

Bucking the War Censors

Canada has joined the other British Dominions in declaring war on Germany. Apparently in Ottawa, London, and Washington...

Russian troops are being concentrated along the Polish and Rumanian frontiers, waiting upon the events scheduled to occur when Hitler completes his conquest of Poland...

In Washington and in other capitals newsmen and diplomats buzz with speculation over the possible emergence of a Nazi-Soviet-Japanese coalition in a later phase of the war...

Every German attack on Anglo-French shipping is an atrocity, of course, even when German U-boat commanders send up rockets to attract rescuing vessels...

Respect for the laws is all right in its place—but that place is with the sheep being led to the slaughter, not with the men who own the slaughter-house and batten off the blood-profits...

Heel of Dictatorship Descends on Canada

Socialist Workers League Continues Revolutionary Fight Against War

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In Toronto mass meetings were held in the heart of the working class districts. Noon meetings were held close to factories. Daily attendance and support increased...

war itself. Its Ontario council was reported not to have discussed the matter as late as last Saturday...

Dictatorial Measures The war measures act, on the statute books since the 1914-18 days, was invoked by the King cabinet even before Britain declared war...

Similarly with a scheduled series of leaflets. But some of these difficulties are now being gradually overcome. As for the Stalinists...

Passed at the last session of the House, in preparation for this time, was the new Officials Secrets Act. It legalizes trials in secret. Under it, the government may declare any factory or neighborhood a prohibited area...

But their craven servility to the bosses and their abject betrayal of their membership and supporters have not helped the Stalinists. Professedly fearful of another "appeasement", Alderman Stewart Smith-Canda's Stalinist...

Anti-War Forces But there is opposition. The French Canadians, particularly those resident in Quebec, were in opposition in the last war. At that time they won for themselves exemption from conscription...

The social-democratic Cooperative Commonwealth Federation is as silent as the grave. Yesterday its parliamentary caucus met at Ottawa. It refused to make a statement following the caucus...

The possibilities for quite a large opposition to the bosses' war do exist. Only the S.W.L. of the Fourth International is applying itself—and that with all its resources—to the tasks of these possibilities demand...

FIRST VICTORY FOR INDICTED WPA STRIKERS

Bail Reduction Won Under Pressure of Minneapolis Labor

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quired. Last Friday the WPA strike prisoners pleaded not guilty to the charges made against them in indictments handed down by a Federal grand jury convened on orders from Attorney General Murphy...

That the Federal government means to carry further its repressions against the Minneapolis labor movement was indicated by the reconvening of the grand jury Wednesday under the tutelage of U. S. Attorney Victory Anderson...

The American Negro press reports with pride, that among the millions of soldiers the French imperialists are already using against Germany on the Western Front, are thousands of black troops...

In using Moors against the Spanish working class, the Fascist Franco was merely following the example set by the "democracies".

France began seriously building an army of Negroes in West Africa in 1912. How did the imperialists get the Africans at all, when economic exploitation and political repression are what they are in Africa?

First, the men are conscripted. They have no choice. Secondly, in the prevailing poverty and misery, the army offers an escape to men looking for a way out. It means regular food and clothes and a place to sleep.

IMPERIALIST FRANCE: DIVIDE AND RULE Furthermore, the black soldiers get certain political privileges. The French divide the

Study the Moscow Trials In the Light of the Pact

Under the impact of the Hitler-Stalin alliance, thousands of Communist Party members and sympathizers are now seeking to understand the road which Stalin travelled to this horrible goal.

"The Case of Leon Trotsky" (Harpers). In 1933, it published its final report under the title, "Not Guilty" (Harpers).

One of the most important landmarks on this road of degeneration was the Moscow Trials. Stalin's frameup of the old Bolsheviks, followed by thousands executed without trial...

The scope and contents of the inquiry were necessarily determined by the proceedings in the Moscow trials. Prosecutor A. Y. Vyshinsky had extended the proceedings to cover the "Trotskyites' past activity" even before 1917.

The Commission not only concluded that the Moscow trials were frameups, but discovered in its investigation that Trotsky's writings and activities were distorted beyond recognition by Vyshinsky and the Stalinist press.

As a result the volumes are now particularly valuable, since they cover a large part of the history of 1917-1937.

The Commission's two volumes, in popular-priced paper-cover editions, are available through the New York Labor Bookshop, 116 University Place, New York City.

Tammany Seeks to Block SWP Campaign

(Continued from Page 1) tions among their friends and neighbors. We are mobilizing every member and every friend of the party in this task and we intend to let nothing stop us from getting those signatures.

All branch headquarters will remain open every evening in the week from 5 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. to give workers sympathetic to the anti-war campaign of the Socialist Workers Party the opportunity to sign the nominating petition.

Special mobilizations of every branch in New York have been called for every Sunday at 10:30 A.M. and every Tuesday and Friday at 7 P.M. Assembling at the branch headquarters, members of the Socialist Workers Party proceed to canvass their neighborhoods methodically for the signatures necessary to nominate the candidates.

The powerful Stalinist propaganda machine was directed to persuading the black soldiers that the independence of Africa was no longer the slogan. Their duty was now to die for French "democracy" against Fascism.

Thus the Stalinists introduced a vast confusion into the movement and caused great bitterness among black revolutionaries against all "white" political parties as treacherous betrayers of the blacks.

Come to the Anti-War Fighters DANCE and ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th at 9 P. M.

Irving Plaza Ballroom (Newly Redecorated) 15th Street and Irving Place ON THE PROGRAM Archie Savage In a Afro-American version of Cuban dances Dewey Johnson Famous Negro Baritone in some old and new favorites Trinidad Calypso Singers In a presentation of topical and intimate songs B & L ??? In several jazz versions of the modern dance etc., etc., etc. Music by SAVOY BEARCATS Tickets 75c On Sale at: LABOR BOOK SHOP SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY 116 University Place

African Soldiers and the Armies of "Democracy"

By J. R. JOHNSON

African people into two groups—the elites and the indigenes (natives). An elite is an educated French Negro who is given all the privileges of a white man...

But there is another side to this question. The Africans are likely to revolt against the condition of war more quickly than the French soldiers. And many of these Africans will have been conscripted by brute force, driven into the army as cattle into a pen.

"On Saturday, 14th May, at 2 o'clock in the morning, while peaceful inhabitants were dancing in a ballroom at Abidjan, policemen, armed gendarmes, and riflemen surrounded the hall. The whole room, excepting the women, were arrested.

"The native chiefs act as recruiting agents. They have to, or they wouldn't remain chiefs for very long. And certain other ambitious black men are quite prepared to assist the French in enslaving Africans in return for certain political considerations.

"18th May, ten lorries of recruits at Adjame, ten at Treichville.

"17th May, twenty lorries still at Adjame, 110 were taken from Sassandra, arrived at Abidjan on the 26th May by the S.S. "Brazza". Anguish reigns with grinding of teeth.

AFRICANS DIED LIKE FLIES IN 1914 Diagne rose to be a Cabinet Minister and sent thousands of Africans to their deaths in 1914-1918.

The French blacks, however, learned something from the last war. The Communist Party, a revolutionary party in those days, did propaganda both in Africa and the troops in Paris, and many of these were under the influence of the Communist Party.

POPULAR FRONT BROKE BLACK-WHITE UNITY The Popular Front ruined all this. The Stalinist propaganda for the Popular Front raised the hopes of all colonials.

In those days, 1936 and 1937, the French workers were on the march against the French bourgeoisie. And in Marseilles, during the long continued strikes and struggles of the workers against the Popular Front government, African troops were brought out.

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This letter is a living document and tells more of the truth about French Africa than hundreds of thousands of words flowing from the mouths of Dardier, Leon Blum, and the French Stalinists, about the un-

MAINE COMRADE LEADS WEEK'S LIST IN SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Renewal Subscriptions Still the Main Problem in Big Cities Which, on the Whole, Lag Behind Others

A lone comrade in Calais, Maine made the best showing in the subscription drive for the Socialist Appeal in the past week. Five subscriptions were sent in by this comrade—evidence that persistent agitation among fellow workers, even by one individual, can bring excellent results.

A total of 31 new subscriptions and 11 renewals came in during this week. The total to date, since the inception of the War Referendum Campaign, is 155 new subscriptions and 36 renewals. The record by cities is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Branch, New, Renewal. Lists cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, New Haven, etc., with their respective subscription counts.

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The best showings to date have been made by St. Paul, Akron, Toledo, Baltimore and New York City. St. Paul has only six more to go to complete its quota of 20 new subscriptions and Baltimore, too.

"Not content, together with Captain Dubois, with stealing children of 16 to make soldiers, Darres is an audacious liar. He has published the following circular:

CIRCULAR "The Chief Administrator of Colonies—Mayor Administrator of the Mixed Commune of Abidjan, warns the population against the rumors, which are circulating in the town and which have the effect of establishing a relation of cause and effect between the clean-ups actually embarked upon, and the enrollment of the second portion of the contingent in the years 1937 and 1938.

ANTI-WAR FROLIC TO FEATURE MANY PROMINENT PERFORMERS

The dance and entertainment arranged by the N. Y. District for next Saturday, September 16, at Irving Plaza will be the finest affair of its kind, according to reports by the committee in charge.

The Trinidad Calypso Singers' topical and intimate songs will be the high point of the evening (if you have never heard Calypso singing—you are in for a surprise and a treat you will not soon forget)...

Outstanding professional entertainers will appear in a one hour program of songs and dances which will surpass anything found in any of the Broadway night clubs. Archie Savage who created a sensation with his dances at the last Pioneer Party will appear again in his Afro-American version of popular Cuban dances...

AND... the singing star of "Have You Had Your Worthing Cause Today?" and "I'm a Dialectic Dope" will be there with several new songs which will be just as popular... etc., etc.

The French empire. The revolutionary task is to build a living contact between these hundreds of thousands of Africans and the French workers in army and in factory. The treacherous turn-about-face of the Stalinists has done an immense amount of harm.

Dance music will be furnished by the Savoy Bearcats who have just returned to New York from a successful trans-continental tour. The proceeds from the Dance will be used in the anti-war campaign conducted by the N. Y. Local of the Party. Tickets can be obtained at the Labor Bookshop and the S.W.P. headquarters, 116 University Place.

Those American Negro newspapers which in one breath talk about the African fight for independence, and in the other praise the black troops for the part they are playing in the French army, are guilty either of an extreme ignorance or an extreme hypocrisy. There are many white people and an overwhelming number of Negroes who genuinely wish for the independence of Africa. These will take no pride in blacks using their skill and strength to assist the very people who are chaining them. Rather, these friends of Africa will use all means in their power (and there are many) to clarify the

(Next issue we shall print a letter written by Leon Trotsky to Claude McKay in 1921, in which Trotsky, then War Commissar of the Soviet Union, analyzes the role of Africans in the French Army.

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