\_ By Paul G. Stevens \_

### "Poor Little Poland"

Carries on for Democracy

All eyes have been turned on Poland as the newest and most dangerous of the powder barrels from which the coming European and World War is to get its first spark. The Chamberlain-Daladier crowd, in their campaign of encirclement against the Fascist Axis, have replaced the late republic of Czechoslovakia with Poland in their propaganda as the symbol of the "democracy" they are fighting for. Henceforth, we shall probably hear from them and from their American counterparts in the Roosevelt war machine, including the Stalinists and social democrats, of all kinds of outrages being committed against "poor little

It is therefore highly interesting to read in a not so old copy of the British Manchester Guardian, which is part and parcel of this campaign, how "democracy" actually fares in Poland.

"The Polish terror in the Ukraine," wrote a correspondent of that paper, "is now worse than anything that is happening anywhere in Europe. The Ukraine has become a land of despair and desolation that is all the more poignant because the rights of the Ukraine have been guaranteed by international treaty, harause the League of Nations has been altogether deaf to appeals and arguments and because the outside world doesn't care." (10-

Conditions in the Polish Ukraine have, if anything, become worse since the rise of the Hitler threat. What treatment the Jewish minority receives in Poland has been a matter of public scandal for years. Yet this is the "poor little democracy" that we are going to be drummed up to defend in the coming con-

### Sixty Hours for the Workers— Jail Terms for IV Internationalists

Hand in hand with the Daladier decrees abrogating the forty-hour week and replacing it with the sixty hours, with the decrees abolishing nearly every economic gain achieved by the French workers in recent years, goes the ferocious attack against the French Fourth Internationalists.

We have already reported here the arrests of our comrades Suzanne Charpy, Loret and Steve. Word now comes that comrade Morel, who succeeded Charpy as editor of Revolution, the organ of the French Youth Section is under indictment on similar charges. Comrades Beaufrere, Philipp and Forges, three militants of the Revolutionary Socialist Youth. are likewise under indictment for "provoking the military to disobedience," due to articles which appeared in the very latest issue of Revolution. Beaufrere has also been indicted for distributing a leaflet entitled: "Defend the Forty Hours! Down with the Daladier Government! Throw the Cagoulards in Prison!" The Cagoulards are the hooded French Fas-

Naturally, the Stalinists and reformists in France are entirely unconcerned with their fate. They are still busy licking the boots of agree. They agree that when Daladier, Our French comrades depend upon international solidarity in their valiant struggle. All aid to the French Fourth Internation-

### Why the Chamberlain Crowd Sees No Barrier in Stalin's Ideology

It has long been known to Marxists that taken over by the British. The Chamberlain's reluctance to deal with the African natives who have lived have filled all the available the jute mills of Calcutta, the ized by the British in their col- are pulled in advance by laws Stalin government of the Soviet Union in his under the imperialist rule of jails—the British begin to rule. textile plants of Bombay, the onics have been schools for use that render them powerless. line-up of diplomatic alliances was due entire- both England and Germany ly to tactical considerations on the part of have a saying that the only dif-British capitalism. Only propagandists for the ference between the two is that Cliveden set made a bogey out of Stalin. Only the British can't do the goose Stalinist dupes and paid scriveners have re- step! garded Chamberlain as an opponent in principle of the Stalin regime.

Now, that Hitler's refusal to be held in tow has forced Chamberlain to agree to a British-Soviet alliance, the real attitude of the Tory capitalists to Stalin comes to light.

The Marquess of Donegall, one of their spokesmen writes in Lord Rothermere's Sun- of miners who toil in the mines day Dispatch:

"I was glad to see Mr. Chamberlain state that we have no ideological barrier to co-operation with Russia. There are still a lot of policed by British troops. people in this country before whom the Communist bogy looms large.

They failed to realise that with the ousting of Trotsky and the execution of many of his followers, Communism-if by that you mean Marxism with its aims of world revolutionwent west years ago.

What has been growing up in Russia for years is National Socialism — a bourgeois State.

Furthermore, with Russia's limitless resources, that National Socialism is not forced into the position of being aggressive, as is Germany's.

It has, of course, paid the Fascists to keep alive the Communist bogy with which to entice gullible moderates into their camp. And it is astounding how many intelligent Conservatives in this country have only just awakened to the fact that they have been facing the wrong enemy."

No doubt, the good marquess over-reaches himself in this all too sanguine estimate. He is simply working hard to change public opinion in line with the change in tactics when he speaks of Russia as a bourgeois state. But the reference to Trotsky is sufficient to indicate where he really stands. That the workers of Soviet Russia and of the world have little to expect from a Chamberlain-Stalin alliancethat flows clearly from every word the marquess writes.

### On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

The story is told of the weary traveler who had walked many miles on a dusty road under a hot sun. Late in the afternoon he saw in the distance a farmhouse where he knew there would be a well of cool water to quench his thirst. Accordingly he quickened his pace and after an hour or so threw down his knapsack in the shade of the trees surrounding the lonely house. Then he went up to the door and knocked politely. A huge, gruff man came to a side window and in a deep rough voice growled, "What do you mean by disturbing a law-abiding citizen at this hour of the afternoon?"

"I've been walking all day," answered the traveler, "and I am very thirsty. Do you mind if I get a drink of water at your well?"

"Go right ahead," said the man at the window, "but be careful not to break the pump.

### There Are Many Suckers

The weary traveler thanked the man and then walked back to the pump which was located at the foot of a steep hill behind the farmhouse. He took along a tin cup. . .

At first he pumped quickly. But no water came. Then he tried pumping slowly. But still no water came. He was weary and thirsty. And although he was very weak, his burning thirst demanded he make one more effort. He pumped and pumped. Finally, after a halfhour of hard work, a thin stream of water came out and filled his little tin cup.

But one small drink did not satisfy his thirst so he pumped and pumped and pumped until. just as before, another cupfull of water came out. And after working hard for two hours he finally had enough and prepared to continue his journey. But he was curious to know why the man who lived there didn't fix the pump so that it would work more easily.

Once again he knocked on the farmhouse door. This time the man inside opened the door and came out. Now he was smiling. In fact he was almost laughing.

"The pump? Something wrong? Oh no! It works fine! You see I arranged like that on purpose. Whenever someone knocks at my door and asks for a drink I always say 'Sure -go ahead' because every time one of you fellows pump a cupfull for yourself, you must first pump five gallons up the hill into my supply tank on the roof of the house. Ha! Ha! Smart trick eh? Why should I work when there are suckers like you fellows to do it for me?

And so the poor traveler, who owned no house, no well, and who had no money, continued on his long journey. But he began to think about the little trick of the pump and the supply tank. The more he thought the more he became angry with himself. "A sucker am I?" he said to himself, "Hum. . . Maybe I am but perhaps things can be changed around for the better. There is that fat slob. sitting on his fanny all day long in that nice cool farmhouse, drinking the water pumped from the ground by thousands of travelers like myself. Hum. . ."

### Warehouses Full—Workers Starve

How many workers in industry have ever stopped to realize that each week they pro- Workers Party - Fourth International. There duce many more pairs of shoes, overcoats, is a branch in your city.

loaves of bread or lamps than they can buy back with their wages? If, for instance a skilled carpenter can produce six dining room tables every week, can he take his week's wages and buy back six tables built by himself during the week? He cannot. Each week in every industry there are hundreds of thousands of finished products which the working class cannot afford because their wages are far below the prices established by the bosses and their government. And while millions of workers and their families go without the proper clothing, live in houses which are not considered fit for cattle or dogs, eat food which is not only scarce but thin, and live the their so-called "leaders" can lives of convicts, the warehouses are filled to manage it, the French working the brim with goods called "surplus commodities."

Depressions are no longer considered the result of over-production but of under-consumption! In other words we do not consume enough, although there are millions of pairs of shoes, overcoats, loaves of bread and radios and oranges in the storehouses of capitalism! Wheat and corn and cotton are ploughed under in the midst of hunger and cold! Pigs and cows are destroyed, coffee is dumped in the sea, the government pays money to needy farmers so they will not plant the earth with necessary food or cotton! And all the while there are millions and millions of unemployed men and women and youth who suffer from malnutrition and other "working-class di-

### Capitalism Is Like the Pump

And what happens to an unemployed work- has instead stopped the work- to work only 4 days a weeker who applies for relief to the same governers. Their morale has been ment which destroyed the food, set the prices strained further by the cataand maintains a National Guard and police in Spain. forces to protect the private property of the boss? Is he treated like the victim of an earthquake or a flood? He is not. He is examined. working class is in tremendous cross-examined, bullied and treated like a need of an opportunity to recriminal. It makes little difference to the boss- gain its confidence. Huge mass government if he has put in fifteen years or demonstrations on May Day, more on the job. It means nothing to the re- labor's own day, would enable lief agency if the worker has invested his eye. them to feel again the strength sight, his lungs, his nerves, his every ounce of of their own invincible might. energy in a job which expired merely because the boss's profits slowed up. . . He is forced ing all in their power to deny to fill out hundreds of forms and blanks and them this opportunity. It is not is subjected to every possible kind of humili- necessary, they say, for the ating and disgusting red tape. And when a few workers to take the day off. measly bucks are spent on him he is made to That means no parades, no feel that he is a social outcast, a loafer-an stirring call to class solidarity. ungrateful bum. . . Campaigns are carried on That means a show of weakin the press, over the radio and in Congress to ness, when the times démand discredit the unemployed worker.

That is how capitalism works. Like the farmhouse pump. For each cup of water produced by the worker, the boss's warehouses must be filled to the brim. And then the worker is dismissed - laid off - fired. And if he wants to eat he must crawl back to the boss's government and beg for each mouthful. But, of the workers own organizalike the traveler, the worker is beginning to get wise to the system. He is beginning to organize his fellow workers all over America for the purpose of taking over the pump and running it on a co-operative basis with a workers' police force to guard against the bosses. The name of this organization is the Socialist

### In the World of Labor How Britain Rules Its Vast Colonial Empire

The British have the reputation of being the world's best colonizers.

The 500,000,000 colonial people scattered throughout the world and who are on the receiving end of this colonization it comes to stealing the last bit of gold, thinking up new taxes for starving peasants, creating inhuman conditions for factory workers, there is no one who can hold a candle up to the

After the World War, Germany's African colonies weré

Started Concentration Camps The British originated the idea of concentration camps during the Boer war when they penned up thousands of their prisoners.

To this very day, thousands of the Union of South Africa are locked up each night in 'labor compounds' which are

In Indian cities like Calcutta and Bombay, native factory workers return to homes-after an average 10-12 hour daythat possess no water or toilet facilities; no bathtubs; no cooking equipment - nothing but mats on stone floors.

Who gains by this constant exploitation?

Certainly not the masses of people who live in the colonies! They are ground down by such permanent misery that death death-rate for the newly-born. All of the English colonies are breeding places of the diseases that accompany malnutrition and famine, such as bone diseases in all forms, tuberculosis, hook worm, plagues, etc.

The Technique When the British take posses

# DECREE NO MAY ers were employed on the ba-

A brief news dispatch from employed. Paris, April 6, contained the information that the National Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labor (the national trade union organization, C.G.T.) has voted to "cancel the annual twentyfour-hour nation-wide cessation of work on May Day." The report added that the C.G.T. "instructed its affiliated federátions that May Day celebrations do not oblige workers to take the day off.

The warning is clear. If class is in imminent danger of being turned over to the French fascist butchers without a struggle.

Under the Socialist Premier Leon Blum and the Radical-Socialist Premier Edouard Daladier, the gains so magnificently won by the French workers in the strikes of 1936 were snatched from them one

Daladier now rules by decree The 60-hour week has been installed. Salaries have been slashed. Over-time pay has been cut. New tax burdens have been imposed. And French fascism has been growing unchecked. The Front was decided on November 21, Populaire, sponsored by the Stalinists to "stop fascism," strophic defeat of the workers

May Day Needed

Now, if ever, the French But their "leaders" are do-

above all a striking show of strength.

It is understandable that the Daladiers and the De la Rocques should desire the cancellation of May Day demontions should play the game of the capitalists and the fascists.

> At Your Service THE APPEAL POSTER SHOP

The Plunderers of a World Domain Who Imposed the Iron Heel of Exploitation on 500 Million Colonial People Have Taught the Fascists the Use Of the Concentration Camp and the Fierce Despotism of Military Might 000,000:

ough job of it.

make an agreement with a minority section of the native sort of industrial growth population which they trans- they make sure it remains in stands the financier, the banform into servants of the Brit- their hands only. British capi- ker, the super-imperialist of the workers of Germany or ish imperialists. Finally-after talists and bankers own the they have purged the popula- gold mines of South Africa, the tion of all those who object and coal and iron mines of India.

-they take everything. It is the colonies are in their posses- British. calculated that at least \$50,000,- sion. Between \$800,000,000 and In India, 300,000,000 people removed from India during the it made by the British from guage. 19th Century.

Oné-Crop System ness, they oust the peasants miners and factory-hands. from their lands and drive them to work in the cities or mines. They force the people to stop producing food neces- British export-at not too small sities (that is, with the excep- a profit—an annual average of tion of food products that are needed in "mother" England) and organize profitable onecrop systems. Thus, the Indian

York City, has faced the prob-

its own members since the fa-

For years the electrical work-

'best" when 50 per cent were ance.

mous Wall Street crash of 1929.

Bosses Fire Men

The bosses offered no solu-

tion. They had discovered that

with the improved technique

and efficiency of the electrical

workers and with the tremen-

dous advances in the mechan-

ization of work, the electrical

worker accomplished a good

deal more than he used to in

eight hours of work. The em-

ployer got as much as he could

out of the electrician, and since

the technical improvements re-

sulted in more work finished in

less hours, fewer electrical

workers were hired. The result

The electrical workers dis-

covered that they had to solve

the problem of unemployment

themselves. The people who

hired them were not going to

give up their profits no matter

The first scheme that the

electrical workers put into

practice required a good deal

of sacrifice on their part. They

decided to share employment

and in that way alleviate the

distress caused by unemploy-

ment to individual members

who could find no jobs. This

1930 when members of the

Electrical Workers Union voted

Further Sacrifices

ther sacrifices for their unem-

8 hours a day.

8-hour day basis.

ployed union members.

When the year 1933 rolled

were in despair. Unemploy-

from \$13.20 to \$11.20 for an 8-

how kind a heart they had.

tremendous unemploy-

Where the British permit any tem.

their investments in India. British landlords, plantation flashing Crown Jewels of the level of any of the backward If this were not so, the colonial owners, real-estate investors British King and Queen? That's peoples they have enslaved, peoples would have cast out the begin operations on the peas- the blood and sweat of count- They have never attempted to hated British rulers long ago. antry. With British thorough- less peasants and workers, root out primitive customs,

From Both Ends

And to these colonies the \$1,500,000,000 worth of manufactured goods in the form of textiles, machinery, etc.

province of Bengal has an over- the landlord beating down the cause he can free others!" whelming majority of peasants native peasants; the mill-owner "Democracy" in the Colonies who grow nothing but jute, the standing at the back of the na-

Campaign of Electrical Workers for

By STANLEY LAUREN

and with the bosses reducing the weekly pay checks of millions

of other workers by only giving "part time" work to their em-

tical solution to the unemployed problem-the 30-hour week."

Electrical Workers, with approximately 6,000 members in New

lem of unemployment among | did not stick to their word.

sis of an 8 hour day-40 hour only ones to benefit from a de-

The union, Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of

They wanted profits.

Union Gets Wise

The union members got wis-

veek. During the past ten crease in wages were their ness manager of Local No. 3 of years it was considered normal bosses who were rich enough the I. B. E. W. and vice-presi-

when 25 per cent of the union already. Local No. 3 members dent of the Building Trades

The union members came to

the conclusion that a shorter

a smaller pay check. They

struggled towards this end and

received for working an 8-hour

day. Further struggles on the

part of the Electrical Workers

to \$11.90 (\$1.70 per hour) by

In August of 1936 the union

a setback, because it reduced future."

was forced to accept a 6-hour

the daily wage from \$11.90 to

10.20 even though more work

resulted from the reduction in

The electrical workers got

sick and tired of paying for un-

employment while the bosses

got richer. They were tied of

salary reductions while their

ers paying for unemployment.

It was about time, they decid-

ed, that the bosses pay, and at

the same time increase employ-

During that month they held

out for a 6-hour day, at \$12 a

Get 6-Hour Day

Today members of the Elec-

At the same time the reduc-

ten years the union had only

Idea Spreads

ment

that there was still a tremen- | hours a day-5 days a week.

dous amount of unemployment. \$60 for 30 hours work. Over-

The union members who were time above 6 hours a day costs

working decided to make fur- the bosses exactly \$3 per hour.

work only 3 days a week on the employment. While for the past

available work, in August of working, today more than 75

1931 they established an unem- per cent of the I.B.E.W. mem-

ployment fund to which every bers are employed. The union

employed union member con- sees to it that the speed-up sys-

tributed 15 per cent of his part- tem is not used. Electricians

1934, more than \$1,800,000 of benefit of improvement in ma-

this money was paid out in the chinery for their own advan-

form of contributions to unem- tage-the shorter work-week.

cepted a decrease in wages sisted on the 6-hour day.

January 1936.

membership was working and had sacrificed beyond endur- Council, believes that the 30-

sion of a colony they do a thor- price of which is fixed by the tive worker; the merchant etc. are put in the way of vot-British. Wheat, flour, beef, driving his shrewd British bar- ing. First their soldiers establish butter, wool, hides, rubber, etc. gain and reaping his profits military authority over the de- are all imported-at British that are based upon a worldfenseless people. Then they prices-from the other colonies. wide "preferential" tariff sys-

"The City."

Imperial "Civilization" The plunderers load British sugar refineries of the West by the English community or ships with the wealth of the Indies. The transportation and the children of natives who variably stuffed and packed by country. Gold, jewels, textiles public utilities systems of all work hand-in-glove for the Englishmen or their agents,

backward religions and super-

to do so! Ignorance and exploitation go hand in hand. A British imperialist once remarked: "A coolie (the common British expression for a is worse than a free man, be-This is the British Empire- is worse than a free man, be-

idea of the 30-hour week all over

fits of the 30-hour week.

Make the Bosses Pay!

hour week can well go beyond

Today the task of organized

labor is to fight for the 30-hour

week without reduction in pay.

It's about time the bosses were

brought up short. Let the boss-

es be the ones to pay for a

shorter workday. The Interna-

tional Brotherhood of Electric-

al Workers has shown us how

the confines of one union.

ployed to find work.

their first result was a contract | and 10,000,000 are unemployed,

bosses were making huge prof- to reduce unemployment. La-

stop to the system of the work- in every industry!

One-half a million out of 375,-All sorts of property qualifications, communal divisions,

And even the mildest nationalist parties are outlawed if they show any signs of gaining strength. The colonial people Over and above all of them can no more vote for candidates of their choosing than

Italy can. Where local parliaments do The only schools ever organ- exist, as in India, their teeth And these parliaments are in-

who exercise automatic control. There is no more democracy 000,000 worth of material was \$1,000,000,000 is the annual prof- cannot read or write any tan- in a British colony than there is in a Nazi concentration The British never seriously camp! Military-police dictator-Have you seen in newsreels the attempted to raise the cultural ship is the system that rules.

# Nor should we expect them CHICAGO HEARST

Thugs, violence, false statements and court injunctions have all been resorted to by William R. Hearst in an endeavor to break the American Newspaper Guild strike against becomes a way out for them. India has the world's highest death-rate for the newly-born.

| The death-rate for the newly-born death-rate for the newly-born death-rate for the newly-born death-rate for the newly-born. his two viciously anti-labor

strike continues and is being Today, with millions of workers in this country without jobs. | New York City. Their members | given wide support from labor wear huge buttons reading "30- throughout the country. A Hour Week-Practical Solution number of advertisers have ployees, one union has found and effected what it calls "a prac- | For Unemployment." Union likewise stopped using the colmembers paste up stickers umns of these two papers. In everywhere with this same slo- March, they dropped a total of gan. They have even made up 716.913 lines under their lineage Neon signs that can be display- for the same month last year, ed. They are determined to let according to the April 15 Guild all unionists know of the bene- Reporter. Some national advertisers, however, have disregarded the strike and still patronize the Chicago Herald & Hary Van Arsdale, Jr., busi- Examiner and the Chicago

The Guild Reporter lists these advertisers as follows: Automobiles: Buick, Ford,

Chevrolet, Plymouth. Chain Stores: A. & P., Na-Van Arsdale says: "Simple tional Tea, Sears Roebuck; work day was needed-but not arithmetic will tend to show, if Walgreens Drug. employed 40 hours or longer.

Clothing: Bond Clothes, Lane Bryant, Richman Bros. Drugs: Pepsodent Antiseptic,

signed in November 1934 which that the establishment of the provided for a 7-hour day at 6 hour day-30 hour week will Vicks Vapo Rub and Cough the same \$11.20 wage they had make it possible for the unem-Drops, Bromo Seltzer-Emerson Drug Co. "The members of Local Foods: Aunt Jemima Pan-

Union No. 3, International Brocake Flour-Quaker Oats Co., Union brought the wage rate up therhood of Electrical Workers. Beechnut Coffee, Snyders Catwho have the experience gainsup, Mrs. Wagner's Pies, Cured by the operation of numertiss Candy Co., Kellogg's ous plans, believe that the solu- Brand Co. tion for unemployment is the Gas and Oil: Phillips "66."

day at the same hourly rate of 6-hour day, 30-hour week, for Standard Oil Co. \$1.70 as they had adopted in all workers and look forward to January of that year. This was its adoption in the very near

Liquors: National Distillers. Wilson Distillers, Schenley Products, Carstairs Bros. Distillery Co. Tobacco: Camels, Chester-

fields, Old Golds, Dunhill Ciga-Miscellaneous: American Family Soap, United Airlines,

Proctor & Gable Mfg. Co. These manufacturers are therefore aiding Hearst in his its. In January 1938 they put a bor must follow this example fight against the strike. Boy-

## SOCIETY

### For Grandpa

The late John D. Rockefeller,

around, the electrical workers Council in New York has taken The result was more unem-ployment. The bosses, as usual, They have been spreading the Tennis Club.

### All Stockholders, War Is Near For weeks, according to his

widowed mother, Walter (Buddy) Merriell, 17, of Los Angeles, anxiously read every scrap of European news. She said he was greatly alarmed when he heard a news comof President Roosevelt as mean? ing that the United States will Yesterday morning he arose

ill and dispirited. "I dreamed be subjected to the rebuffs ad | gun and the shells were bursting around me and the airplanes were droning over my nephews of old John D. have head. Mother, I'm sick about

> He set off for high school. Later he returned, complaining he was ill, and went to the gar-

An hour later his mother he's a member of the Union found his body. He had fas-

## A year later they discovered trical Workers Union work 6 Five Little Pirates

The third generation of Rockployed fellow workers and on tion of hours has to a large ex- efellers have definitely "made November 9, 1931 they voted to tent solved the problem of unthe grade" in New York so-In addition to sharing the 25 to 50 per cent of its members

Sr., founder of the family fortune, never was able to gain mentator interpret a warning membership in any of Gotham's ritziest clubs. His son be forced to plunge into war. time earnings. Up to July 1, now work 30 hours, and use the and namesake, present head of the Rockefeller clan and interests, declined to place himself I was at war and in the army," in the position where he might he told his mother. "I had a The entire Building Trades ministered to his father.

the idea from the Brotherhood ment increased. The bosses of Electrical Workers and is fared much better. Nelson it. I don't want to kill anycame to the union with the pro- seeing to it that the entire Rockefeller can point to mem- one. posal that they would stimulate | building trades industry adopt | bership in the exclusive Knickemployment if the union con- the 30-hour week without re- erbocker, as can John D., 3rd. sented to a reduction in wages. duction in pay. Only a few Laurence Rockefeller belongs The members of the union, be- weeks ago the Plumbers and to the hoity-toity River Club; age where he had a gymnastic lieving that they would be able Steamfitters, Local 463, won a J. Sterling Rockefeller has ac- bar. to increase employment, ac- smashing victory when they in- complished "the impossible"-The International Brother- Club, as is William A. Rocke- tened one end of his book strap hood of Electrical Workers feller, who also is privileged to to the bar, looped the other end