

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

By Paul G. Stevens

The Case of Peter Forster: G.P.U. and Refugees

In June 1938, two courageous anti-Fascists, Emil Bargatski and Peter Forster, fled the concentration camp at Buchenwald near Weimar.

Early in September, he was given to understand by the Czech government that it would be best for him to get out of the country.

"Munich" came and the Czech government, which had previously refused to turn him over to the Gestapo, finally agreed to deliver him to the German authorities.

The fate of this valiant anti-Nazi fighter has recently been made public by Erich Wollenberg, German revolutionist and author of a recent work on the Red Army.

It seems that High Commissioner Malcom, who is in charge of evacuating the German emigrants in Czechoslovakia, has as his secretary a certain German emigrant by the name of R. Katz.

This gentleman goes over the lists of emigrants to be evacuated. Naturally he had charge of the Forster case. Quite naturally, no refugee who has ever had any kind of a clash with the Stalinists stand a chance of getting a square deal from this corrupt and conscienceless tool of the Kremlin.

Forster is dead. But thousands of non-conformist anti-Fascist Germans are still at large in Czechoslovakia. They must not be allowed

to share his fate.

You can do your part to prevent this, by giving every ounce of moral and material aid to the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

New Repressions Against the 4th Internationalists in Indo-China

Readers of the Appeal are aware of the terrible treatment accorded our comrade Ta Tu Thau, municipal councillor of Saigon, by the French colonial authorities in Indo-China.

Now word comes from Tonkin, that another leader of the Indo-Chinese Fourth Internationalists has been jailed in the hell-holes of French imperialism in the Far East.

Comrade Tam was one of the founders of the Communist Party in Indo-China and the first editor of its paper. He broke with the Stalinists after the suppression of the Indo-Chinese Congress and organized the first Fourth Internationalist group in Tonkin.

Neither the arrest of Ta Tu Thau nor that of Tam has succeeded in stemming the growth of the Bolshevik-Leninists in Indo-China.

Universal Suffrage as Practiced in Eastern Europe

On November 6 last, elections to the Polish Sejm (parliament) took place. The character of elections in this Bonapartist state, hope of the Stalinists and the "democrats" against Hitler's threat to Eastern Europe, may best be illumined by a little court incident reported from Warsaw.

The day after the elections, the worker Baranowski was hauled up before a magistrate. The charge: He stood in front of a polling place all day, constantly taking something out of one pocket and putting it into the other.

But even so, the magistrate was perplexed when he came to the verdict. Not for long, however. Since no law exists punishing disbelief in official figures, Baranowski was sentenced for "an attempt to obstruct normal traffic."

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

Some of the strangest and queerest creatures ever seen by mankind appear immediately after a rainstorm. They worm themselves out of some small hole in the ground and proceed to crawl around with a smug expression and a new overcoat.

Most of us have had some experience with this variety of parasite but a few words of warning for the benefit of any who haven't will be worth while.

We have all heard about the lawyers without clients, the doctors without patients, teachers without pupils and clothing salesmen without customers.

They're "Authorities" on Everything

Most of these leeches pose as authorities on all questions facing the trade unions, the working class and the world in general.

Most of these parasites are former members of some radical organization and are quick to point out the fact whenever it is necessary to prove their "liberalism."

upon to play ball with the guy who signs the checks.

Attach Themselves to Government Jobs

Now that there are numerous civil service jobs which require a knowledge of the labor movement—labor relations boards, relief and old age pension offices, etc., the leeches make every effort to attach themselves to these governmental agencies.

Once on the government pay-roll they can devote their time to proving that Marx made so many mistakes, that the revolution cannot possibly happen in the next twenty-five years, that through Roosevelt's reforms the workers will achieve everything they deserve and that anyone who advocates revolution is a poor misguided fool who cannot adjust himself to life.

In the meantime and until the job is secured, these insects spend their time denouncing all who participate actively in the struggle against war and starvation.

Socialist Party As Breeding Ground

The source of many of these lice is the poor, dilapidated and defunct Socialist party. Bureaucrats who can no longer find a rank and file to pay their salaries and who realize that the ship is beyond rescue, are sneaking out in the night like rats.

Among the Social Democrats we find many such specimens who pose as great authorities on almost everything and lend an air of dignity and liberalism to sellout after sellout.

Workers everywhere should be on guard against these insects and treat them with flit. One dose of termite remover plus an explanation of the society which breeds parasites of many kinds should do the job.

'THE WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM IS TO LIE DOWN AND MAKE BELIEVE YOU ARE DEAD'

The Daily Worker Finally Breaks Its Silence and Explains That It Sabotaged the Anti-Nazi Rally Because of Its Line Against Doing Anything to Displease the Professional Capitalist Politicians

ARTICLE ONE BY FELIX MORROW

In the Daily Worker, Friday, Mar. 3—nearly two weeks after the anti-Nazi counter-demonstration of February 20—V. J. Jerome lengthily answers, in "Questions from the People," why "the Communist party did not see fit to take any measures to stop the Monday night Nazi Bund meeting or at least call for picket lines around it."

The widespread indignation within its own ranks and followers against its cowardly refusal to meet the Nazi challenge has thus finally forced the Stalinist leadership to a public justification of its opposition to the anti-Nazi demonstration.

Jerome's answer is an important document, one which every anti-fascist should read, for it reveals that the Stalinist boycott of the anti-Nazi fight of February 20 was not an isolated incident, not a blunder, but was an integral part of a basic policy opposed to militant methods of fighting against fascism.

EXPLAINS C.P. REJECTION OF ANTI-FASCIST STRUGGLE

The Communist party's Popular Front policy—re-christened the "Democratic Front" here because of the fascioses of the Popular Front in France and Spain—involves the rejection of anti-Nazi struggles such as that of Feb. 20. Jerome states this plainly enough: "For what would have been the result of an attempt to 'stop the meeting' after the progressive LaGuardia Administration had granted permission for it to be held?"

"In the given circumstances, such a course would have played directly into the hands of the Nazi conspirators themselves; it would have incited a direct collision not only with the Bund, but with the city administration and the police who were present to enforce the decision of the city administration."

C. P. Recipe For Fighting Fascism?



should have been strong picket lines around the Garden not to close down the meeting but only as a protest gesture. A simple realistic view of the facts make it obvious that such peaceful picketing would be an immediate target for the combined provocations of the Trotskyites and their companions in arms, the Bundists.

Every anti-fascist, we repeat, should study this statement of the Communist party, for it reveals that the Communist party is preparing to repeat here the debacles of Spain and France, is preparing to carry out to the end here the suicidal policy of the Social Democracy in Germany.

"progressives" within the Popular Front, the Stalinists agreed to this policy which led to Franco's victories. The "anti-fascist" capitalists, loyal first of all to their property, were against dynamiting of munitions and other factories, preferring upon retreat to leave them intact to Franco—and the Stalinists agreed.

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Speaker: James Burnham. Auspices: SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY Fourth International

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FARMER LABOR COUNCIL MAKES GAINS IN MINN.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, March 4.—The Duke of Northumberland, 28-year-old bachelor who draws \$345,000 annually from coal royalties, is economizing—temporarily quitting his 200-room castle.

The labor movement in Minnesota has in recent years often demonstrated its sensitive grasp of new problems and the ability to create weapons to deal with these problems.

The Council at present consists of 27 persons, all leaders in farmer, cooperative, and trade union circles throughout the state. The Minnesota State Federation of Labor, the central labor bodies of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the Midland Coop Wholesale, the Farmers Union Central Exchange and its Livestock Commission, the Central Coop Wholesale, the Grange, the Northern States Coop League, etc., are represented.

Society Notes

Heroically Making Ends Meet. NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England, March 4.—The Duke of Northumberland, 28-year-old bachelor who draws \$345,000 annually from coal royalties, is economizing—temporarily quitting his 200-room castle.

Death duties on the estate inherited from his father are estimated at \$5,000,000, during the 12-year period following his death in 1930. —New York Times, Mar. 5.

Parasites Battering on the Rich. Howard Waldron, 39, reached the end of his rope with his wife and five children in the Erie Railroad Terminal in Jersey City last night.

The meetings were successful, and resulted in the setting up of local volunteer committees which will carry on the work of the Council in the locality for the next period.

RESPECTABLE 'ANTI-FASCISTS' STAGE A VERY MISERABLE SHOW

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—If the friends of capitalist democracy hope to win in the coming showdown fight against fascism in the United States, they will have to stage a lot better show than the one they put on last night at Carnegie Hall under the auspices of the Council Against Intolerance in America.

Madrid Generals Make Peace Plea

As soon as Mija's adherence was known in Paris, Martinez Barrio told the press: "He is the man who can come to terms with Franco to restore peace to Spain."

the fascists and attacking the workers' democratic right to picket the fascists.

Where the fascists denounced war, denounced unemployment, and drew enthusiastic applause from their audience when they attacked the failure of the Roosevelt administration to solve the basic economic contradictions of the nation, the Carnegie speakers called for greater belief in God and a return to the religion of Washington.

Only one speaker, Fannie Hurst, mentioned the 12,000,000 unemployed to whom the fascists had appealed at their meeting.

No, the Carnegie Hall meeting of elderly American business men was NOT the answer of New York's workers to the Bund meeting.