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# BRITISH BID TO GERMANY AIMED AGAINST USSR

## The Kremlin's Aim In the Finnish Crisis NLRB ELECTION

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. Why? What has happened? You cannot tell from the preposterous and wild vituperation in the Soviet press or its repetition in the Stalinist press. Nor can you tell from the anti-Soviet propaganda which dominates the "democratic" press. As in all other questions connected with the Second World War, we in the "third camp"—the licity the CIO packinghouse camp of revolutionary struggle against the war-must make workers union won an election our analysis independently of both the warring camps.

The general international situation is characterized by con- plants, by about two to one. tinuation of the attempts of Britain to reach an agreement with German imperialism, minus Hitler. Such a peace would Dies Committee reopened its be made at the expense of the Soviet Union. "Every big war, days prior to these elections. And irrespective of its initial motives, must pose squarely the by a mere coincidence it chanced question of military intervention against the USSR in order to pick on this particular union to transfuse fresh blood into the sclerotic veins of capitalism." These words, from our international theses on war (1934) are American" tendencies. Naturally now receiving fresh confirmation. Chamberlain in the House the daily papers made the most of Commons on Tuesday made a new bid to Germany—the of this, never forgetting to menvery same day that the Soviet government denounced its non- ly with the hearings. aggression pact with Finland. The Soviet bureaucracy is aware of the mortal danger which the prospect of a British-his assistant director, Johnson, German peace would signify for the Soviet Union. It en- were cited to appear before the deavors to ward off that danger. But its endeavor is condi- Dies Committee. Both denied tioned by the nature, history and ingrained methods of the membership in the Communist Soviet bureaucracy.

#### Only Real Defense of the USSR

The only real way to defend the Soviet Union against the ord of belly-crawling and kow-towing to Armour and Co. by encircling capitalist world is to put an end to that capitalist practically all of the higher offiencirclement. Only successful proletarian revolutions in the cials would be a sufficient indicaadvanced countries can save the Soviet Union; otherwise the capitalist world is certain to put an end to the Soviet Union. former president of the Chicago But this method of defending the first workers' state is one Armour local, who complained which the Kremlin will not and cannot undertake. It has no that several times the heat had faith in either the Soviet masses or the international working ed joining the C.P., and that ficlass. Its own rule at home is based on a totalitarian political nally, when he persisted in his system, which can last only so long as the Soviet masses remain passive; revolutions abroad would break that passivity and put an end to the Kremlin oligarchy. It fears socialist his arbitrary manner of picking revolutions as much as do the imperialist rulers.

Having no faith in the international working class, the ing for the favor of the packing-Soviet bureaucracy has placed its fate on pacts with one im- house workers. So as a matter of perialist power or another. For five years it deluded the form he subsequently invited a workers with slogans for "defense of the democracies." Now that Hitler is the ally, the Stalinist press whines that the Butcher Workmen (the AFL (Continued on Page 4)

#### Behind the Lines

By GEORGE STERN

"There is a feeling of unrest

"In the sky above Honolulu

the elements behind America's

dictatorship.

The war atmosphere so carefully created by Roosevelt, by in Hawali," this paper says. ". . . ible to vote in the Chicago Arthe State Department and by the American battleships are enter- mour plants elections-those in entire press, naturally assumes ing and leaving Pearl Harbor . . . its sharpest forms the closer you Their comings and goings are departments who were on the end. get to the probable zones of US practically under a censorship. participation in actual hostilities.

While Wall Street diplomacy can be heard from time to time hopes to bring Japan into con- the roar of planes, that are being of the ballots cast were disqualflict against Russia and thus save detailed to duty along the air itself part of the overhead ex- bases, now functioning on the Islpenses of the war, Japan remains ands that make us America's the principal prospective foe. For biggest Maginot line in the Paeven if it realizes its cherished cific. Other planes are taking off for neither union. Obviously a hope of smashing the Soviet in formation for the Philippines. large majority of the packing-State, US imperialism still has Destroyers and submarines of the house workers in Chicago, Dies the primary task of crushing the latest type drop into Hawaii ports Committee or no Dies Commit-Japanese threat to its supremacy and then sail under secret orders tee, are perfectly conscious of the

can war moves are consequently Pacific. There is some grim busi- ion, which they know to have directed at Japan—for the imme- ness afoot. Hawaii is the hub of been associated with militant acdiate purpose of exerting pres- that grim business. sure upon Japan's own policies "Which brings us to the ques- CIO. They have done so once beand for the ultimate policy of tion: when is Uncle Sam going fore. To disappoint these workending forever the Japanese to move into Hawaii and see that ers would be criminal. dream of conquest.

This is apparent enough from Maginot line in the Pacific are the public declarations of high not a menace to all this grim ac- NEUTRALITY LAWS officials like Senator Pittman, tivity. from the inflammatory editorials "Hawaii, whether she likes It DON'T APPLY TO in leading papers like the New or not, is being prepared for a York Times and Herald Tribune. grim role. Her silly days, as the BANKERS

But in Hawaii, Wall Street's playground of silly tourists, are principal Pacific outpost, these over; as is her role at playing inmoves are felt, seen, and heard dulgent godfather to Shintoin their most substantial form. Americans . . ." There the war - jingoes in the the number of those born in the ligerent nations and those who and the friends of our movement. sible only if the organization- committee-men were constantly

lu weekly, which has taken as mally come into vote-control if loans to Canadian munition cor- become too great. In spite of all conclusion. its holy and sacred mission to permitted to do so. ponese emperor.

# **PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS WIN**

Dies Investigation Fails to Break Solidarity of Workers

By WM. SIMMONS

CHICAGO, Ill .- In spite of the most adverse high-pressure pubfor collective bargaining last week at the Chicago Armour It just so happened that the hearings in Chicago a couple of gated in the search for "un-

Both Herbert Marsh of the Party. Yet the predominant Stalinist influence in the leadership of this union is no secret. If nothing else the miserable rec-

been put on him when he resistrefusal, found another occupant at the president's desk.

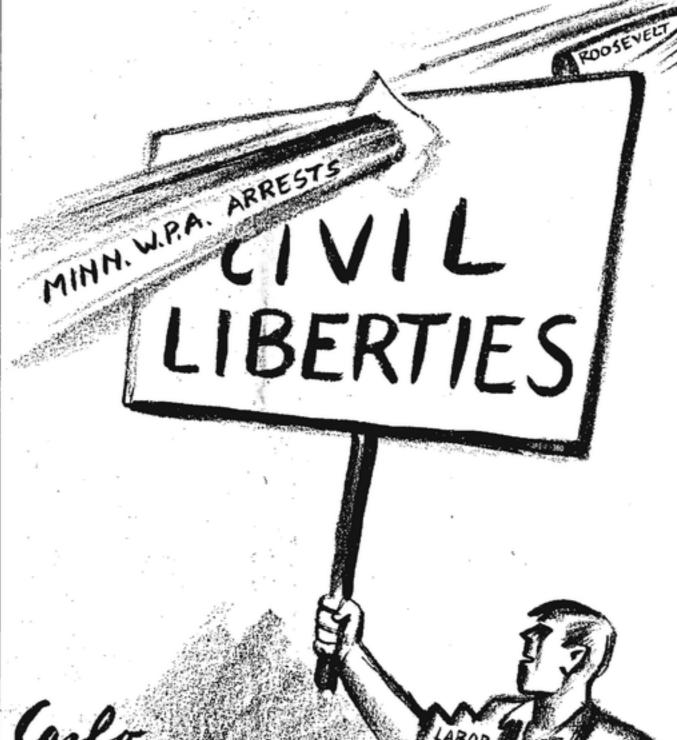
Protest was made to Dies of on only one union while there was another in the field contendcouple of officials from the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and affiliate) to appear and have their say. What they said could not have been much; nobody payed any attention. But now the sum total of these valiant efforts by Mr. Dies is a resounding victory for the CIO.

#### Win Resounding Victory

payroll Oct. 28, excepting certain supervisory employees. Of the total 785 did not vote, and 161 ified or challenged. The tabulation showed 4,006 votes cast for the CIO union, 1,047 for the AFL union, and 1,254 workers voting toward the west in the Pacific. fact that they want a union right The most spectacular Ameri-. "America is on guard in the in the yards, an industrial untivities. Hence they voted for the

do not worry about United States at the cost of exceptional efforts tenance of the weekly publication the plants would be in operation There the inhabitants are closest In Hawaii the Japanese form a neutrality laws or the Johnson and financial sacrifices on the and the development of our field 365 days of the year. Officers, to the actual war preparations. good third of the population; and Act which prohibits loans to bel- part of our party membership organization work will be pos- shop-stewards and grievance press are loudest, most blatant. Islands, thereby making them defaulted on the debts owed from In the recent period, as a re-Take for example an editorial American citizens, is fast reach- the last war. They expect to get sult of a combination of circum- for by our last convention, is against. A new contract granting in the Hawaii Sentinel, a Honolu- ing the point where they will nor- their share of war profits through stances, the financial strain has carried through to a successful these basic demands became a porations. In recent weeks repre- economics and the generous conget Washington to crack down That is why also when the sentatives of New York invest- tributions of party members and the completion of this campaign on the large Japanese popula- "grim business" comes to the ment bankers have been frequent friends, the weekly deficit which which are now before the party tion of the islands as spies, al- point, Hawaii will be one of the visitors to the offices of Canadian had to be made up by contribu- branches will be reported in subiens, and tools of the hated Nip- first to feel the heel of the war armament concerns arranging for tions continued at such a figure sequent issues of the weekly rise in the cost of living. The loans for plant expansion.

# Democracy on the Home Front



## Defense Riddles FBI Frame-up create a battle between the workers themselves on a racial issue and thereby facilitate widespread The alternative the British of-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 There were 7,253 workers elig- the strikers had violated Section 28 of the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law by "intimidating" WPA workers and that the production and maintenance they had "conspired" to that toric case and one of the

> In his first speech to the prudence. jury, defense attorney Tom Davis termed the trial an his-

"The indictment," he said, (Continued on Page 2)

#### The Socialist Appeal Returns To Weekly Publication

cial difficulties, the Socialist Ap- disrupt the proper balance bepeal is obliged, for the time be- tween literary propaganda and the life of the union was endaning, to discontinue twice-weekly organizational work. Under these gered. The Company refused outpublication and to return to a circumstances a temporary reweekly basis, beginning with this | treat became unavoidable. issue. The price of single copies returns to the original price of remains as before.

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### PREPARE STRIKE IN NEW JERSEY **CRUCIBLE STEEL**

#### Company Stalls in Negotiations with Steel Workers

NEWARK-Negotiations for a new contract between the Crucistrangest in American juris- ble 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 right to bargain with union representatives. Minor grievances were referred to "impartial arbitrators" for settlement. Major sibility of readjusting our bud- cases were deferred from month five cents. The subscription rate get and preparing for another to month. Unsettled grievances

The Company insisted on the week without skipping a single ic necessities, does not, however, use of the stagger system - a issue. Following the outbreak of relieve us of the extremely diffi- plan of work week whereby the the war crisis we even managed cult financial problem of the mo- workers are fleeced out of time to bring out the paper three ment. In view of our accumulat- and one half for Saturday and OTTAWA — American bankers times a week. All this was done ed and pressing debts the main- Sunday work under this system life or death issue for the union.

Rising Prices An Issue

Another important factor agitating the rank and file was the

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#### 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 tak- a new and very definite bid to ing the first active steps in launching a back-to-work move- Germany for a reshuffling of ment. This morning 200 Negro the cards in the European war strikebreakers were escorted under heavy police guard through a deck. picket line of more than 5,000 workers into the Dodge plant. The scabs were jeered by the this war will last," said Champickets and a clash was averted berlain in the House of Comonly because of shouted orders by Richard Frankensteen, U. A. W. mons on Tuesday, "in what Executive Board member, and direction it will develop or, Pat Quinn, President of the Dodge U.A.W. local.

It was clear to observers here that this strikebreaking move can have no other significance against us." than as a provocation by the corporation. The 200 Negroes are almost exclusively foundry work- Germany came at a time when ers and the corporation cannot Stalin seemed to be readying his hope to operate its Dodge plant, with a normal capacity of 25,000 workers, with twenty times the number that was escorted for it would put Soviet Russia through the picket line today.

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 It is still not too late to stop the hope to provoke between Negro war between us and join hands and white workers is intended to against the Russian menace. All and thereby facilitate widespread The alternative the British ofstrikebreaking and ultimate state fer is strangulation of Germany intervention.

The corporation is persisting in and exports. ts denial that it has no intention of organizing a back-to-work movement. But it is obvious that running scabs through the picket are meanwhile working might and line has no other purpose than to main toward the same end-the nen who have now been starved war against the Soviet Union. in this lockout for some 46 days.

Negro Appeal for Solidarity

cooperation between Negro and Japan - i.e., the threat of open white workers was taken in a war. Just as Chamberlain says to statement issued by Detroit Ne- Germany: tie your wheel to our gro community leaders in a leaf-|chariot or we will crush you!let of 15,000 copies distributed in Roosevelt is now in effect warnthe Negro district. The leaslet ing Japan to stop its dealings for condemned the back to work a pact with Russia, to become the 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 move-

nent, as in all other cases in the friends and who the foes. (Continued on Page 2)

## Roosevelt **AlsoSeeks** Jap-USSR Conflict

In the very midst of intensified warfare on the sea, Great Britain this week made

"None of us know how long when it is ended, who will be standing at our side and who

This unmistakable bid to grab of Finland, a move that Germany cannot possibly relish, astride Germany's vital northern trade routes.

It is at this hour that Chamber-

through its blockade on imports

US Anti-Soviet Moves

Washington and Wall Street reak the morale of the union transformation of the war into a

It is to this end that American pressure on Japan is growing every day. This is the meaning of A long step towards creating the threats of an embargo against 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

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