LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN IS BRANDED"-KARL MARX. NEGRO QUESTION

By J. R. JOHNSON

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Negroes! On Guard against The New Stalinist Line

If James Ford is asked why he and Browder spent five years tomobile Workers Union and the confusion that has swept the persuading the American workers that their future lay with Roose- Lewis machine became evident in plants. velt and the New Deal, he will lie like a trooper in reply. No people Flint this week, as the issue of a in history ever lied like the Stalinists. But the real reason for Ford's Chevrolet strike uncovered grow-

Whereas Lenin and Trotsky always said, "How can we best help groups. the workers in Russia and all over the world, for we are all one," Stalin, Ford's master today says, "How can I use the workers to help me and my burocrats preserve our wealth and power?"

In 1935, he was trying to get an alliance with Britain and France. But the reactionary imperialisms didn't want to make an alliance action in Flint Chevrolet plants, Once however they are in ac- quired to join the union within a fact that I wholeheartedly and with a revolutionary. So Stalin gave his orders to his servants ail over the world. "Stop being revolutionary. Be good lovers of 'de- J. Thomas and other Lewis men file of the union will sweep ahead, corporation flatly rejected this of the Ukrainian people in their weaken the U.S.S.R. What to do revolution. They close their eyes mocracy'. Above all no class struggle." Whereupon Browder and on the International Executive go over the heads of their irres- compromise. Ford started on their "democratic" career. How their paper and Board of the UAW-CIO, and ponsible leaders, and by sheer their speeches used to stink! They fawned all over the boots of without adequate preparation of weight of their numbers and mil-Franklin Roosevelt, the same Roosevelt who now jails Browder the ranks of the union. and who may well jail Ford tomorrow. Every other column in the Stalinist papers whooped it up for F.D.R. All who were for F.D.R. were heroes in the eyes of the Stalinists. Formerly they had de- for months in the Flint plants, But workers must be aware of place an ambiguous proposal only embarassed but deeply would weaken the state in econounced the NAACP and the Urban League. Suddenly these Negro as the Stalinist leadership, topetty-bourgeois, who are as revolutionary as a stale potato-pic, were gether with conservative misfits Communist Party, and beware of duction standards are to be set embraced by the Stalinists, and transformed over night into leaders who sold the offices, have allowed their attempts to provoke pre- by the corporation; in case of of the American Negro workers.

The Workers Alliance, led by David Lasser and controlled by tain of unsettled grievances, init-sible actions, without adequate by a joint-union-management Stalinists, became one of the most reactionary organizations in the late a speed-up and discriminate preparation. country. It stifled the militancy of the workers and reached its final against union men. degeneration when it made Eleanor Roosevelt an honorary member. While the Stalinists were fol-How in the name of God could a workers' organization, designed to lowing their pro-Roosevelt line, are not to be depended upon eithlead the starving unemployed against a chiseling capitalist govern- and Stalin, the Big Boss, was er to lead the battles of the auto ment, make the wife of the head of that government an honorary still a good "Democrat," they workers. While the Stalinists are sion in this proposal since corpormember? Strikers may as well ask the boss's wife to come and be branded every attempt at mili- agents of Hitler-Stalin, Lewis is ation officials previously labelled ficialdom of the union under presan honorary member of the picket line.

Acted against the Class Struggle

The Stalinists were simply killing the class struggle, as they had Stalin get his alliance with Britain, France, and America. For the American workers, and for the American Negroes, the Stalinists low Stalin server these self-come the self-come these self-come the sel

Naturally, to be able to influence the workers at all, the Stalinists had to maintain a show of militancy. But even while maintain- are vigorously pushing for strike are engaged in a bold campaign union had conclusively demoning this show, their main business in life was to act in such a way action, and flaunting defiance in to smash the auto unions in pre- strated in the N.L.R.B. elections, point the police arrested Barreas to give the capitalists the following impression:

"We are not real reds any more. See how we restrain the work- ecutive Board of the UAW-CIO. Greedy for the profits that will that it had the allegiance of 80 ers. See how we praise F.D.R. Make the alliance with Stalin and you can depend upon us to keep the workers quiet. If war comes we the pile of grievances, and stop ials, these manufacturers want shall get them into it much more quickly and efficiently than you the speed up in the Flint plants nothing more than to smash un- Thomas, Frankensteen and the ican pronunciation. He had no

The Stalinist rank and filer didn't know that this was the real considerable stirring of the rank meaning of the policy. Ford and Browder knew all right.

But thinks didn't go well in Europe from Stalin's point of veiw. Britain and France wouldn't agree to his territorial expansion in the Baltic. Hitler, hungry for an ally, agreed to Stalin's demands without acquainting the mon with (for the time being). The two made their bargain, and Stalin, as the issues, without so much as ed. Hitler's ally, dropped all his talk about Russia and the "democ- calling a mass meeting to inspire "acies" fighting against fascist aggression.

Here was a fine mess for the Stalinists to be in. All they could pushed through a strike vote that must have weapons! First pre- weeks-and probably more. Dur- ities. . do was to double back, put a good brass face on it, and start sup- has little real meaning, except pare your army. Mobilize the un- ing this time the corporation will In a similar incident recently, porting the Hitler-Stalin Pact. They had to or they would have been as a mechanical device to launch ion. Inspire the ranks. Once this stall the union negotiators until a man with a package attempted called Trotskyists. They would have been abused, expelled and cal- an adventuristic and badly organ- is done, no force on earth can they are green around the gills. to enter Trotsky's house, saying umniated. But though they now have to support Hitler, who at ized action. present is doing most of the fighting in the Hitler-Stalin combina- The fighting forces in Flint can workers. To try to give battle be- hell out of the workers in the Mugica with fertilizer for the tion, they are supporting him in a very clever way. They are prais- easily be routed. Their back- fore you have a well-knit army plants to complete their 1940 pro- garden. While the secretary ing Stalin of course. That they have to do, or out they go on their ground of militancy has proved on the field will mean defeat. gram. Then the union can whis- checked over the telephone, Genheads into the street. It would be difficult, however, actually to sup- that the auto workers will rise What is needed is genuine ac- tle for its agreement. port Hitler openly. So what they do is to carry on a vicious camin a short time, when given the tion, not an adventure. A wary There is no reason in the world edge of the man, the suspect fled to subordinate for a certain perpaign against Hitler's enemies, the "democracies". The more they slightest chance to learn the is- eye should be kept on the "gen- for the UAW-CIO to be euchred before police could apprehend embarrass the "democracies", the more they help Hitler, and, as sues involved, and when they feel erals" who order an advance pre- out of its just demands. Chrysler him. they see it, the more they help Hitler, the stronger is Hitler's ally, they have an organization behind maturely. They are probably in must meet competition with Gen-

Hence, this strange spectacle of Ford in Harlem bellowing But the conservative bureauagainst the war, calling it a war of two imperialist groups (which crats and the Stalinist leaders, it undoubtedly is), and saying that his purpose and the purpose of who have spent the past several his party is to save the Negroes from wasting their blood and lives months trying to insure their own in a quarrel not their own (which is certainly not Ford's purpose.) salaries, who have hesitated to This two-faced scoundrel was no more thinking of Negroes' welfare than in the days when he was trying to shepherd them into the "democratic" front and send them fighting against Hitler on behalf NEW YORK PARTY of the Moscow bureaucrats.

A Judas Re-Born

There have been many Judases in the world, since the first and CLIMAX TO DRIVE most famous one. Negroes have produced their fair share. But of all the criminal specimens on that dirty list, you will have to search must fight side by side with the far before you meet one like Ford, a Negro, brought up in the South, Young Peoples Socialist League knowing what his people suffer. And yet in August 1939, this traitor for: is telling Negroes to fight for "democracy" and in September he's telling them to keep America out of war. And all the time he's using them to serve the interests of the Moscow murderers of revolutionaries and organizers of frame-up trials.

But F.D.R., as the Stalinists so lovingly used to call him, and Murphy allowed Ford and Browder plenty of "democracy" so long as the supported American imperialism. But the moment they start stead of NYA handouts, and the talking about imperialist war on both sides and impeding F.D.R.'s mobilization for America's imperialist war against Hitler, then they get a real test of the "democracy" which for the last five years they youth with jobs and a chance to so powerfully supported. Franklin jails his old friend Earl.

Negroes! Put not your trust in princes, neither in F.D.R., nor in F.D.R.'s "democracy", nor in anything else except the organized force of the working class movement, black and white. And the Negroes should feed with a very long spoon a political party that between 1935 and 1939 spent its time telling them to trust in 40,000 New York school teach-

F.D.R.'s "democracy". The Negroes must beware of the Stalinists when they come nounced all attempts to cut the whining that Browder has been made a martyr on account of his school budget and called upon struggle against imperialist war. If Browder is a martyr, he's a the teachers to rally against any martyr to his own crooked support of Roosevelt's "democracy" dur- attempt to cut their salaries. ing the last five years. If Browder is a martyr, he's a martyr to In reply to the City Affairs Hitler's war, which he's trying to win for the sake of Hitler's ally, Committee and the League of Stalin. If Browder is a martyr, he's a martyr for the sake of Stalin's Women Voters, both candidates bloated bureaucracy. But that slick double-crosser is certainly no stated their support of the plan martyr for the revolutionary workers and their struggle for so- for County Re-organization as a

cialism. So when Ford comes around putting across his sorrowful tale petty grafters and corrupt sineabout Browder suffering for "democratic rights" and as an anti-war cures, many of whom thrive on fighter, the Negroes will tell him to go and tell that tale in Moscow, what they extort from the poor. All workers will oppose Roosevelt's interfering with the working | Shachtman and Paine endorsed class movement on any pretext whatever. But that does not in any the fight against the Lyons Resiway mean that we shall cease to expose Ford, Browder, Stalin and dence Bill, which, they stated,

all their works. And at the same time also let us, as vigilant revolutionary work- workers of long service in the vaers, not be taken in by the "democracy" fakers, with their ballyhood rious city departments. about agents of a foreign power. Negroes and white workers will Initiating the windup to the not lose two winks of sleep about foreign powers, except in so far campaign will be two outdoor as we can help the workers in a foreign country to overthrow that mass rallies this Saturday eveforeign power. We know only two powers-the imperialists on the ning at which both candidates one hand, and the workers, farmers and oppressed colonials on the will speak. other. Franklin, who jails his old friend Earl, belongs to one camp. In the Bronx, candidate Max Many of Earl's followers belong to our camp, and that is why we Shachtman, George Clarke and protest when Franklin jails his old pal, Earl. But we have to make others will feature the mass ralit very clear that our protest on behalf of Browder is in reality on ly at Tremont and Prospect Avebehalf of his misguided followers and the rights of the workers as nues. a whole. That protest doesn't in any way make us mitigate, but In Manhattan, candidate Paine leads us rather to intensify our denunciation of his corrupt and will speak between Lexington

"LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN NOT EMANCIPATE ITSELF WHERE LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN L Forces at Loggerhends SEEKS TO BALK On Auto Uniou Policy AGREEMENT

Vigilance Necessary

A strike under these conditions,

Who Will Lead?

The speed-up can be ended only

service of the enemy.

Let the People

Vote on War!

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | spend a few dollars on leaflets of FLINT, Mich., Oct. 24-Indica- other means of publicity, are now tions of a brewing battle between rushing ahead without any con-Stalinist forces in the United Au- cern whatever for the manifest ng animosity between the opposed by R. J. Thomas and

ground, are pushing for strike union.

Growing Discontent Discontent has been brewing from the company.

cists" and as a maneuver design- mongering Roosevelt and the Al- voice in production-schedules "so- and even the war department will the Ukrainians are "by and ed to embarrass Roosevelt.

Now, however, that Stalin has ers will lead the workers in a waved his magic wand, and has vigorous fight against speed-up, holding out on the demand that ler-Stalin camp, these self-same ionism conflicts with American ments for each plant. They use as Stalinist robots, with as little participation in the war. concern for the workers' needs, the face of the International Ex- paration for war production, called on company insistence, chena.

That action is needed to settle come with orders for war mater- percent of the workers. is true without a doubt. There is ionism. That a strike is necessary is be- the trap set by the corporations, move on foot, initiated by gov- and a scribbled note listing the mere autonomy. Messrs. Demoyond question .But the Stalinists, who know well enough that they ernment "meditator" James Dew- days when Pan American flies. It crats haggled over the national without acquainting the men with unions are none too well prepart the plant and resume work dur- agent of a group attempting to traders. They then took their dithe workers in the plants, have by struggle. But to struggle you can drag out for at least three liminary survey of the possibil-

them.

PREPARES BANG-UP

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A peoples vote before war can be declared.

A lowering of the voting age to 18 years to permit the youth, who will be called upon to fight in war, to vote on war.

For youth WPA projects intransference of the two billion dollar war budget to provide live, instead of guns and death."

Support Teachers' Demands In answer to the questionnaire of the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations, comprising ers, Shachtman and Paine de-

step toward ridding the city of

discriminates against many

CHRYSLER CO.

To Fight Company By Strike Action

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Lewis, led by Stalinist flunkeys and glass industries. rank and file workers, and with- ceed in settling the host of seri- demand for a union shop. (The out adequately preparing the ous problems now confronting the "union shop" requires only that find a feudalist. new employes hired shall be reagainst the express policies of R. tion, it is possible the rank and specified period of time). But the completely stand for the support tion of the Ukraine does actually the future the national Ukrainian

itancy, manage to hold together standards by joint committees doesn't embarass L. Trotsky at ibly retains within its boundaries Ukrainian nation. the union and force concessions has been whittled down by the all." Absolutely so! As regards some other nationality considers the company to pile up a moun- mature strikes, or other irrespon- complaint they are investigated nationality to gain its complete cause this leads to the mili-Lewis, Thomas and his aides

tant action as an aid to "Fas- going to help sell you to the war every demand of the union for a sure of government mediators to answer to this question that lied camp. Neither of these lead- vietization."

> a pretext a technicality in the TROTSKY HOME The automobile manufacturers N.L.R.B. ruling. This after the

other negotiators of the union, papers of any kind or personal ians not only independence—the The Stalinist irresponsible poli- there is a great danger for the belongings. He had a Pan-Amer- Ukrainians did not demand this and file, and demand for a fight. cies will only lead workers into Chrysler workers. There is now a can-Airways schedule on him, ing negotiations. These negotia- organize the assassination of rect and immediate point of detions, it is conservatively said, Trotsky, assigned to make a prestop the advance of the auto And meanwhile they will speed that he had been sent by General

fight. Every Chrysler local has by this latest incident.

The periodical fumes over the reads a French proverb." The original demand of the un- independence. "The separation of ciple of the self-determination of today is utilizing the suppression corporation. In its stead they Messrs. Democrats, they are not that the separation of the latter

committee; if satisfaction is not voted overwhelmingly for strike. obtained through this procedure Up to 5,000 workers have picketthe dispute is to be thrown into ed the Dodge plant. This is a ion of Hitler? As regards the na-There is undoubtedly a conces- break once it gets under way. crats of "Novaya Rossia" follow-And now the corporation is the strike ever gets in motion.

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Barrechena attempts to pass as Spaniard from Malaga, but In the yielding attitude of fails to conceal his Central Amer-

eral Mugica denying any knowl-

dealers, who are already howling ways and means of putting him workers are more than ready to the household has been reinforced

Democratic Feudalists and the Independence of the Ukraine

In Kerensky's periodical, "No-lindependence cannot fail to of the Ukraine to the interests of vaya Rossia" for July 12, 1939, arouse the ire of feudalists. "The the international proletariat if Workers Stand Ready my article on the independence of question of how this revolution they came into conflict with one the Ukraine (printed in Socialist (the national Ukrainian revolu- another. But there is no sign ev-Appeal, May 9, 1939) is subjected tion) will be utilized by Hitler en of such a conflict. The Ukraine to a "criticism" of its own kind for the realization of his plans is being strangled by the very From the standpoint of socialist, is not touched by Trotsky." The same Bonapartist reaction that scientific, literary, etc., criteria, gentlemen of "Novaya Rossia" strangles the whole of the U.S.-"Novaya Rossia" is of course of consider that "the separation of S.R. and undermines its capacity no interest at all. But it possess- the Ukraine will lead to the mili- for self-defense. The Ukrainian es this merit, that it enables one tary weakening of the U.S.S.R.," revolutionary movement aimed to peer into the heads of the and they come very close to the against the Bonapartist bureauc-Top officials of the union Russian middle and petty bour- conclusion that Trotsky's politics racy is the direct ally of the ininconsiderate of the needs of the a political maneuver, will not suc- agreed to modify their original geois democrats. Scratch any of serve Hitler. The same opinion is ternational revolutionary prolethem hard enough and you will held also by the Kremlin. Great tariat. minds run in the same gutter,

> struggle for national and state then with the democratic prin- to the fact that Hitler already tary strengthening of Germany. Wherein does the criterion of our democrats differ from the criteryield what it should gain before large and in general" in all likelihood a nation, but after all

if they are a nation, it is a sectermined by the interests of majority. And this is precisely Ukraine! the viewpoint of the chauvinistic feudalists.

In the sad and sorry days of the February revolution, the Provisional Government brazenly refused to extend to the Ukrain-Great Russian "masters" of the landlord, bourgeois and demo- elbow. cratic type. Today they are translating the very same great and glorious tradition into the language of the emigres.

From a much higher historical standpoint, namely from the standpoint of the socialist revolution, it would be quite possible iod of time the national interests

The far - sighted democratic feudalists are very much concern-Let us grant that the separa- eq lest Hitler utilize some time in

In contrast to Messrs. Democrats of the Menshevik and Narodnik variety, we do not at all proceed from the consideration that there is no beast more powerful than the cat. Hitler's strength in general, and in relation to the Ukraine in particular, lies not in himself but in the worthleseness and rottenness of democracy, in the decomposition of the Second and Third Internationals, in the vast wave of disillusion, decline, and apathy among the masses. The triumphant revolutionary movement in any country will sound the knell there are limits. In other words, an integral part of the mighty tionary Ukrainian movement is ond-class one inasmuch as the being molecularly prepared unrevolutionary wave which is now fate of the Ukraine must be de-derneath the crust of triumphant Russia, i.e., the Great Russian Long Live Independent Soviet reaction. That is why we say:

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ULOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION WHERE-IN WE HAVE PEO-PLE STARVING IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY; OF PEOPLE GO-ING THREAD-BARE AND RAGGED IN THE MIDST OF THE GREATEST INDUSTRIAL SURPLUS EVER KNOWN.

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tent, and the Machines in all of the MILLS and FACTORIES could be working twenty-four hours every day, creating National Basic Wealth, and the American People could have money to buy EV-ERYTHING PRODUCED, if that WEALTH were more equitably distributed amongst the men and women WHO ACTUALLY PRO-DUCE WEALTH.

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