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## INDEPENDENT SOCIALISM

### WORLD-WIDE TREND:

The greatest delusion and most pernicious falsehood of the day is that there are only two viable forces in the world: Stalinism & American Imperialism. This article should familiarize the reader with some of the groups, parties, and movements which espouse working class internationalism and independence and which fight toward the unification of the world on a socialist basis.

### WESTERN EUROPE: REGROUPMENT

In Germany today revolutionaries have joined the Social Democratic Party to fight against the leaderships dependence on Washington. The discredited Stalinists received only 6% of the vote.

In Spain the P.O.U.M., a Marxist anti-Stalinist party, is still fighting the Franco terror and has a large underground movement.

In France a new movement, the R.D.R., has arisen composed of leading intellectuals and anti-Fascists of the French Resistance. Its weekly organ, *La Gauche*, and the Paris daily, *Le Franc-Tireur*, popularize its slogans, "Neither Washington nor Moscow," and "For an Independent Western Union."

### EASTERN EUROPE: ANTI-STALINISM (over)

### STALINISTS ATTACK SYL MEMBERS:

Several weeks ago in front of the Communist Party's Jefferson School in New York, an SYL member was knocked down while passing out a leaflet entitled, *An Appeal to Reason*. These champions of Civil Liberties repeated this performance a second time when the SYL appeared at the school to protest the assault.

Is any editorial comment necessary on this type of hooliganism?

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## ORWELL'S "1984"

### A BOOK REVIEW:

'War is Peace! Freedom is Slavery! Ignorance is Strength! The Party slogans of the society of 1984 are a terrible indictment of present-day Stalinism or Fascist totalitarianism. This is no Utopia, for the anatomy of the society of 1984 is built with the solid bricks of 1949.

Every trend of the Russian police state is extended to all countries. Bureaucratic collectivism has conquered, in a land of terror, hate, and loneliness through which human beings wander like ugly and stricken shades.

Winston Smith, member of the Outer Party and worker in the Records Dept. of the Ministry of Truth sits in a drab cubicle  
(over)

INDEPENDENT SOCIALISM (Cont.)

1984, By George Orwell (Cont.)

The Ukrainian resistance movement, a broad and vigorous revolutionary group, has an Army-the UPA-which during the war assassinated Chief of Staff of the German S.A., Lutze, General of the Red Army-Valutin, and Assistant Minister of the Armed Forces of Poland, General Sverchesky; and developed a revolutionary socialist ideology...the only thing capable of defeating Stalinism.

In Eastern Germany, there are Communist opposition movements splitting from the SED, and who are against "Russian imperialism". The regime is extremely unpopular.

ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA:

In India the Socialist Party has a strong revolutionary wing and opposes Nehru. The Stalinists who acted as British agents during the last war are discredited.

In Ceylon the Trotskyists are the most important workers party, have led mass strikes against the govt. and have 18 deputies in the legislature.

In Indonesia the capitulation of the Republican govt. to the Dutch and the murder of Tanmalaka famous revolutionary, has halted the struggle for national independence for the moment.

Moreover, there are tiny sections of the 'Fourth International', the 'official' Trotskyist movement, in every major country. As the upswing of the working class movement comes, parts of the membership of this group may be expected to break out of the isolation imposed by their theoretic errors and enter the arena of struggle. In Every Country in The Colonial and Asiatic world, there is working-class opposition to war and imperialism. Here is the third camp!

and falsifies History with tremendous ingenuity by editing and destroying old newspapers, books and movies.

Smith doesn't accept the principles of double-think and commits the most horrible crime possible in Airstrip One(England)--crime-think. He makes independent judgements of the Party, Big Brother, and society. He falls in love with a young woman, Julia and commits fornication for pleasure...another serious crime.

The novel follows Smith from his first doubts, into secret and pathetic love trysts, and finally into opposition to the regime and attempts to join the Brotherhood, an underground opposition led by Goldstein(Trotsky) and to Room 101 in the Ministry of Love where he is tortured and finally broken completely and changed into a sodden, spiritless old man.

In tone 1984 is decidedly hopeless. Man is a helpless atom in the hands of the Inner Party-the new ruling class. But there are the proles. To their quarters he flees to escape from the bureaucratic jungle of his everyday life. Orwell promises nothing, but he holds out, to tantalize rather than to reassure, the possibility, nay the necessity of the Proletarian Revolution.

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