China Bombings Show Hull Reveals Japanese Imperialists Desperate To End War Real Aims Of

Kuomintang Inaugurates Repressive Campaign To Silence Leftists As Invading Armies Press On For the Capture Of Hankow

80,000 March In

China On May Day

An estimated 80,000 work-

ers, drawn from over 50 or-

ganizations, took part in a

May Day parade in Hankow,

temporary seat of the Kuo-

mintang government, accord-

ing to Shanghai foreign-lan-

guage newspapers which ar-

This was the first May Day

parade held in China since

1927, when Chiang Kai-shek

smashed the organizations of

the workers and established

his counter revolutionary re-

A United Press dispatch

from Hankow, published in

the Shanghai Evening Post

of May 2, reports that while

the "Communists" took part

in organizing the celebration,

they were permitted no speak-

ers at the mass meeting which

The assembled multitude of

workers was obliged to listen |

to speeches by representatives

of the Kuomintang and Chiang

Kai-shek's military head-

quarters, who "stressed the

treasonableness of strikes and

the advocacy of class strug-

gle at the present time."

and the Kuomintang.

Lesson of History

first "national united front," it

was with repressions like these

culminated in the great massacre

of scores of thousands of work-

ers and peasants and radical in-

tellectuals whose blood wiped

Chiang Kai-shek's slate clean as

Let us not forget that this is

25,000 Slaughtered

his principal victims. He slaugh-

want genuinely to fight for the

In hounding those earnest

Danger of Repetition

There most be no repetition of

1927. We may be sure that the

Chinese Bolshevik-Leninists and

national emancipation of China

will do their utmost to arouse

In 1927, the Communists were

cerned.

Eleven years ago, during the

rived here this week.

gime at Nanking.

(Continued from page 1) fall of Nanking, which had already been evacuated by Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang government. Only a handful of men were left behind to be futilely slaughtered by the invaders. At the present time it is Hankow, the new provisional capital, which is directly endangered by the rapid retreat of the Chinese forces from what were reported to have been strongly fortified positions along the Lunghai Railway and along the Yellow River. The Kuomintang government is already fleeing inland from Hankow. Whether there will be any effective stand made in the mountainous districts along the western rim of the great Honan plain remains to be seen.

Decisive Developments

Apparently, this is going to depend in no small measure upon political developments in Hankow itself and elsewhere in territory still held by the Kuomin-

The course of hostilities during the first year of the war has shown the hopelessness of a purely military defense against Japan. Japan's own position, the deeper it penetrates into China, becomes more and more hopeless because the mere superiority of its arms cannot ensure its retention of the territory it has Communist activiy" which is from the Panay incident and its sharply since 1929, "the prices conquered and cannot establish its domination over the vast land pression but other groups "with addressed another note to Japan of China and its 450,000,000 radical political arms." This can which, under the hypocritical people. Japan's collapse is al- only refer to those left-wing or- guise of a humanitarian protest most inevitable.

No Automatic Collapse

But it will not come about automatically. It will be assured and hastened only if Japan's invading armies meet with the aroused forces of the whole Chinese people. So far, under the leadership of Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang, the resistance to the invasion has been confined to purely militarydefensive measures for which the great masses of the people, the workers in the cities and the peasants, have had to bear the chief burden. The masses have been the helpless voitims of the conflict, not the most active and vital participants in it.

Mass Movement Needed

So long as the struggle against enable the merchants and land- that time! lords to pass on the costs of the war to the workers and peasants -so long will the resistance to the Japanese remain only partially affective. For so much tered more than 25,000 of them longer will the Japanese be able to inflict frightful tolls in human lives and to carry on their barbarous invasion.

Precisely because the Kuomintang is unwilling to entertain the Communist Party is no longer temporarily pigeonholed. even the possibility of a threat numbered. to the interests of the bankers, merchants and landlords whom militants who will surely be reit represents, it cannot effectively pelled by the criminal treachery take the lead in instituting the of their leaders, the Stalinists, social measures really capable it is not hard to predict, will be of mobilizing the people and among the most prominent of Messersmith got the House Apmaking China as untenable for Chiang Kai-shek's hatchet men propriation Committee to vote the invading forces as Siberia and executioners. That - as we \$45,000 toward the establishment was for the Allied armies of im- have already seen in Spain, of two divisions in the departperialist intervention 20 years where the Communists were in ment "to intensify cultural and Germany, England or whoever

remains the danger that the been the logical evolution of Sta- certain foreign governments in Kuomintang regime, tiring of linism. the war and fearful of the impoverished and victimized masses, will somehow find the means of coming to some kind of terms with the invaders. The very fact that Japan is having such tremendous difficulties in carrying the war forward heightens this danger, because Japan would be more likely to make formal concessions to the Chinese bourgeoisie in order to win for itself a breathing space.

Capitulatory Moods

Information from Hankow is by no means as yet sufficiently the workers, peasants and radical precise or detailed to permit one intellectuals in China. to conclude that such a compromise is an early prospect, although significant dispatches tell by liberating the immense human of capitulatory moods in the ranks of the Chinese bourgeoisie. fight is the fight for their lives profits which it proposes to direct The Japanese are more likely to and livelihood and for the despush on and attempt to capture tiny of a nation which will play Hankow before sitting down to an immense and perhaps a deci-Nevertheless the fact that the tion of the future. the way the wind is blowing.

the reports of this repression tion of the aroused masses.

U.S. Diplomacy

Nature Of "Friendship" For China

During the past two weeks, and the heads of his department's of 1932. flying squad, Sumner Welles, Francis B. Sayre and George that the business of U.S. diplo-

years and even decades when the faces the future "with no pro-State Department has kept as mising factors in the business much in the background as the outlook." average Old Ladies' Home; and when we have read the name of the secretary of state only when he received an honorary degree from Podunk College.

Times Have Changed

But times change, and state departments change with them.

In the same aggressive, propoint out that it is not "official feeling the main brunt of the reganizations, including the Chinese against the bombing of open Bolshevik-Leninists, who have cities, demanded sharply the refused to go along with the upholding of all American pro-Stalinists in their complete ca- perty rights in China. The note pitulation to Chiang Kai-shek was in itself a beautiful little lesson in the nature of imperialism's "friendship" for China: that friendship means-full property rights for U.S. nationals; Japan's real and fundamental crime is-invasion of or interthat Chiang Kai-shek began ference with those property preparing his own complete sur- rights. The sentimental phrases render to the imperialists. Scat- about bombing make fine headtered accounts of terror against lines; but the core of the State unions and peasant associations oil tankers.

South American Problem

far as the imperialists were conbusy at the "educational" job of ed the small manufacturer to the Japanese imperialism is not the same Chiang Kai-shek who making congressmen and the wall. clearly linked in the minds of the is today again the adored hero people at large aware of the masses with their own struggle of the Communist International! South American problem." The in their own behalf-and this Let. us not forget that he repre- need for a special government means also resistance to the po- sents today exactly the same in- short-wave broadcasting prolicies of the Kuomintang which terests that he represented at gram directed to South America, in order to counteract the broadcasts from European nations, was brought forward. At the plea of the big private broadcasting systems, and on the basis of their argument that they are already in a few months. Tomorrow his doing an excellent job in that hold and fight for first place in victims will be those who still field and their promise that the the imperialist world. national and social liberation of government can use free at any time their facilities, the plan was the Chinese masses. Among these

Since the State Department and the broadcasting companies had exactly the same interests at tional trade, and Hull knows as heart, there was no need for duplication.

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary the forefront in shooting down commercial relations with Latin else. For this reason there always the revolutionary workers - has America." "The activities of House Committee, have become most alarming in recent years and particularly in recent months.

To Combat Rivals

all other fighters for the real "I think," concluded Messersmith, "this is of a very real emergency character. These actthe masses to their danger and to create and defend powerful ivities that we have to combat organizations which will know in South America are causing how to cope with betrayers and damage to our interests and compromisers. All American prestige there." That is, to put workers' organizations must the matter in plain English, "these activities of certain forprotest immediately against any eign governments" are cutting form of repression and terror into the lion's share of Latin and directed at the organizations of South American trade which U.S. imperialism enjoys; and the State Department, ever the There is no way to fight back 'good neighbor" to its southern the imperialist barbarians except friends, does not intend to stand by while somebody else gets the power of China's nvillions, This into the vaults of its Wall Street

masters. But Hull himself and Francis of imperialist United States to wolves.

Social Crisis Grows As Business Indices Drop To Levels Of 1932

By DAVID COWLES

Business activity, which had a slight upward flurry after eight months of sharpest decline, beoutput is an index of the purchasing power of the middle class and better paid workers. It is also one of the principal markets for other basic industries, such as steel. Nevertheless it has Secretary of State Cordell Hull fallen to the levels of the spring

Meanwhile, steel output for May fell for the third consecutive Messersmith, have been taking month and likewise reached the particular pains to inform the level of the spring of 1932, In people of this country and of the the first week of June, steel proworld that anyone who believes duction fell to a little over 25 per cent of capacity. The result macy is anything else than to is that the steel industry is not In the past there have been ing money in operating. And it

Economic Dictatorship Grows

Unable to keep up profits by securing new markets and increasing production to meet them, the monopolists have joined together to increase profits by keeping up prices. The Federal Trade Commission publish-In the mighty clash of forces ed a report last week which now under way on a world scale, showed that eight farm implethe preliminary rounds of the ment companies headed by Inapproaching imperialist war, ternational Harvester, Deere and diplomacy has its key and public Co. and J. P. Case and Co., dotasks. Hull and his public rela- minated the industry and worktions experts are not neglecting ed together to keep up prices. So well did they succeed that in the depths of the depression vocative tone already familiar of 1932, when prices had fallen sequels, the State Department of farm machinery were being maintained at a relatively high level."

The price policies of the monopolies aided their profits by exploiting the small farmers, the small retailers, and the small farm machinery companies. The farmers suffered because ultimately they had to pay the higher prices when they, themselves, were getting two-thirds less income due to the drastic decline in the selling prices of farm commodities. The small retailers suffered because the monopolies charged them monopoly prices which the former were not alradical organizations, trade Department pronouncements al- The small implement manufacturrealities of factories, utilities or wait for the announcement of prices of the monopolies and then follow suit. Once the prices were uniform, the monopolies made retailers handle the full line of Simultaneously, in Congress, the monopolies to the exclusion the department's emissaries were of the small producer. This forc-

Administration's Role

The administration realizes the great resentment which this exploitation arouses among the lower middle classes. It tries to get their support by posing as their protector. Of course, this pose disappears whenever it comes to a question of action.

Strict isolation they tossed out of the window, back into the laps of Frederick J. Libby and Norman Thomas. Strict isolation would mean giving up internawell as the next man that giving up international trade would be committing national suicide; and he doesn't hesitate to make plain that the United States is not going to give it up anywhere no matter who challenges-Japan,

At the same time, the U.S. is not going to pull any other those republics," he told the nation's chestnuts out of the imperialist fire, neither Chamberlain's nor Daladier's nor Stalin's; and for this reason the State Department spokesmen own interests.

Hypocritical Talk

The most shameless part of these addresses, however, was the old hokum about America's readiness to take all steps toward international cooperation, humanization of war, and disarmament. Sayre even listed a pious sixpoint program "for peace."

This clap-trap was timed nicely to coincide with the signing by the president of the big navy bill and the additional military appropriations which Congress finds time to vote every day or two. The State Department has not one iota of illusion labout treat with its conquered victims. sive role in the world reconstruc- B. Sayre fired the biggest shots the possibility of any genuine in this current barrage. Speaking action by the powers toward dis-Kuomintang regime has begun | Ten years ago when Chiang before banks of microphones and armament and peace. Quite the openly to suppress even the Kai-shek was permitted by the full benches of reporters, they contrary. But it does know that midly radical activities of the Communist International to en- again underlined the Roosevelt- by far the best way to get the petty bourgeois National Salva- joy undisputed control of the anti- Hull "sanctity of international people lined up for the armation Association and to limit the imperialist movement, he was law and order" line, that happy ment program and for war is by entirely unradical activities of able to smash it at his own sweet fusion of imperialist "isolation" clothing the government in the the Stalinists is proof enough of will. This time his plan of sur- and imperialist "collective secur- white robes of the Dove of Peace render must be utterly shatter- ity" through which Roosevelt and fluttering pathetically to escape It is extremely significant that ed by the independent interven- Hull express the determination the fangs of the "aggressor"

The most recent example was | country. To name only one of the dismissal of the case against them, A. A. Berle Jr., is in the the Aluminum Company of Ame- department of state, In his book rica, one of the most perfect "The Modern Corporation and monopolies in the United States. Private Property," he shows the Note To Japan Discloses gan to fall again last week. Auto The government started its pro- extent of economic concentration secution of the company in a and concludes that in 1930 "the grand whirl of headlines. Accord- ultimate control of nearly half ing to the judge hearing the of industry was actually in the case, the "company in its answer hands of a few hundred men." to the suit had admitted control Were Roosevelt interested in the of certain percentages of alumina, Forgotten Man, the workers, the aluminum and bauxite." However, small farmers and the lower he simply turned to the govern- middle class he would expropriate ment attorney, who supposedly the economic dictatorship, not was prosecuting the monopoly, merely investigate it. and asked whether 'he believed that such an admission was sufficient, since the company did not also confess it manipulated prices. The attorney, according

The Monopoly Inquiry

not think so.'

monopoly and the concentration mitting suicide. of economic power." Its chief

testifying, he would not need this new inquiry. He has men who already know the extent of the It is believed business reverses

Social Crisis Grows

Meanwhile the economic crisis grows and the social crisis grows with it. The first reaction was protect U.S. finance-capital had making profits, is not breaking that the defendant had not adto the N. Y. Times, noting bewilderment and submission, mitted price-fixing, said he did continued decline has shown up this hope as illusory. Some seek escape by disregarding discomfort and poverty and taking As the fall elections approach comfort in religion and the life tragedy have been furnished by and the need for campaign ma- to come. They, hope for prosterial grows, Roosevelt has re- perity in heaven. Others escape quested a new investigation of poverty and degradation by com-

function will be to make Roose- been increasing rapidly, and the velt appear as the defender of victims come quite often from discovered by a son at 6:20 a.m. economic dictatorship over the and illness had depressed him.'

The number of suicides has the Forgotten Man against the the lower middle class. On thousands of anti-fascist prison-

tatorship of the monopolists ill"..... In New York on the nant of its former principles., emerges from the testimony. He same day, a man only 29 years fears it might become "a drama of age was found semi-conscious comes more and more stifling," to aid in politically solidifying and lying in the street. He dec- says the writer. "What should they remain silent-covered with the Have-nots against the Haves." lared he was "sick of life." Two we do? Tension in the prisons shame!" Were Roosevelt interested in days later a 59 year old building is reaching a crisis. Everybody anything but campaign material contractor in Ridgewood, New foresees a dramatic struggle and campaign contributions from Jersey, committed suicide. "The between the government and the those who might want to avoid police said Witherill's body was

ways sinks its teeth into the hard ers suffered because they had to Coal Operators Brazenly Use Old Terror Methods To Frame Alibis, But Witnesses Identify Night-Riding Murder Men

Harlan Witness Killed

trial, Harlan County's reign of themselves into unions. charges of conspiracy to nullify killings in Harlan County. the Wagner Labor Act.

In Harlan, 80 miles away from the courtroom in London, Ky., Lester Smithers, a miner employed by the Harlan Fuel Company, one of the 19 companies accused by the government, was slain by Verlin Fee, a miner who called Smithers testimony "snitching" on the boss.

Shot In Fight

Smithers fought with Fee and his brother, Clyde, and was shot as he attempted to rise to his feet after having been knocked down by the two defenders of the mineowners.

Another witness, John Ison, employed by the Harlan Central Company, was accosted in a restaurant by three men who cursed him and told him they would show what happened to union arm. One did not answer. miners who dared speak out of

Ison denied that he was a witness and told them that Harry Bennett, another of the defendants, would vouch for him. At steer clear of whole-hog collecthe point of a pistol, Ison was had several narrow escapes from had abducted the right man, and were fired upon from auto-Ison escaped from the car and mobiles filled with deputies. hid in the underbrush.

Efforts To Bribe

ing the shootings and violence witnesses.

Even as coal operators and that have met every attempt of

terror continued with the killing | The reasons for the frantic of one government witness, the efforts of the defendants to purkidnapping of another and the chase retractions and frame alibis attempted bribery of several who became clear as the government have testified in the government's prosecutors drew tight the net of prosecution of the operators on evidence concerning a series of

Tells Gruesome Tale

killing of Bennett Musick, 19year-old son of a Baptist preach- on fire. er and union organizer. Mrs. Mallie Musick, wife of the circuit are forced out of the center of lost. rider who felt that even Harlan the prison and into the first miners had the right to join unions, told the gruesome tale of bloodhounds after them. The night-riding deputies who riddl- first gate is shattered. Nothing ed their home with bullets in an is too strong for this multitude attempt to kill her husband.

fled the county only that evening down. One gate after the other the rifle fire of the deputies took is taken. They reach the last gate their toll. After a fusillade from opening on the outside world. the skulking assassins sent They stop, Four Russian machine bullets flying all through the guns are trained on them, ready house, Mrs. Musick called out to to open fire! her children. Burt, the "baby boy," had been shot through the

"It was Bennett," Mrs. Musick said, "He was dead. A bullet had gone through his head.

Narrow Escapes

Before this attack the Musicks

Other government witnesses have testified that deputies were recognized as they surrounded More witnesses testified dur- the house on the night of the ing the past week that relatives fatal shooting of young Musick, of the men on trial had persist- and occupants of the cars from ed in efforts to bribe them into which the shots came on other Brigade! One of his comrades recanting their testimony regard- occasions have been identified by addresses the guards, amid com-

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Terror Rages Against Spain's Revolutionists

Vicious Suppression Paves Way For "Compromise" With Franco: P.O.U.M. Organ Describes Horrors In Barcelona Prison

Joseph Stalin have let loose an prisoners use one last argument. unparalleled wave of terror They lift the English volunteer against all revolutionary-minded into their arms. His head rests workers in Loyalist Spain. Sev- on the iron bars of the last gate. eral weeks ago, the American Then the prisoners see the flash press gave a meager account of of the machine-guns. They fall the revived activities of the back. The corpse rolls off behind Spanish counter - revolutionary the gate. 'Cheka." The object of its desperate terrorism is to prepare firing with revolvers and rifles. the way for the "compromise" The confusion is horrible. The sell-out to Franco now being prisoners are forced to retreat cooked-up in the diplomatic to their cells. The movement is kitchens of the "democratic" defeated.

European powers. One of the vilest expressions of this terrorism occurred April 20, when a protest demonstration of anti-fascist prisoners held for over a year in the Barcelona Model (??) Prison was suppressed. The moving details of this an eye-witness, writing in "Independent News," a bulletin of the P.O.U.M. published in

In The "Model Prison"

The writer describes how monopolists and the financiers. Saturday, June 4, a 71-year-old ers rot in prison, endlessly await-Nothing serious will come of it Chicago insurance broker, work- ing trials, that never come, pa- thing of any value is left. All in the way of governmental res- ing for the Equitable Life Assu- tiently asking what are the triction of monopoly exploitation. rance Society-what irony in the charges against them, grasping When the prisoners are returned Nevertheless, the Washington title! - committed suicide by at every stray of hope. The encorrespondent of the N. Y. Times plunging from a window of the try of the anarchist organizations is in a dither lest "the inquiry company's offices on the eight- into the People's Front govern- tion. Franco's Moors pillaging a will further check recovery by eenth floor. He left a note say- ment gave them a ray of hope, deserted village would have done stirring up class feeling in the ing: "I cannot seem to find any but it rapidly faded. Anarchism country" as the economic dic- business. I am out of funds and in practice has shed every rem- Popular Front has gained another

> "The prison atmosphere beprisoners. The authorities are deliberately provoking them and seeking a reason to launch a

"Wednesday, April 20, at 7 a. m., police and assault guards carry on a provocative search in the Model Prison. The prisoners are awakened and their belongings minutely searched. They are FORD PLANT SPEED-UP As Gov't Presses Case ordered from their cells out in to the prison corridors.

Inferno Breaks Loose

"Suddenly, sirens announce the imminence of an bombardment. As though this were the long expected signal, the lockedout prisoners begin to shake the doors of their cells. An infernal, former "peace officers" stood the mine workers to organize deafening noise breaks loose. The police are overwhelmed. The prisoners go from cell to cell, smashing the doors to bits, releasing their comrades. Within five minutes, they are storming the first gate. Burning cots and mattresses set fire to the wooden gates. A sort of destructive madtions and desperation, rages. a stick. When the bell rang he Most important of these is the Within ten minutes every object symbolizing prison repression is

story. But the prisoners run like SOUTH ORGANIZES of enraged revolutionary work-While the elder Musick had ers. The strongest gate is torn

A Prisoner Killed

"A conference takes place bet-

ween the prisoners and the assault guards. The guards must be convinced they have nothing the end of a day's work some to do with the fascists. Cries of workers just break even with fraternity, anti-fascist and rev- the boss or net 50 cents. olutionary songs fill the air. These are tense moments. A tive security. The United States forced into an automobile and the guns of the hired deputies of wounded prisoner is carried to intervenes, but intervenes where, driven to Bennett's home. While the mine owners. The couple were the gate. He is dying. A bullet when and how it best suits its the kidnappers inquired of the ambushed one night while walk- has crashed into his head. His coal mine official to be sure they ing along the railroad tracks, dying agony convinces the guards, The machine-guns are withdrawn. The prisoners leave the gate to carry away their wounded comrade. From his mouth gushes a stream of blood.

"Then a dead comrade is carmember of the International plete silence. Some of the guards lower their eyes in shame.

within the prison.

Last Gate Demolished

crucial moment is here. What employed union members. awaits them beyond that gate? Freedom or slaughter? The ASK FOR THE APPEAL machine-guns are again wheeled back into position.

The G.P.U. hatchet men of | "Then the attack begins. The

"Several hundred guards enter.

Reprisals Begin

"Then the reprisals begin, The prisoners are removed from their cells and herded into the penitentiary in the basement. All are undressed before they enter. For four hours, they remain here. For four hours, young and old, those in good health and those who are sick, sweat in this modern Stalinist version of the Calcutta Black Hole. The object of this forced nudism is to pile fresh humiliations on the prisoners: revolutionists in the nude!

"While they are held here; police searched every cell. Nois destroyed or taken away. to their cells in the evening, they weep with rage at this devastano worse than these police. The rear-guard victory!

"As for the workers' organizations, part of the government,

Union Briefs

The United Automobile Workers of America have acquired an interesting affidavit in their Ford drive, from which we quote: "A slave-driving foreman kept-those boys moving faster than the men on other production jobs. The average age of the boys was about fifteen. Several older graduates of the Trade School served as straw bosses, and the pace they set was so fast that several of the men from the distributor division refused to go back to work on carburetors the next day....

"During the lunch hour, twenty minutes, one of the boys bought himself an ice-cream on of it in his mouth. The foreman saw him and made him take fifteen minutes more to finish it "The police and assault guards and docked the boy for the time

The United Hosiery reports under "Unions in the South": In Durham, N. C., textile, tobacco and service trade workers are organized. Also moving picture operators and barbers. Liggett and Myers and the American Tobacco Co. are almost completely organized, with substantial wage gains. The Central Labor Union (A.F.L.) and the Durham Industrial Council (C.I.O.) work hand in hand. In the hosiery industry elsewhere "fining and docking systems are prevalent," so that at

BANEFUL INFLUENCE"

By a referendum vote of 35,-

730 to 12,115 the membership of the International Typographical Union recently voted against paying an assessment levied by the A.F.L. to provide a war chest for fighting the C.I.O. By a vote of almost 15 to 1 the officers are instructed not to recognize the authority of the ried out-an English communist, A.F.L. to levy an assessment without approval by referendum vote, and the A.F.L. is denied authority in questions of jurisdiction or autonomy. The coming general elections, however, find "A committee confers with the the Independents, who are prison authorities. Their propos- Green's stooges, with the followals are rejected by the mass of ing program: "The C.I.O. and prisoners waiting behind the its destructive activities have gate. They prefer to die on the created a baneful influence in spot, like the Englishman and six the labor movement." (Frank others who have been found dead Morrison.) The Independents may draw some strength because of the administration's generosity to the bosses in spreading the "A hundred hands begin to forty-hour week over six days. tear down the last gate. The This has worked against the un-

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