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Chicago has increased its bun-

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past two weeks:

Hollywood's Epic Film

'Gone With the Wind's Glorifies the Old Slaveholding South

the cinema every week, and, in the premiere they acted strangethe course of the next year or ly to her. On being questioned, so, pehaps ninety million will see the elder said he had overheard the film "Gone With the Wind." his parents, who had seen the Millions will get from this film film, discussing slavry and the their most powerful impression Civil War. This small boy conof the greatest Civil War in his- tinued, "You'd be a slave too, if tory and one of the decisive turn- it wasn't for the Yankees. And ing points in modern civilization. then my Daddy wouldn't have to

What will they see? At the pay you. . . . very start we are informed that the film is a tribute to the "grace picture, the natural resentment and gallantry" of a vanished civ- of the Negroes showed itself. The ilization-"the age of chivalry." Pittsburgh Courier claims that The South was a "land of grace the script as originally written and plenty" (our quotations are was even more offensive to the literal). The Civil War took Negro people and it was only beplace, God knows why: as far as cause of the Courier agitation can be made out from the film, that some of the offending parts owing to the hotheadedness and were taken out. The Amsterdam chivalrous gallantry of the News, December 16, states that Southern cavaliers, and the during production many Negroes, Southerners lost because, blind- irritated at the role that was ated by their excessively martial tributed to their people, refused qualities, they did not notice that to go on with their parts; there

A SLAVE OWNERS' PICTURE OF SLAVERY

O'Hara tells Scarlett, "You must implications of the picture are be firm, but you must be gentle, false from beginning to end. A especially with darkies." The few thousand slaveholders in the Negroes, not only the house-ser- South exploited the millions of vants but the field-hands, are all slaves, while a few thousand faithful unto death. Negroes are others bred slaves for the slave all right-so long as they are market as today people breed kept in their places. Of the old horses and dogs. If house ser-Negro mammy, Rhett Butler vants were often treated kindly. says that there are few persons the majority, the Negroes in the whose respect he so much values. field, were worked to death and When Scarlett OHara sees the terrorized in order to be kept in faithful Negro man-servant in submission. By the middle of the tears, she says, "I can stand any- nineteenth century the slave sysbody's tears but yours." When tem was bankrupt. But the Ashley remonstrates with Scar- slaveowners wanted to establish lett about exploiting white con- their domination over the counvicts, she retorts that he wasn't try in order to shape its course fore the Dies Committee? Naturso particular about owning for no other purpose than the slaves Ashley replies that slaves as slaves ashley replies that slaves as slaves. Ashley replies that slav- maintenance of their rotting and realization of Mr. Dies' political ery was different; we treat them reactionary system. The North- aims, particularly the passing of well, and besides he intended to free all his. When Scarlett is at-progressive, crushed the South other extremist "party." Being an tacked by louts, a white and a because the South was a check irreconcilable opponent not only Negro, it is a Negro, a former on capitalist production. In the of fascism but also of the pres-

of the South in Southern myth- the duty of all revolutionaries ology, we get a brief but em- wherever possible to point out would inevitably have a fictitious transport workers remained unphatic indication with a particu- the gross historical falsifications character: as reactionary organ- employed. larly gaudy and fat-looking car- of this picture, and to do all in izations they can easily change has had enough of these carpet- this as history.

Incredible as it may sound, the decisive result of the war, the abolition of slavery, is not directly mentioned in over three hours. The South would not have been able to stand that. And for good reason. As the article by Robert Birchman on Southern agriculture (in the December New International) shows, the essentials of Negro slavery still remain over large parts of the South.

NEGRO PRESS COMMENT ON THE PICTURE

The picture is a stimulus to the old prejudices and hatreds which were the natural outcome of chattel slavery and which must continue on the basis of the sharecropping system of today. Writing in the Amsterdam News of December 23, St. Clair Bourne notes "the fond illusions of the days of slavery" reinforced in many Southern whites since they have seen the picture at the Atlanta premiere. Bourne reports that a Negro girl who takes care of two little white boys, one of them eight and the other ten, no-

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LEON TROTSKY

'Why I Consented to Appear Before the Dies Committee'

It is absolutely false that I am now answering questions put to me by Mr. Matthews, Chief Investigator of the socalled Dies Committee. I have neither the slightest knowledge of Mr. Matthews' whereabouts nor the slightest connection with him. I accepted and I am ready to acept again the invitation of the Committee of the House of Representatives to appear as a witness before it in order to give the American public correct information about questions which are probably more familiar to me than any other person. But I never accepted and I don't accept any invitation to discuss these questions with Mr. Dies or Mr. Matthews behind closed

L. TROTSKY Covoacan, D.F.

This statement was pre-

December 17, 1939

pared by the author as a press release upon his arrival in the United States. Dies and his committee decided, however, to withdraw the invitation. They demonstrated clearly by this that in their own opinion the appearance

of Comrade Trotsky before the Committee would provide no help to its reactionary aims, but would hinder them. More perspicacious people had no doubt about it from the beginning. We print Comrade Trotsky's statement because, quite apart from the panicky retreat of the Dies Committee, it shows how reactionary institutions can be utilized for revolutionary purposes. - Editorial

Why did I agree to appear besuppression of either of them.

would immediately re-establish fication" deal.

! ! SOMETHING NEW!! in connection with the New Year's Revel in New York. There will be a bazaar-not big but very interesting. A comrade has donated a bunch of the native products of countries south of us, from Mexico to the Straits of Magellan. To give you an idea. There is a hand-carved gourd from the Andes, some hand-woven runners from Guatemala, a hat and bag from Nassau; some pottery, of course; and wait till you see what the Brazilians do with Brazil nuts. You will not be able to resist these and many other unique and attractive things. Come with the wherewithal to buy.

MARXIST SCHOOL The Week's Courses

The following classes will be given at the Marxist School, 125 West 33rd St., Room 201, New York City. during the remainder of the

1. The Negro in America --- Tuesday January 2 at 7:15 p.m.—GEORGE NOVACK. 2. The Elements of Socialism--Tuesday, January 2 at

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workers as a persecuted fighter gime. against the ruling classes. ALL SUPPRESSION USED

AGAINST WORKING CLASS

peaceful periods; the laws of the mittee.

tatorship, inevitably growing out erally accepted. pears fundamentally as an excep- however, how to apply American

ts reputation in the eyes of the tion to the rule, a temporary re- technique in the interests of hu- All those we have contacted have enough."-J.R., Toledo Appeal

However, the question is not monstrous totalitarian forms. gime that economic monopolies agent. exhausted by this consideration. This is explained by the fact that contradict the ideas of democ-Under the conditions of the bour- out of the revolution arose a new racy. However, nowhere in the idea to the other branches. San geois regime, all suppression of privileged caste which is incapa- world has the rule of monopolies Francisco is building a real workpolitical rights and freedom, no ble of maintaining its regime ex- attained such power as in the ers' reading room. Trade union matter whom they are directed cept through measures of a hid- United States. Where are we to papers, radical papers, magaagainst in the beginning, in the den civil war. It was precisely look for Americanism: in ab- zines, etc. We are building a long end inevitably bear down upon over this question that I broke stract ideas or in the reality that table, paper racks similar to the the working class, particularly with the Kremlin ruling clique. I contradicts them? Further, is ts most advanced elements. That was defeated because the work- chronic unemployment an Ameris a law of history. The workers ing class, as a result of internal ican or an un-American phenommust learn how to distinguish be- and external conditions, showed enon? tween their friends and their en- itself to be too weak to liquidate Those circumscribing laws emies according to their own its own bureaucracy. I have, how- which Mr. Dies defends have a

class will liquidate it.

fend "American activities" again-If one considered Abraham st "un-American activities." I am Lincoln's policy exclusively from rather badly prepared for that the point of view of civil lib- task. Even worse, all my aterties, then the great president tempts to understand just what course, that the Comintern itself say that he was compelled to ap- nothing up to this day. America's al years it systematically de ply civil war measures in order great contribution to the treas- manded that its political enemies to cleanse the democracy of slav- ures of humanity can be describ- of the left be repressed by the ery. Civil war is a state of tense ed in one word: technique. This democratic governments. This social crisis. One or another dic- Americanism is evident and gen- shameful behaviour gave us the

QUILL FACES

(Continued from Page 1) same time decidedly against the have faith and trust in the Mayor. But after all the smoke clear-The outlawing of fascist groups ed, the six hundred unemployed

who rescues Scarlett is thankful the people, who, knowing no bet- the ruling class and of the govist incumbent. The progressives judges in the interests of the tional legislative bodies. to leave the South because he ter, may be tempted to accept ernmental apparatus sympathize more than doubled their . vote considerably with them and these Union faces an even more dessympathies inevitably increase perate situation. The City admin-As for the Comintern, suppres- transport "unification" deal with peonage conditions, which resultsion could only help this com- the bankers, is anxious to raise ed in the indictment and convicpletely degenerated and compro- all available cash in order to tion of a big plantation boss. His mised organization. The difficulty speed the "unification" procedin the Comintern's situation is a ure. That is why they are rush- ending peonage-but it grows up, result of the irreconcilable con- ing through proposals for the de- over and over again, as part of tradiction between the interna- molition of the Second and Ninth the the vicious system of exploittional workers' movement and Avenue lines in order to raise ation of the Negroes. the interests of the Kremlin rul- eleven million dollars in increasing clique. After all its zig-zags ed assessments on the adjoining and deceptions, the Comintern properties. The city needs the adhas obviously entered its period of decomposition. The suppression of the Communist Party agreed to in the scandalous "uni-

The demolition program will put three thousand more transport workers, all members of the union, out on the streets. The La Guardia administration continues making promises about providing jobs for the unemployed men. But the Civil Service Commission Journal immediately gave the lie to these promises by stating that applications for jobs on the city subway lines, which are to be opened in 1940, will be available to the public in January. In addition, about threa hundred workers, all members of the Transport Workers Union, employed at the important 74th Street Power House which feeds both the Second and Ninth Avenue lines, face the loss of their demolished.

It is plain as a pikestaff that the great "friend of Labor," La-Workers Union.

It is obligatory for the Transport Workers Union to immediately rally the whole union membership for a finish fight against the double-crossing LaGuardia ion to inaugurate a great campaign to expose the Mayor's drive to weaken and eventually destroy the Transport Workers | Many of the culinary workers Union, and to call upon the whole believed that the Stalinist malabor movement of this city to chine was so well intrenched, it rally to the cause of the trans- was impossible to dislodge it. Manhattan counties of New port workers and save the jobs Now they know that this ma- York City where the rate was of over three thousand union chine can be beaten.

Slavery Still Exists In Southern States

Messenger which read:

hire or harbor Herman Miles, colored, during the year 1939. A. P. Dabbs, Route 1, Yance-

Such notices, reminiscent of slavery, are not uncommon in this area, according to the Chapel Today the Transport Workers it prevalent although it is form-Hill, N. C., Weekly, which found petbag to symbolize Northern ratheir power to counteract the color and adapt themselves to vote of any opposition candidate, ally outlawed by the U. S. Suptask. A Congressional Committee sold out by the Stalin-Hitler pacity. And, glory be to the God of History, the Negro ex-slave of History, the Negro ex-slave likely to have on the minds of since the influential sections of any opposition can be sections of the govplantation bosses.

In 1922, the N. Y. World conistration, having concluded its ducted a campaign against such conviction was then hailed as

GETS BIG BLOW IN FOOD UNION

(Continued from Page 1) the United Opposition and sucbureaucratic machine wide open. over 42 percent of the total votes Aviles and Joe Diaz, three members of the General Council and five members of the Executive over last year.

Why Workers Revolted

state officials and the Wall Street came as a result of three-years turn away from it with aversion. bankers, is driving through an misrule. The Stalinists rode In order to help the workers in anti-union program designed to roughshod over the interests of this I agreed to appear before the eventually destroy the Transport the membership. They signed Dies Committee. agreements which are a disgrace Dec. 11, 1989 to the labor movement. In many Coyoacan, D. F. locals they have given up union control over hiring and firing. They have signed two and three year contracts which make no administration. It is obligatory living. They ruthlessly squelched provisions for the rising cost of for the Transport Workers Un- the voice of the rank and file which cried out against this

out, but on the contrary took on representatives of the present re-

judgment and not according to ever, no doubt that the working long history in the European many other neighborhood workcountries where they began the It is not difficult to predict an But whatever the situation in transitional period from demoad hominem objection: "But just the USSR may be, the working cratic to totalitarian regimes that Soviet government in which class in the capitalist countries, during the last twenty years. The make it a kind of workers' club. you yourself took part proscribed threatened with their own en- representatives of the Youth Later on we hope to have a kitall political parties except the slavement must stand in defense Congress openly accused the Bolsheviks?" Entirely correct; of freedom for all political ten- Dies Committee of scorning be sold."—Bill Morgan, San and to this day I am ready to dencies including their own irre- "Americanism." It would take Francisco SWP organizer. bear responsibility for its actions. concilable enemies. That is why I me, a foreigner, at least a year But one cannot identify the laws do not feel the slightest sympa- to study this complicated probof civil war with the laws of thy for the aims of the Dies Com- lem; but I don't know whether ion meetings. Wonderful contact such a prolonged sojourn in the dictatorship of the proletariat I don't have to explain that I United States is compatible with Meyers, with the laws of bourgeois dem- did not come here in order to de- the principles of "Americanism." agent.

STALINISTS ARE REAPING WHAT THEY SOWED

It is necessary to recognize, of possibility to predict a long time Editor: of the conditions of civil war, ap- But the question still remains, ago that in the end the Comintern itself would be caught in the resigned from and have no con- Dec. 10 at Ford Hall and electritrap it was preparing for others. Eection with the Communist Par- fied his audience-for he was for-And so it happened. Browder ty or any of its organizations. I merly Moscow's leading apolodidn't weary of demanding police reject its policies. I find the Stal- gist!-by his denunciation of measures against the so-called inist group of leaders have be- Stalin's frameups and purges. lice proceeded impolitely against working class. Browder himself.

An advertisement appeared We are not revengeful in this working class today are worse has been executed. . . . The purgast week in the North Carolina respect. His utilization of a false than in 1933. Evictions, unemes have created a deep gulf be-NOTICE-I forbid anyone to false passport myself in the sold out the toilers and unfortu- masses no longer speak of the struggle against Czarism and re- nates to the "Mis-Dealers," unother police, but in the fact that the fight of the Spanish workers Browder is systematically de- against Fascism have been beceiving the American workers, trayed by the Communist Party.

NO SUPPORT TO OUSTING OF STALINISTS

I give no support, however, to those leadersof unions and "labor nist Party policy dangerous to and its policies. parties" who, inspired by their both Negro and white workers The Stalin-Hitler pact has not patriotic sentiments, are exclud- who are trying to organize the added to the security of the Soviing Communists from their organizations. I consider this policy as harmful as repressive laws Party is corrupting and disorgan- USSR to a greater danger of atagainst the Communist party. A union can carry out its task only My resignation from the Commuthis act Stalin has destroyed the principles of workers' democracy. It is easy to drive out the Stalinists by bureaucratic measures. It is more difficult to liberate the workers from confidence in them. I can to help build a society of would not force him to after it. cure the workers' movement and equals -SOCIALISM. lead it to a higher stage.

The Comintern has lied, de- Chicago, III. ceived, and committed treason to such an extent that the open truth is the sharpest weapon against it. It is just this task which I have taken upon myself-to tell the truth about the activities of the ceeded in cracking the existing Kremlin and the Comintern. I do Besides achieving an average of lations. But they are not necesnot promise any sensational revesary. What new revelations could cast, the Progressives elected to surpass the proceedings of the bilice two business agents, Juan Moscow trials, the liquidation of the Old Bolshevik Guard, the liquidation of the Red Generals, the sudden alliance with Hitler, and Board of the Independent Store the scandalous zig-zags of the branch. Larry Phillips, Opposi- Comintern under the whip of the tion candidate for the Secretary- Kremlin? But I can help to asjobs when the elevated lines are Treasurer, received the record semble all the different parts of this picture into one whole and to disclose its internal meaning.

When tthe workers understand These revolts of the culinary the reactionary historical role of Guardia, in collusion with the workers against the Stalinists Stalinism, they will themselves

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erties, then the great president tempts to understand just what course, that the Comintern itself would not appear very favorably. Americanism consists of that it must be defended, have led to persecution against it. For severing the sever

NEGRO MILITANT BREAKS WITH STALINISTS

I, Cornelius O'Kennard, have

action of all kinds. The misfor- der the disguise of a lot of fancy that Browder succeeded once or struggle of Ethiopia against the cher. twice in deceiving the fascist or Fascist armies of Mussolini and

membership director of Unit 3C of the USSR, never directing or of the Communist Party, as a supporting any movement again-Negro World War veteran, and st it, having always fought only as a worker, I find the Commu- the corrupt Stalin bureaucracy workers to rebuild the world on et Union but, on the contrary, a higher plane. The Communist said Fischer, has exposed the izing this struggle.

I am a revolutionary Socialist, all the years of its existence. By nist Party does not mean that I Third International. am giving up the fight for the working class. I left the Commu-gullible Stalinist asked whether nist Party so I can continue this a firm stand by the Third Inter-

Sincerely, Cornelius O'Kennard Boston, Mass.

LOUIS FISCHER DENOUNCES STALIN, MOSCOW TRIALS

Louis Fischer spoke here on "Trotskyites." In the end the po- come vicious enemies of the "Hundreds of thousands of Communists have been shot. . . . With The economic conditions of the official who returned from Spain passport does not fill us with pi- ployment and relief face them evous horror. I happened to use a ery day. The Stalinist leaders and the Stalin bureaucracy. The tune does not consist in the fact phrases and political hokum. The significant statements by Fis-

He said that he and other correspondents, such as Vincent Sheean, had kept silent about the Moscow trials, not because they believed the trials, but because they had "not wanted to hurt the cause of the Spanish workers." Fischer declared that Trotsky Through my experience as had always stood for the defense

tack than it has had to face in

During the question period a "That is expecting the tail to wag the dog," Fischer answered.

Jack Espra

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