

BRITISH BID TO GERMANY AIMED AGAINST USSR

The Kremlin's Aim In the Finnish Crisis

Until a few days ago it appeared that the original demands of the Soviet government upon Finland would be peaceably compromised. Suddenly, however, all indications of compromise seem to have disappeared.

Only Real Defense of the USSR

The only real way to defend the Soviet Union against the encircling capitalist world is to put an end to that capitalist encirclement. Only successful proletarian revolutions in the advanced countries can save the Soviet Union.

Having no faith in the international working class, the Soviet bureaucracy has placed its fate on pacts with one imperialist power or another. For five years it deluded the workers with slogans for "defense of the democracies."

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Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

The war atmosphere so carefully created by Roosevelt, by the State Department and by the entire press, naturally assumes its sharpest forms the closer you get to the probable zones of US participation in actual hostilities.

PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS WIN NLRB ELECTION

Dies Investigation Fails to Break Solidarity of Workers

By WM. SIMMONS CHICAGO, Ill.—In spite of the most adverse high-pressure publicity the CIO packinghouse workers union won an election for collective bargaining last week at the Chicago Armour plants, by about two to one.

Also cited to appear was the former president of the Chicago Armour local, who complained that several times the heat had been put on him when he resisted joining the C.P., and that finally, when he persisted in his refusal, found another occupant at the president's desk.

Win Resounding Victory There were 7,253 workers eligible to vote in the Chicago Armour plants elections—those in the production and maintenance departments who were on the payroll Oct. 28, excepting certain supervisory employees.

NEUTRALITY LAWS DON'T APPLY TO BANKERS

OTTAWA—American bankers do not worry about United States neutrality laws or the Johnson Act which prohibits loans to belligerent nations and those who defaulted on the debts owed from the last war.

Democracy on the Home Front



Defense Riddles FBI Frame-up Against Mpls. WPA Workers

Government Acted as Scab and Strikebreaker In Enforcing Woodrum Law With Armed Force, Attorney For Defense Proves

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 23—Since last Wednesday, when the parade of 158 government witnesses in the third WPA strike trial finally came to an end, the defense has been presenting its case.

As was expected, Judge Joyce denied the defense motions for dismissal of the case, although the parade of government witnesses had failed to establish the indictment charges that the strikers had violated Section 28 of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law by "intimidating" WPA workers and that they had "conspired" to that end.

The Socialist Appeal Returns To Weekly Publication

Owing to extraordinary financial difficulties, the Socialist Appeal is obliged, for the time being, to discontinue twice-weekly publication and to return to a weekly basis, beginning with this issue.

PREPARE STRIKE IN NEW JERSEY CRUCIBLE STEEL

Company Stalls in Negotiations with Steel Workers

NEWARK—Negotiations for a new contract between the Crucible Steel Company and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, begun Oct. 17, reached a stage of final breakdown and pending strike this week, as it became apparent that the Company's attitude of temporizing on union demands is an attempt to weaken rank and file militancy.

The fight for the new contract was instituted last June by the Jersey City and Harrison lodges of the SWOC. Working conditions in these plants had reached such a miserable state of affairs that the life of the union was endangered.

This step, dictated by economic necessities, does not, however, relieve us of the extremely difficult financial problem of the moment. In view of our accumulated and pressing debts the maintenance of the weekly publication and the development of our field organization work will be possible only if the organization press fund campaign, provided for by our last convention, is carried through to a successful conclusion.

The plans and provisions for the completion of this campaign which are now before the party branches will be reported in subsequent issues of the weekly Socialist Appeal.

RACE RIOT AGAINST AUTO UNION FIZZLES

Corporation Organizes New Vigilante Groups in Detroit

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) DETROIT, Nov. 27—The Chrysler Corporation is now taking the first active steps in launching a back-to-work movement. This morning 200 Negro strikebreakers were escorted under heavy police guard through a picket line of more than 5,000 workers into the Dodge plant.

Attempt to Foment Race-Riot Union leaders accurately pegged the aims of the corporation when they called it an attempt to foment a "race riot" in Detroit. The clash that company officials hope to provoke between Negro and white workers is intended to create a battle between the workers themselves on a racial issue and thereby facilitate widespread strikebreaking and ultimate state intervention.

The corporation is persisting in its denial that it has no intention of organizing a back-to-work movement. But it is obvious that running scabs through the picket line has no other purpose than to break the morale of the union men who have now been starved in this lockout for some 46 days.

Negro Appeal for Solidarity A long step towards creating cooperation between Negro and white workers was taken in a statement issued by Detroit Negro community leaders in a leaflet of 15,000 copies distributed in the Negro district. The leaflet condemned the back to work movement stating that:

"Any effort to put Negroes back to work in the factories over the majority of the workers will spell doom to Negro workers in the factories. Negro workers must not allow themselves to be used by irresponsible leaders."

This latest back-to-work movement, as in all other cases in the

Roosevelt Also Seeks Jap-USSR Conflict

In the very midst of intensified warfare on the sea, Great Britain this week made a new and very definite bid to Germany for a reshuffling of the cards in the European war deck.

"None of us know how long this war will last," said Chamberlain in the House of Commons on Tuesday, "in what direction it will develop or, when it is ended, who will be standing at our side and who against us."

This unmistakable bid to Germany came at a time when Stalin seemed to be readying his grab of Finland, a move that Germany cannot possibly relish, for it would put Soviet Russia astride Germany's vital northern trade routes.

It is at this hour that Chamberlain once again says to the German generals and to any of the Nazi leaders who care to listen: It is still not too late to stop the war between us and join hands against the Russian menace. All you've got to do is remove Hitler and we're ready to talk business.

The alternative the British offer is strangulation of Germany through its blockade on imports and exports.

US Anti-Soviet Moves Washington and Wall Street are meanwhile working might and main toward the same end—the transformation of the war into a war against the Soviet Union.

It is to this end that American pressure on Japan is growing every day. This is the meaning of the threats of an embargo against Japan — i.e., the threat of open war. Just as Chamberlain says to Germany: tie your wheel to our chariot or we will crush you!—Roosevelt is now in effect warning Japan to stop its dealings for a pact with Russia, to become the spearhead of an attack against Russia, or else feel the might of Wall Street's Navy.

This is the real essence of what is wrongly called the "phoniness" of the war. Chamberlain, spokesman for the British Empire at war, says ten weeks after war's outbreak that it is impossible to predict who will prove to be friends and who the foes.

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