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G-MEN FRAME UP TEAMSTERS UNION LEADERS

Workers of Manhattan and Bronx, Your First-Choice Vote Must Go To Labor's Anti-War Candidates!

With last minute preparations completed for a whirlwind finish to the New York Councilmanic campaign, Max Shachtman and George L. Paine, candidates for the Bronx and Manhattan respectively, in their final statements on the eve of the elections, declared, "We are confident that many workers of both boroughs will underscore the anti-war program of the Socialist Workers Party by casting their first choice votes this Tuesday for the only candidates who have publicly demonstrated their irreconcilable opposition to the second world war and the efforts of the Roosevelt administration to fling the American workers into it."

Assured that their vote will equal in size the enthusiasm shown at election rallies for the anti-war program of the Socialist Workers Party, candidates Shachtman and Paine stated, "Thousands of workers

in the Bronx and Manhattan have shown their interest in the campaign, conducted at tremendous odds. It gives them the opportunity of casting a protest vote against the war and against its instigators and its apologists. Let the workers of both boroughs rally to the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party in a manner that will make the instigators of war seriously contemplated.

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C.P. SUPPORT OF KUOMINTANG SEEN AT END

Leading Chinese Stalinist Indicates New Line in Statement

By E. SAXE

The Chinese Communist Party, reacting swiftly to the coordinated change of Comintern and Soviet foreign policy, is preparing to withdraw its support from Chiang-Kai-Shek and the Kuomintang.

In an interview with Edgar Snow, author of "Red Star Over China," published in the London Daily Herald of Oct. 21, and marked "delayed by the censor," Mao Tse-Tung, leading Chinese Stalinist, recently returned from a visit to Moscow for purposes of "information," denied flatly that the Chinese Communist Party had ever submitted to the Kuomintang.

Mao claimed that the CPC program was completely independent of the Kuomintang's, and aimed ultimately at "social revolution." Asked whether Soviet troops would enter Inner Mongolia and Manchukuo, the Stalinist chief answered: "Such action is quite within the possibility of Leninism."

Mao declared that he supported Soviet policy in Europe as a "logical part of world liberation, and the revolutionary movement."

"Soviet help to China," he said, "depends on the continuance of the war against Japan, and closer association with the USSR. China cannot be unified until the Kuomintang dictatorship is abolished and replaced by democracy."

A Reuters dispatch from Tokyo, published in the same issue of the Herald, but not yet officially confirmed, declares that the Soviet Union has presented demands to Chiang Kai-Shek, which include the entry of Soviet troops into Sankiang and Inner Mongolia, and the sovietization of Northwest China.

Join the Socialist Workers Party

"The Enemy Is At Home!"



Growing Protest Movement Challenges Watson Arrest

ONE DACHCHUND EQUALS ONE HUNGRY WORKER

According to the latest news from Nazi Germany, all dachchunds over sixteen inches high must have ration cards entitling them to meat scraps from food shops.

As reported in the Socialist Appeal last week, hungry men and women in the democratic American city of Gary, Ind., must be equipped with licenses before they can hunt through garbage cans for scraps of food.

The moral is interesting. In the United States a needy person rates as high as a German dachhund. But in the Germany of the hated Hitler, a dachhund rates as high as a freedom-loving American.

Canadian Defense Committee Calls Creation Of American Watson Defense Fund a True Act of International Labor Solidarity

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

TOLENTON, Nov. 2—The Canadian Frank Watson Defense Committee greets the American Watson Defense Fund!

The formation of the Watson Defense Fund in the United States is a striking testimony to the international solidarity of the working class movement!

The arrest and conviction of Frank Watson, young English-Canadian worker apprehended by the Dominion police for having publicly denounced the imperialist war and Canadian participation in it, on the streets of Toronto, represents the first abridgement of civil rights on the American continent as a result of the outbreak of the new world war.

The imprisonment of Watson by the Canadian government has demonstrated to the hilt his statement at the now celebrated street-corner meeting that "Democracy is the first casualty of the war."

Lying Testimony
That the imperialist rulers of Canada could not abide this brave opponent of their war is demonstrated by the lying testimony introduced by the prosecution in order to justify the vicious sentence imposed on Watson.
The witnesses, a soldier and
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F.B.I. Agents Engineer Anti-Union Cases In Preparation for War

Five Union Leaders Face Unusually Severe Sentence and Fine for Allegedly Damaging Bakery Truck During 1938 Strike

Eight union officials, representing the teamsters-union locals in Sioux City, Des Moines and Omaha, were placed on trial this week in Sioux City, in the latest of a series of prosecutions engineered by the G-men—U.S. Attorney General Murphy's Federal Bureau of Investigation—on orders direct from Washington.

Meanwhile the third trial of WPA strikers was proceeding in Minneapolis, where over 150 workers who participated in the nationwide WPA strike have been indicted on evidence cooked up by the FBI. Eight were found guilty and four acquitted in the first two trials.

Other trials instigated by the FBI against unions are shortly to take place in Washington, D. C., Cleveland, and other cities.

Thomas V. Smith, secretary-treasurer of General Drivers Local 554 of Omaha, which bore the brunt of the bosses' blows in the successful struggle of the teamsters movement which finally culminated in a contract covering 350,000 drivers and helpers in the North-Central Area, comprising over a dozen states, has issued to the labor press a detailed account of the latest FBI frameup.

LONGSHOREMEN HALT COASTAL SHIPPING

Bosses Refuse Demands Of Men Despite Boom In the Industry

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Coastwise shipping came to a standstill today when 8,500 longshoremen hit the picket line in a strike called by the International Longshoremen's Association in the Port of New York.

More than 70 ships are affected by the I.L.A. strike to compel a new contract from nine steamship companies. The strike was called after the operators had countered demands of the longshore union for a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and a reduction of the work week to 40 hours by a proposal merely to extend the old contract now expired for an additional 90 days.

Despite a sharp increase in shipping, the companies have adamantly refused to make any concessions in working conditions. They alibi their refusal with the comment that coastwise freight rates have not gone up as have ocean going rates.

By THOMAS V. SMITH
(Secretary-Treasurer,
Local 544, Omaha)

FBI agents, operating according to a prearranged plan, at 4 a.m. Saturday morning, Sept. 23, descended upon the homes of sleeping union officials in the widely-separated towns of Sioux City, Des Moines and Omaha, arrested six union officers and took them to jail. Later, two more union officials were arrested. They were held on five separate indictments for \$40,000 cash bail.

Behind the arrests is a story which should cause the gravest concern to every union man and woman in America.

This story begins back in July, 1938, fifteen months ago. At that time the bakery drivers in Sioux City, organized in the General Drivers Union, Local 383, AFL, were conducting a strike against the local bakeries for higher wages and better conditions. During the course of that strike, the employers claimed that a bakery truck had been damaged near the Iowa-Minnesota state line.

The union questioned the claim of the employers that a truck had been damaged, emphatically denied that the union had anything to do with the incident, and charged that if a truck had been damaged, in all likelihood it had been done with the knowledge and consent of the employers as a means of influencing public opinion against the striking bakery drivers.

The strike was eventually won. This Sioux City bakery drivers' (Continued on Page 3)

CAN WORKERS ACCEPT MOLOTOFF'S EXPLANATION?

By FELIX MORROW

The Soviet press, echoed by the Stalinist press throughout the world, is complaining bitterly that the Anglo-French-American capitalists and press are attempting to "poison relations" between the Soviet Union and Finland and the other Baltic countries. A Moscow radio broadcast of Nov. 3 went further: it accused "certain powers"—obviously the "democratic" bloc—of egging Finland into a war against the Soviet Union.

It is certainly true that the American press is being inspired by the Roosevelt government to beat the drums for war against the USSR. In the City of Flint incident, in the comment on Molotoff's speech, the retort of the White House, etc., it is clear that Washington is deliberately inciting a hostile attitude toward the Soviet Union, and Washington is, of course, acting in concert with the British and French empires.

The "democratic" incitement against the Soviet Union is a fact and a fact which should cause us to treat with the greatest skepticism all comment in the American press on the relations of the Soviet Union with Finland. But this fact does not exhaust the question. We have at hand, not only "democratic" comment, but also Soviet statements, notably Molotoff's speech of Oct. 31, reviewing foreign affairs before the "Supreme Soviet."

The Stalinist regime today asserts it claim to the support of the masses of the world in all questions, including the Finnish, on the ground that it defends the interests of the toilers of the world. The Soviet press suddenly reminds us that the demands on Finland are motivated by the need for defending "Leningrad, the cradle of the Socialist revolution."

Today as always, we are prepared to defend the cradle of the Socialist revolution. But is that the motivation of Stalinist foreign policy?

What Is the Record of Stalin's Policy?

Stalinist foreign policy is, like all foreign policy, a continuation of its internal politics. We have characterized both its internal and external policy over many years as a policy serving the interests of the Stalinist bureaucracy and not the interests of the Soviet masses and the world working class.

When the Stalinists say they are defending the cradle of the Socialist revolution, the blood of those who made the revolution and were murdered by Stalin cries out in protest. When the Stalinists say they are defending the interests of the world toilers, millions of martyrs give them the lie: the revolutionists they murdered in Spain, the French working class which they shackled to its "own" bourgeoisie in the Peoples Front, the Chinese masses whom they delivered—twice!—to Chiang-Kai-Shek, the American workers whom they taught to swear by Roosevelt, etc., etc. The entire record of the Stalinist bureaucracy confounds their belated claim that they are acting in the interests of the world toilers!

The Stalinist bureaucracy comes before the court of proletarian public opinion with unclean hands. Never mind what the democratic imperialists are saying—that scarcely explains why millions of workers throughout the world, who are irreconcilably hostile to their "own" bourgeoisie, do not accept the Stalinist version of the annexation of Western Poland, and view with the greatest suspicion the Stalinist moves in the Baltic.

Molotoff's speech motivated the demands on Finland on the need for increasing the security of Leningrad. He denied any claims against Sweden and Norway, emphasized how modest the claims against Finland are, that compensation is provided for—in the way of land cessions, disarming the Soviet-Finnish frontier on the Karelian isthmus, improved economic relations, etc.—and an assurance

that Finland's independence will in no way be impaired. Can the Finnish workers, or the revolutionary workers of the world, accept Molotoff's version of the Finnish situation at its face value?

They cannot. The Kremlin has forfeited the right to the trust of the workers. We need not recapitulate its reactionary course of the last fifteen years to demonstrate that. We have only to refer to the most recent event—the invasion of Western Poland.

What did the Kremlin ask the workers to do in connection with Poland?

Molotoff's Promises — Second Chapter

On Aug. 23, the day the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed, the Stalinists promised support of Poland against Hitler and called upon the workers to do likewise.

"The people of Poland, whose national independence is in imminent danger from the threats of fascist aggression, and Chamberlain's appeasement schemes, now as before realize the firm position of the Soviet Union in uncompromising support for their freedom and independence. And as they gather their strength to resist the fascist threats and to defend their national independence, this support will be continued and further strengthened.

"It is also clear that by entering into these negotiations for the conclusion of a pact of non-aggression with Germany, the Soviet Union is seriously weakening Hitler's hold upon the German people.

"... The Polish people will be further encouraged to resist both the threats of fascist aggression and the underhanded conspiracies of the Munichers." (Daily Worker, Aug. 23, 1939.)

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