# Yankee Imperialism Is the Main Enemy in Latin America

(Continued from Page 1) necessities of a war. Most of these materials are to be found in the bia, Mexico, etc.

Cannon-fodder too

experts greedily eye: man, can-ica!

## American Totalitarianism The political and military ob- | however, who can believe that

in raw materials and markets, in Mediterranean? This pretext was ideology and politics, in foreign unmasked for their own purposes relations, in military missions, by the representatives of "demowar supplies, naval and air lines cratic" English imperalism at and bases, in military prepara- Lima, the Argentine degates. tions. Washington wants no other powers - not even "democratic" France! - to maintain military It even leases war vessels to capitals with the objective of molding their military mechanmilitary, naval or aviation miscoming in other countries; they do not instruct, nor will they instruct, the forces of these counfries in the special problems of their own defense, but aim to creto Rico. All this is geared into democracy can these governments

A Flimsy Alibi

Under world conditions today, them in power.

rest of the Western Hemisphere. Today, in fact, its immediately abroad) invested in the mines, Among these raw materials are available trained manpower is su-Canadian nickel, Bolivian tin, perior to that of the Yankee rubber, manganese, Brazilian and metropolis! Washington stimates concessions and plantations which Columbian coffee, Argentine wool, that Latin America can immedi-Chilean nitrate, Mexican silver, ately put into the field more than petroleum from Venzuela, Colom- a million men with military training. This means that, as soon as war breaks out, the very first Latin-American contains anoth- shots will initiate payment to er raw material of primary im- Uncle Sam of blood tribute by the portance which American military oppressed peoples of Lain Amer-

jectives of Wall Street in Latin threat is imminent, when we see America are totalitarian, embel- Japan entirely absorbed in China, lished though they are by Roose- Germany geared to the Herculean veltian democracy. Washington task of devouring Easiern Eurseeks a monopoly in everything: ope, and Italy preoccuped in the tradiction upon contradiction. It pare the way for fascism. If the

No, these sensational prepara- payment for old debts, the end of tions are not for defersive pur- exchange control by the Latin poses. That pretext merely serves American governments, and the missions in Latin America. Wash- to delude American workers and immediate handing over of Wall ington obliges the Latin American to frighten the peoples and gov- Street credits now frozen in countries, one after another, to ernments of Latin America into Latin American banks for lack of dispense with long-established seeking shelter under the wings exchange. As if this were not European military, naval or avia- of the Yankee eagle. If these enough, Wall Street tries to de- ly prepare for the transition to America from such an invasion. tion missions and to establish arms, apart from their use in the prive these countries of their tranew, exclusively American ones. coming inter-imperialist war, are ditional markets for products employed in Latin America, they which America also produces Brazil. The old plan for a second will be used there, when the (wheat, cotton, sugar, etc.). The canal, in Nicaragua, is taken from necessity arises, to crush revolu- catalogue is not complete without the archives. Military aides are tionary mass movements for na- referring to the reprisals and sent to all the Latin American tional independence in the semi- boycotts organized by Wall colonial countries! The Yankee Street against any country imperialists cannot be defenders which, like Mexico, dares to exisms into the strategic plans elab- of those peoples of whom they propriate imperialist concessions. orated in Washington. American are the principal exploiters and Wall Street cannot but strangle sions are already operating in which listens to the mermaid song eggs. Brazil, Argentina. Peru, Haiti, of Washington! That song is as Guatema, Columbia, and they are deceiving as the tunes emanating from Berlin, London, Tokyo, Paris or Rome.

#### Democracy Stretches

The enslaved peoples of Latin ate strategic bases for the war America cannot but feel a sarcasplans of American imperialism tic note in the call for common Cuba already is nothing more defense of democracy issued by than an outpost of the American | Roosevelt-Hull to the Latin-Amernaval system, as much so as Por- ican governments. What sort of Roosevelt's gigantic armament defend, the satrapies of Getulio program, for which we are being Vargas, Benevides, Somosa, Trucalled upon to provide astro- jillo, Batista and Company? Today they are the devoted lackeys' of Wall Street, but tomorrow they The pretext for building this will unhesitatingly sell themselves tremendous apparatus is a threat to Hitler or to the Mikado, if the by a foreign totalitarian power. switch would serve to continue

## What They Mean by Democracy

The defense of "democratic" in- | year it rose again to 34.4% for the stitutions means concretely to whole of Latin America - more Washington two things: the eradi- than the combined imports from cation of German-Nipponese com- Great Britain, Germany, Japan petition and the preservation of and Italy. But Germany-practhe concessions and privileges of tically eliminated in 1920 as a the big American trusts against consequence of the war - has the bourgeois-nationalist indepen- meanwhile pushed into second dence movements exemplified by place ahead of England and has Toro in Bolivia and Cardenas in become, thanks to its methods of

phrases is the determination to States, seeking to open a breach assure the monopoly of Latin-America's markets. The constant turmoil and the growing political and economic restrictions in the petitors, Wall Street raises the European and Asiatic markets liberal slogan of return to Iree makes the Latin American mar- commerce; in actual content, howkets ever more important to Wall ever, that slogan gives Latin Street. Latin America now takes America the same status as was 20% of all American exports. De- held by the American colonies spite its supremacy in commercial when they did not have the right relations with the twenty south- to trade except with the British ern republics since 1918, the crown, As for the "defense of in-United States feels itself threat- ternational law," it means simply ened by competitors and, as a that in spite of the fictitious sovmatter of fact, during the last ereignty of the dependent nations two years did lose first place in of the New World, the Yankees five of the principal countries of reserve for themselves the right Latin America (Mexico, Brazil, to intervene in the internal life of etc.). The American share of these states to restore, if neces-South American importing mar- sary by force, the privileges and kets was 44% in 1920, but that fig- monopolies that they enjoy there, ure decreased to 30% in 1928; last or to impose new ones.

control, subsidies, etc., the most Behind Roosevelt's sonorous serious competitor of the United in the zone of Yankee monopoly.

Slogans Hide Reality To defend itself against its com-

The Right to Be Squeezed

non fodder. The potential man- | dends, interest and super-profits power reserves of LatinAmerica on the five billion dollars (40% of equal those of the United States. America's total investments petroleum, public services, electricity, meat packing, territorial constitute the key positions in the economic life of Latin America.

> The gentlemen of Wall Street gree of "democrats" and "anti- of the imperialist cliques. fascists" to dictators like Vargas and Benevides, while they insinuate through the kept press that Cardenas favors fascism.

#### Knows No Limit

In squeezing the Latin American lemon, Wall Street piles conkets, but at the same time drains these countries, demands prompt

## Fight Is Against Imperialism!

Latin American masses will not allow themselves to be guped indespite the efforts of dollar dipomacy to stifle it.

It must be stressed that the contagious. They move to block in general but imperialism. Fas-

Enemy Is At Home In the advanced democratic countries, not to struggle above all against your own national capitalist class and its "democratic" governments, means not ploiters. to defend democracy but to preobliges the tributary countries to examples of Italy, Germany, Austhat rule most of Latin America buy only in the American mar- tria, and Spain did not suffice, are maintained by the support into its own coffers the gold of Of Czechoslovakia and France. London, the imperialist capitals.

In the dependent and semicolonial countries of Latin Amerto abandoning the anti-imperial- ica the fight against fascism is ist struggle, which will continue finance capital - i.e., American lion's share and is the chief imperialism oppressing the two conare terrified by the danger that principal enemy of the Latin tinents-and its native agents. the Mexican example will prove American peoples is not fascism The Latin American capitalists, far from being able to lead a the road to more audacious ex- cism in Latin America is only struggle for the independence of propriations. They grant the de- one of the uniforms used by one their countries, simply become agents of Yankee imperialism. The liberation of Latin America

against their own immediate ex-

Dictators Backed by U. S. The reactionary dictatorships we now have the fresh examples they get from Washington or Czech democracy quietly and au- The danger of a Nazi, Italian, or tomatically transformed itself in- Japanese invasion of Peru, Arto fascism. In France the much- gentina, or Nicaragua does not acclaimed chief of the People's lie in a spectacular armed inva-Front, Daladier, decided almost sion by the armies and navies of overnight, with the complete sup- the totalitarian powers. The riport of his party, to begin the re- valries among the imperialist actionary offensive and conscious- bandits serve to protect Latin fascism. The same process of In order to make a landing on democratic degeneration will in- the coast of Brazil, Germany evitably take place in this coun- would first have to destroy the try unless the American workers American fleet, and probably the succeed in overthrowing the cap- British as well. But their chances italists and establishing a Work- of doing that are still remote.

## Fascist Danger Is At Home

The immediate danger of fas-1 nourished by the patronage of cist domination in Latin America American imperialism and by the oppressors. Woe to any people the goose that lays its golden is internal. It rears its head in fact that the Latin American each and every country. It is countries are transformed into



Only a few days after the Lima Conference came to an end huzzas for the united front of the American democracies—the black splotches on the map show those countries actually ruled by grinding dictatorships—the New York Times correspondent suddenly revealed that at Lima the dictator- Latin American peoples and their crumbs cast to them by the im-In essence, Secretary Hull calls exploits in Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, ship of President Benavides had actually submitted the conference delegates to a kind of reign of most popular leaders (the Haya perialists from their feasts at the persons" aiding Drivers Local 348. upon the Latin American states Nicaragua, etc.—the right to col- terror. The Times headlined "censorship, intimidation and espionage" at Lima and the correspondent de la Torres, Grau San Martins, expense of the Latin American to concede the right of Wall lect, with machine guns and can-detailed a lengthy account of how Benavides had hounded the newsmen at the conference to prevent Groves, etc.) the idea that the peoples. Street to repeat its past infamous nons when required -- the divi- any news of an anti-Fascist character from being sent abroad!

#### Why Truth Comes Out

Moscow Frameups Bared By Ukraine G.P.U. Trial the murderous onslaught of the degenerate bureaucracy against all its potential enemies let loose not achieved their aim. Finally, The fact that the trials were not istration in every sphere-everynates from Moscow officials and Chekist (G.P.U.) with contempt- police and cause their downfall. curity, for its own power and extortion methods are kept se- from destruction.

> The ruling clique is therefore are still to be used in future reassure the people, or at least

The Kiev trial was attended by Socialist Appeal

indeed, by any measures which No doubt these confessions, too, the bureaucracy itself can underhad to be extorted by those very take. Nothing but the removal of ling" which the authorities were vival of the Soviet and the estabscribed in the courtroom. The party can save the Soviet Union

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When petty bourgeois nationalist leaders like Haya de la Torre or Grau San Martin, or "socialist" leaders like Grove, abandon finance capital which holds the traditional struggle against principal one used by all the na- class instincts. They feel in their U. S. imperialism in order to live fascists in Latin America depths that the enemy who exunite with it for a "common" struggle against fascism, the Nazi quite content. The capitulation of of Mexico, the Nacistas of Chile, semi-slave masses of peasants these leaders makes it easier to the Brown Shirts of Argentina, and workers south of the Rio reach the masses with fascist etc. demagogy. It also makes it easier for the fascists to make connections with those national capitalis a task that falls to the workists (mainly the local industrialers and peasants in struggle ists) who aspire to economic independence. The agents of Hitler to the mercies of the fascists, to against the imperialists and or Mussolini can thus mask them- nake it easier for the fascist of the United States, section of selves as nationalists. They can enemy to conquer from the in- the Fourth International, revolumake use of the masses' hatred side!

make them believe that the anti- these aristocrats and lackeys. imperialist fighters and the revo- Though miserably deceived by lutionary militants are nothing the labor lieutenants and the but agents of Wall Street and Stalinist hirelings, the millions of London. This method is the American proletarians have true backed directly or indirectly by ploits them in this country is the Hitler or Mussolini: the Integral- same oppressor who keeps under istas of Brazil, the Gold Shirts an even more terrible yoke the

against Yankee or British imment, is to hand the masses over against the common oppressor!

## Rulers Cannot Fight Fascism

The reactionary dictatorships | director of the country's agriculsufficient direct aid from Hitler, propaganda machines. He chose, therefore, to return to Struggle Must Be Revolutionary the fold of his old Yankee masters. Meanwhile his "democratic" constitution cloaks a regime of ica, an opressed continent, canterror, concentration camps, de- not escape Fascism without strugportations to plague-infested is- gling against imperialist oppreslands, torture and murder. Trade sion. But this struggle means naunions are organs of the state tional independence. It means tionary, anti-imperialist and naand political parties are prohi- an agrarian revolution to bring tional-democratic forces of Latin bited. This is the kind of "de- about the distribution of land to America. mocracy" Roosevelt asks the the tillers. It means expropria-Latin American people to defend tion of the foreign monopolies. against the advance of the Fas- It means the granting of unrecists from across the Atlantic! | stricted democratic liberties to

Fascist Economic Gains nature, favor the penetration not This is the only program that can only of Fascist ideas, but of Fas- liberate the millions of Latin ence. Thus the German consul of imperialist oppression, of fas-

in the majority of Latin Ameri- tural and credit bank. In Peru, can countries cannot serve as in- more than half the country's struments of struggle against in- banking activity is controlled by ternational fascism but rather as the Bank of Italy. In Brazil, channels for its penetration. The Vargas divides the Amazon remock constitution granted (by gion between the Mikado and divine right?) to Brazil by Presi- Henry Ford. In Santo Domingo, dent Vargas on Nov. 10, 1937, Trujillo opens a land concession was directly modelled on totali- to 40,000 Nazifled Germans. In tarian lines. His coup d'etat was these countries farm hands and planned and carried out with the European immigrants, suffering active participation of the Integ- under the general economic backralistas and other Nazi agents. If wardness, and contemptuous of Vargas did not at that time the cultural inferiority of their transform himself into a Brazil- new lands, are easily attracted by ian Henlein, it was only because the racial myths and respond to he feared popular opposition and the perfected demagogic techcivil war and could not count on nique of the German and Italian

The conclusion from all this is clear: semi-colonial Latin Amer the people and the elevation of These regimes, by their very the living standard of the masses. conomic and political influ- American slaves from the chains in Salvador assumes the post of cism, and creole dictatorships!

## "Anti-Fascist" Illusions

rejected not only by imperialist urged the United States to have ica, organized under the banner hirelings but by nationalist petty- "a more active foreign policy" of the Fourth International, will bourgeois leaders who are im- and to enter into "common action be to place itself in the forefront pressed by the advance of the with all the democratic elements of that battle and lead it to a fascist powers and by noisy Stal- of Latin America, as the only triumphant conclusion. inist demagogy. Haya de la Torre, possible way of resisting the defor example, believes in the "sin- structive forces of fascism." Thus, cerity" of Roosevelt. Why? Be- while Roosevelt drags the dictacause Roosevelt has not yet used tors and fuehrers of Latin Amer- the national and social liberation troops and cannons like some of ica into the "democratic anti- of the semi-colonial peoples! his predecessors and teachers fascist front," the Stalinists at-(Wilson!). Haya de la Torre tempt to entice into it the popular simply does not understand that anti-imperialist leaders. Stalin's Wall Street is not yet reduced to supreme hope lies in Wall Street Soviet Republics of all the Amermethods of last resort and des- and he demonstrates to it his icas! peration. Hitler cannot wait; but usefulness. The Popular Front of New York, December, 1938. Roosevelt can.

Tweedledum and Tweedledee

in the American delegation at his superiors in the hierarchy of Lima demonstrates that fact labor lieutenants of Wall Street There are no differences on im- did appear. John L. Lewis' daughperialist policies within the rul- ter (C.I.O.) and Tracy (A.F.L.)

Stalin Serves Roosevelt

served by Stalin and his minions with the spectacle of a sacred here. The charge of contempt of in deluding the Haya de la Tor-lunion extending from Landon to res. On April 17 of this year Browder.

Chile is the most finished expression of that policy.

### Lackeys Do Not Speak For Us! The labor lieutenants of Wall izes itself with the imperialists

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Street, lackeys of the imperialist of their own country. This is

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economic vassals of the Northern of the great foreign monopolies- American proletarians do not mostly American or British-to have anything in common with Grande. Speak out to your broth-Thus, to suspend the struggle ers in the North, workers and peasants of Latin America, and they will learn to answer you in perialism even for a single mo- a common tongue, in unison

> The Socialist Workers Party tionary vanguard of the American workers, before the brother peoples of Latin America denounces the grim comedy of Lima. We warn our brothers in Latin America against the maneuvers of the American delegation which spoke there for Wall Street. We appeal to the semicolonial peoples of the south to unite with us against the common enemy: imperialism, and that includes the American brand. We pledge our unremitting aid in rallying the working class of this country in effective solidarity with the Latin American peoples in their struggles for national freedom.

For Joint Struggle

The liberation of Latin America from the imperialist yoke, the destruction of the threat of fascist intervention at its very roots, can be achieved only by common action of the American working class with the worker and peasant masses of Central and South

To this great historic task the Bolshevik-Leninists of the United States summon all the revolu-

Our Fate Is Yours

Your national independence will be a gigantic step in speeding the socialist revolution in the United States. Likewise the victory of the proletarian revolution in this country will guarantee the complete liberation of the

In the coming struggle for freedom, the historic task of the, revolutionary vanguard of the Unfortunately, this program is Stalin's personal organ, Pravda, United States and of Latin Amer-

For the national independence of the Latin American countries! For the agrarian revolution and

For the proletarian, socialist revolution in the United States! For the Federation of Socialist

## In essence, however, Roose- If Browder, fuehrer of Ameri-velt's foreign policy is that of can Stalinism, could not find a his predecessors and of his Re-publican rivals. Landon's place in the American delega-tion as a lackey of Hull-Landon,

By R. FERGUSON

AKRON, Ohio - Two drivers' ing class of the United States, were there to provide a "work- union business agents were sening class" sanction for America's tenced to one and two day jail predatory policy. The Latin terms for violation of an anti-Roosevelt's demagogy is ably American peoples were presented picketing injunction last week court sent them to the "jug," after they made a test-case of the validity of a sweeping injunction against all picketing of a fink gasoline station.

Chet Smead, president of the Truck Drivers Joint Council, and exploiters of the Western Hemi- false! These lackeys of imperial- T. C. Dethloff, president of Taxi sphere, by their presence at ism represent only the labor aris- Drivers local 345 were the leaders

> Together with John Ellis and Sam Pollock, two other A.F. of L. union business agents, these unionists formed a "Civil Liberties Committee" to carry on picketing activities while Local 348 was under legal restraint. The last two named escaped sentences because the judge found "a reasonable doubt whether these two men had willfully violated the court order."

> The courtroom sessions were attended by large crowds of A.F. of L. and C.I.O. unionists intensely interested in the case. The presence of these unionists "convinced" the judge that he had better tread lightly in his antilabor activities.

> > Bonaparte

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the Moscow press. Apparently ible deeds."

Denny further points out the Union.

(Continued from page 1) | motivation for this trial in the tract the false confessions from fact that "much stress was placed the ten men who appeared as by the prosecution on the necesprosecution witnesses." The wit- sity of the public's having faith nesses were limited to describing in the political police." "This that G.P.U. officials "compelled" crime is particularly heinous," the prosecution declared in asking them to make the confessions. Ordinarily news out of Soviet the death sentence, "because it Russia is limited to what ema- has sullied the honorable name of

Denny picked up the Kiev story Thus a tiny corner of the curindependently of the official news | tain has been lifted exposing a sources. In view of his former minor cog in the vast mechanism uncritical attitude, Denny's un- employed by Stalinism in the derlining of the fact that the two-year blood purge of which trial did not bring out the instru- the three most celebrated trials privileges require a functioning cret, undoubtedly, for the good mentalities employed to secure took place in Moscow but which confessions speaks volumes. included hundreds of frame-up

a Frankenstein which threatens the bureaucracy itself. Industrial production, military work, admininitiative, anything, may bring them into the view of the secret As though stricken with a plague of inertia, the whole nation sinks efficacious methods of "compel- the Stalinist bureaucracy, the reinto passive sullenness. The terroristic methods of the raling very careful not to have de- lishment of a new revolutionary clique thus endanger its own se-

the millions of functionaries. In officials and intellectuals, admin-Why the present revelation? the past year, therefore, Soviet istrators and Stakhanovists, who The murderous onslaught of the leaders have made various reas- presumably were summoned in in desperation, the bureaucracy reported throughout the Soviet to destroy everything, including has had to expose part of its own Union indicates that the ruling mechanism in the hope that this clique still hopes to provide such extraordinary step will create the reassurance by such local trialnecessary reassurance. But in the demonstrations, with discreetlything falters as fear-paralyzed nature of the whole regime-iron- limited audiences, and without functionaries and workers flinch ical touch!-the scapegoats had to much publicity. The all-devourat every step, fearing that any ape their own methods, convict- ing paralysis, however, will not ing themselves in the Klev trial be lifted by these measures or,

by self-confessions. and sufficient reason that they