

**The Future Is Not
A Gloomy One---
For the Bosses!**

AN EDITORIAL

You have no job?
Do you live in a dump?
Are your clothes falling apart?
Are you heading for death in the trenches?
Don't worry. Conditions aren't as bad as you think.
General Motors has been doing fine. The N.Y. Times of Oct. 28 reports of General Motors profits are headlined: "Third-Quarter Net Profit Equal to 15 Cents a Share. Against 7 cents in Period in 1938." That's an increase of more than 100% in one year.

Not bad, eh? And it's going to get better. "Sloan Sees War a Factor," says another headline. The more war, the more profits.

"For the nine months ended on Sept. 30, the corporation earned \$109,619,799 or \$2.93 a share for the common stock, against \$38,387,707 or 73 cents a share in the 1938 period" and that in view of the fact that "third-quarter results are normally small because of the change-over in car models."

The same issue of the Times shows that General Motors is not alone. "Profit Increase of 55% In Year Is Shown In Quarterly Reports of 220 Companies."

"The heavy industries," continues the Times, "made the most notable improvements. The rise in steel earnings was tremendous."

Last year, 23 steel companies reported a deficit of \$4,372,000.

This year, the same companies report a profit of \$15,732,000.

Last year, 4 aircraft companies reported a profit of \$2,425,000.

This year, they report a profit of \$5,854,000.

And the prospects are getting better every day!

The bigger the war, the bigger the profits.

The more men they can get killed, the bigger the rake-in.

The more steel used in the war, the bigger the profits.

The more bombers, and bombs, the bigger the dividends.

The Merchants of Death are looking forward to a great season. The blood and bones of the war dead will fertilize the soil until it blooms with profit, and more profit and still more profit.

Let labor, which has nothing to gain by the imperialist war and everything to lose, demand the Expropriation of the Death-profiters, the munitions-makers, the bomb and bomber makers!

Demand the Expropriation of the Sixty Families, the rulers of America, the war-mongers!

Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

When the October revolution transformed Russia 22 years ago, the consciousness of every American worker: The Russian revolution showed the way out of a world of war and poverty. It was checked and turned off the road because it was left isolated in a hostile boss, ruled world to cope with the gigantic problem of reconstructing masses all over the world, sickened by the years of slaughter and suffering to which their rulers subjected them.

But the revolution fell short of the greater victories that were needed. Above all, in Germany, the workers held the power in their grasp. Had they retained it, the tides of history would have washed quite other shores. But the Social Democrats became stewards for the capitalists and then the power was finally returned. In one country after another the masses rose and were beaten back. The revolutionary wave rocked and left Russia an isolated rock in the black sea of world reaction.

This was the circumstance that gave rise to Stalin and the ruling bureaucracy he symbolizes and represents. Stalin has ruled revolutionary Russia for 15 of these 22 years. He and his minions have grotesquely mangled the form of the workers' power but have not altered the substance. They remain the usurpers of the power created by the Russian workers in their great revolution. In the upheavals to come they shall be swept away along with all the other instruments of reaction that hold the masses of the world in chains.

It is firmly with that confidence that we celebrate this anniversary of the greatest historical event of our century. It is this

that we seek to drive home into the consciousness of every American worker: The Russian revolution showed the way out of a world of war and poverty. It was checked and turned off the road because it was left isolated in a hostile boss, ruled world to cope with the gigantic problem of reconstructing masses all over the world, sickened by the years of slaughter and suffering to which their rulers subjected them.

It was the enormity and impossibility of this task that created the premises for the monstrous regime built up around Stalin. But that does not mean, American workers, that we must fall for the cagy propaganda of our bosses that Russia proves the falsehood of the Communist program! No, Russia proves its truth, for the Communist program holds that Socialism must be erected on a world scale to flourish. It cannot survive in one corner of the earth's surface, even so large a corner as Russia.

Stalinism was created out of the backwardness and isolation of Russia. But the American revolution will start from the advanced positions of the most highly industrialized country in the world, a country that holds in its grasp real world leadership. But who will wield it? If we let that leadership be assumed by Wall Street and Co., it will mean more wars, more destruction, i.e., crisis, and the establishment of Fascism in this land and everywhere. But if we grasp it ourselves we will break across all war fronts with a new revolutionary October which this time will not be hemmed in. It is looking forward to this struggle that we salute this anniversary.

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STALIN'S FAKE 'LEFT TURN' MASKS REACTIONARY FOREIGN POLICY

TWENTY-FIVE MINNEAPOLIS W.P.A. STRIKERS GO ON TRIAL BEFORE HAND-PICKED JURY

Trial Is Third of Series in Which the War Deal Government Seeks to Railroad 150 Workers to Jail for Striking

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 3—Twenty-five workers who participated in the nationwide W.P.A. strike last summer went on trial here Monday morning in the third of the series in which the Federal government is attempting to railroad to jail a total of 150 workers indicted, with still other indictments pending.

The specific incident for which they are being tried was the one, at the W.P.A. sewing project, where police fired on the picket line, killing a relief worker and wounding a score of others. The killers are the accusers and witnesses; the victims are on trial—that's the system of justice under capitalism.

Hand-Picked Jury
The jury of eleven men and one woman, picked from the entire Federal district, is made up of five out-of-state farmers, a filing station owner, an accountant, a road grader operator, a non-union carpenter, a salesman, and a garage owner. The lone woman is a housewife. Another farmer and a retail merchant serve as alternates.

The jury panel, it was brought out in the courtroom by defense attorneys, was drawn from the following sources: 22 of the 75 names were submitted by county attorneys; 12 were submitted by clerks of state district courts; 22 were submitted by probate court judges; one was taken from a list submitted by the labor-hating Minneapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce; two were suggested by the postmaster at Albert Lea; fifteen came from rural telephone directories. Needless to say, there

wasn't one union button among the 75 prospective jurors.

Judge Handicaps Defense
The defense attorneys had only ten challenges and quickly expended them on the most obvious labor-haters in the panel. Then the government had a field day picking the jury.

Judge Joyce, who also presided in the two previous trials, began by rejecting one after another, three motions of the defense: to permit a delay of 72 hours in order that the defense might investigate the 75 talesmen; to limit the number of defendants to 10 instead of 25; to permit the defense to question each prospective juror. The government isn't taking any chances that its work-or-victims escape.

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DOCK STRIKE CRIPPLES N. Y. SHIPPING

Sympathy for Strik-Longshoremen Seen Among all Seamen

The strike of 10,000 longshoremen continues to cripple all New York harbor coastwise shipping. No attempts have been made to load cargo or run scabs through the picket lines, so that the union has not found it necessary to guard the docks with more than individual watchers.

Operators have threatened to divert cargoes from coastwise ships to rail and freight transportation. Thus far this remains merely a threat. Sympathy, however, for the striking dockers could be easily aroused among railroaders and teamsters once the call is made, according to current reports.

While Joe Ryan, president of the longshoremen, has turned down offers of cooperation from the N.M.U. it is now clear that widespread interest and sympathy for the cause of the striking longshoremen exists among all seamen, both N.M.U. and S.L.U., and any attempt to sail the struck vessels will meet with active opposition from the seamen.

Considerable concern was expressed among longshoremen here that coastwise shipping might be diverted to other Atlantic ports. Thus far no orders have been sent out from the International office instructing other locals to tie up ships working on coastwise traffic.

GOOD SHOWING AT POLLS SEEN FOR S.W.P. CANDIDATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 7—Workers throughout the city voted today in elections to the City Council.

Since this issue of the Socialist Appeal will appear too late to carry the returns on the vote for Max Shachtman and George L. Paine, candidates of the Socialist Workers Party for the Bronx and Manhattan, complete returns will be carried in Saturday's paper.

Meanwhile, on the eve of the balloting, Max Shachtman reiterated his confidence in an encouraging vote in the Bronx.

"I am confident that our anti-war program, which has been widely made known during the course of this campaign, will be endorsed by many workers. The vote which we receive will be a source of great satisfaction to us," he stated, adding that "it will serve us with a measure for our next step in the fight against the war."

The election campaign for Shachtman wound up Monday night with a series of three mass rallies at which the S.W.P. candidate was the principal speaker. Accompanied by a loud speaker and a number of cars filled with comrades waving bright red flares, Shachtman toured the chief working class areas of the Bronx, addressing large rallies at Townsend Avenue and 170 Street, Prospect Avenue and 161 Street and Simpson and 163 Streets.

Rallies for George L. Paine were held throughout the week in the Yorkville section of Manhattan, where Sarah Rice, former leading member of the Communist Party and present organizer of the Yorkville Branch of the S.W.P., reports that the response to the anti-war candidacy of Paine was warmly received.

Radical Coating of New Comintern Line Serves Alliance with Hitler

By FELIX MORROW

The Communist International openly and officially completed this week its transition from the "democratic" war camp to the Hitler-Stalin war camp.

Three documents sketch the "ideology" of the new line: a lengthy article by Dimitrov, a manifesto of the Comintern and—applying these to America—a speech by Browder (*Daily Worker*, Nov. 4-6). Every class conscious worker should study these documents, in order to understand to the full the latest infamy of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

The Stalinists made the transition from the "popular front" to the camp of Hitler in three jumps:

SPEAKS FOR STALIN



STALIN

NOTE

The next issue of the Socialist Appeal will be devoted to the 22nd Anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

1. Aug. 23-Sept. 17—Violent denials from the Stalinists that the Hitler-Stalin alliance would in any way change the popular front line. The British and French Stalinist parties issued declarations supporting their imperialist governments in the war against Hitler.

Here are some typical items from the Stalinist press of those weeks. "Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the great French party, has presented himself for military service with the army of France. . . . Thorez offers his life to defend the national security of France." The Communist party of England vigorously proclaimed that it continues to work more actively than ever to help win the war against fascist aggression. "In America the Stalinists demanded 'repeal of the false 'Neutrality Act' which now stands exposed as being the opposite of a 'true neutrality.' It is obviously not in America's interest, not in the interest of true neutrality, that America shut off its trade with Poland, England, France, Canada, and Australia." On Sept. 4 the American C.P. issued the following "slogans of action":

"Full moral, diplomatic and economic help for the Polish people and those who help Poland defend its national independence."
"Embargo Japan and Germany for the defeat of fascist aggression and for establishing a democratic peace." (*Daily Worker*, Sept. 4-7).

Stalinists Used Same Trick in 1935

Unimpressed by all these violent assertions along the old popular front line, we predicted in the Socialist Appeal at the time that all this eyewash would soon be discarded in favor of a line supporting Hitler's war program.

For we had seen this same phenomenon before. In May, 1935 the Stalin-Laval communique sealing the Franco-Soviet pact had been issued; the Stalinists hotly denied that it would change their attitude toward the French bourgeoisie, and as late as the Seventh Comintern Congress that Fall, Dimitrov was swearing that the French Communists would continue to vote against the military budget of the French government. Two months later, of course, the French Stalinists were voting for the military budget, for military loans to reactionary Poland, etc.

As in 1935, so in the recent months, the continuance of the popular front line for a little while after the Hitler-Stalin pact was a deliberate device to keep the duped members of the Stalinist parties on their old course until they could be presumably prepared to swing to the new course.

2. Sept. 18-Oct. 31—The second stage of the transition. Support of the democracies was dropped, and with it all the previous slogans. The British, French and Canadian parties withdrew their previous pro-war manifestoes, Thorez deserted the French army, the American party withdrew its support of Roosevelt's revision of neutrality legislation, the atrocity pictures of the effects of German bombings disappeared from the Stalinist press, etc. A "Declaration" by the Stalinists declared:

"The outbreak of the Second Imperialist War, which for years has been developing as a one-sided war, fundamentally changes the situation hitherto existing. All issues and alignments are being re-examined and re-evaluated in the light of these changes. The previous alignment into democratic and fascist camps loses its former meaning." (*Daily Worker*, Sept. 19).

Violating All that Lenin Taught

How the character of the war could change upon its actual outbreak and become different from that of the war which had been preparing for years—this strange transmutation the Stalinists did not and could not explain. This "theory"—if one could dignify this scoundrelly alibi as a theory—was of course in direct violation of Marxist principles. "War is the continuation of politics by other (i.e., forcible) means"—this was the fundamental tenet of Leninist analysis of war. Imperialist countries could not but prepare for imperialist war. But the Stalinists had been halting it as a "democratic war against fascism." The "theory" of transmutation had to be invented for the occasion to justify the flip-flop. In this period all the belligerents were characterized as "equally guilty for this war." That formula lasted just six weeks, until the present documents provided the complete, finished line.

3. The line as now completed is an exact replica of the line as

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CHRYSLER OFFICIALS STALL ON DEMANDS OF AUTO WORKERS

Workers Ready for Action—Militancy Is Only Guarantee of Good Settlement

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) DETROIT, Nov. 7—Chrysler workers remain locked out of their plants while corporation officials are stalling and hedging on the just demands of the auto workers union.

Sufficient concessions have already been made by the corporation to prove the justified basis of the workers' grievances. The main demands for a union shop and voice in setting of production standards are still the object of haggling by the corporation over the conference table.

Despite the loud-voiced publicity of the Corporation about slow-down strikes, "sovietization" and similar buncombe, they have agreed to rehire some 70 odd men of the original 105 discharged on the alleged charges indicated above. The union has refused to trade the jobs of any of the workers fired. They are remaining firm on the demand that all of those

fired be returned to their jobs.

The mora of the workers is high and this will undoubtedly be expressed in any attempt the corporation makes to operate the plants on the old conditions. What is proceeding in the negotiations is not completely a matter of public record and it is difficult to say what progress has been made.

A dangerous omen for the outcome of the strike comes with the announcement that union officials may bring Lewis and Murray in from Washington to take over the negotiations. Previous participation of these heads of the heads of the CIO in the strike at General Motors resulted in a settlement far inferior to what could have been gained by the workers' militancy.

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ON THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY
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Answer by

James P. Cannon

The Meaning of Stalin's Role in the European War

National Secretary, S.W.P.

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