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Miaja's Sponsor

We already knew that the man who put the last stiletto into the back of the Spanish masses by opening the doors of Madrid to Franco, was a leader of the Communist Party of Spain—the "hero of Madrid," General Jose Miaja.

We did not know until now that Miaja was put into his post of commander-in-chief of the Loyalist armies at the direct instigation of Moscow. In his eye-opening story of Stalin's role in Spain, Walter Krivitsky reveals that Miaja was sponsored for the job by the Red Army General Berzin; Stalin's direct agent in charge of Moscow's military work in Spain:

"Berzin insisted on the appointment of a commander-in-chief. This authority the Republican government, supported by jealous parties and factions, was reluctant to establish. Berzin found a suitable candidate in Gen. Jose Miaja, a good soldier without political ambitions, and within a few weeks—in November 1936—he obtained the appointment for Miaja, who has retained supreme command ever since."

That is, until this appointee of a traitor committed his final stroke of treason.

But the Daily Worker is still silent about its comrade!

The "Lost World" territory was described by Dr. Paul A. Zahe, research associate at Union College, recently returned from an expedition in British Guiana "as a group of towns in which Indian inhabitants lived in harmony, without warfare or internal strife." Wait till the capitalists get around to them, bringing "civilization" i.e., the theory that you work, I eat.

Roosevelt's Democracy

A vicious anti-labor bill, introduced into Congress by Representative Smith of Virginia, is so broad in its scope that the New York Times of April 13 characterizes it as "a composite of the anti-alien and anti-radical legislation offered in the last twenty years." Spokesmen for the American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations appeared in opposition to this bill at a hearing on it before a House judiciary subcommittee on April 12.

In the ordinary course of events, a serious direction of attention to this bill by the labor and liberal movement would be sufficient to hold up its passage for some time, if not to discourage its passage altogether.

But the bill received a powerful impetus toward passage when representatives of the Army and War Departments of the government appeared before the judiciary subcommittee and advocated passage in particular of those sections of the bill which would prohibit distribution of "subversive" literature among the armed forces.

Army and navy representatives, it need scarcely be pointed out, do not take the unusual step of appearing before Congressional committees to endorse proposed legislation, unless they have the permission of the Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces—President Roosevelt.

The bill's definition of "subversive" literature is broad enough to cover any and all, including an ordinary leaflet advertising a labor mass meeting. But even if the definition were strictly limited to outlawing literature seeking to persuade soldiers and sailors to become socialists, what is Roosevelt afraid of? Isn't he a

believer in democracy? Doesn't he believe in the democratic process of persuasion?

Is a worker or farmer, once he dons a uniform, a different kind of animal than a worker or farmer in overalls? Yes, says Roosevelt. In uniform he is the slave of those whom he serves with his life, a slave whose mind must be warped and dried up so that he will be an obedient puppet resigned to die at his masters' command.

With an army of such slaves, Roosevelt and the capitalist class can permit a certain freedom to the un-uniformed workers, since the slaves can always be sent to put down the others—that's the mechanics of democracy under capitalism.

We say: in uniform or out, the worker and farmer must have the opportunity to learn the truth about his oppressors, and we intend to see that he learns the truth.

Bankrupt

No social order in history has ever been so indifferent about acknowledging its appalling bankruptcy as capitalism is today.

The wizards of every variety, including the Master Magician Roosevelt, have taken a crack at the problem of unemployment. Ten years of uninterrupted crisis have passed, and with every conceivable plaster applied to the ailing economic body, there are still some 13,000,000 workers unemployed in this country alone, not counting their families.

Thirteen million workers who want to work so that they may eat and live like decent human beings—but who cannot, because capitalism is so bankrupt that it can live only if millions starve and die!

It is true that capitalism in its fascist form "solves" unemployment—but only by substituting for it the most degrading kind of slavery for the toiling people.

No less damning is the fatal drift of world capitalism into a new war. Millions of men are already under arms in Europe. All the great statesmen of our social order have taken it for granted that the war is inescapable—and with it the slaughter of millions, the devastation, the rapine and horror of modern warfare. None of the rulers of the world is able to offer even a seriously debatable program for preventing war. And that for a very simple reason: war is a curse of capitalism itself, one from which it cannot escape.

Capitalism means starvation for the millions. Capitalism means slavery for the millions. Capitalism means the physical extermination of the millions.

It is bankrupt. It must be destroyed before it destroys modern civilization.

A Place for Youth

"There is no place for youth in industry, in the professions, or in other areas," declared Dr. Caroline B. Zachry of the Progressive Association on April 5 in revealing the results of her five-year study of American youth.

This conclusion was fully concurred in by Professor Hamden L. Forkner of Teachers College on April 7 when he addressed 4,000 teachers, administrators, and business executives at the 42nd Annual Convention of the Eastern Commercial Association in New York City.

"Boys and girls leave school, ready for work, but they cannot find employment in industry," he declared, and added that the chances are ten to one against a 17-year-old high school graduate getting a job upon graduation.

Both Dr. Zachry and Professor Forkner fear that unless jobs can be provided for American youth the present system of government in the United States will break down and be replaced by socialism or fascism.

The answer of the New York Times, mouthpiece of American capitalism, to these facts and this challenge reveals exactly what American capitalism proposes to do to help American youth—deny that the problem of unemployment faces American youth.

In the editorial columns of the Times, one of their propagandists declared from his easy chair in a fat well-paid job: "Dr. Zachry's assertion... is the sort of broad generalization which does not stand up under scrutiny."

But any one of the hundreds of thousands of youths in New York City alone knows just how true those assertions are. All he has to do is turn to the Want Ad columns of this same New York Times to find out that American capitalism doesn't want youth in industry.

General Wood has stated where American capitalism does want youth—in labor camps and in the war machine.

Youth's place is among the ranks of those fighting to smash this entire system of hopelessness, of war, bloodshed, and barbed wire labor camps. Youth's place is among the ranks of the working class revolutionists, fighting to establish a socialist society of plenty and opportunity for all in America.

It has been recently estimated that if a man has been on relief all of his life, from birth to death, he will have received around \$28,000 in public funds. But for the rich, who have been on poor relief all through the ages, this is only small change.

British Imperialism Prepares For War to Save Its Spoils of Piracy

The Sun Is Finally Beginning to Set on the Empire Which Is Girding All Its Strength to Hold Its Possessions Spread By Ruthlessness, Terror and Fraud Over the Entire Globe

By SHERMAN STANLEY

One-fourth of the world's land area! One-fourth of the world's population! One-fourth of the world's food supplies! So may we describe the imperial might and majesty of the British Empire today—that Empire which has reached the height of its historic course and upon which the sun is finally beginning to set.

British imperialism is preparing to go to war. The entire population of Great Britain is kept continuously on needle-raid by military notices, air-raid drills, conscription drives and feverish preparations for conscription of the laboring masses. The munition plants work around the clock, day in and day out. England's huge textile plants are being converted into war production units. Each ship of the British navy has steam up and is prepared to sail at a moment's notice to the military posts assigned by the Admirals.

The Empire was built by violence, conquest and pillage, terror and destruction. The same weapons keep it together over the opposition of the masses of people who compose it. But when it comes to preparing for war, then the world is told of British "democracy." British civilizing powers, British love of peace.

SCOPE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

There is British territory in every portion of the globe. The Empire occupies a total land area of 12 million square miles. In 1935, its population totaled 475,004,458 people. But this figure did not include the 76,000,000 people of the Indian Native States which are, in reality, under British control.

Under the Union Jack live the most diverse groups and races of people—ranging from the blacks of Africa to the pale whites of the London slums. They may be roughly divided into the Malay, Indo-Chinese, Indo-European, Semitic and Hamitic (African) groups.

THE "DEMOCRACY" OF THE EMPIRE

What portion of these half a billion people are white? It is estimated that only 68 million

or about 12% belong to this dominant ruling race. And only about 40 million inhabit "mother" England, the imperialist nerve-center of this world Empire. It is this minority—about 1 to 13—that domineers over the lives and destinies of hundreds of millions of subject people.

British propagandists are accustomed to dividing the Empire and its tributaries under various headings: Mother England, the Dominions, the Crown Colonies, Protectorates and India, which they classify separately. But this is a superficial and false division. The British Empire consists of England—the industrial and financial ruling heart of the Empire, with London, the "City" as it is called in imperialist circles—at the center. Then there are the "dominions" of Canada and Australia which in reality have the status of independent, capitalist nations in their own right. These countries have developed an independent capitalist class and are not directly under the thumb of the British imperialists.

HUGE EXTENT OF SUBJECT COUNTRIES

Of overwhelming importance in the British Empire are the numerous colonies where British might and force reign supreme.

Far Eastern Colonies: India, Ceylon, Malaya, Hongkong, Borneo, etc.

West Indies: Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, etc.

South Africa: The Union, Basutoland, Rhodesia.

East Africa: Egypt, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Zanzibar, Nyasaland.

West Africa: Nigeria, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia. Australasia: New Zealand, Fiji, Papua, etc.

In addition, there are 81 other cities, island groups and small territories too numerous to list. The world is dotted with military bases, strategic centers and coaling stations that are a part of the gigantic "defense" apparatus these master imperialists have created. The Bermudas, Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Corfu, Ceylon are but a few.

Thus lies the huge skeleton of the Empire. Within its reaches toil the Bantus of South Africa

extracting coal and gold from the mines of Transvaal, Indian laborers weaving jute products in the mills that line the shores of the Ganges, Scottish shipbuilders working on British Men-of-War in Glasgow harbor, Indian fur-trappers in Canada's Hudson Bay areas.

HOW THE EMPIRE WAS BUILT

By conniving where possible, by fraud where conceivable, by conquest where unavoidable, this Empire was built.

Since losing the 13 colonies that later evolved into capitalist America, the British imperialists have not given away or freed a single inch of land that came under their rule.

On the contrary, for a 200 year period they have kept up a speedy rate of expansion and extension.

The provinces of India were subjugated by a conquest that extended over a period of 150 years. Millions of natives were either killed by the "civilizing" bullets of His Majesty's Colonial troops or died from famines artificially induced by the conquerors.

Ceylon, Hongkong, Egypt, South Africa—all were conquered by force of arms.

Germany's African colonies were part of Britain's prizes from the World War.

Privileged rights and "spheres of influence" were wrested from the helpless Chinese in a series of bloody wars.

HITLER AND FRANCO LEARNED FROM BRITAIN

Hitler learned from the practices of the British how to suppress local opposition movements and then move on to new grabs. The art of enlisting mercenary, colonial troops with the aim of suppressing civil uprisings was taught to Franco by his British brothers.

The British Empire rose to its present position on a tidal wave of blood and violence never equalled. Before it gives a single one of its prizes to an imperialist rival, before it sets free a single one of its colonies it will fight with the ferocity born of desperation. That is the meaning of British foreign policy today: the determination to hold on to its world possessions.

Rubens-Robinson Passport Fraud Trial Is Opened In New York City

(Continued from Page 1) ens," apparently G.P.U. (Soviet secret police) agents, obtained passports. The investigation revealed that the names and other data in the passport application were fraudulent.

The investigation followed the arrest of the couple in Moscow, where they have been incarcerated ever since, if they are still alive.

A Political Trial That the present trial is deemed political by both prosecution and defense was revealed by the questions which they requested Judge Goddard to direct at the jurors. Jurors were asked whether they "hold membership in the Communist

Party—Stalinists or in the Trotskyists," whether they "hold policies in the International Workers Order," or have had "any business with Russia in recent years." Jurors were asked whether "any of them were born in Italy or Germany or subscribe to the political philosophy known as Fascism."

In outlining the prosecution's case, U. S. District Attorney Lester Dunigan described how the defendants secured certification of forged passports through New York County Clerk Al Marinelli's office, and their connections with persons in or close to that office. The defendants, Dunigan said, took

names of dead children from tombstones for use on passport applications.

Robinson Expected Arrest The prosecution identified defendant Edward Blatt as a close friend and attorney for the missing Robinson, who had deposited funds with Blatt to take care of Robinson's daughter if he were "detained abroad." This premeditation on Robinson's part lends weight to the conclusion that Robinson was a G.P.U. agent and aware that he was to be arrested in Moscow.

Aaron Sharfin, another defendant, was identified by labor papers during the initial Robinson investigation as having been in 1933 a member of the Communist Party of New York, District 15, Middle Bronx, and as having been active in the Unemployed Council unit at 1400 Boston Road near Claremont Parkway.

One of the first government witnesses on Thursday was Max Schwartz, who testified that he was secretary of the Marinelli Democratic Club and had transmitted to Marinelli passport applications handed him by the club's vice-president, Able Katz, who in turn had received them from Harry Zuckerman, a friend of Sharfin.

Schwartz has been previously identified as Max or Mac Shaw, one-time star subscription salesman for Soviet Russia Today (as that, his picture appeared in its issue of December, 1933). Also, under the name Wershow, Schwartz was a supporter of the Stalinists in Retail Clerks Union Local 338.

Zuckerman, on the witness stand, testified he was an intimate friend of Sharfin's for the past eighteen years and was more than willing to accommodate him. When asked by the prosecutor if he could say whether Sharfin belonged to any political organization, Zuckerman said, no. Even stranger was Zuckerman's testimony that, although he thought the transactions innocent, he had given a fictitious name, Louis Epstein, for Sharfin when Federal agents got on Sharfin's trail.

WORKERS' FORUM

ON MAYOR KELLY'S REELECTION

Editor: No doubt by now you have heard of the "overwhelming victory of the Hon. Edw. J. Kelly" for the Democratic Party in the recent mayoralty election in Chicago. I merely wish to present what appears to be a very rank-smelling procedure in connection with his victory.

In a recent issue of the "Federation News" I observed an imposing advertisement to this effect: "Labor elects Mayor Kelly"—"Labor for Kelly—Kelly for Labor," etc., etc.

In contrast to the above may I present the following, which was given to practically every janitor in Chicago:

"CHICAGO FLAT JANITORS' UNION LOCAL NO. 1

"You are being given a picture of Mayor Kelly for every apartment or flat that you serve, and in addition one for yourself. You are requested to put Mayor Kelly's picture in your window, deliver one of these pictures to each of your tenants requesting them to hang the picture in their window. You will do this at the

earliest possible moment, for the sooner done the better.

"Fraternally yours, "W. L. MCPETRIDGE, "President."

My father is a member of the above organization and saw that nothing very much could be done about the situation. I am not a member of any of the so-called "radical" organizations, though my own viewpoints are strongly allied with them. My position at present does not permit my membership.

It appears from the general trend of things that your paper is about the only one that can be turned to in the search for some clearness as to the common man's "democratic rights." Though we have in Chicago the "Daily Record" it goes almost without saying that it would be useless to write to them as they were all along rather vigorous backers of Kelly.

In order to protect to some extent my own position and that of the aforementioned parent may I request that in the event of any publishing of the material contained herein my name and that of parent be not mentioned. G. N.

IN THIS CORNER By Max Shachtman

President Roosevelt has made it fairly plain, by his endorsement of an editorial in the Washington Post, that in a war between the Axis Powers and the "Democracies" in Europe, the United States will be on the side of the latter, "whether or not the United States was at the outset physically involved."

Virtually up to the eve of the declaration of war against Germany in 1917, not even Woodrow Wilson went so far in committing the United States so emphatically and unambiguously to participation in the war.

It would therefore be well to reflect, while there is still time, on what the American masses-in-uniform would be fighting and dying for.

"Western civilization" is imperilled, according to Roosevelt. Imperilled, presumably, by the totalitarian, Fascist states, by their brutal violation of the sovereignty and integrity of small nations, by their assaults upon democracy. A war to safeguard the latter is a sacred and just war.

One Must Look at Realities

Now if that were really the case, a strong argument could undoubtedly be made for a war against the Fascist Axis, even for a war launched without delay, without waiting for further steps by Hitler and Mussolini. But the truth of the matter is that the issues of independence of small nations and of democracy play no part whatsoever in the considerations of those who are talking about and planning the coming world slaughter.

There is a simple and easy way to test this assertion. One has only to look around at the realities.

Let us assume for the moment that Roosevelt, Chamberlain and Daladier, the spokesmen of the three great "democracies," are really concerned only with such noble thoughts as the preservation of national independence in the small countries and of democracy and democratic institutions throughout the world. Obviously, Hitler and Mussolini are a living, pressing menace to their preservation. But it is reasonable to say that only those can honestly combat the Fascist threat who come into court—or to the battlefields—with clean hands, who have already demonstrated in practice and not only in words that they stand for democratic institutions and national freedom.

The Record of the Democracies

Hitler's rape of Czechoslovakia and Mussolini's rape of Ethiopia and Albania are indeed hateful, and have aroused the genuine indignation of every honest person, to say nothing of every real socialist.

But the fact of the matter is that the two Fascist chiefs only acted in exactly the same manner—although on a much reduced scale—as England and France and the United States have acted in the past, and, basically, are acting at the present time.

The last half-century, at least, records an uninterrupted series of British, French and American invasions and conquests, not one whit less brutal and brazen—more so, if anything—similar to those just accomplished by Germany and Italy. Down to the present day, the record of imperialist France in Northern Africa and in Asia is far more atrocious than anything done to date by Hitler and Mussolini. The horrible record of British imperialism in India, China, Africa, Palestine, Egypt and Ireland, makes the Albanian invasion look like a Sunday school picnic. One day's bombing of Indian villages by England has produced more fatalities than Czechoslovakia and Albania put together.

The record of the United States is not purer. There are Filipinos living today who recall the gruesome brutalities of "Hard-boiled Smith," Sergeant of the United States army who practised the "water cure" on the natives who refused to submit to the American conquest of the Islands. Hitler has yet to match the American record in Haiti, Nicaragua, Cuba, Mexico and other fields of "our own" imperialist expansion.

The Leopard Still Wears His Spots

"But that was in the past," it may be—and is—said. Not at all! If that objection is meant to imply that the American leopard has changed his spots, it is false and worthless. It would be somewhat less dishonest if it reflected more reality. But it doesn't. If Roosevelt and his regime were really shocked at the violation of national independence (and not merely concerned with the profits and power of American finance capital), they would take some corrective measures in their own back yard. For instance:

Withdraw from the Philippines and grant them full and genuine independence. "Then the Fascists will seize the helpless islands!" We have heard that scoundrelly imperialist argument before—long before the word Fascist was invented. That is always the way in which one imperialist gang seeks to justify its depredations and dominion.

Withdraw from and grant full and genuine independence to the Virgin Islands, to Puerto Rico and all the other islands of the Caribbean which are really under the heel of Wall Street and Washington. The argument that "we" are there "for their own good" is identical with Hitler's argument for taking over Czechoslovakia, and not a particle improved thereby.

Stop the collaboration with and financial-political support of the vicious totalitarian dictatorships in Latin America, which are today part and parcel of Roosevelt's own axis, or which he is attempting to win over to his side. Is the scandalous regime of Getulio Vargas in Brazil less totalitarian and more democratic than Mussolini's merely because it works hand in glove with Washington? Or the regime of a dozen other Latin-American countries?

It goes without saying that Roosevelt will no more act in this way than will the spokesmen of imperialism in France, England, Belgium or Holland. And since we are not, like the liberals and Stalinists, in the futile business of liberating the leopard to change his spots, we are not wasting our time in appeals to the imperialists to do what only a workers' government can and will do.

And since Roosevelt, Chamberlain and Daladier will not and cannot act otherwise than as imperialists, all their pious talk about the "small nations" and "democracy" remains what it has always been on their lips and the lips of similars: opium fumes for drugging the masses into acquiescing in their wars for profit and plunder.