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Let's Remember The Armistice!

The patriots are celebrating the twentieth anniversary of Armistice Day this week—the signing of the agreement on November 11, 1918 which brought the hostilities of the first World War to an end.

The workers, too, have a right to commemorate Armistice Day—in their own way. So let them—

REMEMBER that 14,000,000 workers and peasants were killed or reported missing, and 20,000,000 wounded and maimed in order to determine whether German and Austro-Hungarian imperialism or French, British, Czarist and American imperialism would dominate the world, and reap profits from the millions of white, black, brown and yellow slaves throughout the world—

REMEMBER that in the midst of all the misery and devastation inflicted on the masses, the profits of the capitalist class swelled beyond the highest limits it had yet attained. At the beginning of the war, in the year 1914, the investment return of the United States Steel Corporation was 2.8 per cent, whereas towards the end of the war, in the year 1917, the return was 24.9 per cent, amounting to \$478,204,000—

REMEMBER that the war was fought under the slogan of a "war to end all wars," and that there has not been a year since the end of the World War in which wars, large or small, were not being fought, that we are today closer to a new and more dreadful world war than at any other time since the Armistice was signed—

REMEMBER that the war was fought under the slogan of a "war for democracy," and that there is less democracy, that the masses today enjoy less democratic rights in every capitalist country in the world than they did at any other time in the last fifty years—

REMEMBER that the masses were mobilized and driven to the charnel house of war with the cry that "We'll hang the Kaiser to a sour apple tree!" The Kaiser remains free and alive while millions rot in war graves, the Kaiser remains one of the wealthiest men in the world today. His place has been taken not by a democracy but by the Fascist regime of Hitler which makes the Junker regime of the pre-war Hohenzollerns look like child's play—

REMEMBER that the masses throughout the world went wild with enthusiasm on receiving the news of the Armistice and the promises of the war-lords of the belligerent countries that they would henceforward live in peace. Today every country—Germany as well as France; England as well as Italy; the United States as well as Japan—is engaged in a frenzied armaments race the like of which the world has never before seen—

REMEMBER the abominable lies which the rulers of every land told their people for the purpose of druging their minds with the poison of chauvinism and nationalism. The same lies, the same poison, are being disseminated at this very moment by the same rulers, who pursue the same aim—preparing docile cannon fodder for a new imperialist war—

REMEMBER that the "peace" which was established at Versailles after the Armistice was a monstrous lie—a brazen attempt to reduce the peoples of the defeated nations to the positions of slaves. It was this "peace" that contributed so mightily to the rise and triumph of Hitlerism in Germany and Austria—

REMEMBER also that even from the standpoint of the war-patriots, the millions *did* die in vain, for the defeated powers of yesterday once more threaten the preferential imperialist position of the victorious powers—the twenty years that have elapsed have only brought the imperialist rivalries and conflicts to the point at which they stood on the eve of the last World War—

REMEMBER that the infamous Versailles Treaty signed after the Armistice—which brought neither peace nor democracy—was supported by the Social Democratic parties and their International, the Second International, which supported the capitalist class in its war and which took upon itself the responsibility for the indefensible crime of the spurious "peace" and all its consequences—

REMEMBER that the Russian masses brought the war to an end, at least for themselves, a year before the imperialists signed their Armistice, and that they did it in the only effective way, by the revolutionary over-

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BELGIAN FOURTH INT'L CANDIDATES SCORE AT POLLS

Secure 7,000 Votes
And Eight Seats
in Communes

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
FLEU, Belgium, Oct. 22.—In the municipal elections held on Oct. 16, the Revolutionary Socialist Party, Belgian section of the Fourth International, polled nearly 7,000 votes and elected eight councillors in the heavy industrial districts of Borinage and Thudinie. Here in Fleu the party polled 1,513 votes, an absolute majority, electing six councillors. It was the first time in Belgium that a revolutionary party had ever won such a majority in any community. Never in its best days did the Communist Party equal this achievement.

Candidates of the Revolutionary Socialist Party were elected at Fleu, Wasmuel, and Gilly.

Fought Coalition

The party, which entered the electoral lists for the first time, conducted its campaign upon a solid, revolutionary, Bolshevik program under the banner of the Fourth International. Against it the Belgian Labor Party (P.O.B.), the Socialists, the Catholics, and the Rightists (Fascists) waged a ferocious campaign of slander.

At Fleu the party took five seats from the Labor Party and one from the capitalist parties. The Labor Party is now in a national union coalition. Its leader Paul-Henri Spaak, is premier. It conducted a particularly vicious campaign here to break the influence of the Revolutionary Socialist Party.

"Adventurers," boasted Cen Havron, local P.O.B. secretary, "on Oct. 16 we shall smash the foul beast of Trotskyism!" But the workers had other ideas. At the polls they gave our party an absolute majority!

P.O.B. Losses

In the elections as a whole the P.O.B. lost at least 71 seats, most of them to the extreme right. The Socialists gained in relation to the results of 1932 but showed no progress from its votes of 1936. In the working class districts these results clearly showed the growing disquiet and mistrust of the national union policy pursued by the P.O.B. and the Socialists.

In many places, especially at Pironechamps, in Thudinie, the P.O.B. conducted its campaign against us on the grounds that they promised "peace and tranquility" while we stood for revolution! The P.O.B. joined forces there with the most reactionary Catholic elements. It was an openly known fact that sisters in the Catholic schools drummed it into the heads of the children to go home and persuade their parents.

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Out With Batista!



COL. FULGENCIO BATISTA

LIMA CONFERENCE WILL SEAL LATIN AMERICAN PACTS

U. S. Is Seeking to
Consolidate Its
Hegemony

Spokesmen for the Roosevelt administration last week emphasized again that it is the aim of U.S. imperialism to knit the North and South American continents into a powerful economic, political, and military unit in preparation for the coming world war.

The approach of the Pan-American Conference, scheduled to take place at Lima, Peru, on Dec. 9 has been made the occasion for intensified propaganda for inter-continental "unity" under the aegis of the Yankee colossus.

Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles, maker and breaker of innumerable Latin American governments, declared in a special radio broadcast on Sunday:

For American Domination

"As a nation we will assure ourselves that we are in a position to defend ourselves from all aggression from whatever source it may arise, and to be prepared to join with our fellow-democracies of the New World in preserving the Western Hemisphere safe from any threat of attack."

This was a diplomatic way of saying once more that Washing-

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Roosevelt Bids Welcome To Butcher of Workers

Cuban Dictator, Who Rules by Terror,
Hailed as 'Democrat' by Local
Stalinist Party

President Roosevelt welcomes to the White House this week Col. Fulgencio Batista, dictator of Cuba and assassin of hundreds of Cuban working class militants.

Batista is welcomed by Roosevelt as an ally in the Pan-American system dominated by Yankee imperialism.

He also comes to this country hailed as a "democrat" and a "man of the people" by the Communist Party.

But what kind of welcome does Batista deserve from American workers?

Record of Terror

What kind of welcome would we give Hitler, Mussolini, or any of the other dictators who have been shot down, tortured, and imprisoned thousands of workers whose only crime was their desire to struggle for their own rights and their own interests?

Batista belongs to that crew. Not even the Communist Party, licking his boots now as a potential People's Front ally, can erase the record of murder and terror that is Batista's sole claim to power, or his record as the tool of Wall Street in keeping the Cuban masses chained to the chariot of U. S. imperialism.

"Democracy" In Cuba

Here are some facts about Batista's terror in Cuba, reported by Arthur Pincus, noted writer on Latin American subjects, in his pamphlet, "Terror in Cuba" issued by the Workers' Defense League in 1936. The facts he gives deal only with the period covering the first two years of Batista's one-man rule.

The same story of persecution and terror could be compiled for the two years that have since elapsed.

"How does the terror operate in Cuba? Torture, plus murder, is its chief stock in trade. Batista has adopted methods made infamous in Nazi Germany and added a few of his own invention. In all, about 400 workers, students, professors, labor leaders, editors, lawyers, and doctors have met death in the past two years at the hands of his army and military police—an average of about 18 a month, about five a week, about one every two days."

Shocking Tortures

Pincus told the story of the fate of Dr. Octavio Selgie, a Cuban nationalist, who was killed by Batista's henchmen and his body burned "to hide from the world the horrible tortures inflicted upon him." The body of Augustin Martinez Dominguez, murdered with Selgie, revealed "details shocking to human sensibilities. The fingernails of both

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Indochinese Authorities Close Trotskyist Journal

(Fourth International Press
Service)

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Sept. 30.—By a special decree dated Aug. 30, the French authorities at Hanoi, in Tonkin, suppressed the Annamite paper *Ngho-Mol*, organ of the Fourth Internationalists.

This measure, reflecting the complete suppression of freedom of the press in Annam and Tonkin, reveals the real significance of the decree just issued in Indo-China, smallest of the Indochinese provinces, granting limited liberty of the press in both French and Annamite languages.

This decree is obviously an experiment designed to facilitate the efforts of the petty bourgeois constitutionalists and Stalinists to

win the masses over to support of French imperialism in case of war. The authorities want to experiment with the possibility of conducting a campaign, aided by the Stalinists and the bourgeois parties, which will rally the Annamite workers to the imperialist banner.

To be sure, the revolutionists will take full advantage of this on their part. *La Lutte*, central organ of the Fourth Internationalists, published in French at Saigon, will probably be issued shortly in Annamite. Its purpose will be to see to it that the masses resist any attempt to herd them into a new slaughter on behalf of the French masters and to conduct the broadest campaign for real democratic rights won by the open struggle of the workers.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The recent meeting between Homer Martin, President, United Automobile Workers of America, and Harry Bennett, Personnel Manager of the Ford Motor Co., has given rise to a handful of rumors concerning an impending change of policy on the part of union-hater Henry Ford towards organized labor. To date there has been no definite and authentic information one way or another.

Irrespective of these rumors, it is obvious that a drive to organize Ford's is one of the major tasks before the U.A.W. and the C.I.O. Just as the top agreement between John Lewis and Myron Taylor did not automatically organize the workers of U.S. Steel, so no written compact between Ford and Martin will organize the 150,000 workers in the Ford plant.

In the adjoining columns, John Adamson, a prominent auto unionist, describes the history of past attempts to organize Ford's and suggests a plan for the execution of a new drive in the immediate future.

All of recent events dictate to the C.I.O. the stern necessity of returning to its great unfinished work—temporarily halted by the loss of the steel strike and the depreciation of the fall of 1937—of organizing the remaining army of America's unorganized workers. Looming in greatest importance

and significance is the organization of the 150,000 automobile workers employed at the Ford Motor Co.

Ford remains the only manufacturing of a union among his workers, who recognizes and deals with no committees and has

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Organization of South Is Major CIO Problem

Pittsburgh Con-
vention Must Launch
Drive

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Organizing the South was one of the biggest problems facing the American labor movement when the C.I.O. was formed in 1936. It is a major problem before the C.I.O. convention which opens here Monday.

Decentralization of Northern industry into the open shop southern states was accelerated as C.I.O. campaigns in the major industries met with success, and wages, hours and working conditions were improved for the industrial workers.

The recent rubber workers' convention took note of this grave situation, which made the open shop plants in the south the Achilles heel of C.I.O. unions.

So far, every attempt of the C.I.O. to unionize in Alabama, Georgia, etc., has been blocked by vicious terror, sluggings and use of national guardsmen in strikes.

Southern Miners Organized

The United Mine Workers succeeded in unionizing the major coal mines in Alabama after a campaign of truly heroic proportions. Bill Mitchell, S.W.O.C. southern director, was sent by the miners union in the early N.R.A. days to Alabama and aided by local leaders organized 30,000 miners.

"Carpetbaggers," "Communists," "Northern gangsters," "Nigger lovers," these were but a few of the invectives hurled at the miners and later other C.I.O. unionists for seeking to break the open shop stranglehold in the south.

Yet the militancy of the southern workers, when given serious direction, beat down these reactionary arguments. The C.I.O. gained a foothold in the south.

In 1937, the U.R.W.A. proposed to John L. Lewis that a joint C.I.O. drive be conducted in the south. Excursions by rubber, steel and other C.I.O. unions individually could not cope successfully with united front of the bosses and the politicians.

Major Drive Not Attempted

But a well planned, carefully outlined campaign was never seriously attempted. Today, Gadsden, Ala., home of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., a large steel plant, a large textile plant, still symbolizes the open shop city, where a union organizer's life is not safe and where unionist are hounded as in Nazi Germany, Memphis, Tenn., New Orleans, and other major centers are mainly unorganized.

The south must be organized. It is one of the most exploited sections of the country. This is

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Poll Shows Drift From New Deal

Labor Party Alone
Can Stem March
of Reaction

WORKERS MUST TAKE OWN PATH

A major drift, revealed only very incompletely in the specific shifts in elected candidates, proved on Tuesday that the New Deal demagoguery is losing its mass hold, and posed squarely and immediately the road of bold, independent working class politics as the only alternative to the triumphant advance of reaction.

The mighty New Deal wave which in 1936 rolled up for Roosevelt a majority unprecedented in American history receded in virtually every key state

Next week's SOCIALIST APPEAL will carry an exhaustive analysis of the current elections. Returns were incomplete, on Wednesday morning when this issue went to press.

to a minority or a bare and uncertain majority. In New York State, Lehman just squeezed under the wire with a plurality more than a million under Roosevelt's 1936 figure.

The outstanding feature of the elections was the shift in attitude of the middle classes, weather-cocks of the play of social forces. In 1936 the middle class vote went more than two-thirds for Roosevelt. On Tuesday the percentage was reversed. Disillusioned by the failure of the New Deal to solve the economic and social crisis, finding no clear political lead from the labor movement, and seduced by the bolder and more aggressive platform of open reaction, the middle classes swung heavily into the Republican column.

Workers and Middle Class
The proletarian vote, hamstrung and straight-jacketed by its official leadership, forbidden to strike out on its own, remained in decisive majority within the Democratic ticket, but, as the results in Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York prove, did so passively, without enthusiasm, and without the ability any longer to attract to itself the other sections of the population.

The key role of the shift in the middle class allegiance was indicated in a dozen ways throughout the course of the campaign. On the one hand was witnessed the flourishing of middle-class panaceas for the solution of the economic crisis: above all, the various pension plans which became issues especially in New England and the West, espoused in many cases by the eager Republicans.

On the other hand, the campaign in several bitterly fought States saw the entry of tendencies far more reactionary than any which have heretofore played a part in American politics, which in their own way were equally designed for the attraction of middle-class support. In the Far West there were the anti-union bills placed on the ballot. In up-state New York the main burden of the campaign against Lehman was carried by anti-Semitism. In every village, town, and hamlet, huge posters called on the citizens to "Vote American," and no one had the slightest doubt about the meaning of the slogan.

American Popular Frontism
The election thus serves as a judgment on the American, New Deal form of Popular Frontism. The argument that the working

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Organize the Ford Motor Co.!

By JOHN ADAMSON

The star of the C.I.O. shone brightest in the days following the great General Motors strike. As never before, the workers were aroused out of their lethargy and imbued with new daring and confidence. In those days, anybody with a batch of application blanks in his coat pocket and a lead pencil could organize workers. They streamed into the unions by the thousands, displaying a passion long pent up to destroy the tyranny of the open shop.

It seemed, at that time, as if nothing could stop the swift advance of the C.I.O. and that it was only a matter of time, until that organization would completely dominate the labor movement of America. Those were the days when the members of the moribund A. F. of L. Executive Council were waiting hourly for the death knell that was to usher them out of the position of leadership they had maintained for a decade over the American labor movement.

DEFEAT IN "LITTLE STEEL"

Then came the disastrous strike in "Little Steel." No proper preparations were made nor systematic plans devised how to fight

the determined masters of Little Steel. But the C.I.O. thought they did not need any plans or preparations. Roosevelt was their ace in the hole who would win the steel strike for them in a pinch. When Tom Girdler and his minions declared war on the union, the leadership became bewildered and helpless under the assault. The incompetent and pusillanimous leadership of Phil Murray left the steel workers defenseless before the cruel blows of the vigilante gangs and the National Guard. The unions in the plants of Little Steel were, for the time being, wiped out.

With its prestige heavily shattered by the ignominious defeat,

the C.I.O. lost the momentum of its splendid offensive. The faith of the workers was shaken in the organization they had believed invincible. Fear for their jobs, the deadliest of all poisons with which the rulers keep their slaves in subjection, again obsessed them. The C.I.O. began its slow retreat before the employers' offensive and has been retreating ever since.

NEW UPSWING; NEW TASKS

The Committee for Industrial Organization was first established for the avowed purpose of organizing the workers of the hitherto unorganized mass production industries. The economic crisis, which put all of its unions on the defensive, is now beginning to lift and will continue to lift, but pressed as it is by the new armament program of the Roosevelt administration. The shops are beginning to call back their workers and the latter are again regaining their old confidence and ability to resist the offensive of the employers.