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WORKERS CAN DEFEAT HITLER

They Can End the Threat of Fascism By Crushing the Capitalist System

Every worker in this country and in other countries, where fascism has not yet succeeded in destroying every bit of freedom possessed by the working class, is anxious to stop Hitler at all costs. That is as it should be. There is nothing more urgent at the present moment than to stop Hitler.

But the all-important question remains: How can the workers stop Hitler? The workers must be absolutely clear about the answer to this question. Otherwise, they will struggle in vain and like tens of thousands of Austrian and Spanish workers they will sacrifice their lives without accomplishing their purpose.

To struggle to the death against fascism is absolutely necessary. But we must win in that struggle.

Chamberlain, the prime minister of England, Daladier the premier of France and President Roosevelt are threatening to fight and stop Hitler. Should not, then, the workers back the heads of these "democratic" governments and try to stop Hitler in that way?

That is what the Stalinists and social-democrats, the liberals and conservative trade union leaders advise us to do.

THAT WAY LIES FASCISM

We can say with absolute certainty that if the workers follow such advice, they are doomed. Like their brothers in Austria and Spain they will sacrifice their lives in vain.

In any war by the democratic capitalist countries against Germany, Hitler might be defeated and stopped. But Hitlerism, fascism, will remain, will become the prevailing system in the democratic countries as a result of the war.

For if Chamberlain wants to stop Hitler, it is not because Hitler crushes the working class of Germany, but because Hitler threatens England's colonies. If Daladier wants to stop Hitler, it is not because Hitler has destroyed the liberty of the German workers, but because he is afraid to lose some French colonies.

If Roosevelt is so pugnacious against Hitler it is not because Hitler has made virtual slaves out of the German workers, but because Germany threatens to take away much of the South American trade which is now in the possession of American capitalists.

The democratic capitalist governments are interested in fighting Hitler only to protect their right to rob and exploit the

colonial and semi-colonial slaves and the workers in the home countries.

It is not worth a single drop of the blood of any worker to stop Hitler for the benefit of the capitalists in the "democratic" countries. It is worth everything to destroy Hitlerism throughout the world.

The workers can stop Hitler in only one way. They must begin the job in their

The Principle of the Thing



U. S. 'Democracy' Bared In Report

Rifles, Revolvers, Tear Gas, Shot Guns Used By Employers, Says Senate Civil Liberties Committee

President Roosevelt has pumped into the war machine more money than any previous peace-time president in the history of the United States. His propaganda machine has taken over the headlines of the entire capitalist press in his drive to ram down the throats of the workers the idea that they will presently be fighting a glorious cause, saving democracy once again for the world, dying for freedom of speech and the Star Spangled Banner.

And while Roosevelt launches the imperialist offensive on a world-wide scale, the industrial leaders of his own class are waging an armed conflict against the workers who will presently be sent abroad to die for their bosses' profits.

On the front pages of the major newspapers—headlines about the new fight for democracy. Buried far back in the final pages—a report from the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee that shows exactly the story of the real warfare being waged by the present owners of industry against the workers.

Private Arms
From 1933 to 1937 tremendous sums were spent by big industry to arm their own private troops for a war right at home. They bought more tear and nauseating gas than all the regular law-enforcement agencies of the United States combined.

One outfit alone, the Republic Steel Corporation, bought four times more poison gas equipment than the largest law-enforcement purchaser in the entire United States.

These are sober facts, made public on March 20 by the Senate

Civil Liberties Committee, which has studied industrial disputes for two years and a half under the chairmanship of Senator La Follette, and which is now asking for legislation that would forbid the sale of gas or firearms to industrial concerns for use in any kind of labor dispute.

The facts bared by the La Follette Committee are as eloquent as a sawed-off shot gun in the hands of a high-paid company guard in exposing the brutality, the coldly calculated use of violence and terrorism and bloodshed by America's corporate interests.

Company Terrorism
Eighty corporations and associations during the years studied purchased more than \$1,000 worth of tear and sickening gas and these corporations "form the backbone of large scale industry of the country," says the report.

The single largest purchaser of tear and nauseating gas listed as

Madrid Surrender Near; Negrin Works With Miaja

The surrender of central Spain to Franco is practically arranged, and former Premier Negrin is working closely to this end with the Madrid Junta's Paris representative, according to a dispatch from Paris to La Voz, Spanish-language Popular Frontist daily in New York, March 23.

On the 22nd, conversations between the Junta and Burgos had been proceeding for three days, according to Trifon Gomez, Spanish Socialist leader and Paris representative of the Junta. "Everything will be concluded favorably," he said, "for I do not expect differences to arise which will oblige us to suspend negotiations." The main point being worked out is evacuation from Spain of the Popular Front leadership.

"Naturally we are trying to evacuate only those persons who have been included by Burgos among those guilty under the Law of Responsibilities, and not those who may have committed common crimes, with whom we have no solidarity whatsoever. All compromised Spaniards will depart by agreement with the Junta and with Burgos' wishes."

Office Workers Quit CIO; Protest Union Bureaucracy

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK, March 21.—Five hundred members of the Stalinist dominated United Office and Professional Workers Union, Local 16, a C.I.O. affiliate, met last night in Manhattan Center and voted to sever all connections with the organization and to join the A. F. of L. union, the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union.

The meeting, called by the Progressive Group of Local 16, adopted a resolution denouncing the "rule or ruin" tactics used by the Stalinists to keep control and the gag-rule employed to prevent progressives from expressing opinions within the union.

Hoodlums Ejected
The resolution called on all

progressive office workers to join the American Federation of Labor. It was carried by an overwhelming majority while a small group of hoodlums from the Stalinist faction, who had gained entry into the meeting by forged invitations, attempted to break up the meeting by shouting and starting fights. Union ushers were on the job, however, and one administration stooge was quickly ejected from the hall, and more than a hundred others were refused admittance.

The resolution called Local 16 a sorry failure and declared that it had been captured by an organized machine which violated its oath to serve the membership by placing the political interests

Pittman Bill Frees U. S. Hands for War

Congress Appropriates Huge Sums for Army and Navy as Propaganda Machine Works Overtime

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON.—While the well-greased machinery of Congress continued to grind out armament appropriations, the Roosevelt administration, supported by the Republicans, instituted several new moves on the road to war.

A \$358,000,000 arms bill, authorizing the army Air Corps to build up to 6,000 airplanes, secured final approval on March 22, while the House, the same day, voted an additional \$116,000,000 to the army for "critical items," including semi-automatic rifles, light and heavy artillery, tanks, anti-aircraft guns and gas masks.

Paving the way for still larger appropriations along the same line, the Appropriations Committee in recommending the latter bill to the House reported that, after the expenditure of the approved sum, the army would still be deficient 67% in these "critical items," indicating future huge outlays.

"Educational Orders"
The bill which secured final approval included a \$34,500,000 item for "educational orders." This money is primarily expended by private manufacturers, not on actual war materials produced, but on making new dies, tools and machinery, that is, on expanding the means of production of armaments. It paves the way for eventual expenditures of a billion on war materials for every million expended in thus preparing for mass production.

Munitions Expansion Bill
Prepared for by weeks of ballyhoo (Continued on page 3)

Nazis Established On Soviet Border

Pact With Rumania Gives Hitler New Outpost; Stalin Still Playing For Deal With Reich

U.S.S.R. IN PERILOUS SPOT

By establishing German economic domination over Rumania, Adolf Hitler last week had virtually planted his pirate flag on the borders of the Soviet Union.

Hitler, gobbling up Memel in his stride, forced Rumania to sign an agreement which virtually establishes full German control over Rumania's rich resources, yoking them to German needs and placing the whole of Rumanian economy in subordination to the Greater Reich.

The hesitation and uncertainty that existed earlier in the week over the precise status of this German-Rumanian agreement apparently arose out of the Rumanian government's uncertainty as to the course British and French imperialism would pursue.

There appeared every reason to believe that Rumania waited to see if it could count on British, French, or Russian aid and when it saw that no such aid would be forthcoming, it signed on the dotted line. Whether this would save it from actual invasion only Adolf Hitler knew.

FRANCE SPEEDS TREND TOWARDS A DICTATORSHIP

Foretaste of War-Time Regime in Decrees

Preparing for war in the name of "democracy," the former People's Front Government of France is swiftly converting itself into a totalitarian dictatorship.

Acting with the powers granted him by Parliament, Premier Edouard Daladier last week began the process of lacing the workers of France into a totalitarian strait-jacket and at the same time began mobilizing the French army on the frontiers.

Under the decrees issued last Tuesday, labor in all heavy industry found itself saddled with a 60-hour week at greatly reduced wage rates. Labor is faced with prosecution for treason if it objects. The French unemployed were made subject to governmental conscription for "national defense" purposes.

The "New" Regime
According to the New York Times report, "nearly all of the labor system now in vogue has been temporarily (!) set aside and a completely new regime will be established." This "new regime" means the whittling away and before long the complete suppression of the meager rights that the workers and their organizations still possess.

The first set of decrees applies to the "national defense" industries. This does not merely mean the plants manufacturing arms, planes, and munitions, but to the mines, power plants, the oil and fuel industries, the entire transport system and all other phases of French industrial life that directly affect the war machine.

These industries are placed under (Continued on Page 3)

Hungary's Moves

For while the Rumanian agreement was being crammed down the throats of King Carol and his friends, Hungary continued mobilizing troops on the Rumanian border and late Thursday made a provocative foray into Slovakia, the tremulously "independent" state over which Hitler has assumed a "protectorate" and which he is using as bait to keep Rumania and Hungary at swords' points.

Hungary presumably invaded Slovakia to secure an extension of its new common border with Poland. The Slovaks Thursday night were offering considerable resistance, creating a perfect set-up for Hitler to move in with his army if it suits his needs.

Meanwhile London and Paris, more uncertain than ever of what

See article on page 4 for a discussion of the possibilities of agreement between Hitler and Stalin in the present world crisis.

the Soviet Union's position actually is, groped fearfully for a way of checking the Hitlerite drive. In both western capitals there was much verbal indignation and France moved ahead speedily to convert itself into a totalitarian regime, geared for war, but they still seemed to be hesitating before taking the plunge into a war that the French and British bosses know will mean the end of their empires as they now exist.

London asked Poland and Moscow to sign a common declaration against Hitlerite aggression. Poland wanted an immediate commitment from the French and British that they would fight. This they could not get, so rather than offend the Nazi colossus they kept out of the joint declaration. For several days Moscow remained equally coy, first proposing a conference and, when this was rejected by the British, finally—when Rumania capitulated—agreeing to the proposed common declaration.

At the same time the Russians have made it plain that they will still entertain any bid from Hitler that will turn the edge of the Nazi sword westward. Water Durey has been singing this tune every day in the pages of the New York Times. It is virtually certain that Moscow's agreement to the British—proposed declaration is one step in the attempt to extract a bargain out of the German Nazi Fuehrer.

Situation Is Fluid

In other words, the situation remains as fluid as the borderlines have been during the last 14 days. The Stalin government in the U.S.S.R., weakened by two years of frightful purging that has sapped morale in general and in the army in particular, is still hoping to buy Hitler off with a deal. On the other side of Europe the British and French are apparently making another stab at trying to wean Mussolini away from Hitler before concluding that they have no alternative left but war.

In either case the initiative is (Continued on Page 3)

SWP Picket Threat Stops Philadelphia Fascist Meet

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—The militant threat of a working class picket line and counter-demonstration forced a Fascist outfit here parading under the name of Committee for Defense of Constitutional Rights to cancel a meeting scheduled to take place tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The workers, aroused as they had never been before by the stirring leaflets issued by the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League, threatened to pour by the thousands into the streets around the Metropolitan that night.

Several trade unions officially endorsed the picket line that was to be established and promised to send scores of workers to the

scene. Members of the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League went in to various sections of the city, making short agitational speeches and arousing the population against the fascist meeting.

The news of this rising wrath of the working class was enough to scatter the fascists back to the gutters from which they came. Early on Wednesday morning, March 22, their leader, Thomas A. Blisard, Jr., announced that the meeting was "unavoidably postponed."

The workers of Philadelphia are not stopping here. A huge open-air demonstration will take place tonight at 7 P.M. to celebrate the victory of the working class. It will be held on the very spot where the fascists were to have held their meeting.