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### WAR CLIQUES SPLIT NEW YORK LABOR PARTY

#### Morale of Minneapolis Prisoners Splendid as Frame-Up Trial Opens

A.F.L. Defense Committee Sponsors Tag-Day To Raise Funds for Indicted Strikers— More Indictments Seen as Coming

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 6 .- The government was still having its innings as the fifth day of the trial of the first batch of WPA workers got under way in Federal Judge Joyce's courtroom. Eight workers are involved in this first trial, growing out of a clash at a WPA project on the University of Minnesota campus last July 12, when Philip Slaughter, a fascist sympathizer, used a knife -to slash several pickets. It is typical that the victims, not the knife wielder, are being prosecuted by the Tom Davis, a colorful old fig-

Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

ern Europe while the war of dying capitalist world is drag-

arms on the western front, as ging the peoples of all nations.

the saying now has it, has set- Doesn't this pompous ex-

tled down to a war of nerves. | change of lies, this hypocritical

foreign ministers queued up at of whole peoples, make clear

the Kremlin gates, Stalin ad- for the thousandth time that

vised his former would-be allies the interests of the human race

in Paris and London that they can and will be served only by

would do well to talk terms the destruction of both these

same time advised the workers | And what now? While Stalin

of the world that little details pushes his frontiers into the

like Fascism are "matters of lower Baltic and eyes the Bal-

taste." As for him, Stalin, he is kans and the East, the belliger-

making hay, for he knows well ents in the West are waiting for

longer. And his harvest is al. the Netherlands, and Switzer-

ingly seconded by the Master of Siegfried lines. Italy, too, sits

the Kremlin consisted of a pro- on the shaking lid of this boilposal that the French and Bri- ing kettle and may soon be

stead of later and give back to The war in the air also awaits

lain-Daladier or Hitler-Stalin on to batter him down.

Company of the second

with his friend Hitler. He at the warring cliques?

tish capitulate to him now in- blown off.

The bolts of Stalin's diploma-|can mean only continued mis-

The trial opened Monday, October 2, and the first day was ure in Minnesota politics, has hammer and sickle into the the jury, picked by the judge, are seven farmers, a lumber trial attorney in cooperation whole world trembled salesman, a former deputy with the three other defense owner and a hardware dealera labor case.

date have been Linus Glotz- ion movement. The 134 defend- chevsky, burning with zeal and bach, former Minnesota WPA ants are showing great re- ambition to extend the socialadministrator (since promoted sourcefulness in preparing their ist revolution throughout Euby Roosevelt); S.J. Stolte, act- own defense statements and rope ing State WPA administrator lining up witnesses to fefute who described himself as a Defense Committee to survey out a vast empire, Greater Pomember of the US intelligence the case, and the morale of the land, from the Ukraine, all service during the war. All al- indicted strikers is wonderful East Prussia, Lithuania, White leged that pickets had threat to see.

The Red Army Marches

By B. J. WIDICK

spent in selecting a jury. On been secured by the AFL's WP- poverty-stricken fields of Po-A Defense Committee to act as land towards Warsaw, and the

The defense is expected to a typically tough dozen to hear bring forth a mass of evidence on the "western front" in the to smash the New Deal frame- offensive against the Polish Ar-Government witnesses to up against the Minneapolis un- my. He was Mikhail Tukha-

Opposite the Red Army stood Russia, and Latvia, Repeatedpeace terms offered by the So-

ened them during the WPA George Murk of the Musi-ly, Pilsudski had rejected viet government in 1919 and early 1920. Pilsudski was deter-mined to strike while the Somined to strike while the Soviet republic was weak. His troops marched towards the So-viet frontier on April 25, 1920. UNION FROM CONTRAST TELLS STORY OF RUSSIA'S CHANGE

The Red Army was fighting a tic blitzkrieg are still splinter- ery and death, a prolongation 'defensive war!" No sooner did ing the fragile frontiers of East- of the agony through which the Pilsudski open hostilities than the Revolutionary Council of War ordered troops from everywhere to the Polish frontier. meeting of the Delegate Assem-On May 20, Tukhachevsky at- bly of Teachers Union, -Local In between interviews with fraud, this toying with the lives tacked Smolensk to relieve the 5, held last night, the Stalinist pressure on Soviet forces on leadership of the Union pulled the south-western front where an abrupt about face, caught the Polish army was making its own membership unawares, advances rapidly. Budenny's and moved to disaffiliate the cavalry smashed through ene- Union from the American my lines towards Kiev, it was League for Peace and Democcaptured on June 12, and the racy. In stunned silence, a bestage was set for the famous wildered membership listened march to Warsaw, although the to the plea for "no politics in

the sun shall not shine much each other to move. Belgium, 1920 march to Warsaw and Stal- ers' issues." ready reaching tidy dimen- land are acutely aware of their sions. Just what it will bring on immediate peril, for on both the imperialist war market is sides it is realized that the war a question that is as yet unset- can be fought across these lands at less cost than an at-Hitler's peace offer so oblig- tempt to storm the Maginot or

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(also a Roosevelt appointee); and a number of finks, including one person. Homer Martin, and smeet weekly with the WPA land, who dreamed of carving land, who dreamed l Candidates Evade the Main Issue

# 'PEACE' GROUP

NEW YORK, Oct. 7-At a situation on the south-western the union," "we must avoid front was by no means assured. controversial questions" and The contrast between the 1920 concentrate solely on "teach- am Jennings Bryan during the wars.

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New York S.W.P. Urges Workers to Register This Week So That They May Vote for the tended and Comrade Goldman Only Anti-War Candidates on the Ballot

- Carlo

meetings, Max Shachtman, Councilmanic candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for the Bronx, declared Monday night, October 9, at Public School 67, 179th Street and Mohegan Avenue riousness with which they viewthat, "The most important issue in this election campaign is one ed the problem of war. Literatwhich the capitalist political parties in this city will evade and ure sold well and good contacts Stalinist fashion when conignore; it is the question of the second world war and the imminence of American participa-

"Not one candidate of either his apartment house has as

What Value Isolationism?

last war, seem at first to op-In that sense," Shachtman

Addressing the second in a series of election campaign mass its implications. Questions were olution, Michael J. Quill at-

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WAR-TIME

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are fundamentally the same as the Democratic or Republican those who corral the workers cently returned from Europe is parties who is known beyond for the trenches from the moment war becomes imminent. much as one word to say The isolationists cannot and Party. To date he has already their pro-Ally position are the against the war," Shachtman will not lead any real struggle spoken in Reading, Allentown, against war because they are pledged to the maintenance of capitalism and are therefore listed in his schedule are: "The Isolationists, like Willi- pledged to support capitalism's

Tracing the wild changes in in's invasion of Poland this fall The cynical and hypocritical pose the war. Then, when war policy of the Communist Party tells the tragic story of the de- effrontery of the Stalinists was breaks out, they support the during the last decades, Shachtcline of the Soviet Union under exposed by the Independent war on the ground that, al- man stated, "The Communist the iron heel of Stalin; the de- Group, whose spokesmen ably though they are against it, they Party is today the direct oppogeneration of the Red Army pointed out that the drive for wish to put a quick end to it. site of what that party was announcements of time, place

#### Patriots Divide On Support of Axis or Allies

By FELIX MORROW

The two warring camps in the American Labor Party have spent the week hurling charges and countercharges, setting up dual executive committees in New York County, and filing separate nominating petitions.

Amid the tumult, the several hundred thousand trade unionists who constitute the American Labor Party by virtue of the affiliation of their unions, are finding it hard to determine what is the issue which has caused the split. For the rival belligerents are not particularly interested in telling the truth. Each camp is as anxious as the other to avoid frank statement of the real issue.

The ALP bureaucrats—speaking for the officialdom of the needle trades-attempt to exploit the feelings of the progressive (and especially Jewish) trade unionists against the Hitler-Stalin alliance; they say they are fighting the discredited Communist party for its reactionary defense of the Hitler-Stalin axis. They say as little as possible about the basic

sections of their resolutionthe pro-war sections.

The Stalinists,

# blur the real basis of the con-

BOSTON, Mass.-Boston opened its Forum season Sunday Oct. 8 with Albert Goldman pretext for designating the speaking on "Europe in Flam- October 4th city conference es." The meeting was well atwas enthusiastically received. as "having no legal status un-Workers and students attending der the election law." In rethe meeting showed a very live- fusing to accept the ALP resly interest in the war and all asked by members of the audi- tacks Chamberlain, but says ence which indicated the se- not a word about the Hitler-

National Tour

tour for the Socialist Workers to say, Antonini and Rose, in Newark, Boston, Lynn, and Rochester. Other cities so far of Roosevelt). At the October

Youngstown Cleveland Watch the Appeal for further

flict. In the New York County fight they try to hide behind the reactionary state laws which create electoral machinery separate from that of the trade union base of the ALP, which gives the Stalinists the called by the ALP leadership Stalin alliance, and, in typical fusion is deemed necessary, identifies himself with Roose-Albert Goldman who only re- velt's policy as against the Antonini-Rose policy (needless more "legitimate" followers 4 city conference the Stalinist spokesman, Irving Potash, made his main point a plea that, since the ALP had never expressed itself before on international affairs, it should not do so now! To make confusion worse confounded, the Stalinists name (without his consent) Adolph Held as county treasurer-Held, president of the war-mongering Forward Association!

Stalinist supporters in the 'Hitler methods" of the ALP leadership. One of themmakes a brilliant contribution: he approves Roosevelt's cash-The break between Roosevelt and-carry proposals, "But I cannot see that the platform miners' nation-wide strike last of the American Labor Party

#### MEET VACILLATES ON PROGRAM

Germany in the process the the next moves of the armies, colonies wrested from her in for the experiences in China the last war. The French and and in Spain have shown the British imperialists announce extreme costliness and dubious

lerism" or in other words, as aerial actions. to point out, to defend Anglo taken right now, however, will a wordy opposition to war and dispute on the convention floor, tion, Sidney Hillman, president perialist War, by dodging the Labor Day speech. That speech French swag against the Nazi be less important and less de- its preparations, and an appeal if possible. cisive for the war's course than that the Roosevelt administra-For either side in this slaugh- the outcome of the diplomatic tion concentrate its major enter-fest peace is predicated on game involving Turkey, Ru- ergies on the burning problems different position than it was program. markets and profits and not on mania, and the Balkans, for of unemployment, insecurity, at its first convention a year Through a public statement Clo ranks against the Stalinthe "bunk and balderdash" (as this outcome will determine and the growing cost of living ago. Unqualified endorsement issued prior to the CIO conven- Hitler pact as well as their Shaw puts it) of democracy and Germany's capacity to fight a in America. civilization. Such a "peace"— long war, the kind of long war Reflecting the differences of port for a "war for democ-

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whether dictated by Chamber- the Western Allies are counting opinion on the CIO executive racy," and unity with the AFL pro-war policies and his domes- ing their program. board, Lewis dealt with the were the main themes of the tic program.

they will fight on to "crush Hit- military value of exclusively of the rank and file, John L. fighting against war. Further, ing campaigns. Lewis opened the second annu- he skirted the issue of support- In the executive board ses- "new line" by including the slo- tion in the CIO consisted main-Bernard Shaw was good enough | Whatever action is under- al convention of the CIO with ing Roosevelt to avoid a sharp sions before the CIO conven- gan Keep America Out of Im- ly of what he had said in his

Year's Changes

problem of war without offer-|previous convention, along with| Revealing the heavy pressure ing any concrete program of the usual planning of organiz-

of Roosevelt, promise of sup- tion Hillman gave his unquali- "rule or ruin" policy, the Stal- and Lewis following Roosevelt's

the CIO board favored the America who occupy key posi- fight raise a cry against the of the Amalgamated Clothing "neutrality" issue, and by mak- created quite a stir because it Ross Kenyon, ALP nominee Workers of America, fought for ing reservations on support of was regarded as an answer to for General Sessions judge, For the CIO is in an entirely the reiteration of last year's Roosevelt. Fearing a purge be-Roosevelt's plea for national cause of the strong feeling in unity.

The Lewis program, backed

The seventeen Stalinists on the United Mine Workers of

Third Term Disputed (Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 4)

## WAR--WHAT FOR? James P.

The Third of a Series of Friday Night Lectures

Cannon

#### "The Advance of Fascism" Friday, Oct. 13

The Causes Underlying the Triumphs of Hitler and Mussolini

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