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The Main Enemy In Latin America

AN EDITORIAL

Who is the main enemy of the peoples of the Latin American nations?

The answer to this question is not to be found in the flowery rhetoric now issuing from the rostrum at the Lima Conference, nor in the elegant broadcasts through which the Conference was built up, nor in the shameless dispatches and editorials of the *Daily Worker*.

The answer is to be discovered in the hard, cold, sober statistics of investment and trade, and in the harsh facts of the political histories of the twenty Latin American countries.

And there is not the slightest doubt about the true answer: the main enemy of the peoples of the Latin American nations is the United States Government, its Yankee Imperialism.

It is Yankee Imperialism, guided by the gloved fists of "good neighbors" Roosevelt and Hull, that occupies the dominant position in Latin American trade. United States commerce with Latin America is more than twice the amount of its nearest competitor.

In spite of the difficulties in estimation caused by the fiscal chaos of the past decade, the figures prove that the United States capital investment in Latin America now totals far above that of any other power.

In the deep, stifling mines of Peru and Mexico, on the oil fields of Venezuela and Colombia, in the jungles of Central America, on the sugar plantations of Cuba and Puerto Rico, the starved and miserable people of Latin America sweat their life-blood away for the great Wall Street corporations: for the United Fruit Company, Cerro da Pasco, Anaconda Copper, Standard Fruit, American Sugar Refining, Standard Oil of New Jersey, the Texas Company.

After suitable bribes to the puppet officials of the local governments, governments made and unmade at will by these same corporations and the U. S. State Department—aided when necessary by the Marines and the Navy—the dishonored profits find their way back into the coffers of America's Sixty Families.

Yankee Imperialism, which has only since the War moved into first place among the brigands, is not of course without rivals for so juicy a prize. The two important contenders are: British imperialism and German imperialism; the other powers, including the much talked about Italy and Japan, are altogether minor factors.

In the total of capital investment, Britain is close behind the United States, and dominates several of the nations, especially the important Argentina. In volume of trade Great Britain and Germany have been running neck and neck during the past few years, with Germany now slightly ahead—the trade of both together totalling less than that of the United States alone.

Control of the Latin American market is absolutely essential to United States economy. Deprived of this outlet, the U. S. capitalist economy would collapse overnight. U. S. capitalist economy can continue in operation only on the backs of the Latin American peoples.

To keep control of this market, essential to its existence. U. S. imperialism is prepared to employ any means: diplomacy, graft, the creation and destruction of local governments, armed intervention, intensive propaganda, and, finally, war against any and all imperialist rivals.

This is the real background of the Lima Conference.

All the talk about "democracy," "the American system," "peace," is so much bellywash. What Yankee Imperialism cares about Democracy and peace is shown by the record: by the ravaging of Puerto Rico, the armed robbery of Panama from Colombia, the U. S. troops scouring Mexico for Villa and the Navy bombing Vera Cruz, the bloody Cuban governments of Machado and Batista directed by the U. S. ambassador, the marines pillaging Nicaragua in their campaign to exterminate Sandino.

What the native imperialist stewards, jockeying for the highest bids among the great powers, care about democracy and peace is shown with a grim enough irony by the fact that among the entire twenty nations, there are only two that approximate a democratic government and three others with a pitiful minimum of democratic rights; the remainder are bloody terrorizing dictatorships.

Yankee Imperialism, the main enemy of the Latin American peoples, is the same enemy that faces the workers of the United States in their struggle for a decent life. The Latin American peoples are the chief allies of the workers of the United States in the common struggle. The fate of the workers here is inseparably bound up with the struggle of the Latin American peoples for freedom, against the imperialist yoke.

We must expose relentlessly, day in and day out, the monstrous hypocrisy whereby Roosevelt and Hull, with the aid of their liberal and reformist and Stalinist allies, strive through such projects as the Lima Conference to enlist the Latin American peoples as pawns of Yankee Imperialism in its world contest with its imperialist challengers.

We must join forces with the Latin American peoples on the basis of the sole progressive perspective, the sole effective program: the struggle against the world imperialist system as a whole, and above all the struggle against United States imperialism, the main and direct enemy of the masses of the two Americas.

The "Democratic Front" In Latin America



The Pan-American Conference met at Lima last week in the richly decorated Peruvian Chamber of Deputies which "had not been used since that day in 1936 when President Benavides dissolved both the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, ending parliamentary government in Peru." (New York Herald Tribune, Dec. 10.) And it was President Benavides who welcomed the delegates at their opening session and in his speech "emphasized the tradition of 'American international democracy' and the 'moral solidarity' of the New World." Across most of Latin America—the blackened and shaded portions shown in the map above—millions are ground under heel by brutal dictatorships while in an unused parliament building their rulers meet under the hollow slogan of "international democracy"! These are the realities behind the phrases at Lima!

Jobless Occupy Relief Bureaus; Demand Food for Children

WPA SLASHED--FDR XMAS GIFT

By BILL MORGAN
More than 55,000 working class children in New York City will celebrate Christmas week by going without their only square meals—the lunches served by WPA workers. This branch of the WPA is being discontinued. More than 1,500 workers on the Federal Arts Project are to be fired by January first. (Merry Xmas! from F.D.R.)

In New Jersey, workers are being fired because they are "too old to work" and told to apply for old age pensions. These "old timers" point out that the pensions are about one-third the present WPA wage. Furthermore, it takes nearly eight weeks before the application is accepted for a pension and then takes another nine or ten weeks before any action is taken. In the meantime these workers may be evicted or have their credit stopped in the grocery stores. Several such cases already exist. Even the Governor of New Jersey is upset about it and has written a frantic but futile letter to the smiling F.D.R. begging for some assistance in order that the state may escape the responsibility for these old workers.

The Buck Is Passed
In New York City that famous "friend of labor"—Mayor La Guardia—kicks the whole question (Continued on Page 2)

NEW YORK.—Two hundred working-class families, tired of the continual delay and red tape of the Home Relief Bureaus, have taken possession of two relief offices and are determined to remain on a sitdown strike until the necessary food and clothing for their children is provided.

The children are on strike with their parents, and all attempts by the Children's Protective Society and two hundred policemen under Captain Lobdell to evict them have been repulsed. Barricades built in the Bureaus and defense squads of workers on the outside have prevented the cops from moving a single worker from the bureaus.

"We are going to remain here until Christmas unless the proper shoes and coats are provided for our children. The sight of naked children would be a shocking picture for Santa Claus, wouldn't it?" declared Otto Poppovitch, President of the Jamaica Unemployed League.

The relief officials have turned off the heat in the bureaus, locked the fire exits and wash rooms, and have refused to allow food to be sent into the strikers. A picket line has been thrown around both bureaus—in Jamaica, Long Island and on West 16th Street in New York City.

to keep the child in a shelter run by the city. A recent reduction of fifty cents on the coal allowance for each unemployed family is an indication of the policy to be pursued by the LaGuardia administration. In homes dependent upon coal for heat this will mean further misery for the jobless.

Burnham Sees Long Step Forward in Twice-Weekly

By JAMES BURNHAM
If we were a publishing house, we would discuss the question of a twice-weekly paper merely as a business venture. We would argue about whether it would make more or less money, whether there is a sufficient market, whether advertising would increase, and the like.

We are not a publishing house, but a political party. This means that we approach every publishing venture, and every other enterprise as well, in terms of political aims and needs. This is a fact of primary importance, one sometimes overlooked even by ourselves. We must take care never to regard our publications as simply commercial or literary or cultural institutions.

Our publications are above all political weapons; and in the final analysis they are perhaps our strongest and most decisive weapons. They bind us together as a united army; they strike our hardest blows; they are our daily and never-tiring organizers.

This is why the project for a twice-weekly APPEAL is for us, modest as the action may seem in the light of the world crisis, an event of the first political magnitude. To carry it out successfully means to take a major political step forward, to enter an altogether new stage in political development. This step we must all understand, in turn, as only the prologue to the crucial test that we must place resolutely in the close future: the advance to a fighting daily. Forward, then, to the twice-weekly APPEAL, on the road to the daily!

FRANCE IS MAIN AXIS OF COMING EVENTS ABROAD

Uneasy Interlude Precedes Open Struggle

Events in Europe during the next few months will depend largely upon what happens in France.

Even the capitalist press understands now that France is headed for a change in regime. It recognizes that Daladier is paving the way for the abandonment of the so-called democratic institutions and is speculating only on the time and method of the change.

Uneasy Interlude

The immediate situation in France is that of an uneasy interlude. In the Chamber of Deputies last week Daladier won a slim majority based exclusively upon the center and right. In a situation of crisis such as continues to exist in France, this tight parliamentary balance simply reflects the approach of momentous events outside of parliament.

That Daladier, the French General Staff, and the Fascist gangs are preparing for this change we know quite well. Whether the workers will be prepared on their part to meet this menace to their organized existence is the crucial question now. The whining of the Socialist, Stalinist, and trade union bureaucrats will not avail but will only make it easier for Daladier, or whoever succeeds him, to put the Fascist program over.

The formation of workers' committees of action and the creation of workers' defense guards and the broadest agitation on the direct issue of struggle for power, for the establishment of a workers' and peasants' government—this is the path urged by the revolutionists of the Workers' International Party (Fourth International). And along this path alone lies the hope of defeating the Fascist offensive.

Meanwhile on the international scene Hitler is taking full advantage of the internal instability of France—whom he now considers neutralized by its weakness and by his strength. The drive to the east continues. The Nazis turned in one of their 99 percent votes in Memel—now held by Lithuania—and the familiar agitation for return to the Reich is now in full swing there.

A Fascist state in France will entirely transform the situation—but so will a Soviet France, the first in terms of a new imperialist slaughter, the second in terms of renewed hopes for snatching the masses of Europe from the maw of the Fascist barbarians. That is the political axis that concerns us all the most clearly and the most urgently.

300,000 Refugees Demand Entry Here; Storm Consulates

Victims of Nazi Persecution Plead in Berlin, Vienna, and Naples for Asylum in U. S.

Three hundred thousand Germans have registered at American consulates in Germany in Paris, Prague, Naples and other European cities. Three hundred thousand victims of Nazi persecution, pleading for asylum in America.

Those who, having managed to get out of Germany, thought they had found peace in Czechoslovakia and France, now find most of the remnants of Czechoslovakia completely Nazified, and the Daladier government conducting a veritable reign of terror against "foreigners," i.e. refugees.

Italy has ordered all foreign-born Jews to emigrate within three months; more than 3,000 Jewish refugees, most of them having fled from Austria after its annexation by Germany, are besieging the American consulate in Naples. Of 4,200 refugees applying there for visas, only 420 have received them.

Out of the depth of their despair, the refugees cry to us for help.

Help they must have, the help of the American labor movement and of every honest believer in asylum, for the bars put up against immigration by Congress limit the entry of German-born refugees to 23,370 annually. If this law remains in force, it will take the 300,000 refugees already registered at consulates—not to mention the rest of the 700,000 German Jews and three hundreds of thousands of other refugees—thirteen years to enter America!

That law must be made away with, if the lives of a whole generation are to be saved.

The campaign to lift all restrictions and quota limitations for German refugees is getting under way, initiated by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees and cooperating working class organizations.

Resolutions directed to the forthcoming session of Congress, demanding removal of immigration restrictions, have been adopted by a number of trade unions. Among those which have already acted are General Drive (Continued on Page 3)

BANKERS TURN OMAHA INTO A HARLAN COUNTY

Drivers' Strike Continues Despite Boss Terror

OMAHA.—"The Harlan county of the trucking industry"—that is what union men all over the country are calling Omaha. Just as the coal operators selected the most reactionary spot they could find as the weak link in the national miners' organization, so the trucking operators have selected Omaha in the hope of cracking the teamsters here and then using disorganized Omahans as the pretext for not observing the contract elsewhere.

Now in its fourteenth week, the Nebraska teamsters' strike is not a local issue, but the test of the strength of the Teamsters International in enforcing the 11-state contract, establishing a closed shop and uniform wage of 75 cents an hour for all over-the-road drivers in the North Central Area, which was signed by employers' representatives in Chicago in October.

Anything Goes in Omaha

Anything goes in Omaha. The bosses are aided by the anti-picketing law of Nebraska, but supplement this with brazen lawlessness. Checks sent by the Teamsters International cannot be cashed at local banks. The Omaha National Bank even refused to cash a cashier's check from the Kansas City National Bank!

Landlords, furniture and clothing proprietors who sell on credit, auto companies, etc., have been called into meetings by the bankers and industrialists and ordered to demand immediate payment for all goods from strikers. Hundreds of strikers have, as a result, come to the union pleading for assistance to prevent the loss of their few possessions.

When the International and neighboring locals came to the aid of the strikers, the banks refused to cash the checks. But with the aid of Local 41 of Kansas City, the cash was secured and the strikers aided in time.

Deny Strikers Relief

Magaret, local welfare head and brother-in-law of the ringleader of the truck operators, has refused all relief to strikers on their families, disregarding the ruling of the county attorney that the families are entitled to relief.

On any pretext the police carry out mass arrests; one pretext was the shooting of a union man! Scabs and strikebreakers go about openly armed.

Back-to-work movements, inciting farmers against the strike—every conceivable device has been (Continued on Page 2)

TOLEDO CIO ASKS OPEN DOOR FOR JEWISH REFUGEES

Drivers' Cooperation Stops Work; Bosses Sign Up

(Special to Socialist Appeal)
TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Over 100 delegates representing 35 local C.I.O. unions at the Toledo Industrial Union Council tonight unanimously adopted a resolution calling on President Roosevelt and the State Department "to immediately offer asylum in the United States by lifting all restrictions and quota limitations to the refugee victims of Fascism."

The resolution came before the Council through the medium of Local 29, United Office and Professional Workers, WPA Division where it was passed unanimously two weeks previously. Ted Sealand, delegate from the U.O. P.W.A. local, spoke briefly for the resolution, following which it was passed. The Stalinists failed to open their mouths on this question.

Whereas, the oppression and dispossession of the entire Jewish population of Germany, comprising over half a million men, women and children, has shocked the whole civilized world; The resolution follows:

Whereas, this terrible reversion to the Dark Ages and barbarism (Continued on Page 3)

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