

Pursuing the line of driving all independent militants out of the labor movement the Communist Party members of the Writers' Project recently published, in their monthly paper, the Red Pen, the names of all Project workers who refuse to submit to the Party line.

The Red Pen, eager to remove from the W.P.A. those who disagree with the C.P. war line and dictatorial union policies, accused the dozen writers named of loafing on the job writing "fascist brochures for the W.P.A." of being "hooligans of the mouth," "union busters" and "spies."

Stalinist Supervisors

It is common knowledge that most of the supervisors on the Project are members of the C.P., and that failure to contribute to the pet Stalinist Leagues For or Against This or That, drives to save peace and democracy, may be tantamount to dismissal. Many a non-Stalinist project worker was placed on the firing lists last June for political intransigence and independent thought. Red Pen is obviously laying down the line for the new wave of dismissals.

Twenty-three independents on the project, supported by many others, have just issued a signed leaflet answering the Stalinist charges and exposing their stool-pigeon character. Many C. P. members, disgusted but cowed by the threat to their jobs, have expressed their contempt for this slanderous campaign on the project.

Appeal Army

Returns have just started coming in from locals that have started getting busy on the Appeal drive.

Table with 2 columns: City and Number of Returns. Includes San Francisco (1), Chicago (5), Boston (1), Lynn, Mass. (1), Olivia, Minn. (2), St. Paul (1), Minneapolis (2), St. Louis (1), New York (5), Toledo (1), Houston, Tex. (1), Philadelphia (1), Foreign (1).

Total subs... 23 Bundle orders have been increased in several locals and congratulations are due to the literature agents who have already started the drive seriously.

Local Lit. Agent Increase Rochester, N.Y., Charles Hess 10 Boston, Mass., Sol Thomas 10 Akron, Ohio, Charles Martel 15 Goshee, Ind., John Malone 5 Newark, N. J., R. Negin 5 London, Eng. Margaret Johns 10 Montreal Can. H. Goldenberg (Decrease) 5

Total increase in bundles... 50

John Enestvedt, way out in

defense because he (with six other Communist Party members) jumped bail in 1930 to go to the Soviet Union; because in 1933 he left the Soviet Union and on returning to the United States criticized the prevailing regime in the Soviet Union; because he opposed the C.I.O. in his native city of Lawrence, Mass.

Only One Charge

"Since you do not specify your complaints against Beal, we are led to assume that you mean to refer to the above charges. We wish to point out that this Committee, composed of persons of diverse political viewpoints passes no judgement on Beal's political or trade union views or activities. We are defending Beal against only one charge: the frame-up charge of murder brought against him in North Carolina in 1929 to punish him for the crimes of organizing a union and leading a strike.

"Beal's innocence of the crime is admitted even by the Daily Worker of Feb. 24, 1938. The American Civil Liberties Union, which, with the Communist Party, defended him in 1929, has through its director, Roger N. Baldwin, offered to 'aid in any way the defense committee requests' our fight for Beal's freedom. The official organ of the Socialist Party, the Call, unlike the so-called 'Lawrence Socialists' quoted by the Daily Worker, supports this Committee."

Who Are They?

Who are the Lawrence "Socialists" who signed the attack on Beal which appeared in the Daily Worker of Feb. 24? Not one of the persons signing it is a Socialist or a member of any working class political party. The first two signers, Joe Salerno and Charlotte Marchese, quit the Socialist Party over a year ago, and left in our possession a document denouncing the S.P. and its aims. The next signer, Thomas Nicholson, is a reactionary who left the S.P. over two years ago, before the Old Guard left the party. Most of the other signers are old-time members of the Italian Federation of the S.P. which has not held a charter in the S.P. for over five years. Furthermore, there is no local of the S.P. in Lawrence, and there are no members of the S.P. residing in the city. From this alone we can see that behind the document there are lies and deceit.

The document itself states that Count Vittorio Orlandini, a fascist, uses Beal's pamphlet to attack the Soviet Union. That, if true, is regrettable. But what is to be said of the Stalinists and their press, which, in chorus with the reactionary Southern Bourbons, are howling for the imprisonment of a proletarian fighter, a victim of capitalist frame-up?

Olivia, Minnesota, sent in two subs and writes: "We have started a sub-drive, and we are offering a copy of the Moscow Trials with each subscription..."

"The picking is slow, and the spaces are wide and far between out here, but we hope to get in a few subs—if not until after our Anti-War meeting—during the last days in March."

If comrades in cities realized what it means to get even one sub in farming districts where the 'spaces are wide and far between', John Enestvedt's record as a sub-getter would be a good mark to shoot at.

Newark, New Jersey, says that their bundle order will be increased by five copies each week for an indefinite time and Comrade Mendelsohn says that time is way off in the future.

How about writing in to the Appeal and letting us know what you are doing in the sub drive. We want suggestions that might be passed along to other locals. How do you get your subs? How do you distribute your bundle orders? How do you get the Appeal placed on newsstands? Have you placed the Appeal in your local library?

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