

EMBARGO REPEAL IS STEP TOWARDS WAR!

S. W. P. Calls for an Anti-War Vote! Bill Turns U. S. Into Armory for Allied War Camp

Cast Number-One Ballot for Shachtman In Bronx--Write-In Paine in Manhattan

Entering the last weeks of the New York election campaign, Max Shachtman and George Lyman Paine, Councilman candidates of the Socialist Workers Party for the Bronx and Manhattan, called upon the workers of both boroughs to cast their number one ballots for the anti-war party as an endorsement of its struggle against the war and American involvement in it.

"We ask the voters of the Bronx to cast their number one ballot for Shachtman and in Manhattan to write-in the name of George Lyman Paine as a vote symbolic of the desire to place in the City Council representatives of the party which is really fighting against war," both candidates declared today.

Writing to the South Bronx Committee for Tolerance on the fascist issue, Candidate Shachtman stated, "My position on the question of intolerance and of such movements as are represented by the so-called 'Christian Mobilizers' and the 'Christian Front' is the position uncompromisingly held by my Party, the Socialist Workers Party. We condemn all such movements which are aimed at dividing the working class in the face of their real enemies along the artificial lines of race and religion."

The letter, which was read at a public mass meeting sponsored by the South Bronx Committee, declares further, "We stand at all times for the unity of the working class in defense of its interests regardless of racial or religious opinions or origins. We do not, however, confine ourselves to a purely literary condemnation of fascism, fascist groups and their activities. Our Party calls for the organization of Workers Defense Guards to protect the labor movement and all national or religious minorities from the assaults of the fascists."

Although George Lyman Paine has been ruled off the Councilmanic ballot by the Board of Elections on a flimsy technicality, the Campaign Committee reiterated its plan for a

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Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

The fuss being kicked up over the City of Flint incident is part of a many-sided campaign consciously designed to whip up anti-Soviet sentiment in this country.

Roosevelt's State Department is using the kind of language in this affair that is used only against an enemy, actual or potential. In the very midst of all the to-do over the City of Flint, shipping companies which have had at least five vessels detained for weeks by the British navy have been unable to get Franklin's man Cordell to say even boo to the British. But when the City of Flint matter came up, the Roosevelt war deal gang went to work full blast and, naturally, the whole press is gleefully joining in ganging up on Russia.

There is a lot of palaver about "international law" being spilled over this affair. It so happens that in seizing the vessel the Germans were within their "rights"—as rights go under the anarchy cynically labelled "international law." But this international law seems to consist mainly of the prerogatives of those strong enough to take what they want. Roosevelt has been doing a little one-man legislating in this field himself, as when he quite arbitrarily ruled a little while ago that American territorial waters extend not to the usual three-mile limit but 1,000 miles out to sea and farther if necessary.

So let no one get set up about who's "right" and who's "wrong." There's nothing right in the midst of imperialist war except the fiercest, most unrelenting struggle against it.

The main thing to get hold of is the fact that the Roosevelt administration is deliberately engaged in a drive, both public

and private, to prepare the ground for American participation in the war against Russia. That most of the Allied statesmen still count on as the ultimate outcome of the present conflict.

That is the meaning of the City of Flint hullabaloo. It is also the meaning of the diplomatic game going on across the other side of the world in Tokyo where Roosevelt, in collaboration with the British, is testing the ground for a deal with Japan that will assure the Japanese role in the projected anti-Soviet war. Chamberlain hoped to get Hitler to fight Russia instead of having to fight Hitler himself first. In the same way, the Wall Street-Roosevelt cabal hopes to fan a Soviet-Japanese conflict without first having to eliminate Japanese power itself.

As this drive gets underway, one thing has to be kept clearly and firmly in mind by every thinking worker who rightly hates Stalin and all his works. The war-mongering bosses are aiming straight at the restoration of private property in Russia. The collectivized economy created by the workers in their revolution remains, despite Stalin's grotesque distortion of it, the main object of capitalist hatred.

Our job is not to help the capitalists restore private property in Russia but to prevent them from doing it. Our job is to help the Russian workers overthrow Stalin and re-assert their own power and the way to do this best is to put an end to private property through workers' revolution here and everywhere in this channel house of a bosses' world.

That is the road to future peace and plenty. All other ways lead to blind alleys of death and destruction and perpetuated poverty.



Scenes in the Campaign for Max Shachtman and George Lyman Paine, Councilmanic Candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, Local New York.

On the streets and in the halls of Manhattan and the Bronx, the Socialist Workers Party carries on its anti-war campaign.

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Roosevelt, Having Pushed Immediate Plans Through the Senate, with the House Sure To Follow, Will Now Adjourn Congress

The Administration steam-roller, rejuvenated by a slashing 3 to 1 victory over the collapsing isolationists in the Senate, this week cut debate on Roosevelt's war-promoting Neutrality Act down to twelve hours maximum, and was all set to have the bill on the White House desk and the session adjourned before Saturday.

During its passage through the Senate, the pretense that the Roosevelt measure was designed to safeguard United States "neutrality" was gradually dropped. Defenders and opponents alike admitted quite frankly that the object of the bill is to line up the United States on the side of the Anglo-French war machine.

Every amendment that might have slowed down the march toward war was quickly thrown out by huge majorities. It took about ten minutes to dispose of a watered version of the Ludlow Amendment offered by Senator LaFollette. The

"strict clauses" even of the bill as originally presented by the administration forces were chopped away.

Legal Formula

The bill originally prohibited U. S. ships from entering any belligerent ports. Now only the belligerent ports in the north of Europe are on the closed list. The plan that belligerents must pay cash for and take title to all goods before they leave this country is got around by another amendment which makes this provision apply only to belligerent governments and not to "private" citizens or firms within the warring countries.

The bill, as it is coming out of Congress, amounts simply to this: a legal formula for turning the U. S. into the chief armory for Anglo-French imperialism and at the same time building U. S. armament industries up to peak production in preparation for the day when Roosevelt decides to declare war as master of the "democratic" bloc.

Bombers On Their Way

On the day of the final Senate vote, the newspapers of Paris and London carried banner headlines announcing the great victory which they had won in Washington.

According to reliable reports, the flow of airplanes will not even wait for boats to ship them. Hundreds of bombers, it is said, will, beginning next week, be flown first to the great airport at Botwood, Nova Scotia. From there they will take off for England and France.

The Botwood base has, during the past several years, been reconstructed with exactly this plan in mind. Flying the planes over will save time and in all probability be accompanied by fewer losses than if the planes were shipped—since one ship torpedoed means from 20 to 50 planes gone. Naturally, a fair percentage of the planes from Botwood will fail to finish the trip, which will be hard on the pilots concerned. But, Chamberlain and Roosevelt figure, there are plenty of young men to make pilots out of.

With the lifting of the embargo, Roosevelt will have got everything out of Congress that he wants for the moment. He will, therefore, send them away from Washington in double-quick time, so that he will be left free from any possible interference in taking the new and rapid steps toward war which are to follow in the next two months. And he will have a chance to complete his projected four billion dollar arms budget to present to the regular session when it opens on Jan. 3.

MINNEAPOLIS PUTS ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE W.P.A. STRIKERS ON TRIAL IN FEDERAL COURT

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 30 — Twenty-five men and women go on trial today in Judge Joyce's Federal court for their participation in the nation-wide WPA strike this summer.

This is the third trial so far. In the first two, in which eight WPA workers were found guilty and four were acquitted, the defendants are being tried formally under a provision of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law which makes it a crime to "interfere with" WPA workers. Actually, however, they are being tried under the Roosevelt-made law: "You can't strike against the government."

Businessmen's Jury It is expected that, as in the first two trials, the jury will be drawn from rural sections of this Federal district, to make sure that no workers or friends of labor are on the jury.

Where facts cannot be twisted to arouse the prejudices of a businessmen's jury, the Federal prosecutor—proceeding under orders from Washington—adds to the charges a "conspiracy" indictment, and the judge defines "conspiracy" in such broad terms that convictions can be voted by the jury without bothering about evidence.

In the last trial, Judge Joyce instructing the jury on the meaning of the "conspiracy" indictment, made it broad enough to cover practically every WPA and unemployed worker in the country who supported or sympathized with the WPA strike. He told the jury a conspiracy indictment "does not mean conspirators must be acquainted or take part in conception of the conspiracy"—which in plain English means that a man does not have to conspire in order to be a conspirator.

"Circumstantial Evidence" Those who come in, later and cooperate to obtain unlawful results of a conspiracy become partners and assume responsibility for that which went before," said the judge.

"Proof of a conspiracy," he went on, "may be by circumstantial evidence. . . . The object of a conspiracy need not be accomplished to make it a conspiracy. It is sufficient to show that a group came to a mutual understanding or agreement to per-

form an unlawful act against the government, whether they acted separately or together."

Anti-Labor Weapon The conspiracy charge was a notorious weapon used by boss-dominated courts against trade unions for many decades. It violated, among other things, the fundamental tenet of law that men should not be punished except for overt acts. If "the object of a conspiracy need not be accomplished to make it a conspiracy," any strike action defined as a conspiracy is punishable. Organized labor was successful in forcing the courts to abandon this form of frame-up to a considerable extent—until now, when it is revived by the Roosevelt administration!

United States Attorney Anderson, who has so far secured indictments against 150 men, women and youth, announced this week that he has petitioned the

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THE FLAME OF REVOLUTION STILL BURNS IN GERMANY

Under a Copenhagen date-line of Sept. 24, the Berlin correspondent of the Paris Temps—a journalist who spent years in Germany before the present war—reports the following interesting item concerning underground activity in German cities which are blacked out nightly as a precaution against Allied air raids:

"BERLIN AT NIGHT"

"According to information received from various sources, the German police are increasing their vigilance against numerous outrages and acts of sabotage. In Berlin and other large cities, night patrols have been organized of SS men and volunteers in order to suppress disorders committed under protection of the darkness. A few nights ago in the old communist section of Berlin, a patrol discovered a number of placards on walls, bearing a red border and these words: 'Down with Hitler and Stalin!'

MEXICAN STALINISTS PUBLISH FILTHY ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACK ON THE TROTSKYIST MOVEMENT

By DIEGO MONTANEZ

The Oct. 18 issue of "La Voz de Mexico," organ of the Communist Party of Mexico, carries the following headline on page 2: "Trotskyist Jews Support Almazan." The fact that no Trotskyists, Jewish or otherwise, are supporting Almazan (a reactionary Presidential candidate) is here comparatively unimportant. What is important is the anti-Semitic note in the propaganda of the Stalinist wing of the Stalin-Hitler bloc.

The article reads as follows: "A group of Trotskyists that meets at No. 15 Tacuba Street, composed in its majority of Jewish and capitalist elements, has dedicated itself to attacking the regime of President Cardenas and supporting Almazan. The last meeting of the afore-mentioned individuals, on the Polish situation, produced a scandalous affair. Not everyone present agreed with the way the leaders of the group

treated the Polish problem; having protested energetically, the dissenters were insulted and an attempt to throw them out of the room being violently resisted by them, the meeting broke up in blows.

"Among the Trotskyist Jews who distinguished themselves by their attacks on the Soviet Union, the Communist Party, the PRM and President Cardenas were the music critic Khan, the dry goods merchant, Zaharias, and two of the editors of La Voz Israelita named Rubinstein and Abrahams.

"These individuals, openly intervening in national political questions (What, 'comrades'? Aren't Jews a legitimate part of the nation? D. M.), also attacked General Manuel Avila Camacho, calling him an agent of Stalin, and declaring that the candidate who should be supported is General Juan Andreu Almazan."

Usual Demagoguery The article then ends, in the typical style of the Nazi demagogue with whom their master Stalin has now allied himself, with an attack on the "capitalist Jews." The last paragraph reads:

"The Mexican people must know who are the new friends and partisans of Almazan: the capitalist Jews, exploiters of the Mexican working men and women, rich monopolistic merchants who starve the people." (Emphasis mine.—D. M.)

For four years, until a few weeks ago, the Latin-American agents of Stalin were licking the boots of the "democratic" imperialists.

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N. M. U. Bureaucrats Skirt Real Demands of Maritime Workers

By SIDNEY MOORE

In the Oct. 27 issue of the Pilot, the leadership of the National Maritime Union declared through an editorial that, "in drawing up our proposed agreement this year, we based our demands upon the minimum needs of the membership." And what should one of the MAIN DEMANDS be? "Our main demand is that the present agreement be clarified so as to expeditiously the mechanics of interpretation."

Here we have the cowardly admission by a bureaucratic leadership that their struggle for the rank and file demands means exactly nothing. Their attempt to clarify the issues to an impatient membership is as clear as their "main demand." To understand that peculiar and meaningless phrase thrown out almost insidiously to the rank and file as a "main demand," we must first restate the ACTUAL DEMANDS and the REAL situation existing on the waterfront. There is a crisis developing on

the waterfronts of the Eastern seaboard. Within a few weeks the maritime workers can expect an unprecedented boss offensive against their living standards and organized power. It must be clearly understood that the Roosevelt War Deal Administration, setting through the agency of the Federal Maritime Commission, is a joint alliance with the ship-owners in this union-smashing drive. No victory can be expected by the maritime workers unless they are aware of this ACTUAL alliance, and govern their actions accordingly.

The present leadership of the NMU has constantly attempted to befuddle the membership on this score. Even worse, the Stalinist leadership is still writing blank checks for the War Deal Administration. They are vainly attempting to separate before the eyes of the membership this behind-the-scenes but nevertheless actual alliance between Big Business and the boys in the White

House. Thus, in the same Pilot editorial:

"One of the answers of Big Business, which certainly includes shipowners, was the Dies Committee. Its purpose was two-fold: smear labor and the Roosevelt Administration." This, in face of the fact that every union busting campaign was always begun by the Maritime Commission—a collection of Roosevelt's right-hand men. Proof? The opening of the link-herding halls on the East coast by the Maritime Commission to break the power of the Union hiring hall. The recruit-tanker strike by these link-halls and by Hoffman's Island—a Maritime Commission base to "train" new men in the "sea-going tradition."

Basic Demands

Notwithstanding the Stalinist white-washing squad, and conspicuous by their absence in the daily propaganda of the Pilot, are the following basic economic

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