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. An armed storm trooper tried to prevent their escape. He was laid low with a shovel. It was the only chance these anti-Fascists had of getting out of the Hitlerite hell, where thousands of socialists and communists, Jews as well as Catholics are forced to submit daily to the sadistic outrages of the Nazi degenerates,

Bargatski was caught and beheaded shortly thereafter. Forster managed to cross the border into Czechoslovakia. Immediately after the Sudenten crisis broke out, Forster appealed to the Soviet consulate for an entry permit to the U.S.S.R. Time and again he was given the runaround. In the meantime, the Communist Party and the Stalinist "Red Aid" made ample use of him in public meetings, where he was drummed up for collection purposes, instead of being guarded against the ever-watchful Gestapo.

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. Again he made frantic efforts to get the necessary papers from the Soviet consulate. Again he was told to wait. Even a temporary visa was refused him. An attempt to flee in a plane headed for Russia was stopped by the Czech foreign office at the airport.

"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 "on condition that his life be spared." Meaningless condition! A few days later, Forster was beheaded in a Weimar

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, in which he served as an officer for many years. Wollenberg also gives us an insight into the behind-the-scenes machinations that are back of the Forster case.

It seems that High Commissioner Malcolm, 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 Katz has been in the employ of the Stalinist G.P.U. since 1931, working for it in the "Red Aid" organizations, and finally landing, after being catapulted through various People's Front committees, as Secretary of the "Emigrants' Recognition Committee" in Paris.

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. Dissident communists, revolutionary socialists are practically doomed in advance, if their case has to be handled by Mr. Katz. How many Trotskyists and other anti-Stalinist refugees have already suffered rank betrayal by this G.P.U. agent into the hands of Hitler's Gestapo is not known.

Forster is dead. But thousands of non-conformist anti-Fascist Germans are still at large in Czecholslovakia. 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

#### 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. Halfparalyzed, Ta Tu Thau carries on the struggle

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 Thai van Tam has been arrested in that city and sentenced to a long term in prison for a series of anti-imperialist articles he published in Thoi Dam; the organ of the Fourth International in Tonkin. The articles were written at the time of the September crisis, when mobilization was decreed in Indo-China because of French fears of Japanese attacks in case of war, Japan being allied with Hitler.

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. The banner of the Fourth International seems to be firmly implanted among the oppressed in the colonies. An active movement for the liberation of the two great Indo-Chinese class war prisoners has been organized by our comrades in Indo-China as well as in France.

#### 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 Easern 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. Finally, some enterprising dick decided to arrest him. At the police station, he was frisked. But, instead of infernal machines, it was found that his pockets were full of . . . raw peas. In court, Baranowski maintained that he simply liked to chew raw peas. But witnesses were introduced who testifled that Baranowski passed the peas from one pocket to the other, in order to determine the exact number of voters entering the polling place. Naturally, the court believed the witnesses, and not Baranowski.

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

# IN THE WORLD OF LABOR "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. Under the pressure of the questioners, the Communist party, in Jerome's article, was compelled to state more openly than ever before its opposition to class-struggle methods of smashing 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 flascoes 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? One could certainly have differed with the LaGuardia Administration for granting permission, not merely on the question of free speech, but on whether the interests of democracy could best be served by one course or another. But certainly the Communists could not undertake to forcibly prevent such a meeting once the City Administration had allowed it.

"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 administra-

"And if it is said that there suicidal policy of the Social Dem- in the name of unity with these; mit, because "you can't fight the munist party leaders.

# C. P. Recipe For Fighting Fascism! 1 SEND A LETTER TO YOUR FAVORITE CONGRESSMAN



3 SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE (4) IF ALL ELSE FAILS, BOYCOTT SECRETARY OF STATE

GET ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN A PETITION

ANTI- NAZI DEMONSTRATIONS

should have been strong picket |ocracy in Germany. For here is | "progressives" within the Popular 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. The net result before, feeding the Nazi objective of collisions between the Bund and the vanguard of the democratic forces." (Daily Worker, Mar. 3, p. 6)

WON'T ACT WHEN BOSSES DISAPPROVE

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what Jerome's article means: 1. No action could be taken by this policy which led to Franco's the Communist party against the victories. The "anti-fascist" capi-

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take nothing of which its bour- June, 1936 strikes, wanted an end gether without depending on any geois allies disapprove: this is the to the struggles for independence "progressive" friends; in countermeaning of Popular Frontism.

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in the colonies, wanted the work- demonstrations like that of Feb. The bourgeois "progressives" in ers to be docile and obedient, 20, the workers learn, not only Spain were against the factory wanted an end to the forty-hour how to fight fascists, but how to Every anti-fascist, we repeat, committees, against dividing the week-and the Stalinists agreed. fight the capitalist class too. Pre-

Communist party, for it reveals giving freedom to Morocco, administration demanded an end Guardias want no such demonthat the Communist party is pre- against rousing the proletariat to to the building maintenance strike strations-and by the logic of the paring to repeat here the debacies international solidarity, against and to the taxi strike-to men- "Democratic front" their veto of of Spain and France, is preparing the use of revolutionary methods tion no others-and the Stalinists such demonstrations is unquesto carry out to the end here the in the anti-fascist struggle-and told the workers they had to sub- tioningly accepted by the Com-

tration." The "anti-fascist" city administration says it wants no demonstration against the Nazis and the Stalinists agree.

Just this is the meaning of the 'Democratic front": that in it there is no democracy whatsoever. In it the "progressive" capitalists, of the stripe of LaGuardia, have a veto power, no matter what the vast majority of the workers say. In spite of the appeals of the city administration, of the Jewish press, of the Stalinists, of the labor lieutenants of capitalism generally, the tremendous turnout of the workers on Feb. 20 is proof that, had the workers been consulted democratically, they would have overwhelmingly declared for the anti-Nazi demonstration. But at the heart of the "Democratic front" is the anti-democratic principle that, in the name of unity, all the millions of workers are outvoted or vetoed by the handful of "progressive" capitalists.

#### CAPITALISTS ARE LOYAL TO . . . CAPITALISM

2. The "progressive" capitalists are always opposed to militant methods of fighting against fascism. This is proven by their conduct in Italy, Germany, Spain,

Nor is this due in any way to personal cowardice. It is due to something much more fundamental, namely the loyalty of the capitalists to the capitalist system. And the capitalist system, whether in the form of monarchy, democracy, fascism or military dictatorship, rests primarily not on the free consent of the working class but on the ability of the capitalist class to keep the workers down. All sections of the capitalist class, no matter how democratic, are Front, the Stalinists agreed to therefore hostile to the working class developing militant methods of winning working class de-

That is why, for instance, such great heroes of the Communist party as LaGuardia, Roosevelt. Attorney General Murphy, etc., are irreconcilably opposed to sitdown strikes. So, too, they are opposed to mass struggle against The "anti-fascist" capitalists in fascism, because in mass struggle The Communist party will under- France wanted an end to the the workers learn to stand to-

# 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. Generally they head for the nearest trade union or other workers' organization and attempt to attach themselves to it like

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. These little insects can prove to be a severe pain in the side of any organization and it would be well to keep your eyes peeled before they infest your union.

We have all heard about the lawyers without clients, the doctors without patients, teachers without pupils and clothing salesmen without customers. Well, this particular insect might be called a bureaucrat without a bureau. And believe you me, there is nothing worse than a mealy-mouthed faker out to carve a career for himself in the labor movement or on one of the many civil service jobs connected with labor.

#### 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. Any one who disagrees with the "authority" is, of course and without question, a dope who cannot see beyond his nose. Anyone who expresses his difference with conviction and facts becomes, in the lingo of the self-appointed judges, a stooge for the party line, etc., etc. This brand of insect is always "impartial" and has no "ax" to grindtherefore he considers himself the mental superior to anyone who belongs to a party. The hours not spent in trying to get on the pay roll are consumed with burning research into all the world's problems. The answers, when found, will refute everything known to the human race. Until then one has to cat and pay rent, so why not pose as a "labor authority" and cash in on a "reputation"?

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." On the other hand, not being a member at present of any organization, makes them eligible for any little job that comes along. No need to worry about party discipline or having to differ with the labor skates. Coming or going, they can be depended

upon to play ball with the guy who signs the

Attach Themselves to Government lobs

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. Day and night they exert every effort to take each and every civil service examination.

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

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. They remain "impartial" and above the fight. Most of them are cheap cowards who cannot bear to face the working class and excuse themselves from activity by finding a difference with every immediate action.

misguided fool who cannot adjust himself to life.

## 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. They head for the nearest union and apply for a job as educational director. If they are not hired there, they rush out for a copy of the "Chief" and read it with an avid eye and a

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. And until the social system is changed from its present form to Socialism, there must be no let-up in the fight against betrayers of workers' confidence. One day the workers will grab these parasites by the right ear and put them to work with a

## FARMER LABOR **COUNCIL MAKES GAINS IN MINN**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - The Farmer-Cooperative and Labor Council of Minnesota, in the few months of its existence, has more than lived up to advance hopes that the organization would fur-

ducers of city and countryside, demonstrated its sensitive grasp move, he said. of new problems and the ability to create weapons to deal with these problems.

Council Program

The Council at present consists in 1930. of 27 persons, all leaders in farmer, cooperative, and trade union circles throughout the state. The Labor, the central labor bodies of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the Midland Coop Wholesale, the Central Coop Wholesale, the League, etc., are represented.

The general purpose of the Council, as formulated at its meeting February 11th, is: 1. To develop and create under-

standing and mutual support between farmers, cooperatives, and labor unions: 2. To prevent any attempt to pit

the farmer against the laborer. and the laborer against the farmer; 3. To seek the active support of labor unions in the development of the cooperative movement:

4. To maintain the Council as a sympathetic, conciliatory body readily available whenever misarise between these groups;

# Society Motes

Heroically Making Ends Meet

land, March 4. - The Duke of and five children in the Erie Morthumberland, 28-year-old bach- Railroad Terminal in Jersey City elor who draws \$345,000 annually last night. from coal royalties, is economizroom castle,

is moving to the 20-room Lesbury The labor movement in Minne- House near by. Heavy taxes and they had been given tickets to ance in America. sota has in recent years often declining royalties dictated the Jersey City. When they arrived

Death duties on the estate inherited from his father are esti- nounced that the family would be 12-year period following his death what could be done about getting Bund congregation-and contin speaker. "What we need is less

5. To assist in the development | unions and cooperatives, in Red-

achieve these ends. In pursuit of these aims, the Farmers Union Central Exchange Council has already sponsored and its Livestock Commission, the several public meetings in rural communities, at which spokes has been its educational commit-Grange, the Northern States Coop men for labor and the farm tee, headed by Miles Dunne, secprogram.

> 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.

These local committees are composed of three local people, one each representing the farmer, the coops, and the unions. Settles Disputes

In addition to this educational work, the Council offers its services as a conciliator whenever a misunderstanding or dispute aris-

| Parasites Battening on the Rich Howard Waldron, 39, reached

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Eng- the end of his rope with his wife

ing-temporarily quitting his 200- less. Two of the children were United States, they will have to The largest single owner of coal last food had been crackers and one they put on last night at ther cooperation between the pro- properties in England, the Duke milk two days ago at Chicago, there was no place for them to

> The Police Department anmated at \$5,000,000, during the given relief and that it would see lustily or vociferously as the which God speaks," said one Waldron a job.

-New York Times, Mar. 5. -N. Y. World-Telegram, Mar. 3.

Minnesota State Federation of and promotion of a comprehensive wood Falls and St. Cloud, resulteducational program that will ing in the signing of union agreements with the local Producers Associations.

> The guiding body of the Farmer-Cooperative and Labor Council groups discussed the Council's retary-treasurer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

> > John Bosch, former national president of the Farm Holiday Association, is serving temporarily as Council representative.

Soon after the formation of the Council the Stalinist - controlled C.I.O. movement in Minnesota the Farmer-Labor Party was well-

understandings or differences es within its field. Already, it has charged that the union movement peace to prevent "further need- of elderly American business men settled two disputes between is using the Council to lay the less bloodshed." groundwork for a labor party in How much "democracy" has York's workers to the Bund meet-Minnesota. Though there is no been current in Loyalist Spain is ing. That answer was given on truth in this charge (the Council indicated by the way the over- the picket lines around Madison being strictly an economic group- turn was made. Newspapermen Square Garden when 50,000 aning), the charge is interesting arriving for the usual commu-swered the call of the Socialist because it uncovers the hatred nique at 9 a.m. saw nothing un- Workers Party and demonstrated felt by the Stalinists towards any usual, but were told to wait. At on the only field that counts, the move that even looks like it midnight they were invited to field of ACTION, that fascism might further independent polit-listen to the radio speeches an- cannot rear its head in this counical action of the workers.

## RESPECTABLE 'ANTI-FASCISTS' STAGE A VERY MISERABLE SHOW

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) friends of capitalist democracy et the fascists. hope to win in the coming show-They were penniless and home- down fight against fascism in the suffering from malnutrition. Their stage a lot better show than the and drew enthusiastic applause Carnegie Hall under the auspices Ineligible for relief at Duluth, of the Council Against Intoler-

swer to the Bund," the circus called for greater belief in God opened like the Bund meeting and a return to the religion of with the congregation singing the Washington. "There's a non-logic-Star Spangled Banner-not so al part of the brain through ued with gusty Fourth of July dependence on the intellect and harangues on the "real" American tradition of democracy and free speech, a tradition which in their. eyes includes above all protecting

## **Madrid Generals** Make Peace Plea

(Continued from Page 1) joined the new Junta.

As soon as Miaja's adherence was known in Paris, Martinez Barrio told the press: "He is the

nouncing last Friday that Barrio tion: "Last week I told the people not accept the presidency, and it." Since then, the Stalinists have demanding early conclusion of No, the Carnegie Hall meeting

the fascists and attacking the NEW YORK, Mar. 4-If the workers' democratic right to pick-

> Call for Prayer Where the fascists denounced

war, denounced unemployment, from their audience when they attacked the failure of the Roosevelt administration to solve the basic economic contradictions of Advertised as "New York's an the nation, the Carnegie speakers more dependence on God,"

Only one speaker, Fannie Hurst, mentioned the 12,000,000 unemployed to whom the fascists had appealed at their meeting. "These people have nothing to lose," she said. "They constitute the great source of danger to the American form of Democracy. Something must be done." Not one of the other speakers so much as agreed with her that something must be

Morris Changes Mind

Newbold Morris, who was actman who can come to terms with ing Mayor of New York during Franco to restore peace to Spain." the Madison Square Garden meet-At the same time Barrio re- ing, climaxed the burlesque with vealed that while Negrin was an- the following astounding declaraapplied for entry. The record of had accepted the presidency va- of New York to shun the Bund the Communist Party in wrecking cated by Azana, Negrin already meeting like a pestilence. Now had a communication from Bar- I've changed my mind. If you're known to the Council members, rio and other Loyalist leaders in for freedom and democracy you're and the request was unanimously Paris, declaring that Barrio would for it passionately. You'll fight for

> was NOT the answer of New nouncing the new government. | try without a fight to the finish.

# UNITED STATES: IT NEED NOT HERE!

Speaker:

# **James Burnham**

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