

THE NEGRO QUESTION

By J. R. JOHNSON

"LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN NOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERE LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED"—KARL MARX.

Franklin Roosevelt jailed Earl Browder and it has nothing to do with passports. It is a political act. Soon there will be others, including perhaps the arrest of James Ford, the black Commissar.

The stooges of American capitalism, the "democracy" trumpeters, will rejoice that America has been saved; and the stooges of the Moscow bureaucracy, the Stalinists, will wall that America has been lost.

First of all, no class-conscious workers anywhere, and least of all the revolutionary socialists, the Trotskyists, want to see Franklin Roosevelt jailing any members of a working class organization. The Communist Party is a working class organization.

We stand for the principle that all workers' leaders, right or wrong, honest or corrupt, are responsible to the workers alone. And we call upon the workers to oppose Roosevelt and his capitalist gang, in any interference with the working class, even though they try to disguise it with a smoke-screen about false passports.

We Will Do Our Own Work

Yet we of the Fourth International are no friends of Browder, agent of Stalin, that murderer of revolutionary workers. The "democracy" specialists will denounce Browder and the Stalinists for being agents of Stalin as they will denounce Fritz Kuhn for being an agent of Hitler.

We don't ask Roosevelt to deal with Kuhn either. But we don't care if he does. Let Roosevelt jail Kuhn and then let Hitler jail the head of the American embassy in Berlin. Twenty years a piece, or forty for that matter. That is their capitalist business, not ours.

In the days of Lenin and Trotsky for instance, the Communist Party got financial assistance and advice from Moscow. It was the duty of every worker to support that Lenin and Trotsky, the Moscow government, were revolutionists. They considered themselves and Russia as being merely one detachment of the international working class.

Browder and Ford Are Traitors to Labor

But today Browder is the agent of the Moscow bureaucracy. Stalin and his bureaucrats are concerned only with their own skin and their own beliefs. They deceive the workers in every country and try to use them for their own selfish aims.

And why are they traitors? Ford is going to be running all over the country (he had better drive on the right side of the road), telling Negroes that the Stalinists are being persecuted because they are opposing the war.

Why did you fight so hard for Spanish "democracy," Ford? Why pact with Hitler, telling us that we must make a "democratic front" against Fascist aggression? You wrote a book, Ford, called "The Negro and the Democratic Front."

Why did you fight so hard for Spanish "democracy," Ford? Why did you and Browder and Stalin and all your people in Spain murder and kidnap Trotskyites, and militant anarchists who wanted to overthrow capitalism in Spain?

(To be continued)

ON THE BALLOT



Max Shachtman—Candidate in the Bronx

RANK AND FILE LOGGERS REVOLT AGAINST STALINIST MISRULE

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tradition—the Sailors Union of the Pacific got its bellyfull of this strikebreaking in the Shepard Line "beef" in San Francisco.

Figures Falsified

Strikebreaking by Bridges found its natural counterpart in falsified statistics by Stalinist Pritchett, whom he came to defend against the lumberjacks.

Now after a two-year bureaucratic rule in which \$30,000 was borrowed from John L. Lewis, the top clique is trying to enforce its mismanagement by draining another twenty-five cents in addition to the present per-capita tax.

he (Bridges) demanded that I join the Communist Party. If I refused he said he would run me out of the industry. They can call it Red-baiting, but if people tell me I'll 'join the party' or they'll run me out, I'll fight back."

To purge the loggers' organization of this wrecking, disorganizing clique, the workers from the main centers of the industry, Portland, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Raymond formed their caucus with the main aim of driving the Stalinists from office.

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ANTI-WAR RALLY ON HARVARD CAMPUS

On Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Harvard Anti-War Committee held a highly successful meeting on the Harvard campus calling for a constitutional amendment to LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON WAR.

Let the People Vote on War!

The Socialist Party and Its Lovestone Allies Continue to Cover Up the ALP's War Position

By FELIX MORROW

It has become necessary to appeal again to every worker to acquaint himself with the actual text of the "special resolution on the European conflict," adopted by the American Labor Party state executive committee on Oct. 4 and endorsed that same evening by a conference of New York City delegates.

It has become necessary, because a concerted effort is being made to conceal and distort the meaning of the resolution. The capitalist press contributed powerfully to the confusion, labelling it merely as an "anti-red" resolution.

In a series of articles, we have described the actual content of the resolution, and quoted its main sections. We have demonstrated that the main section of the resolution, constituting its fundamental motivation, is a declaration in favor of Anglo-French imperialism in its war against the Hitler-Stalin camp.

Breaks Silence—But Not Completely

The Oct. 28 Call finally breaks silence, and gives us the first official explanation of the Socialist Party's support of the resolution. It does not print the text of the resolution, and with good reason!

Of the fact that the Socialist Party member, Frank Crosswaith, A.L.P. candidate, "expressed unqualified approval for the resolution" as a whole, including the sections supporting Roosevelt's proposal to lift the embargo, The Call says not a word.

In addition to its general story, The Call publishes an "explanation" by Harry W. Laidler, the other Socialist candidate on the A.L.P. ticket.

"I think that it was unfortunate that the neutrality resolution was incorporated in the resolution on the part, on dictatorship and on Communist control, but the general purport of the entire resolution was known to all."

The Oct. 21 Workers Age (Lovestoneites) is equally brazen. It declares editorially:

"However, it appears obvious to us that, in the resolution as it stands, the arms-embargo section is no more than a 'rider,' of entirely secondary importance, while the anti-Stalinism is of paramount significance.

The deliberate falsification of which the Thomas-Lovestone apologists are guilty will be apparent to any worker who reads the text of the A.L.P. resolution.

They Abandoned Fundamental Principles

Why have we dwelt on this question over many articles? Because the shameful conduct of the Thomas-Lovestone camp demonstrates how fatal it is to abandon the fundamental principles of the revolutionary struggle against war.

In the fight against war, Lenin taught us, our first duty is to attack the war-mongers in our "own" country. Liebknecht concentrated this thought in his immortal slogan: "The enemy is at home."

Is this denied by anyone who calls himself an internationalist?

Yet these principles are already being violated, in practice, by the avowed "internationalists" of Norman Thomas' Socialist party and the Lovestoneites.

Who are the chauvinists in the American labor movement? The CIO and AFL bureaucracies, who imposed upon their respective conventions endorsements of Roosevelt's war program, proposals for labor representation on war boards, etc.

Along the Social-Patriotic Current

There are other chauvinists in the labor movement; the Stalinists. As long as the Stalinists were preaching a war program similar to that of Roosevelt—"the democratic front against fascism"—they were accepted as junior partners by the CIO and the ALP leadership.

No one outside the Stalinist camp proposes to support the Stalinist chauvinists. Those, however, who denounce the Stalinists and do not denounce the chauvinists of the opposing camp; those who adapt themselves to "democratic" chauvinism, keep quiet about it, apologise for it, are floating with the dominant current toward the war-camp of the "democratic" imperialists.

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What the Nazi Press Says About The Stalin-Hitler War Alliance

By OSCAR FISCHER

The German National-Socialists, who pretended to the role of the international vanguard against the "world Bolshevik danger" are now faced with the need, following the signing of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, of explaining their new attitude towards Russia.

The Deutsche Zeitung von Mexico (German Journal of Mexico) is one of the periodicals of the "Germans Abroad" directed by Goebbels and the National-Socialist Foreign Propaganda department.

Take note that the National-Socialist propagandists speak not only of a commonplace diplomatic pact but—just like Herr Ribbentrop in Moscow—of a "friendship." At the same time, however, they turn against all the "labor leaders, alleged friends of peace and English imperialists" who "have invented the fairy tales of the alleged fraternization of National-Socialism with Bolshevism."

LIQUIDATION OF BOLSHEVISM IS BASE

"Everybody . . . knows that National-Socialism and Bolshevism can be united as little as fire and water, that there can never be any conciliation between National-Socialism and Bolshevism and that this treaty must therefore have an important premise; namely, that the leading statesmen of the Soviet Union have finally given up their world revolutionary aims.

HISTORICAL MOTIVATION FOR NEW FRIENDSHIP

The Nazi organ also gives an "historical" motivation for the fact that a German-Russian friendship was out of the question in the years gone by. On the German side, it was due to the "miserable German foreign policy of the post-Bismarckian era," which, with English intrigues, involved the German and the Rus-

sian people in the war of 1914-1918, from which both emerged "mortally wounded." Later on, the politicians of catastrophe of the Weimar Republic found themselves in a state of complete dependence upon England and France.

"This circumstance," says the Nazi journal, "was utilized by certain Soviet Russian politicians who continuously demanded an aggressive policy against Germany. . . . In the field of diplomacy, these circles had as their most prominent representative the former Soviet Russian foreign minister, Litvinov - Finkelstein, the 'diplomat in a red frock-coat,' the 'father of collection security,' who married an Englishwoman and was taken completely in tow by the encirclement politicians of England and France.

"When Germany once more attained its position as a Great Power, and, on the other side, the circles in the Soviet Union who operated against a policy of German-Russian agreement had been overturned and liquidated, Adolf Hitler did not hesitate a moment to take up again the policy of German-Russian agreement."

First U.S. Published Russian Opposition Bulletin Now on Sale

The first issue of the Russian Opposition Bulletin to be published in the United States is off the press. Its 32 pages contain twelve articles by Leon Trotsky, including: The USSR and War; The Enigma of the USSR; Stalin—Agent of Hitler; etc.

The Bulletin is available at the following places in New York: Labor Book Shop, 116 University Pl.; Rand School Book Store, 15 St. and 5 Ave.; Foreign News Depot, Times Bldg; Maise's Book Store, 278 Grand St.; Biederman's Book Store, 2nd Ave. at 12th St.; 3rd Ave. and 14th St. (N. Y.)

Boston Fraternal Organization for Referendum on War

The Boston Local of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Association, which has just celebrated its 50th anniversary as the oldest and the largest local in New England, has passed a motion calling for a constitutional amendment to let the people vote on the declaration of any war.

Note to Readers in Minneapolis:

The regular Sunday Forum of the S.W.P. meets at 8: p. m. at 919 Marquette.

WORKERS' FORUM

TROTSKY'S ARTICLE ON THE UKRAINE

I've enjoyed reading Trotsky's article on the "Independence of the Ukraine and Sectarian Mud-heads." There is a golden opportunity now for the Ukrainian workers in the US and Canada to unite and fight Stalinism. But someone must show the way. Trotsky is the one who could work out a concrete "Program for the Ukraine's Independence."