

We Want No Moscow Trials in Spain, Minister Pena!

Vital Questions To Spain's Minister of Justice Pena

Gonzales Pena, Loyalist Minister of Justice at Barcelona, has arrived in the United States. Workers interested in defeating the Spanish fascists have a few questions to put to the Loyalist Minister of Justice.

1. Why are not the revolutionary and devoted anti-fascists hounded by the Loyalist Government?
2. Why does the Loyalist Government permit the G.P.U. to kidnap and murder revolutionists devoted to the cause of the working class?
3. Why are not the anti-fascists now in jail given a public trial? Why does the Loyalist Government refuse to make public the preparations for the trial?
4. Will the Loyalist Government permit a commission to be present at the trial and to examine the defendants and the witnesses?

There is no more fitting person than the honorable Minister of Justice to answer the above questions and to bring back to the Loyalist Government the news that those American workers who are the most militant fighters against fascism will not believe a single word of "testimony" given at a trial which is only a replica of a Moscow trial.

Militant American workers will announce to the Minister: To defeat the fascists you must liberate the anti-fascists.

F.D.R. Includes Canada in US War Zone; Hull Shakes Warning Fist At Europe

Pledge of Armed Support to Canada Shows Imperialist Plans for World Dominion

President Roosevelt last week utilized his trip to Canada to make his most dramatic pronouncement on foreign policy since his Chicago Address inaugurated the new stage in the preparations of the United States for the coming war. Before an audience gathered to watch him receive an honorary degree from Queens College, he pledged the armed forces of the United States to a "defense" of Canada.

The Chicago Address last autumn marked the open and conscious recognition by the Roosevelt administration of a new world war, and the beginning of deliberate preparation for it. Before that, however, at the Buenos Aires Conference, Secretary of State Hull had laid out plainly a main line of the strategy of Roosevelt imperialism. Speaking at the Conference, Hull flatly announced the intention of the United States to maintain and extend its hegemony over all of South and Central America.

War Machine Marches
In the months which have followed the Chicago Address, the administration war machine has marched ruthlessly forward. A series of amazingly provocative notes and proclamations on the Far Eastern situation have told Japan that the United States will not tolerate the closing of rich Chinese markets. With a contemptuous disregard for legality, the administration has refused to invoke the Neutrality Act in the Sino-Japanese War at the same time that it clamps the Act down in Spain.

As soon as Congress opened in January, the billion dollar military budget was steam-rolled over the tiny opposition; and within a few weeks the Vinson Big Navy Bill started on its victorious parliamentary journey. Meanwhile, the Ludlow Amendment was smashed and buried.

The details of the mobilization plans were elaborated, providing the complete structure of military dictatorship, and embodied in bills ready for instantaneous passage at the outbreak of a crisis. The confidential journeys of State Department and Army officials, the "parallel action" in the East, the "complementary action" in Mexico, the naval maneuvers at Singapore, revealed the de facto existence of a military alliance with Great Britain.

Isolationists Slapped
The Queens College speech continued spectacularly the same course of development. It was slapped square into the faces of

the isolationists and pure-pacifist dreamers.

Roosevelt has subsequently made some pretense that his remarks are merely part of the "traditional" interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine. This is an obvious sham, and controverted by the opinions of all competent historians. U. S. imperialism exposes its hand openly over a new province, the vast expanse of Canada.

From one point of view, the Roosevelt declaration that the United States will defend Canada is another implicit avowal of alliance between the United States and Great Britain. But the declaration goes beyond this in suggesting that in the tie-up Great Britain must be considered the junior partner. Never before in modern history has one great power had the audacity to state that it is the protector of the dominion or colony of another great power.

Claim War Resources
It is profoundly significant to recall that in recent studies by the War Department of the war material resources of the imperialist nations, the resources of Canada are listed among the reserves of the United States, not of England.

The day preceding the Queens College address, Hull directed a short-wave broadcast to Europe, the two speeches obviously timed to fit together. Hull repeated his familiar platitudes about international law and order, the sanctity of treaties, and the joys of international morality. In even stronger terms than normal, he denounced international anarchy.

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Blackwell, Freed by Spanish Gov't, Snatched from Ship

Russell Blackwell, American revolutionary anti-fascist, who was recently released by the Loyalist Government into the hands of the American consul at Valencia for repatriation, was mysteriously removed from the boat upon which the American consul had placed him for the voyage to Marseilles. The snatch was made by the Spanish Secret Police (Stalinists) who are now holding Blackwell at the headquarters of the Secret Police at Valencia.

His wife, Mrs. Russell Blackwell of New York City, has been informed of these sensational events by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Like Oslitzky in his prison interview with the press, Blackwell in an interview with the American Consul afterward said he had not been ill-treated.

Promised Freedom
After struggling against fascism and for socialism in Spain, for nearly two years, Blackwell, who has a long and honorable record in the American labor

movement, received the usual Stalinist title as a "Trotskyist-Fascist" and subsequently was arrested in Madrid. Through the efforts of Mrs. Blackwell and friends here, the American State Department was recently prevailed upon to secure his repatriation. Late in July the Spanish government responded to the State Department's request by promptly releasing Blackwell to the American consul at Valencia, at whose residence he took refuge, "under guard" as it was put.

In what may be an unprecedented coup, the Spanish Government through its Stalinist Secret Police, reversed itself and upset the arrangement between the two governments by snatching him from American custody when the American consul turned away from seeing him off on the boat. The group which has been working for Blackwell's release continues its appeal for assistance. Send funds to John McDonald, 63 Washington Square, New York City.

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Paper Unions Rule at Bridges Conclave

Calif. State Meeting Admits Impotence to Aid Unions

LOS ANGELES.—"This body is powerless to aid," said Harry Bridges, at the tail-end of the California State C.I.O. convention, held in Los Angeles last weekend. This confession, made during a discussion of a resolution introduced by the United Cannery and Agricultural Workers asking for help in organizing the industry, confirmed in full the assertions of the Rubber Workers, Auto Workers and Garment Workers, who boycotted the convention on the grounds that it would be futile.

Showing its complete bankruptcy by filing all motions that had a militant trade union content, the convention voted to call itself the California Industrial Union Council and elected an executive board of eleven. Stalinists dominated the board and the post of Secretary-Treasurer was given to Louis Goldblatt, former leader of the Young Communist League.

Mooney Protest Killed
Resolutions introduced by the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, calling for work stoppages in event of deaths on the job, the killing of any strike pickets and the failure of the Supreme Court to free Tom Mooney, were all defeated as paper union after paper union—all controlled by the Communist Party—took the floor to explain that they would be unable to carry out such action.

The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers pointed out that these resolutions were passed unanimously at their own convention and tried desperately to pass the Mooney resolution after agreeing to cut the stoppage down from one day to one-half hour. They were successful in getting the support of the Oil Workers and the San Pedro local of the longshoremen, as well as scattered militants in the other delegations, but not enough to overcome the solid Stalinist vote against them.

John Brophy, right-hand man for John L. Lewis, delivered the opening address to the convention. Instead of answering the charges preferred against Bridges and the C.I.O. leadership by the unions boycotting the convention, he avoided the issue by calling the leaders of the dissident unions radicals.

Bulletin Distributed
The 20-page bulletin distributed to the delegates by the "radicals" created quite a stir. In an attempt to save Bridges' face, the delegates from the Ford local of U.A.W. took the floor to state that they were now convinced that Bridges' advice "to end the strike and crawl back on their bellies" was correct. It remains to be seen whether the membership of the Ford Local will back their delegates.

Although Bridges had the situation well in hand most of the time, he ran into opposition on the constitutional provision referring to the composition of the executive board. Roy Donnelly, former president of San Pedro longshoremen, supported the motion calling for representation by industries, and clashed sharply with Bridges on the question. Bridges insisted that he knew the men best fitted for the positions and that they should be elected from the floor. On direct question he stated that he knew many who could better represent some unions than their present representatives—and the unions who had suffered his interference in the past knew what the dictator meant.

Donnelly retorted that he was sick of hearing the cry of democracy and thought it would be a good thing to put it in practice for a change. He suggested that they initiate it in the convention. One of the stooges gave the whole show away by grabbing the microphone and shouting, "What's the use of gabbing. Let's go down the line with Bridges, otherwise we will be here for two weeks." Thus was the State C.I.O. launched.

On the Slide



HARRY BRIDGES

SLATE IS NAMED BY S.W.P. IN NEW JERSEY ELECTION

Candidates Oppose Hague's Political Machine

NEWARK, N. J.—The North Jersey District of the Socialist Workers Party placed in the field this week a ticket of four running for office in the general elections this fall and opened a campaign to broadcast the revolutionary message to the workers in this area.

The following candidates were nominated: Irving Rosenberg (vice-president of a C.I.O. union) for Congress from the 12th Congressional District; Reuben Plaskett (young unemployed leader) for Congress from the 11th; Frank Shapiro (WPA worker) for State Senator; Willis Crews (veteran fighter for Negro rights) for General Assembly. The S.W.P. is also giving critical support to the S. P. candidate for U. S. Senator, John Palengio.

Hague Runs Candidates
The issues in the fall elections are much more clean-cut than anywhere else in the country. The reactionary Democratic Party and the reactionary Republican Party, as alike as two peas in a pod, are both controlled by Hague.

To date Labor's Non-Partisan League has not uttered a single peep about running a single candidate for any office in this area in spite of the fact that their hunt for "some one to endorse" has brought them up against a blank wall so far.

Both Reactionaries
The issues are clear for every one but the Stalinists. In each capitalist party there is only one man running for U. S. Senator in the primaries who stands any chance for nomination. Both are out-and-out reactionaries: Barbour for the Republicans, Ely for the Democrats.

Ely has been a creature of Hague for many years and a mortal enemy of the W.P.A. workers. Ever since his appointment through Roosevelt and Hague to the post of State Administrator of W.P.A., he has been carrying out a vicious anti-labor policy. He has been supported at every turn by Washington.

Stalinists in the Soup
The Stalinists are rushing about this week trying to get organizations to send letters and telegrams to Roosevelt, "notifying

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Hands Off, Mr. Dies!

Labor Will Clean It's Own House!

An Editorial

Reactionaries everywhere have rallied around the House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities of which Congressman Martin Dies of Texas is the chairman. They look hopefully to the Committee's becoming a real battering ram to be used against everything and everybody that might in the least interfere with the "inalienable right" of the employers to exploit the workers to their hearts' content.

Every open-shopper, every politician and "labor leader," anxious to show how faithful he is to the interests of his masters, every stool pigeon and petty racketeer comes forward with lies and half-truths to convince the American people that our great American institutions are about to be destroyed by plotters of high and low standing.

To fool some people into believing that the Committee is impartial and against all those who are connected in the popular mind with "un-American" activities, some gestures were made in the direction of investigating the more or less official fascist groups. After a perfunctory examination of witnesses on Nazi activities, the Committee proceeded to its real objective.

It is to be noticed that the Committee evidently considers the arming of thugs and gangsters by Tom Girdler and others of his stripe, to maim and murder strikers, as falling within the category of good Americanism. At any rate it has not turned to an investigation of such activities. As a matter of fact, one of the main purposes of the Dies Committee is to counteract the evidence brought out by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee.

Witnesses before that committee showed how the employers spent huge sums to buy armaments with which to arm the scum of the earth for murderous attacks on active unionists; how vigilante organizations were created and "spontaneous" mobbing organized—all in order to destroy every form of unionism. The Dies Committee has set for itself the task of answering the LaFollette Committee and of erasing the effect left on the public mind by the testimony of the witnesses who appeared before that committee.

Upon the stage first stepped John P. Frey, one of the vice-presidents of the American Federation of Labor. The tremendous publicity given to the representative of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy indicates an agreement on the part of the Dies Committee and the doddering bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. to use the Committee against the C.I.O. Frey presented a lengthy report intended to show that the C.I.O. was largely under the influence of the Communist Party. Many of the things Frey testified to are well known to every one in the least acquainted with the labor movement. Even a casual reading of the *Daily Worker* would show that most of the material presented by Frey in his report was taken from that paper.

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Union Builders Lay Plans; Wreckers Map UAW Split

Stalinists Claim Sanction from Lewis; Urge Him to Set Up Czar Rule Over Auto Workers Union

DETROIT.—Three conferences held this week at Detroit, Cleveland and Toledo supplied a striking contrast between the aims and plans of the union-builders on the one hand and those of the "union-busters" on the other.

The build-the-union conferences held in Detroit and Cleveland were officially sponsored by the Auto Workers' International and brought a large attendance of representatives and officers speaking for the majority of the membership of the U. A. W.

Resolutions were adopted on the vital problems facing the union: the continued and determined prosecution of the drive to organize the Ford Motor Company. The recent creation of a separate Ford Local to be called Local 600 with its own officers and Executive Board is the first step towards putting body into the structure of the Ford Organizing Committee and implementing this resolution.

The continued drive for the organization of W.P.A. workers into the union auxiliary and concrete steps pledging the organization of the unorganized competitive plants were also featured in resolutions. Confidence and enthusiasm were prevalent among the delegates to these conferences that the union was lifting out of the mire of disruptive factional activity, into which it has been plunged by the union-wrecking agents of the Communist Party.

In Toledo, an entirely different picture was presented. There the expelled officers, the Commu-

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Approve Plan for No-Profit Industry

Propose Law Would Have State Take Over Closed Plants to be Run by Jobless Workers

AT UNION HOURS, WAGES

Fourteen million jobless workers stand idle throughout the United States, unable to earn a living through gainful employment, fortunate if meager relief provides them with a bare living.

In a nation that surpasses all others in its power to produce, these fourteen millions are turned out upon the streets, the factories boarded up, the smokestacks of industry smokeless.

No profits—no jobs!
Against the senseless contradictions of the profit system—want in the midst of plenty, idle plants surrounded by idle men—workers in St. Paul offer their own solution. Let the workers open the idle factories, regardless of profits! Let them be operated by the workers, under union conditions, hours and wages. Labor everywhere will join them.

STRANGE MEDLEY AT YOUTH MEET

Patriots From Many Lands Bicker, Pass War Resolution

Under the leadership of the Stalinists, more than 500 delegates to the Second World Youth Congress, meeting at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, adopted a patriotic resolution on war under the guise of fighting for "peace."

The resolution adopted is a repetition, almost word for word, of the seven-point program outlined by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, in his radio address to the nation last week. Hull's statement, like the Congress resolution, is a definite attempt to unite the "good" democratic nations against the "bad" fascist powers for a new imperialist war.

Political Melting Pot

If not for its serious consequences, the World Youth Congress would be really amusing. Among the delegates there were fascists, pacifists, social democrats and Stalinists. All fused together in support of collective security. There were sympathizers of General Franco, representatives of the Japanese militarists, members of the Young Communist League, supporters of British, French, and American imperialism.

One delegate would take the floor and give a scathing indictment of British rule in India, and another delegate would defend the British foreign policy. A Japanese delegate spoke in defense of Japan's invasion in China, on the ground that Japan must free China from communism. The Chinese delegate stated that China is "determined to drive out the invaders." Every delegate mouthed his own national imperialist interest. But the Stalinists held command of the Congress and "collective security" won the day.

The height of demagoguery was attained in the resolution itself. It is filled with statements about the "need for limitation and progressive reduction of armaments," "justice for all peoples," "respect for treaties freely entered into," "self-determination" and "abstention from the use of force in pursuit of national policies." The Congress, however, had not a word of criticism of the "democratic" nations such as England, France, or the United States who are today arming to the teeth, denying self-determination to their colonies, denying justice to the working class, and preparing to use force in defense of imperialist interests. Rather, Cordell Hull was the Congress' guiding light, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt gave the keynote address. Yankee imperialism became the savior of mankind.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Voicing its recognition of the stupidity of the profit system, and its determination to fight for the right of every worker to have a job and a livelihood, the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly at its last meeting squarely faced the problem of mass unemployment while factories stand idle, by taking action to study the provisions of a proposed act to establish a system of state-owned industries in Minnesota, to be run on a non-profit basis and to provide work for all the unemployed.

The proposed act, already approved in principle by the Central Labor body, and which in all likelihood will be adopted by the labor movement with few changes, provides an answer to the mass unemployment to which private industry can find no solution.

State-Owned Plants
The act sets up a system by which common necessities can be produced without a profit, and distributed to the workers on a cost basis. The state-owned plants, under the act, would be operated by a public industries commission, on the basis of industrial democracy through workers control.

Although the operating plan is not thoroughly democratic, since the public industries commission, according to the act, would be appointed by the governor, the provision for workers councils, which would direct the operation of the individual plants, would serve as the basis for genuine workers control.

Such an act, which has met the enthusiasm of the St. Paul trade union movement, would be a bitter pill to the bewildered capitalists, who indiscriminately close their plants the moment their profits are unsure. It would serve as a real demonstration of the fact that capitalism is un-

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Pickets Protest Frame-Up Trials

NEW YORK.—While Gonzales Pena, Minister of Justice for Spain now visiting the U. S. lunched at the Hotel Astor, members of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young People's Socialist League picketed the hotel, protesting the trials of left-wing militants, scheduled to take place soon in Spain.

Attending the luncheon were a number of well known labor leaders, including Norman Thomas and Charles Zimmerman, Lovestonette head of Local 22, Garment Workers Union. Zimmerman, who was in charge of the luncheon, prevented delegates from the picket line from presenting a petition to the minister from Loyalist Spain.

Banners carried by the marching pickets, calling a halt to Moscow trials in Spain, attracted considerable attention from the noon-time crowds about the fashionable hotel in the center of Times Square.