New Slander Campaign **Launched By Stalinists**

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CIO SEEKS 'SUBSTANTIAL' WAGE RAISES

ROOSEVELT PLAN SHELVES CIO-AFL UNIFICATION

An Editorial -

President Roosevelt has countered John L. Lewis' inacceptable proposal for AFL-CIO unification with a plan that shelves the question of unity altogether.

is the creation of a joint AFL-CIO committee main consideration. to work with him in curbing inter-union "conflicts" and promoting labor "peace" during

This plan shows complete disregard of the desire for unity so often and so unmistakably voiced by the overwhelming majority of workers in the CIO and AFL. These workers want unity because they realize that a single organization of 10,000,000 unionists will greatly increase their power to win better conditions and to organize the unorganized.

This is the kind of unity which the bosses fear. They fear it because, as A. H. Raskin pointed out in the Jan. 25 New York Times, 'aligned under one banner, union workers would represent the largest organized bloc in the social, political and economic life of the nation. Such a unified movement could be expected to address itself more successfully to organizing the 40,000,000 workers still outside the fold of the labor movement.'

But the workers don't want just any kind of unification. They want unification which will strengthen them in their fight against the employing class.

Lewis' "accouplement" proposal met with disfavor among the militant workers not because it proposed unity, but because it threatened to sacrifice the interests of the industrial unions and lead to the kind of unification that would weaken the labor movement.

But that isn't why Roosevelt and the proadministration union leaders opposed Lewis' plan. They rejected it simply because they felt it represented a threat to their own influence in the unions. With it, they rejected the very idea of unification, demonstrating that they - like Lewis - are either unwilling or incapable of formulating a program of unification based on the best interests of the work-

The Roosevelt plan was inspired primarily by fear of a powerful Lewis-Hutcheson anti-

administration bloc in a unified labor organization and by the desire to strengthen governmental influence over the union movement. It proposes "peace" without unity, in which The President's "substitute" for unification the question of war production is posed as the

What is the nature of this "peace"? Essentially, it means that the workers' independent struggles against the attacks of the employers are to be curbed. The joint committee is expected to implement the agreement whereby the union leaders seek to put the workers' right to strike in cold storage and to impose "voluntary" arbitration on the union

As to "peace" within the labor movement, the Roosevelt plan provides a means for curbing the ClO's struggle against craft unionism. Wherever the CIO attempts to bring organization to the unorganized, the AFL craft chiefs can claim "jurisdiction", hurry to Roosevelt and the new committee and demand "peace", that is, a cessation of CIO organization.

In this way, Roosevelt's plan will serve to impede the growth of industrial unionism. Thus, although it is intended at the present time to block unification on Lewis' basis, it paves the way in the long run for the same kind of unification Lewis now proposes, a unification in which the interests of the industrial union workers will be sacrificed.

The workers' interest in unity is based on the personal motivations and considerations of neither Roosevelt nor Lewis. The workers want unity because of their own needs.

That is why the workers must not permit the question of unification to be shelved by the union leaders at the behest of the administration, which formerly pressed for unification under any terms when it felt that its political interests would thereby be served, and now opposes unification for the same rea-

The workers must continue to demand unity. The sole condition they must attach to this demand is that it be unity in their own inprinciples, foremost of which is the principle

terests, a unity based on progressive union of industrial unionism.

Partial Victory For U.S. Won At Rio Conference

A Compromise Resolution On Rupture With of Argentina and Chile in such Axis Adopted by American Ministers

By C. CHARLES

As the Rio de Janeiro Conference of the Foreign Ministers | the Allies. of the Americas draws to a close, the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the Axis powers by 19 of the 21 Latin American countries can be recorded as a partial victory for the United States. Ten of the 21 nations are at present at war against Japan, Germany and Italy.

The aim of the United States at the conference was first and lations with the Axis. above all to secure full control of the raw materials and food produced in Latin America and thus prevent the Axis powers ica arose and announced that the from getting any of these vital country he represented had brokexports. To a large extent, Sumner Welles, the United States' representative at Rio, was successful in this respect.

Two of the South American powers are still holding out against an immediate break with the German envoy and issued a the Axis: Argentina and Chile. Argentina is the most adamant, while the exact action that Chile will take is still doubtful,

UNANIMOUS VOTE VEILS DIFFERENCES

A unanimous vote was secured on a compromise resolution which declared:

"The American republics, in accordance with the procedure established by their own laws and within the position and circumstances of each country in the actual continental conflict, recommend the rupture of their diplomatic relations with Japan, Germany and Italy, since the first of these States has attacked and powers, but rather results from the other two have declared war on an American country."

countries "cannot continue" re-

During the last days of the conference foreign minister after foreign minister of Latin Amer-

en or was breaking with the Axis. But that the unanimity on the resolution means little was shown the day after its, adoption when Acting President of Argentina Ramon S. Castillo "reassured" statement that Argentina:

"Would neither go to war nor toward a rupture, but would accept any formula that reaffirmed continental solidarity and unity" that "left each country free to adopt decisions that its special situation and circumstances coun-

Without doubt economic pressure by the United States will continue against Argentina and Chile to bring them into line with the war plans of the United

The position of Argentina and Chile does not flow from an active connection with the Axis sel for Waller, today declared in 20 per cent, paid their poll taxes the following factors:

1. Fear that the Axis will re-This statement replaced one to spond to a break by them with States Supreme Court, thus plac- viously denied a trial by his which Argentina had raised vio- a declaration of war and that the ing the issue of the constitution- "peers" when other non-poll tax made 44.69 per cent. Another lent objections because it said Allied forces will not be able to ality of the poll tax, which dis- payers like himself were not permore categorically the American effectively help in the defense franchises ten million Americans, mitted onto jury lists.

an event.

bargain economically in return steps are taken to halt the trend." for the support demanded by the

Chilean-owned industry.

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Layoffs- Mounting In Auto



A typical scene in one of the many branch offices of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission, besieged by auto workers laid off because of the lagging conversion of the auto industry to production of war equipment. Months will pass before they will be called back to the factories.

Naval Contractors Reap Stupendous War Profits

ANTI-LABOR ATTACK

- complaining of the fact that

117 separate AFL, CIO and Rail-

had assets, if combined, of \$82,-

594,959. Calling this an "as-

tounding picture of concentra-

tion of wealth," the majority of

the committee demanded that the

unions be placed under govern-

ment regulation and that they be

Seven members of the commit-

tee found this attack on labor so

crude that they refused to ap-

prove this section of the report

and turned in a minority dissent.

It is obvious that unions are non-

profit organizations, whose as-

sets are voluntarily supplied by

the members who continue to own

and dispose of them. Moreover.

the combined assets of all the

That the Vinson Committee re-

port gives only a glimmering of

the true extent of naval contract

profiteering is indicated by the

fact that only 1228 companies

sent replies out of the 5198 firms

The Committee had to report,

for instance, that the Bethlehem

Shipbuilding Corporation, a Beth-

lehem Steel subsidiary, and holder

of the greatest number of gov-

ernment contracts, refused to

supply information to the com-

Information supplied by other

companies failed "to present an

accurate picture," according to

the report. A check of the Navy

audits disclosed that the Sperry

Gyroscope Co., which reported

profits of 15.53 per cent on the

cost of its contracts, actually

company, the B. G. Corporation,

claimed profits of 12.28 per cent

mittee.

BETHLEHEM WON'T TALK

like General Motors.

House Committee Cites Figures Which Confirm Findings of the Truman Report

"Excessive and unconscionable profits" are being made on naval contracts to private shipbuilding corporations, it was disclosed last week in a House Naval Affairs Committee report. The report contains further evidence of the all-out war profiteering revealed recently by the Truman Senate Investigating

Although the committee attempts to take the sting out of its findings by stating that "nei-

ther industry as a whole nor the true light. One ship-building cormajor part of industry should be criticized", the actual facts and be criticized. The actual facts and be criticized as a should be criticized. The actual facts and be criticized as a should poration has naval contracts netting profits eight times greater figures in the report speak for than the company's original total themselves and give the lie to worth. the committee's conclusions.

Profits on contracts held by the 15 big corporations which have obtained over 60 per cent of all contracts, averaged between | findings on corporation war prof-20 and 40 per cent, with some its, it interjected a statement on 20 and 40 per cent, with some profits on individual contracts ranging as high as 211 and 247 per cent. The committee assumble contracts as the unions—a statement having no relation to naval affairs—complaining of the fact that per cent. The committee assum-ed seven per cent as a "fair"

FULL STORY UNTOLD The report adds that "profits

to contractors are increasing and 2. The desire to strike a better | will continue to increase unless

Most of the figures on profits percentages were arrived at by 3. The wish of the ruling class- a method intended to conceal the es of these two countries to take true extent of profits. Profits advantage, while the industrial- were calculated on the basis of ly dominant powers such as the the total amount of the contracts. U. S. are occupied in the war, of which include both the cost to the opportunity to strengthen the the contractor and his profit. If position of Argentina - and the rate of profit were figured on costs alone, the percentage of Before the war the Argenti- profit would appear much higher. nian and Chilean capitalist class- And if the profits were figured es could not hope to compete with on the basis of invested capital, they would then be seen in their

Court Of Appeals Turns Down Waller Petition

JAN. 26. - The Supreme | squarely before the nation's high-Court of Appeals of Virginia est court. has denied the petition of Odell Waller, Negro sharecropper of Gretna, Va., for a writ of hafederal and state laws.

a statement issued by the Work- in 1940. ers Defense League that an appeal would be made to the United pitifully little income, was ob-

HOW POLL TAX WORKS AGAINST SHARECROPPERS

The poll tax issue was raised to which the committee sent its beas corpus which his attorneys because Waller was tried by a profits questionnaire. had requested on the grounds jury composed exclusively of paythat the barring non-payers of ers of Virginia's \$1.50 cumulapoll taxes from jury service in tive poll tax. The petition for a Virginia made his indictment and writ of habeas corpus presented conviction unconstitutional under proof that non-payers of poll taxes were systematically barred Odell Waller is scheduled to be from voting lists and from grand executed on March 20 for the and petit juries in Pittsylvania self-defense slaying of his farm- County, Va., where the trial ocer landlord who had tried to cheat curred, and that not a single the Waller family on their crop non-payer was found on any jury list. Of the 30,000 eligible voters John F. Finerty, defense coun- in the county, only 6000, about

Waller, a sharecropper with

which Navy audits showed to be 50.62 per cent. Commenting on the refusal of

the corporations to supply information to it, the report stated: "The committee does not at this time attempt to set forth the reasons motivating the companies in not making their replies promptly."

That doesn't mean the committee doesn't know -the reasons, which are obvious. Full reports from the corporations would have disclosed such hair-raising profits tionwide stormy protest against

117 separate AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood unions, representing over 6,000,000 members,
had assets if combined of \$82.

ton Powell, New York City Coun-@

follows:

Dear Mr. Farrell:

labor movement.

Minneapolis labor case under the

provisions of the Smith "Gag"

Act sets a dangerous precedent

which can be used against the

The Smith Act which was

Our Executive Board is on rec-

ord as supporting the fight of

Very truly yours,

(Signed) IRVING ABRAMSON,

CIO Council.

Dr. Powell is well-known na-

President New Jersey

Wants More Pay To Meet Rising Cost Of Living

But CIO Board Fails to Tell Workers How They Can Compel Bosses to Come to Terms

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. — The National Executive Board of the CIO, meeting in this city vesterday, issued a call for the unions affiliated with the CIO to demand "substantial wage increases" to meet the rising cost of living and the increasing tax burden. The Executive Board also urged the unions to press for the inclusion of union shop or other union security clauses in future contracts to be signed with employers.

The resolution adopted by the Board pointed out that "living standards are being seriously threatened as a result of the

spiraling of the cost of living and the inequitably increased the resolution adds, "show a taxes upon the low-income tremendous increase in profits groups," at the same time that profits for the bosses continue

Financial reports for 1941,"

U. M. W. Local **Protests Trial**

NEW HAVEN, January 24. - United Mine Workers, Local 12021 (New Haven Gas Light Co.) of District 50, last week passed a resolution condemning the convictions in the Minneapolis trial of 544-CIO members and Socialist Workers Party leaders, and protesting the "interference of the FBI in the democratic proce-

dure of the labor movement." Stating that the Smith Act is a weapon against labor sponsored by union-busting Representative Howard Smith, the resolution adds that the act 'must be tested for constitutionality in this case."

for employers, after all taxes, as compared to 1939, in such basic industries as steel, shipbuilding and electrical and machine manufacturing, with even greater profits to be anticipated in 1942, due to vastly increased production. These returns clearly permit employers to pay wage increases without involving price increas-

In a press conference following the adoption of the resolution, CIO President Philip Murray estimated that the cost of living, including individual taxes, would be 20 per cent higher by mid-March than it was at the beginning of 1941.

Murray declared that the CIO vould continue its fight for contracts guaranteeing union security, in the form of the closed shop, maintenance - of - member. ship clauses, etc. He said the CIO will insist that the new War Labor Board act on all union security cases in which no direct agreement is reached between the unions and the employers.

While the committee tried to minimize the significance of its CIO Leader And OPPOSE DISCRIMINATORY AXES ON WORKERS

The Executive Board also came out against general sales or wage taxes, the "most vicious kind of discrimination against the working people," and called on Congress to enact a tax program which will "stop war profiteer-

The stand of the Executive Board will be greeted with ap proval by the millions of CIO members who know from their wn experiences in the last year that the rising cost of living has deeply slashed their real earnings and long ago wiped out the cilman from the Borough of Man- tionally as a militant leader of few meager wage gains they had hattan; both letters expressed the people of Harlem and the been able to secure despite the bitter opposition of the employ-

> But the question is not so much what to fight for as how to fight for it. On this, the resolution said nothing.

Merely citing the huge profits er yielded to such "reasonable" persuasion in the past. It can be taken for granted they will fight

EFFECT OF LEADERS'

crisis it is doubly important that undemocratic leaders are not allowed to pervert justice to their not to employ this weapon for own ends. Whether we agree or the duration of the war. sponsored by the same Poll Tax disagree on basic philosophies of Representative Howard Smith of life, or whether we be black or lieve that the War Labor Board, Virginia, who initiated the Slave white, Jew or Gentile, Protestant which is composed predominant-Labor Bill, now under considera- or Catholic — we are Americans ly of pro-employer elements, will tion by Congress, can be used to all. Whenever the Civil Liberties grant "substantial wage increasof any one American or any American group are threatened, then the Civil Liberties of all are these men against political per- in danger, and this is the issue in Minneapolis.

Councilman, Borough of Manhattan.

support for the 18 members of the | first Negro to be elected to the Socialist Workers Party and Lo- City Council of New York. He cal 544-CIO convicted in Minneahas served as the leader of many polis last December for violation fights for equal rights for the of the 1940 Smith "Gag" Law. Negro people, and was promin-The letter from Mr. Abrament in the recent struggle to seson, leader of the powerful CIO cure jobs for Negroes with the movement in New Jersey, noti- New York bus companies. He is of the bosses and the reduced unions in the country do not fies James T. Farrell, chairman also pastor of the powerful Abys- purchasing power of the workers measure up to a twentieth of the of the Civil Rights Defense Comsinian Baptist Church in Harlem. through price rises, will not inassets of one corporation, con- mittee, of the favorable action by His letter to George Novack, duce the employers to pay decent trolled by a handful of owners, the CIO State Executive Board secretary of the C.R.D.C. says: wages. The employers have nevon a resolution supporting the 18 who were convicted. It reads as Jan. 21, 1942

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. - The Civil Rights Defense Com-

mittee this week made public the text of letters from two im-

portant figures in the labor and political movement of the

metropolitan area. One was from Irving Abramson, President

of the New Jersey CIO Council, the other from Dr. Adam Clay-

My Dear Mr. Novack:

of endorsing the work of the mand to freeze wages. The prosecution and conviction | Civil Rights Defense Committee of 18 officers and members of in reference to the members of Local 544 CIO and leaders of the the Socialist Workers Party in Socialist Workers Party in the Minneapolis.

It has always been important, trant employers to terms by the but in this hour of democracy's

Jan. 23, 1942 I am taking this opportunity with every means at their com-

NO STRIKE POLICY But in the past, the unions

have been able to bring recalciuse of their most decisive bargaining weapon, the strike. The CIO leaders, however, have agreed

es" to any extensive section of the workers.

But even if the Board should hand down a decision favorable to a union, it has no legal powers to compel acceptance of the decision by the employers. And DR. ADAM C. POWELL, Jr. without the use of the strike, the union would be unable to enforce such a favorable decision.

Trotsky's Book: 'Edited', Then Suppressed

Malamuth 'Edits' the Biography of Stalin To Suit Himself And State Dept. Has Its Publication Held Up for the Duration

By Albert Goldman

When Harper and Brothers announced their decision to withdraw Trotsky's biography of Stalin from circulation, it was not difficult to detect the finger of Stalin behind that decision. At the present moment Stalin's influence with the government authorities is such that he would not have to exert great pressure to have them suggest to Harpers that it is not advisable under the circumstances to issue an objective biography of an ally of the United States. This is the time when the diplomatic prostitutes, serving the interests of American capitalism, will have the entire field to themselves in writing in praise of the great democratic leader in the Kremlin.

Not the objective biography of Stalin by Leon Trotsky is required by the State Department, but the mediocre and dishonest book of an American lawyer who, by virtue of his ability to marry a wealthy woman, obtained a position as American Ambassador to Moscow.

Motive of the State Department

That the decision of Harper and Brothers to withdraw Trotsky's Stalin from circulation was not taken on their own initiative can be taken for granted. The fact is that the manuscript was printed some months after Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union, and copies of the book were sent to reviewers only recently. It was only after this came to the attention of Mr. Litvinov, Stalin's agent in Washington, that the hint was passed on to the State Department, and in turn to Harpers, that in view of the present international situation the book should not be distributed. Furthermore, it is hardly conceivable that a publishing company, anxious to get back the money it invested in a book, would be swayed by motives of patriotism.

If the action of the State Department would have the ef-

fect of stopping permanently the sale of a book which the publishers had no right to publish in the manner that they did, we would be inclined to overlook its criminal character, for then it would have prevented the perpetration of a great fraud on the American public by Harpers and by the "editor" of Trotsky. Since, however, the motive of the State Department in putting an end to the circulation of the biography at the present time was to help Stalin and not to prevent a crime by the publisher and "editor", we can only say that the crime of the State Department is in addition to the one committed by the publisher and by Mr. Charles Malamuth, the "editor."

At the time of his assassination Trotsky had completed seven chapters of the biography. There were left notes which constituted a very rough draft of an introduction and five additional chapters. By the last will and testament of Trotsky, recognized in the Mexican court, all of his property, including the draft of the last chapters of the Stalin biography, was left to Natalia Trotsky. The publishers had no claim on it whatever, legal or moral, even though they had advanced money to Trotsky for the writing of the book. What Trotsky agreed to furnish the publishers was a completed manuscript and not notes or a draft. The publishers had the right either to publish the seven chapters that were completed, or to return the manuscript and ask for a refund of the advancement.

Naturally, both the widow and the close political associates of Trotsky were anxious to see the Stalin biography published. including both the completed chapters and also the rough draft of the introduction and the additional chapters. The publishers were contacted and the president of the concern readily accepted the proposition of publishing the rough draft either as an appendix or as additional chapters.

He had been hired to translate the manuscript from the original Russian into English. I do not know his merits as a translator, but I shall assume they are high. Mr. Malamuth was an active participant in the arrangements for the translation of the draft. Those who spoke of him with reference to it will testify that at no time did he utter a single word which would indicate that he intended to promote himself from translator to "editor" - of course with the consent of Harpers. It was taken for granted by everybody that no one would dare tamper with Leon Trotsky's draft, except to insert a connecting phrase or sentence wherever necessary to make the meaning of the text clear. It was on the basis of that understanding that the notes were given to Harpers. There was, of course, no obligation on the part of Natalia Trotsky to give these notes to Harpers. They were her sole and exclusive property, and she could do anything

A letter written by Mr. Malamuth after he had undertaken the job of translating the draft clearly indicates that he promised the representatives of Natalia Trotsky to keep the number of connecting sentences down to an absolute minimum.

Malamuth's Promotion

It was only after Mr. Malamuth completed his task and showed Trotsky's friends in New York a copy of the finished manuscript that we became aware of the fact that a change had taken place in his position, that he was no longer a translator, but an "editor". Mr. Malamuth must be a man who does not permit opportunities to pass by without taking advantage of them. The assassination of Trotsky afforded him an opportunity of a lifetime, and he seized it. It was irksome to be a mere translator with the knowledge that all of his translations would be carefully scrutinized. Stalin gave him the chance that he was looking for - to write and present his own ideas in a book bearing the name of Trotsky.

In an editor's note Mr. Malamuth offers his opinion that . . . under the circumstances extensive interpolations by the editor were unavoidable but were, nevertheless, kept down to a

Hotel Strikers

Holding Firm

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 .--

Picket lines are continuing in

the strike at 27 hotels of the

Hotel Employers' Association

here, because the bosses refuse

to accept union proposals to sub-

mit the issues to government ar-

bitration. The strike was called

on Aug. 30, 1941 by seven AFL

locals. Early in December, the

unions agreed to end the strike

at once on the sole condition that

the hotel owners agree to govern-

It is clear that the Association

aims at smashing the strike and

locking out the striking workers.

The owners are trying to use the

war situation as a pretext for

forcing the workers into complete

The hotel workers are demand-

ing wages amounting to a little

over \$4 a day, improved work-

ing conditions and the union

shop. Under the conditions of the

old 1937 contract which the boss-

es want to retain, the hotel work-

ers were receiving the lowest pay

in the city, \$1.50 to \$3.40 a day

Employes of 200 other hotels,

whose owners are part of the

Hotel Owners Association (not

to be confused with the holdout

Hotel Employers Association),

last week received a wage-arbi-

tration award increasing pay as

high as 41 per cent. These work-

ers have a closed shop agreement.

the bulletin issued by the strik-

this dispute is regarded in all

shall use this war - as they did

organized labor, and thereby the

ain cannot rally the people of the

colonies and semi-colonies, even

with talk about democracy and

enslaved by imperialism; with

ards of living and not with their

super-exploitation as is the case

The A.F. of L. Hotel Worker,

and no room or board.

surrender on the Association's

ment arbitration.

own terms.

and fluency." (Page IX) The terms 'clarity and fluency' are quite flexible and can, of course, be interpreted in accordance with one's desire. To show what a very sweeping interpretation Mr. Malamuth gives to these words, it is necessary only to point out that Chapter XI of the biography consists of 29 pages, with approximately one-half of that number of pages belonging not to the author, but to the "editor". Undoubtedly Trotsky would have developed those notes and perhaps the chapter would have been longer even than it is now, but if anything is crtain, it is that Mr. Malamuth's additions do not add any clarity to the original notes. -

How Engels Edited Marx

I presume that there have been quite a few cases where a work left unfinished by an author was edited after the author's death. One example that occurs to me is the editing of the second and third volumes of Marx's CAPITAL by Engels. But the difference in the situation of the editing of Marx by Engels and the editing of Trotsky by Malamuth is so great that no comparison is possible. One is simply left gasping at the colossal nerve of Malamuth to undertake to do for Trotsky that which Engels did for Marx. Only an individual completely innocent of his own limitations and bereft of any sense of decency could have done what Malamuth did. But perhaps we should be charitable and blame it on the boss, Harper and Brothers.

Engels assumed the task of editing Marx's unfinished manuscript because he was the closest co-worker of Marx, knew all ' his theories and agreed with them completely. The interpolations of Engels really explained those sections of Marx's draft which, because of their brevity, were not understandable. Malamuth was not interested in explaining Trotsky's ideas. He was interested, under the guise of an explanation, in putting forth his own ideas, which are directly contrary to those of Trotsky.

If the publishers and Malamuth had been interested in explaining certain sections of the notes, they certainly would have submitted the interpolations either to Natalia Trotsky or to the closest co-workers of Trotsky, but no such thing was done. Their failure to do so is conclusive proof that they were not interested in explaining anything, but in contradicting the whole theory propounded by Trotsky in the biography. It is not necessary to stress some factual errors made by Malamuth indicating that his knowledge of the history of the Bolshevik party is not as extensive as he would like people to believe, nor is it necessary to mention the fact that Malamuth had evidently read and re-read Souvarine's Stalin before editing the biography.

How Malamuth Distorts Trotsky

It would have been bad enough had Malamuth written unnecessary interpolations even if they were more or less correct. His crime consists in injecting, at times subtly and at times not so subtly, into his running commentary, the theory championed by so many intellectuals to the effect that Stalinism is a logical and inevitable product of Bolshevism, a thesis which the author of the biography took particular pains to disprove in the biog-

In many respects Malamuth's editing is nothing but a running polemic with the author of the book. Would Trotsky have spoken of the "vaunted democracy of the Soviets?" (Page 339), Would the author of the biography have made the statement that "the trend toward centralization, that sure precursor of totalitarianism, went on within the Bolshevik party itself?" (Page 339) Would Trotsky have considered that "the political administration Sverdlov headed was the precursor of the contemporary one-party: State?" (Page 340)

We are, of course, the last to deny Malamuth the right to present his theories, but we do deny his right to take advantage of the name of Trotsky for the purpose of doing so. Quite obviously Mr. Malamuth understood that a book presenting the theories of Mr. Malamuth and written by Mr. Malamuth would have a slight chance of being published, and if published, would hardly be a best seller, and so Mr. Malamuth, interested in presenting his ideas to the world, shrewdly chose to do so in the form of "editing" Trotsky's last notes on the biography of

Our protests to Mr. Malamuth and to the representatives of Harper and Brothers were of no avail. The former feigned astonishment at our irritation and anger and asserted rather plaintively that he had nothing to do with the matter and that he had simply obeyed the orders of his boss. The president of Harpers, Mr. Canfield, was not so apologetic, but rather truculent. He had advanced money and was not only entitled to the draft, but to do anything he pleased with it.

The Case Is Still Pending

A suit to enjoin the publication and distribution of the Stalin book with the Malamuth interpolation was filed, but alas, to get an injunction it is necessary to file a bond, and those who filed the suit were in no position to do that, and so the publisher could and did go ahead with the printing of the manuscript which included the Malamuth interpolations. The case is still pending, and-all that we can do is hope that the judge will make the decision of the State Department permanent and clear the way for the publishing of the biography without the benefit of the "clarity and fluency" added to it by Mr. Malamuth's

Here it must be added that both Malamuth and the representatives of Harper and Brothers undoubtedly belong to the tribe composed of people who wax indignant at the "amoralism"



During the past few weeks on the special subs they sent in some of our agents have been and attempt to get regular subvery active in the business of get. scriptions. ting subscriptions. Contacts who have been receiving the paper announcement that will add furthrough our mass distribution ther incentive to the securing of policy are now quite well ac- subs. Be sure to read the column quainted with our press; at this for details. juncture, each and every individual with whom you've had con- LIBRARY FILES tact should be solicited. Subscriptions to THE MILITANT should idea that we think is very good

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be the logical conclusion to the and therefore we pass it on to all mass distributions made by all our agents. Minneapolis writes that they have contacted the li-Discuss with each solicitor his braries and branches in their vipermanent reference.

All agents who have back iswill end with this issue of THE | sues of the press might very well MILITANT. Those branches that use them to advantage by followare alive to every possibility. ing the example set by Minnea-every opportunity, will follow-up polis.

Same Dollar-A-Year Men Run New Nelson Set-Up

eral has done yeoman service.

a public boost to Knudsen, indi-

Significant of the type of ap-

leaders thought they would have

of war production in the auto in-

dustry, these hopes can be laid

cies of the Army.

War Production "Czar" Just Changes A Few Titles; Picks Ford Man to Head Auto

Ex-corporation executive Donald Nelson, so-called "Czar" of the government's latest war production set-up, merely chang- the Stewart-Warner Corporation, ed a few titles and shifted the old agencies around a bit in his will transfer his big business much-heralded "reorganization" last week.

The same crew of corporation dollar-a-year men will con- ship of the OPM's priorities ditinue to run the show. Only now they will draw down govern- vision to chief of the Division of ment salaries and formally re-9sign their private business con-

Stating that "any revolutionary changes would only bring delay," Nelson announced on Jan. 21 his plan to establish six major divisions under his War Production Board. These divisions are nothing more than the old agen-

men in charge. "Each of the six major divisions and most of the secondary ure-head and that the War Degroups are headed by executives partment will not permit any unwho handled similar work in the OPM," observes the Jan. 22 New

cies, with the same corporation

These include most of the men BOSSES HAVE NOTHING exposed in the Truman Senate TO FEAR FROM THESE Investigating Committee report as having aided the big corporations in realizing enormous war his naming of Ernest C. Kanzler profits and maintaining their

monopoly advantages. KNUDSEN RIDES AGAIN

OPM Director William Knud- president of the Ford-controlled sen, a chief target of the Truman report, has been named the first civilian Lieutenant-General in American history. President capacity to take "complete charge" of the War Department's munitions program.

Although technically disquali- ment. fied for a post on the WPB since he heads no specific WPB division | Production Board's major divi- tion to the Truman disclosures or government department, Knud- sions and the men who head reveals that the capitalist dominsen has been placed on the board them, is sufficient to indicate that ation of the war production agenby Nelson, who said that the the monopoly corporations will cies will continue. A new sign would remain on the WPB "even set-up. if I have to ask to have the executive order reworded so that he sion is William Harrison, on doing bigger business but still will be eligible technically."

dent of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Harrison is simply continuing his work as former director of the OPM's production division.

J. S. Knowlson, president of talent from the Acting Director-Industry Operation under the

Nelson added, "General Knud-The president of SKF Indussen is too valuable a man to lose," tries, Inc., William L. Batt, will a sentiment echoed no doubt by continue to pursue his function the big auto corporations, Bethas director of the OPM's matelehem Steel, Aluminum Co. of rials Division. American, etc., for which the Gen-

Leon Henderson, Price Administrator and director of the Owill perform his old chores as cating that he for one expects head of the new Civilian Supply Knudsen to be more than a fig- Division.

of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea toward interference by Nelson in Company, Douglas MacKeachie, the traditional procurement poli- will hold down the chief post in the new Purchases Divis for which he received training as OPM Director of Purchases OPM DEFENDER

Last, but not least, in the OPM pointments made by Nelson, was roll-call in the "reorganized" setup, is Sidney Hillman, who gave as boss of the auto industry's the "labor" coloration to the OPM conversion program. Kanzler is as its Associate Director General. Edsel Ford's brother-in-law, Hillman did a conscientious job of defending the OPM's policies. Universal Credit Corporation and He is expected to do equally well former production director of the as head of the new Labor Divi-Ford Motor Co. If the auto union sion.

The Truman report showed Roosevelt assigned him in this any "voice" in the management that the war production program was being run by and for the oig corporations.

to rest by Kanzler's appoint-Examination of Nelson's "reorganization" - in part, an at-A brief review of the new War tempt to offset the public reacformer General Motors president have little to fear from the new has been placed over the entrance, but it's the same old com-Heading the Production Divi- pany, run by the same bosses, leave from his post as vice-presi- "business as usual."

Facts On Naval Contracts San Francisco

Facts and figures about some a 21 per cent profit, is expected naval contracts, as contained in the House Naval Affairs Committe report, are listed be-

General Motors expected profits of from 12 to 27 per cent on 15 reported contracts, ranging from \$1,000,000 to \$18,000,-

"Profits range from \$850,000 to \$1,125,000 on individual contracts," reported the Bath Iron Works about 8 contracts netting profits of 8 to 29 per cent. The Bendix Aviation Corporation expects to make a 27 per cent profit, \$375,688, on one contract of \$1,378,445. It anticipates a 30.8 per cent profit, \$225,246, on another contract of \$730,620.

The Bridgeport Brass Co. has four contracts, each over \$500,-000, with estimated profits of made 77 per cent profit on one Secretary of War Stimson gave PM's Division of Civilian Supply, from 16 to 26 per cent. \$456,105, contract of \$69,300.

of the war profiteering on on one contract of \$2,194,335. One contract involving \$2,-931,285 will yield 21.6 per cent profit, and another of \$2,788,-901 will bring in 21.2 per cent profit to the Todd Seattle Dry-

docks, Inc. These swollen profits appear relatively slight in comparison to some of the following:

The Maryland Drydock Co. made a 44.5 per cent profit on a \$1,493,286 contract. The George Pollock Co. netted

44 per cent profit on one \$2,-556,590 contract.

A profit of \$320,745 - 149.9 per cent - on a \$534,574 contract was realized by the Erie Forge Co., which listed ten other contracts giving average. profits of 140 per cent.

The Fairchild Aviation Corp.

Division. A former purchasing director Partial Victory For U.S. At Rio

(Continued from page 1)

capitalists who dominated the Brazilian Congress before the South American markets with their exports. Argentina and self-appointed President-for-Life Chile, although very important food and raw material producing chief aide at the conference. regions, are the two most industrially developed countries south of the United States, and sections of their ruling classes are ambitious to become the dominant industrial powers.

The resistance of Argentina and them come to an agreement with their chief customers.

Secondly, while certain other sections of the capitalist classes ate Latin America). in these countries would like the chance to build their industries against the United States and still have control of maritime transport and supplies of machinery and certain raw industrial materials. These native capitalists will have to come to terms with the Allies.

DARE NOT ROUSE MASSES

Above all the ruling classes of Argentina and Chile dare not call forth a mass movement of the people in a struggle for real inlependence from foreign control of their industrial and political life. The ruling classes fear that the masses would not stop with the foreign capitalists but would continue their fight against their native exploiters as well. Fearful of arousing the masses, the capitalists are reduced to nearly futile gestures.

If the conference did nothing else, it exposed a lot of the current talk about a "war for dem- | u

ocracy". The scene of the sessions was itself deeply symbolic. the already entrenched foreign It was the meeting place of the Congress was dissolved by the of Brazil, Getulio Vargas, Welles'

Foreign ministers arose and solemnly spoke in the name of democracy when their own countries are now being ruled by ers, reports in its Jan. 19 issue brutal dictators. The last thing that the entire San Francisco The other countries in South in the world that the Vargases union movement is supporting the America are nearly exclusively want is democracy and they strikers. The bulletin states that food and raw material producing would fight to the last drop of and exporting countries. Their blood to prevent it from coming labor circles as a test case "to only markets at present are the to their own countries. These determine whether or not money-Allies, who are in a position now dictator governments do not rep- hungry, labor-hating employers to secure their support. On the resent the masses; they are pliother hand, the Axis powers can- ant and willing tools of American the World War I - to attack not buy or sell to Latin-America and British oil, agricultural, minbecause of Allied control of the ing, industrial, commercial and living standards of the American banking interests.

The United States and British Chile to United States pressure diplomats may be successful in must necessarily be of the most convincing the ruling classes of limited and timid character. Latin America of the benefits of First of all, the capitalists of support of the Allies. But they these countries who export to the cannot convince the masses of Allies will strive, in case of real Latin America who see little difdifficulty, to mold the policy of ference in being ruled by Amerthe governments so as to have ican-and British-supported dictators (who now dominate Latin America) or Axis-supported dictators (who would like to domin-

For the great majority of the masses, imperialism means hunger, want, ignorance, super-ex- the improvement of their stand-British competition, the Allies ploitation and lack of democratic rights. This is why the present govern-

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Negro Struggle By Ernest Williams

Remember Sikeston, Missouri!

In the midst of the war which is proclaimed a crusade against intolerance, racial hatred, and all other forms of injustice, the newspapers again carry the headline, "Negro Lynched by Missouri Crowd".

Cleo Wright, a 30 year old Negro mill worker, already critically wounded by three bullets, was dragged from the city jail of Sikeston, Missouri, on Jan. 25. According to the Associated Press report, he "offered no resistance. He was stuffed into the trunk compartment of a motor car and taken to the Negro district, where he was dragged through the streets behind an automobile. Later the body was cut loose and gasoline

linist policies.

Carlos Zapata Vela.

Grandizo Munis, the only ac-

War and held in prison for more

than a year while the SIM tried

By GRANDIZO MUNIS

press and kindred newspaper

writers have initiated a serious

slander campaign against the

militant workers of revolutionary

tendencies. The forward march

order was given by Juan Como-

rera from the magazine of the

Spanish Stalinists. Following this

the non-party forces have been

mobilized, commissioned with

giving the campaign a non GPU

See, for example, the dispatch-

es sent to Excelsior from Wash-

ington by one John Willes. Os-

tensibly he is just another corre-

spondent. But the impudence

with which this individual lies

GPU brand. He headlines his

"Since agents of German, Ital-

organizations and pseudo-revolu-

as well as in other republics of

our Continnent, but those which it do that

appearance.

The GPU is on the move. Its

ist movement, was arrested by of the German Gestapo.'

"A city truck removed the Negro's body after it had been in the street several hours."

As usual in such cases, the charge against Wright was that he was "suspected of an attack on a white woman." Someone entered the home of an Army sergeant and stabbed his wife. inflicting a wound in her side. After a chase across town, an officer captured Wright, according to the reports, took away a knife and put him in the back seat of his car. A struggle then ensued, during which the policeman drew his revolver and shot Wright three times.

What happened after the lynching was typical too. Apparently the so-called "law-and-order" enforcing agencies felt more concerned about preventing the Negro population from expressing their feelings than in capturing the members of the lynch mob. State Highway Patrolmen were stationed in the Negro section of Sikeston. American Legion members "guarded" streets leading into the area. "Negroes were ordered to remain

The Cause of Lynchings

The New York Times of Jan. 27 in a pious editorial discussion of the lynching entitled "Sikeston Disgraces Itself" tries to place the responsibility for this lynching solely on the people of Sikeston. In this way the Times editorial writer tries to absolve the whole damnable system of racial discrimination - approved and fostered by the government and the capitalist class of any responsibility for the murder of Cleo

But in the final analysis the cause of lynchings is the system of Jim Crow. The Times and the other spokesmen of the capitalist class may object to a lynching, especially, as they point out when such "evidences of lawlessness" can be utilized for Nazi propaganda. But such objections and editorials are the worst kind of hypocrisy as long as their writers continue to support and cover up the source of the lynch-

Lynchings are not something peculiar to Sikeston, as the Times knows very well. They happen in every state in the South. And they are only more violent expressions of the economic lynchings that the Negro people suffer in the North.

Negro and white workers who want to abolish the hellish practice of lynching must not be taken in by the Times and the other hypocrites. The only way to abolish lynching is to abolish all forms of racial discrimination, wherever they

When the Army segregates Negroes in separate regiments, they are contributing to future

When the Navy refuses to accept Negroes as anything but mess attendants, they are contributing to that "white superiority" psychology which culminates in lynchings.

When the big industrialists - and the big newspapers too - refuse to hire Negroes except as porters or cleaners of toilets, they too are partially responsible for the growth of hatred of minority groups and their hands too are stained with the blood of the Cleo Wrights.

When Congress and the administration pigeonhole the many Anti-Lynch bills - limited and weak as these bills are - they too must be assigned their share of responsibility for what occurred in Sikeston.

The lynch mob of 300 who refused Cleo Wright the chance of a fair trial were guilty of murder and must be made to pay for their crime. But so too must the forces practicing and encouraging racial discrimination be made to pay for their responsibility. The lynch mob must be punished, but the system which makes it possible for them to commit such acts must be abolished.

And not until it is abolished will any talk about "war for democracy" seem like anything but cheap hypocrisy intended for the consumption of the Negro people.

Again, the Question of Blood

The Red Cross has just been put on the spot. Its excuse for refusing Negro blood donors who volunteered to give their blood for wounded soldiers and sailors had been that it was acting on instructions from the Army and Navy.

But the U. S. Navy has just denied that it ever requested the American Red Cross to refuse the blood of Negro donors. A public statement to this effect was made by Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General, in answer to an inquiry about the refusals made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

McIntire stated that all Negro applicants were told that their contributions would be accepted. and were referred to the Red Cross.

This puts the blame for this racial discrimination squarely on the American Red Cross. The NAACP immediately wrote to Norman Davis, president of the Red Cross, informing him of the Navy's statement, and asking for an explanation of the contradiction between this and the official excuse given by the Red Cross.

We don't know who is passing the buck to whom, but we do know that Negro blood is still not considered "good enough" by the authorities in charge of collecting blood.

Stalinists Open Up A New Slander Campaign Against the Trotskyists

In recent weeks the Stalinists have opened up a campaign of Their Own Statements Refute Their slander against the Trotskyists, denouncing them as "fifth coldenouncing them as "fifth columnists" and "agents of Hitler." Latest Lies About Minneapolis Trial These latest denunciations are part of the Stalinist drive to use answered in the Mexican daily, cialist Workers Party and Local which Stalinists are uttering at

the war, and the hysteria created El Universal, the slanders of the 544-CIO in Minneapolis, knows these union meetings. in such a period of reaction, for Stalinists. We reprint Munis' the purpose of suppressing all working class opposition to Stacurrent GPU campaign, On Jan. 18, the Sunday Work-

Comrade Munis, showing how er printed a story from Mexico, the GPU prepares the ideologtelling of the opening of a new ical groundwork for its murderdrive by the Stalinists against ous work, cites a case of an ob-Trotskyists and other non-Stalinvious GPU agent, "John Willes". ist groups and figures in the lawho stated in a Washington disbor movement there. Acting as patch to the Mexican daily, Exthe front for this lynch campaign celsior: "The celebrated trial in are a small group of Mexican Minneapolis against the leaders deputies, headed by the Stalinist, of the false Socialist Workers Party brought out the intimate connection that existed between tual Trotskyist named by the them, headed by the successors Mexican Stalinists, was General of Leon Trotsky and earlier by Secretary of the Spanish Trotsky- | the latter himself, and the agents

the SIM (Spanish branch of the DISPROVED BY INDICTMENT GPU) during the Spanish Civil AND THE COURT RECORD

Every honest person who knows

WHAT THE MINNEAPOLIS

Observe that the object of this

but rather against the Trotsky-

ist movement. With what proofs,

What the Minneapolis trial has

shown is that the Trotskyist par-

the federal indictment, "wanted

The sentences pronounced on

some of the leaders of that par-

even spoken of during the trial.

plentifully in the United States ers Party and the verdict of the deputies' document, published ful-

or even suggestions of proofs? ment of a solid peace in Europe.

ily discovered by the police, the ary activities, a connection with ed persons are not Trotskyist mi- the assassination of Sheldon

revolutionaries. The celebrated and the Gestapo while in Paris alist allies of the USSR are not the political atmosphere before-

trial in Minneapolis against the the Gestapo shoots the Trotsky- our allies. The fact that the same hand in order to permit the as-

leaders of the false Socialist ist Jean Meichler, and jails and document advises the German sassins' escape afterward — or

Workers Party brought out the sends others to the concentration workers and soldiers to disorgan- to urge some deceived Mexican

intimate connection that existed camps; while the Vichy Govern- ize the Hitler rearguard and to youths to commit such murders.

between them, headed by the ment condemns the Spanish Trot- go over to the Red Army with Among the Spanish Stalinists it

successors of Leon Trotsky and skyist and POUM militants to arms and equipment is deliberate- is already being discussed public-

TRIAL DID SHOW

and slanders is unmistakably of ty in question, in the words of

story of the 15th, "Joint Action to make a revolution in the Uni-

Against the Spies." The miser- ted States like that led by Lenin

able scribbler says the follow- and Trotsky in Russia in 1917."

ian or Japanese origin are eas- ty are based on their revolution-

Gestapo favors the Falangist the Gestapo never having been

tionaries in order to better mask Let the GPU order its mercenary

its maneuvers. Blows against the John Willes to publish the indict-

Spanish Falange are being deart ment against the Socialist Work-

that "Willes'" statement is a lie. article below, and have nothing Not even the Daily Worker in Trotskyists in Minneapolis, the to add to its able analysis of the this country has yet dared to Daily Worker (Aug. 16, 1941), cause of their adherence to revo-

lutionary Marxism. But while the Stalinists in this country have not dared to make | MOUTHS statements in their press like those of the Mexican Stalinists, for the Minneapolis defendants skyites. . .

One need only produce the of-

Grandizo Munis, Answering Charges Of

Mexican CP, Warns Against GPU Moves

earlier by the latter himself, and live, eight and ten years of hard ly omitted. In reality, this is

the agents of the German Ges- labor; while German pressure merely a question of persecuting

paragraph is not to intensify the Soviet Union. Those who sland of the French Revolution, wants

lange and the fascists in general, tacitly or explicitly, Molotov's of the revolutionary ideas.

LIES ABOUT THE

TROTSKYIST PROGRAM

jury! Under no conditions will ly in El Popular, gives as proof OBJECT OF THE GPU

struggle against the Spanish Fa- er us are the same who approved, to liquidate the representatives

words: "A strong Germany is

deputies, misled by the known

accuse V. Serge, M. Pivert, J.

some words from a manifesto by

attract more attention at this | Corrupt Stalinism speaks of the Fourth International in which same now: the assassination of tants determined not to abandon

time are the ones dealt the false collusion between the Trotskyists it is proclaimed that the imperi- the slandered men — fomenting class independence. If they will

indispensable for the establish-

forces the suppression of our or- us for remaining loyal to the

ganizations in Switzerland. And leading ideas of the Bolshevik

it says that -- after everyone has revolution. After liquidating this

seen Stalinism collaborate with revolution almost completely,

Playing the trombone in the and the Stalinist press gushed

same orchestra, a few Mexican forth the slanders: Trotsky is an

Stalinist, Carlos Zapata Vela, the petroleum companies; that

Gorkin and myself of Fifth Col- campaign culminated in the as-

umnism. The three aforemention- sault of the 24th of May, 1940,

litants, but their company is Harte and of Trotsky himself.

much more honorable than that Some of the assailants personally

of any Stalinist; the accusations participated in the preparatory

that are made against them are campaign by means of articles

infamous and slanderous. The and caricatures.

Hitler up until the attack on the Stalinism, like the Bonapartists

After the indictment of the make such an allegation, which examining the text of the indictis disproved by the records of the ment, complained because the trial, which show that the Trot- Trotskyists were being prosecuskyists were prosecuted solely be- ted not as fascist agents, but as revolutionists:

OUT OF THEIR OWN

"Were the indictment one which charged the discredited band of there have been increasing re- Trotskyites with the actual ofports in recent weeks of similar fenses committed and plotted oral statements made by Stalin- against the American people, the ists on the floor of trade unions entire labor movement and all libwhen representatives of the Civil erty-loving Americans could not Rights Defense Committee have but unreservedly support it. But appeared to ask the unions for this is not the nature of the government their moral and financial support ernment indictment of the Trot-

ficial statements of the Stalinists ing prosecuted for what they tending that the government gave unsuccessfully to obtain a false anything about the federal prose- in the Daily Worker before and really are - agents of fascism, them the Moscow trial they had confession from him. Munis has cution of the members of the So- after the trial to refute the lies but instead as so-called 'revolu-

What is the object of all this

campaign? We already know of

a similar one against Trotsky.

The Mexican "Communist" Par-

ty convoked a Congress against

Trotskyism. From El Popular

agent of Yankee imperialism, of

was the overture of the play. The

And after the trial, the Daily Worker (Dec. 19, 1941), reviewing the government's case, was still making the same complaint. Their fifth column service to Hitlerism through spreading disunity in labor's ranks, trying to undermine and weaken the allout defense effort, and viciously inciting against the Soviet Union received little attention (from the prosecutors at the trial). Instead the 'radical' mask under which all this was carried on was taken at face value by the prosecution. and the Trotskyite pretense of being a militant working class organization was used to obtain the first conviction under the reactionary Smith Act. . ."

In a word, the Stalinists wanted the Minneapolis trial conducted as a Moscow trial and bitterly complained because the government insisted on prosecuting the Trotskvists as revolutionists. But now, in attempting to prevent the mobilization of the labor movement for an appeal to higher courts of the convictions in ". . . the Trotskyites are not be- the trial, the Stalinists are pre-

Let us remember that when

Trotsky predicted that the cam-

paign against him had as its ob-

ject his assassination, the GPU

stooges ironically accused him of

even seeing the GPU in his soup.

They will say the same thing

now. And let us remember also

that the GPU has murdered nine

of Trotsky's secretaries, has mur

dered the Trotskyists Wolf, Mou-

lin and others in Spain, Ignace

Reiss in Switzerland, Klement in

France and other honest worker

militants such as Nin, Berneri

Barbieri, Landau. In Spain Sta-

linism took advantage of the in-

fluence flowing from control of

's adversaries on the left. In

Mexico it tries to do the same

thing, taking advantage of the

prestige from the victories hero-

ically gained by the Soviet peo-

For my part, I declare publicly

that any "accident" or assassina-

tion that may befall me, should

be attributed to the GPU and

morally to the instigators of its

infamous campaign. As to the

accusation by the Messrs. Depu-

ties, it is not even necessary to

take it seriously; it destroys it-

self. The quoted paragraphs only

agree to renounce parliamentary

immunity, we are disposed to

demonstrate this before the

depression years during which

these boys had reached maturity

growth and weight, decayed

teeth, lowered resistance, phys-

ical and mental defects. It was

discovered that the whole coun-

a campaign commenced immedi-

ately to make us vitamin con-

The British people, in addition

to their many years of sub-stand-

ard living, have had their health

further undermined by two years

of war and siege. The health and

resistance to disease of both

British and American soldiers

was immeasurably greater at the

And if so little can be said

for the health of people who have

beginning of the last war.

TYPHUS MAY BE

DECISIVE FACTOR

Mexico, D. F.

January 17, 1942.

The object of the GPU is the prove that we are worker mili-

methods of sanitation and the great astonishment at the decline

latest scientific treatment, typhus in the health of our people. The

ple in spite of Stalin.

the arms supply to assassinate

of continual "disorder." ly that we must be "liquidated."

If we go no further back than 1930, when the Ghandi non-cooperation movement was in full swing, we find the Burmese, who were then still in the Indian Empire as one province, unanimously supporting that movement. The time came, indeed, when one out of every 218 Burmese (there are 25 million people in Burma) was in jail. Britain was forced to isolate Burma from the rest of India and to grant her a separate constitution with limited democratic rights, but not with Dominion status. The new constitution set up two houses of parli-ment of which the House of Representatives was an elective body. The English hope that this would permit the Burmese

U. Saw Is Not the First

Typhus Spread Menaces **All Armies and Peoples**

of clothing, conditions for lice-

gether in makeshift, unsanitary,

inadequate living quarters. They

may eat poorly or improperly,

If, in addition, these soldiers

300 Deaths A Day Reported In Warsaw; All Continental Europe Is Threatened

By EDITH KANE

Typhus outbreaks have been reported in Belgrade, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Rumania, North Africa, Finland and Spain. In Warsaw 300 deaths a day have been cited. A dispatch from London on January 21 speaks of a typhus epidemic "threatening all continental Europe." Once again epidemic threatens mankind. The armies and people of all Europe are menaced by the appearance of typhus anying and sanitation were unknown.

Typhus is conveyed from man Wherever there is a lack of batho man by the louse. It is a ing facilities, soap, or a change filth disease, flourishing in conditions of overcrowding, ina- breeding are present. And with dequate shelter and lack of sani- them, the problem of typhus epitation. Its epidemic nature is demic. further aided by anything that WAR AS MEDIUM ease - poor food, sieges of other War presents the ideal culture diseases, accumulated years of medium for the nurturing and living in sub-standard conditions blossoming of typhus epidemics. due to depression, famine, unem- Every requirement is present. ployment. Typhus epidemics ac- Masses of men are crowded tocompany wars, famines and industrial depressions.

LICE AS TRANSMITTERS

sleep irregularly and are expos-The role of the louse as the ed to cold and damp for which transmitter of the typhus virus they are insufficiently clothed. that has devastated cities, wiped Like the natives of cold climates. out masses of people and transthey are forced to live and sleep formed conquering armies into in their clothing. Lack of bathpanic-stricken mobs was not ing facilities, clothing changes known until 1909. or laundries plus cold and fatigue

Since that time it has by no soon reduce the soldier to the means been removed from mod- level of primitive man, so far as ern society. It has been confined cleanliness is concerned. to those who live in poverty or under primitive conditions. The or those in contact with them widespread use of bathtubs and have for years lived in poverty modern sewage disposal system or even a reduced scale of living s comparatively recent and still during a period of depression has not been extended to wide (when food and medical care are areas of this country. All over the first items cut) the stage is the world great numbers of peo- properly set. All that is needed ple still live as primitively as is the presence of the typhus their ancestors did, as if plumb- virus in the blood of just one

soldier on either side of the trench. The lice, no respector of trench lines or nations, pass it Sufferers of typhus who have

recovered retain the virus in their blood. They may have another develop a resistance to the disease. Soldiers from countries more prone to epidemic than the natives of countries long infested with typhus.

SINCE WORLD WAR I

Although typhus scourged all Europe during the last war and post-war period, the German army escaped any real epidemic.

appears to be spreading among the German soldiers and in the German - controlled countries. Years of living in deprivation had left their imprint in stunted and misery have debilitated the German and other European people so as to make them easily susceptible to infection. Greater masses of people are involved and larger areas constitute the bat- try was eating improperly and tle front than in the last war. Much more vigilance and more improved methods of thorough delousing are required. It is questionable whether there is any attack years later, but usually nation involved in the war today prepared to undertake to carry out a really thorough job of where typhus is uncommon are tackling typhus in the midst of

There was no typhus epidemic in the American or British armies during the last war. But there were lice a-plenty and a disease - trench fever - carried by

When the draftees appeared Today, although they are ac- for medical examinations last quainted with the most effective year the authorities expressed

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lived in countries boasting the highest standards of living, one can imagine how little resistance to typhus epidemic can be offered by the great masses of Europe. They have existed under ever declining conditions since the end of the last war. The operation of war is jeo-

pardized by typhus. It is to the interests of those in charge of the war to prevent epidemic in order to bring the war to a successful conclusion. But despite the knowledge of the cause and cure of typhus, the task of combatting it looms tremendous, especially during active warfare. Unless the most drastic precautions are used, and scientific and medical facilities are available. typhus will again play a decisive role in this war as it has in all past wars.

(Next week: Typhus in past wars; how to fight typhus.)

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The Burmese People And Their Struggle For Independence

One Out of Every 218

The Burmese peasants would have liked nothing better than to have kept out of the war. Close to ninety percent of these people are growers of rice in the paddy fields of the valleys through which flow the three great Burmese

But the Burmese were hardly consulted in the matter of the war. Burma is itself of tremendous strategic importance in the war. It houses the great Indian Ocean port of Rangoon through which pass practically all the supplies for the Chinese, destined to pass over the famous Burma Road. The Japanese are interested not only in shutting off this road, but also in the seizure of the rich rice lands, the rubber plantations, and the oil fields, under the control of the Burma Oil Co. The English are most anxious to close this back door to India to the Japanese.

Some years ago H. G. Wells told of a conversation with the leaders of the Burmese nationalist movement. These leaders said to him: "We are the Irish of the East." What they meant was that the Burmese were as proud a race as the Irish, and would wage a continual struggle, like the Irish, to gain their independence from British domination. Burma has, in fact, been a land

a means of blowing off steam proved a vain one.

Burma became a separate colony in 1937. The first premier of the new native government (the royal governor was, of course, the real power) was Ba Maw. He proceeded to use the forum of the parliament to continue the struggle for freedom. He was at once arrested and thrown into prison. Thus it is no precedent for the English to imprison a Burmese prime minister. The charge against the present premier, U. Saw, is one of conspiring with the Japanese. We have no way of knowing the truth of this charge; but such amalgams have been so common in history. particularly recent history, that we may take the charge with a large grain of salt.

Skepticism is all the more in order when we know that U. Saw had just visited England for he purpose of presenting the case of his country for independence. Evidently the Churchill government feared his return to Burma at this ritical time. The persistent demands of the Burmese for freedom are also the reason why the English never raised a Burmese army out of the big population of that land, and are now forced to call on the Chinese for quick aid. The comment of the American correspondent, Cecil Brown, with regard to the Malayans and the failure of the English to train a Malayan army, applies equally to Burma.

Upton Close, writer on Far Eastern affairs, asked a very pertinent question in one of his broadcasts. Why do not the Allies issue a Pacific Charter to correspond to the Atlantic Charter? But even with respect to the Atlantic Charter, Churchill hastened to allay any doubts by stating that the Atlantic Charter did not apply to India. Implied in the query of Upton Close is a criticism of this policy. Evidently he wishes to have the Allies enlist the support of all the native races of Asia by giving them something to fight for other than the domination of their present masters. But to ask for any policy of renunciation of colonial domination on the part of the great powers, is to look for Utopia.

Common Aim of the Colonial Peoples

The Japanese have tried to use the propaganda of uniting the Asiatic peoples to throw off the yoke of the white man. But the utterly brutal and wanton outrages of the Japanese armies in their invasion of China and their attempt to force China into colonial status, long ago exposed this fake propaganda. The Burmese certainly have no cause for looking to Japan to aid them in the struggle for freedom. Nor do they look to any such program as that followed by the Japanese in the Tanaka Memorial to the Japanese

The task of a real Pacific Charter remains the task of the colonial peoples themselves, aided hy the workers of all lands. India, Burma and all the British colonies will not get freedom by looking for a grant of rights from Britain. Such freedom they will gain ultimately mainly through their own efforts and struggle. Certainly they cannot gain it by the slightest reliance on Japan.

A real union of Asiatic peoples for freedom is surely necessary to advance humanity along the path of civilization. We have no doubt that such a union will ultimately be achieved against all the forces tending to divide these peoples from each other, tending to set one off against the other. The Asiatic peoples learn painfully that all forms of imperialism have as their aim the old Roman maxim of Divide and Rule. Let this lesson be absorbed into the very marrow of the hones of the vast masses of Eastern peoples. Chinese, Hindus, Moslems, Burmese, Malayans, Mongolians - all have common strivings and a common struggle.

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OneThingtoRemember About Pearl Harbor

If the Roberts Commission report on Pearl Harbor made anything clear, it was that the "unexpected" Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was not the basic cause of the war.

To justify its charges that the two highest officers of the United States armed forces in the Pacific, Kimmel and Short were guilty of negligence and thus responsible for the losses at Hawaii, the Roberts Commission cites numerous examples to show that for weeks and months prior to Dec. 7, the government and the State Department and the officers in command of the armed forces had expected the outbreak of war with Japan,

"It has been well known," says the report under section III of its "Findings of Fact", "that the policy of the United States as to affairs in the Pacific was in conflict with the policies of other governments. It was realized by the State, War and Navy Departments of the United States that unless these policies were reconciled war in the Pacific was inevitable."

The report then continues in a dozen places to

cite dates and facts proving:

That for months prior to Dec. 7 Secretary Hull kept Secretaries Knox and Stimson informed of the progress of the negotiations with Japan "and the growing tensity in the relations of the United States with Japan" and that "all three of these officials were cognizant of the growing threat of hostilities";

That the commanding officers in the Pacific were advised on Oct. 16 "of the changes in the Japanese cabinet" and "of the possibility of an attack by Japan on Great Britain and the United States";

That the commanding Naval officer in the Pacific was warned by the Navy Department on Nov. 24 to be on guard against "a surprise aggressive movement by the Japanese" because of the unlikelihood of a "favorable outcome of pending negotiations";

That the commanding Army officer in the Pacific was notified by his Chief of Staff on Nov. 27 "that the negotiations with Japan seemed to be ended with little likelihood of their resumption" and that "hostilities on the part of Japan were momentarily pos-

That on Nov. 27 the commanding naval officer received a message from the Chief of Naval Operations "which stated in substance that the dispatch was to be considered a warning" and that "Japan was expected to make an aggressive move within the next few days", etc., etc.

In short, the outbreak of war with Japan was not at all unexpected by Washington. If the findings of the Roberts Commission were really facts, then the only thing unexpected about the outbreak of the war was the exact time and the exact place.

'War in the Pacific was inevitable", to use the phrase of the Roberts report, because the "policy of the United States as to affairs in the Pacific" could not be "reconciled" with "the poli-

cies of other governments."

The most important "finding" to be found in the report of the Roberts Commission was that the attack on Pearl Harbor was only the initial military step in the war — it was not the cause of the war. The cause of the war was the conflict between the contending governments of policy and interests "as to affairs in the Pacific" and through-

out the world. A report on the first blow of the war and the assignment of responsibility for the effects of that first blow may make interesting reading. But what the working class requires far more urgently today is an understanding of the cause of the war.

Behind The Vinson Attack On Unions

. The chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, which gave a report last week on naval contracts profiteering, is Representative Vinson, Georgia poll-tax Democrat and author of one of the most vicious anti-labor bills now pending in Congress. Most of his colleagues on the committee are men of the same reactionary stripe.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the majority of the committee sought to soften the implications of their findings about the corporation war profiteers and to dig up some pretext-for directing their main attack on the trade unions.

The committee majority leaped on the fact that 117 national unions in March, 1941 had -assets, when taken together, of some \$82,000,000. The committee brandished this fact in the air as an example of "an astounding picture of concentration of wealth" and forthwith demanded taxing the union treasuries and imposing government regulation on unions.

The report also attempted to make much of the fact that the \$82,000,000 in union assets not "concentrated", but divided among 117 different organizations — is \$10,679,294 more than in Oct. 1939. The report "overlooks" the great increase in union membership between Oct. 1939 and March 1941, and the fact that this figure represents an increase of less than \$2 a member during this 18 month period.

Of course, the committee knows it is engaging in plain skullduggery. It knows that union assets are not employed for the purpose of making profits, or obtaining financial control of the productive facilities of this country. It understands that union assets come from the voluntary contributions of the workers, and that they remain the collective property of the workers.

There are scores of corporations whose individual assets run into hundreds of millions and even billions of dollars. These assets have not been produced by the handful of owners and bosses, who nevertheless control and use them for the sole purpose of gaining profits. These assets come from the labor of the workers.

Three auto corporations, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, last year made \$430,000,000 net profits. Their combined assets are over 8 billion dollars. In one year alone, these three corporations, the property of a few individuals, make profits four times as great as the entire assets properties and cash - of the whole union movement of over 10,000,000 workers.

The fact that the committee had to lump together the assets of 117 separate unions in order to obtain a figure that would appear remotely to justify its charge of "concentration of wealth" is sufficient to show how desperate the committee was to make some sort of case against the labor

What is afoot here is quite clear. This fakery about the unions' "concentration of wealth" is simply a dodge to weaken the unions by the fabrication of arguments to justify the imposition of a government dictatorship over the unions in the interests of the real controllers of concentrated wealth. It is an attempt to protect and whitewash the real war profiteers and monopolists the industrialists and bankers of America's Sixty Families, and their few thousand satellites, who own and control most of the productive wealth of the

'Price-Control' Bill

Friends as well as foes of the price-control bill passed by the Senate last Tuesday admit they expect no substantial good to come of it.

Even Price Administrator Leon Henderson had to confess last week that the measure would fail to prevent further price rises.

At most, all that the Administration hopes to accomplish through the price-control set-up is to prevent an increase in the rate of acceleration of price inflation to keep prices from going up so rapidly as to result in total economic chaos.

Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold has stated it is the monopoly corporations and the speculators in every basic industry who have set off the price spiral and keep boosting, it upward.

But Congress, composed as it is of pro-capital-. ist elements, cannot be expected to take effective measures against the owning class it represents. Rising prices mean rising profits, and profits are the very breath of life for the bosses.

The workers only immediate means of protection against price rises is to get back in the form of higher wages some of the profits extorted thru

The CIO workers are aware of that fact. The CIO National Executive Board this week expressed this awareness when it drafted a call to all its affiliated unions to raise demands for "substantial wage increases."

No honest person can dispute the justice of such demands. As CIO President Philip Murray has pointed out, the cost of living will have increased 20 per cent by this March, not only wiping out all 1941 wage gains, but inflicting an additional 10 per cent cut in real wages.

A single limited wage increase, however, will not suffice. Prices will continue to soar, and any fixed wage gains will be wiped out in short order.

The CIO must therefore extend its demand. In addition to immediate substantial increases, the CIQ must seek the incorporation into its contracts of the principle of the rising scale of wages adjusted to meet rising prices. When every boost in living costs automatically brings an equal rise in wages, the bosses will not feel so free to resort to war-profiteering price gouging.

What Holds Production Back?

PRODUCTION LOSSES
(FIRST 10 MONTHS 1941)

STRIKES (21,460,000)

********** UNEM-PLOYMENT (1,570,000,000)

an "ECONOMIC OUTLOOK" charb

This chart, from the December, 1941 issue of "Economic Outlook", published by the CIO, shows very graphically the comparison between time lost by workers through strikes and time lost through illness, accidents and unemployment. The figures show how hypocritical the bosses are when they attack the unions for "holding back production" and try to pass anti-labor legislation on this pretext.

How Lenin's Death Was Commemorated In Moscow

Stalin Was Silent, But His C. P. Underling Revealed, By What He Left Unsaid, Stalinist Betrayal of Leninism

By JOHN G. WRIGHT

The eighteenth anniversary of Lenin's death was commem- masses and the world working orated in Moscow at a gathering of the Kremlin bureaucrats. class is now being assured, "rests Stalin, the General Secretary of the Party, was present, received on the realistic appraisal of our a ten minute ovation, but preferred to keep mum. The speech was delivered by an underling, one Scherbakov, secretary of the Moscow Party. What Scherbakov left unsaid in his speech is much more significant than o

He had nothing whatever to the war — not on the continent say about the "irrevocable tri- of Europe but in the Pacific. umph of socialism." This is the Japan is threatening the Far first time under Stalin that a Eastern frontiers of the USSR. Lenin Memorial has been held But Scherbakov had nothing to without any mention of this rit- say about Japan, or material aid,

what he did say.

ualistic Stalinist boast. Equally noteworthy is the ab- ropean continent. ence of all reference to the curniversary of the October Revo- The orator did not dare call it alone. lution, Stalin boasted: "We now by its name, but spoke instead have allies forming a united of the "peace policy". front with us against the Ger-Nov. 16, 1941). Scherbakov did Soviet Government undeviatingly or Roosevelt.

THE "SECOND FRONT"

Stalin had promised the Soviet | WHAT THE PACT DID masses last November that his foreign policy would assure not of the Red Army to the detri- policy. ment of the German army" -Daily Worker, Nov. 9, 1941.

As is well known, a second

Teachings of **Lenin Discussed**

At N. Y. Meeting

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. ist movement last night heard Art Preis speak on "Lenin's speech with the following state-Views on Imperialism" at the ment: Lenin Memorial Meeting conthe Socialist Workers Party.

imperialist war and showed how Jan. 27, 1942. the Bolshevik Party in Russia by EFFECT OF THE LOSSES applying Lenin's teachings was able to lead the oppressed masses out of the war and toward the establishment of the first work-

The speaker told how Lenin's the Stalinists today, but, he showon his principles. One of the most interesting parts of his talk dealt with the question of how had predicted would inevitably dustry" (idem). take place if capitalism were not replaced by Workers' and Farmers' Governments.

also included the showing of the disposal: "We shall have to doudocumentary motion picture, "From Czar to Lenin", showing tain superiority in tanks and airpictures of the leading figures craft, as well as in the means and events of the Russian Revo- of combatting them. This task lution led by Lenin.

In addition to admissions, a to carry out." collection of \$58 was taken.

front has indeed opened up in

or the "second front" on the Eu-The only reference to foreign rent foreign policy of the Krem- policy in Scherbakov's speech is lin. Last November, on the oc- in relation to the Stalin-Hitler casion of the twenty-fourth an- pact which preceded the invasion.

"Our country did not want man invaders" (Daily Worker, war. . . In its foreign policy, the ot breathe a word either about pursued a peace policy, tirelessthe "united front" or Churchill ly exposing the aggressive plots of the Nazi imperialists"—Daily

The lie is, as usual, a brazen one. The Kremlin never utilized only material aid, but also a "sec- the Stalin-Hitler pact to expose ond front." Said Stalin: "But | "the aggressive plots of Nazi imneither can there be any doubt perialists." Instead, the Stalin- Kremlin call upon the workers that the appearance of a second ists did everything in their powfront on the continent of Europe er to cover up German imperial-- and it must appear in the ism at the expense of the demonearest future - will render cratic imperialists, just as today substantially easier the position they are pursuing the contrary

It is a noteworthy fact that in the eighth month of the war, and in the midst of victories, the Kremlin still finds itself compelled to crawl out of its skin to This is precisely the most imporjustify its past policies. There tant thing left unsaid in Schermust be a great deal of resent- bakov's speech, because Stalin, ment on this score among the together with all his Scherbakovs, Soviet masses!

But what is the meaning of Scherbakov's silence about the Kremlin's present foreign policy? This silence serves in part to emphasize the explicit statements James P. Cannon This silence serves in part to emin the speech which is, in effect, a notice to the Soviet masses that wo hundred members and they must defeat the German arsympathizers of the Trotsky- mies by their own forces alone. Scherbakov concluded h i s

"And the land of the Soviets ducted by Local New York of possesses sufficient strength and grit to bring on their (i.e., Ger-Comrade Preis discussed Len- many's) final defeat and score

The terrible losses suffered by

the Red Army in the first five ceeded in capturing several indus ed, they had long ago trampled Rog, Kharkov and a part of the pation. Don Basin." Nevertheless, according to Scherbakov, Soviet Lenin would have characterized all: "The German invaders have able of taking power. the second World War which he not captured any Soviet war in-

The USSR, he announced, can and will outproduce Germany which has the industrial facilible and triple our efforts and atwe can and are in duty bound

This perspective, the Soviet

forces.

In the same breath, the Stalinist liar admits that "we are embattled against an enemy who still has more tanks and partly (sic!) more planes than our

In peacetime the Stalinists duped the Soviet masses by the lie that socialism could be built in the Soviet Union by the internal forces of the country. Today in time of war, emboldened by victories, they are seeking to lull the masses with the illusion that Germany can be defeated by the internal forces of the USSR

EFFECTS OF STALIN'S ALLIANCES

The latest lies of Stalinism serve to expose all their previous lies, especially the fraud and treachery of Stalin's foreign policy. What good is the alliance with the "democratic" powers if the Soviet Union has no other perspective than that of an isolated struggle against great odds? Why then should the workers suspend the struggle for socialism? Why doesn't the in the occupied countries and above all in Germany to overthrow Hitler and unite with the USSR in establishing the Social-

ist United States of Europe? This was Lenin's program during the last war, before and after the establishment of the first workers' state in the territories of the former Czarist empire. betrayed Lenin and Leninism many years ago.

Chief Speaker At L. A. Lenin **Memorial Rally**

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25. in's analysis of imperialism and the full victory"-Daily Worker, One hundred workers participated in the Lenin Memorial Meeting here tonight under the auspices of the local branch of the Socialist Workers Party. months of the war are dismissed They heard James P. Cannon. as unimportant. "The enemy suc- the party's National Secretary. speak on Lenin's life and his memory was, being invoked by trial areas of our country, in- tremendous contributions to the cluding Dniepropetrovsk, Krivoi cause of world socialist emanci-

The speaker stressed that Lenin's greatest achievement was the war industry has not suffered at building of a workers party cap-

The audience gave an enthusiastic reception to Comrade

This was the first public SWP meeting here since the entry of The program of the evening ties of conquered Europe at her America into the war, and was one of the most successful the party has held in this city.

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The People's Front And The Coming **Elections In Chile**

The Coming Elections In Chile

Chile is one of the few South American countries in which popular elections are still held or have any real significance. At the same time the political equilibrium in Chile is extremely unstable; the nation is torn by deep-rooted class conflicts arising out of the hopeless economic situation of this semi-colonial country dominated by native and foreign finance capital. For some time Chile has been pregnant with civil war.

The impact of the world war has pushed these conflicts to the point of imminent crisis. Therefore the presidential election scheduled for February 1 assumes great importance. There are two chief candidates for the office. One, General Ibanez, is the stalking horse for the most reactionary capitalist and openly fascist elements. He is suspected of dictatorial ambitions and has been accused of conspiring to overthrow the republic and rule after the fashion of President Vargas of Brazil.

The other, Juan Antonio Rios, is the candidate of the Popular Front. The Popular Front with many of its celebrated supporters from Europe, ekes out a feeble existence in South American exile. Like the recently deceased President Cerda, Rios belongs to the Radical Party, the Chilean equivalent of the former French Radical Socialist Party or the Spanish Republican Left Party, now wiped out by the Fascists. He is a rich capitalist, President of Chile's mortgage bank, the Caja Hipotecaria.

Friendly Rivals for Office

Rios is supported by the Socialist and Communist Parties on the assumption that he is willing and able to defend Chilean democracy against the anticipated coup d'etat from the extreme Right. According to a cabled interview from Santiago published in the New York Times of Jan. 20, 1942, "Senor Rios' partisans have been insisting that the victory of General Ibanez would mean a Fascist dictatorship, but Senor Rios was mild in his comments on his opponent, who, he said, is a personal friend. He insisted that there was no danger of a coup by General Ibanez should he lose the election, because, if for no other reason, he himself has 'many friends in the army and in the gendarmerie.'

"On the other hand, Senor Rios insisted, should there be a coup, the dictatorship would not last a week, because of the strength of organized labor and of public opinion generally in Chile. This mildness of Senor Rios has been matched by a corresponding politeness by General Ibanez toward Senor

What cynical confessions! The Popular Front "protector of the Republic" is an avowed intimate associate of the potential dictator planning its overthrow. He helps screen the machinations of the Fascists by absolving them of any conspiratorial activities. He goes further in covering up their crimes. By declaring that even in the event of a coup d'etat, it would fall within a week, he thereby lulls the masses and lends aid to the Fascists in their preparations for the insurrection.

Here the division of labor between the reactionary and liberal wings of the bourgeoisie in preparing the way for fascism is openly disclosed. While the head of the Popular Front blindfolds and binds the workers and peasants, his capitalist blood-brother gets ready to crush them and their organizations by armed force and to abolish all remaining democratic institutions. This outright treachery is aided and approved by the Socialist and Communist Parties in the name of defending "democracy against fascism." Such is the crime and the folly of Popular Front policies.

The Lesson of Spain

Six years ago in February, 1936, the Spanish Republic held similar elections in which the Popular Front was victorious. Azana, head of the Popular Front government, shielded Franco and the other generals who were planning their military coup, because he, too, was friendly with them and it was unthinkable to him that they would proceed against the republic. He denied that a Fascist plot was afoot, not only before the uprising, but even after it had broken out in July! Azana then tried to arrive at an understanding with the Fascist officers and hand the country over to them.

The direct revolutionary action of the workers prevented Azana from completely consummating his treachery. Undeceived and alarmed by the Fascist uprising, the workers broke through the shackles of the Popular Front and proceeded to arm themselves and smash the Fascist garrisons in the city. They became for the time being masters of Republican Spain. The workers and peasants met defeat only after their official leaders diverted them from the revolutionary road toward the complete overthrow of capitalism by reimposing Popular Front policies upon them.

Is the tragic experience of Spain to be repeated in Chile? The Fourth Internationalists of Chile are working to avert this catastrophe. They alone, among the workers' parties, have refused support to the Popular Front program and candidate. Instead of relying upon the empty promises of the capitalistlabor coalition candidate, they call upon the workers to forge a united proletarian front of struggle against the fascist threat and its Popular Front accomplice as a necessary step toward the creation of a Workers and Peasants Republic.

A CORRECTION

An editorial mistake in last week's MILITANT credited William F. Warde with the authorship of the article, "Davies' Book and the Elimination of the 'Fifth Column'." Actually, the article was written by Anthony Massini,

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