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JACKSON 'CONFESSION' SHOWS GPU HAND IN TROTSKY MURDER

In Honor Of Leon Trotsky

Follows Familiar Pattern Of The Moscow Trials

Letter Found On Assassin Sounds Like A Page Out Of The Moscow Trial Record

Stalin's GPU has written its own signature under the crime of the assassination of Leon Trotsky.

From the person of "Frank Jackson", the assassin, Mexican police took a document purporting to be a "confession" prepared in advance of the fatal assault on Trotsky.

As always, the crude agents of Stalin's terror gang had over-reached themselves.

They designed Jackson's "confession" to cover up their tracks.

Instead it becomes documentary evidence which convicts Stalin of the crime beyond any possibility of doubt.

Similar blunders glared again and again out of the record of the universally discredited Moscow trials of 1936, 1937, and 1938. The planting of the Jackson "confession" tops them all. With the

Trotsky's Body Cremated, U. S. Refused Entry

100,000 Workers and Peasants Honor Body

MEXICO CITY, August 27 — Leon Trotsky's body became ashes this afternoon in the crematory of the government-owned Panteon cemetery, in the presence of Natalia, Albert Goldman and Trotsky's secretaries.

Cremation took place after all hope was given up today that Secretary of State Cordell Hull would change his previous decision and permit the body to be brought to New York for a mass funeral.

After the State Department's refusal was published, Albert Goldman on Sunday sent the following telegram to Secretary Hull:

"If press report your refusal to permit bringing Trotsky's body to United States is true I consider action without authority in law and highly arbitrary. If you fear burial in United States I state that purpose of bringing body is to hold memorial meeting in New York to honor memory of great historic figure and to protest his murder by Stalin's GPU. Body will be brought back to Mexico for burial in only country in the world granting Trotsky political asylum in his last years thus living up to liberal tradition. Ask that you reconsider refusal and grant permission immediately to bring body or ashes."

But Washington remained adamant in its refusal to permit Trotsky's body even temporary presence in the United States. Unofficially it was indicated that there would not even be a reply to Goldman's telegram, the State Department standing on its previous statement of refusal, made in answer to a query from the American consulate in Mexico city.

The great "democracy", like all the other imperialist powers, had refused Trotsky a place of asylum in his lifetime. And it refused him even a day's grace in death. The spectacle of the streets of New York filled with mourners for the man who symbolized world revolution was one which the

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"confessions" in the Moscow trials, Stalin convicted himself of the murders of the men who, with Lenin and Trotsky, led the Bolsheviks to victory in the October revolution. With the "confession" of Jackson, Stalin brands himself the murderer of Trotsky.

This colossal blunder, like those that pockmarked the Moscow trials, was inevitable.

The GPU was compelled by Stalin's needs to embody in any statement by the murderer additional "verification" of the charges made against Trotsky in the Moscow trials. The universal rejection of the "confessions" and other Moscow Trial "documents", by which Stalin sought to justify his murder of the men who made the revolution with Lenin, was the beginning of the end of Stalin. Hence at every point since then, Stalin has sought to bolster the verdicts of the Moscow trials with additional "confessions" and "evidence".

Hence the contents, the style, the very phrasing of Jackson's

The full text of the assassin's confession is published on page 3 of this issue.

son's "confession" follows a certain pattern, easily recognized by those who possess even a slight acquaintance with the GPU's methods in the Moscow trials.

A POLICE MIND WROTE IT

A police mentality dictated this "confession". Possessed of consummate skill in the preparation of its numerous attempts to murder Trotsky, in the planning of the most minute details of a murder, this police mentality is hopelessly limited when it comes to ideological questions.

Hence the GPU agents who wrote the confession could think of nothing except to follow slavishly the pattern already laid down by the GPU in Moscow in the Moscow trials. Where they added to that pattern (as we shall see below) they added only items already elaborated previously by the Stalinist press.

Let us now go over the "confession" point by point and we shall see how stupid a fabrication it is.

1. It will be remembered that practically all of the "defendants" and GPU agents in the Moscow trials claimed to have been originally admirers of Trotsky. All of them claimed to have become disillusioned when they found out that Trotsky was allegedly motivated only by personal hatred of Stalin. All of them were supposed to have been asked by Trotsky to go to Russia and murder Stalin. All of them supposedly found out that Trotsky was in league with some government hostile to the Soviet Union.

HITLER NO LONGER NAMED

Jackson repeats the formula. The slight variations he introduces are precisely those necessitated by the change in Stalin's foreign policy since the Moscow Trials. At that time Stalin was for "collective security" against Hitler; therefore the "confessions" then had the defendants in league with Hitler. Now, however, Hitler is Stalin's partner; hence it is no longer the Hitler government with which Trotsky is supposed to be in league but instead "a great nation and a certain foreign parliamentary committee"—an obvious reference to the United States government and the Dies Committee.

2. Jackson's reference to Trotsky's alleged proposal that he go to Russia to organize the murder of Stalin is practically a word for word repetition of the statement made by almost every defendant in the Moscow Trials.

The John Dewey Commission which investigated those trials

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Trotsky, the warrior of the workers' revolution, as commander of the Red Army in 1918-1922.

TROTSKY MEMORIAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Memorial meetings in honor of Leon Trotsky were held during the last week in New York City, Newark (New Jersey), Boston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Reports of these meetings will appear in next week's APPEAL.

Below we list the time and place of several memorial meetings which will be held during the coming week. Other announcements of memorial meetings will be published next week.

DETROIT MEMORIAL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 4 Doty Hall
8 P. M. 8647 Woodward Ave. Detroit
Speaker: JULES GELLER,
Secretary Michigan District, S. W. P.
Motion picture film of Trotsky in Mexico
Hear a recording of a speech by Trotsky

CHICAGO MEMORIAL MEETING

Friday, August 30 Midland Hotel
8 P. M. 172 W. Adams St., Chicago
Speaker: MAX GELDMAN,
Minneapolis labor leader, just released after serving
sentence at Sandstone Federal Prison as a leader of
the famous WPA strike.

ALLENTOWN MEMORIAL MEETING

Sunday, September 1 Labor Temple Hall
2:30 P. M. Allentown, Pa.

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL MEETING

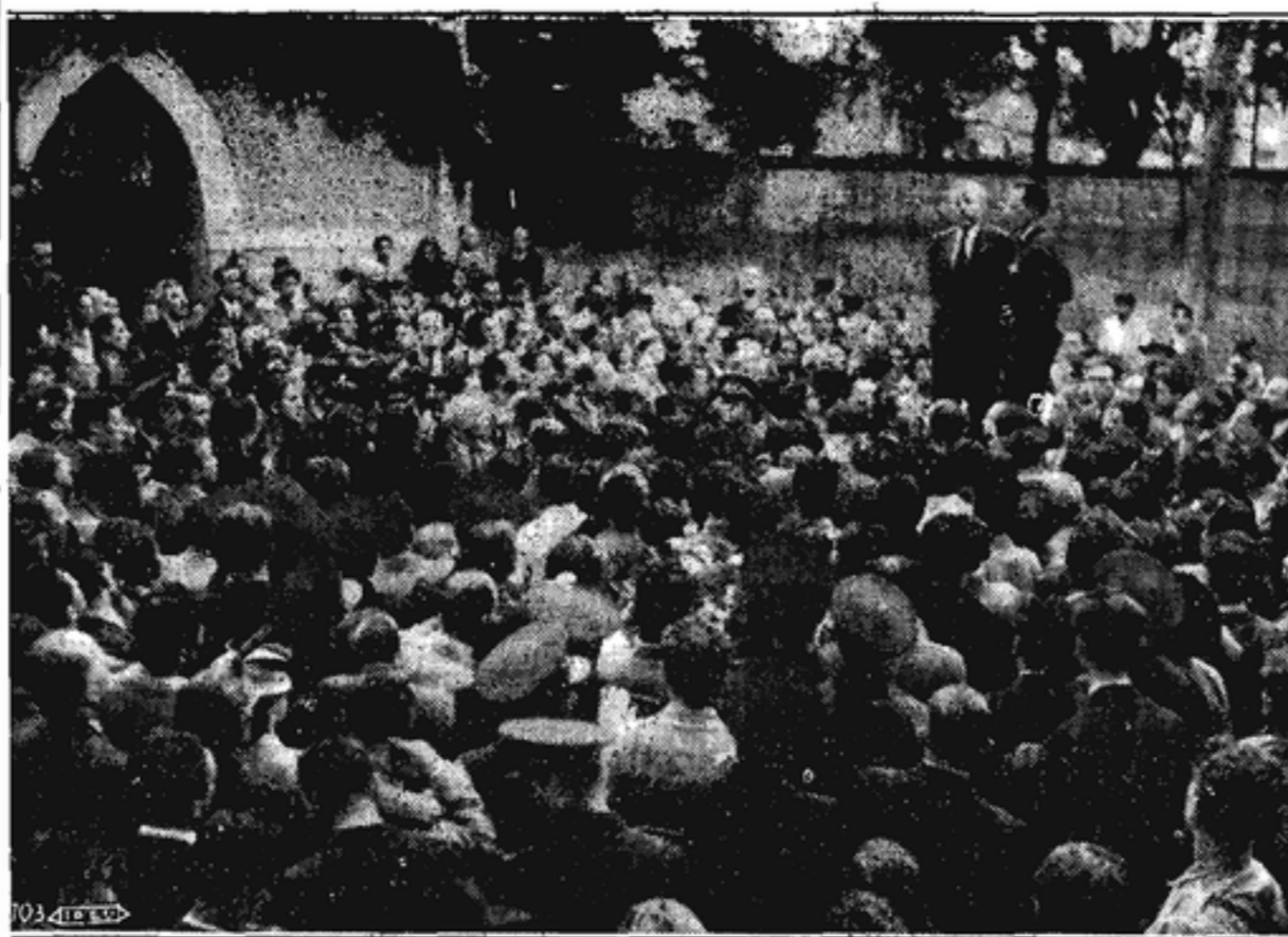
Friday, September 6 Hotel Allerton
8 P. M. Cleveland, Ohio
Speaker: DAVID STEVENS,
District Secretary S. W. P.
Motion Picture Film of Trotsky
Phonograph Record of Trotsky Speech

TOLEDO MEMORIAL MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 5 Secor Hotel
8 P. M. Toledo, Ohio
Speaker: ART PREIS

YOUNGSTOWN MEMORIAL MEETING

Sunday, September 8 Central Auditorium
2:30 P. M. 225 W. Boardman St.
Youngstown, Ohio
Recording of Trotsky's Speech
Motion Pictures of Trotsky in Mexico



Great throngs did honor to the remains of Leon Trotsky in Mexico City last week. Representatives of the Mexican Government joined with those of Mexican workers' organizations in the final tributes. Top photo shows Albert Goldman, Trotsky's attorney, delivering the funeral oration. With him is Adolfo Zamora, editor of the Marxist review *Clave*. Middle photo: Mexican workers mount guard at the bier. Lower left: Part of the crowd that demonstratively came out for the funeral service.

Chilean Workers Denounce Stalin As the Murderer

The following cable appeared in the New York Times, August 23.

SANTIAGO, Chile, August 22 — Leon Trotsky's death caused a stir here today in a section of the masses where he had many supporters. Members of the Revolutionary Workers party and the International Workers party paraded the streets last night visiting newspaper offices and voicing protests.

A committee composed of leaders repudiated Joseph Stalin's methods throughout the world, asserting his agents were responsible for the crime