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TROTSKY

"The bourgeoisie and its agents use the war question, more than any other, to deceive the people by means of abstractions, general formulas, lame phraseology: 'neutrality,' 'national defense,' 'struggle against fascism,' and so on.

— Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938.



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The Busy Union Officials

The top union leaders of all affiliations are busier than the proverbial one-armed paper-hanger. They are rushing around to meetings galore to settle the many and crucial problems of American labor.

the wage board. There the union leaders took up the task of enforcement of a wage-price control law that they themselves denounce as a "fraud."

Victims of Capitalism

When 78 people died in the recent Long Island Rail Road collision, the capitalist press milked the tragedy for all it was worth in sensationalism and pretended indignation.

Korea and threatens to cost millions in a new world war. Every year in this country, the drive for profits regardless of human safety causes thousands of deaths and millions of injuries in industrial accidents, mine disasters, rail and plane wrecks.

What's Left of the Fair Deal

Only a few days before the lame-duck session of Congress convened in Washington, President Truman gave assurances that he would continue to fight for his "whole Fair Deal program."

loan of 38 million dollars to drought-stricken Yugoslavia. If Congress clears this loan, it will not be for any humanitarian reasons but as a means of extorting political and economic concessions from Belgrade.

Opposition to War Rises Among Europe's Masses

By Paul G. Stevens

As MacArthur rattled the sword at China's millions on the Manchurian frontier and the U. S. delegates, with unmitigated gall, flung the charge of "aggression" at the newly arrived delegation from Peiping in the UN, the rumble of opposition to Wall Street's war plans grew louder last week among the peoples of the West.

Bavaria, the number of seats held by the two parties is not yet determined, but in the popular vote the Social Democrats received 2,386,689, a 5% increase over their 1949 total, as against 2,526,780 votes for the Christian Democrats, a decline of 2%.

group which regards Health Minister Aneurin Bevan as its bright hope. The MP's of the trade union wing are in effect urging that the alliance halt short of involving Britain in a war with China.

British and French representatives in the UN expressed fear lest the American pro-consul in the Far East request once more authorization to bomb Manchurian bases — as he did on Oct. 12 — and be granted such authorization by Washington.

Formally, the Social Democrats have not taken a firm stand against German rearmament. They have merely put forward the demand that the German people be consulted in a general election on the conditions under which they would rearm.

In France, likewise, the heightened war danger appears to have created a crisis atmosphere. At the moment, this is reflected in a conflict within the cabinet around the personality of the "Socialist" Minister of Defense, Jules Moch.

The strength of the anti-war feelings of Europe's masses was best expressed, however, in Germany where in the course of three provincial elections, several million voters had a chance to register their opinions at the polls. In all three Hesse, Wuerttemberg-Baden and Bavaria, the voters expressed themselves in no uncertain terms for the Social Democratic Party of Dr. Kurt Schumacher — which is opposed to German rearmament without a national referendum — and against Dr. Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party, the chief party in the federal government at Bonn, which is acquiescent to American plans for Germany's remilitarization as part of the "North Atlantic defense."

It can be safely assumed that the people voted for the sentiment of this poster and its slogan rather than for the devious policy of maneuvering with the occupying powers for an "independent" German army, which Schumacher and his Social Democratic colleagues are pursuing.

While the pressures exerting themselves on the French government are not as yet clearly outlined, aside from the circumstance that it is faced with a sizable trade union movement still led by the Stalinists, the fact that the French are joining hands with the British in fairly open opposition to Washington on the issue of China is indicative that there too no reliable mass forces can be counted on in a showdown precipitated by the Pentagon.

INTERNATIONAL COURT RULES AGAINST RIGHT OF ASYLUM

There is no such right any longer on our planet as the right of asylum for political refugees. This was the gist of five decisions passed in the last two weeks by the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

CP DECLINE

The elections have also made evident the unpopularity and discredit of Stalinism — the CP vote dropped to an all-time low of less than 2% in Bavaria, less than the required 5% to get any seats in all three states. But the decline of the CP, the traditional anti-war party, has not benefited the militarists. The German people are not in the least inclined to be used as cannon fodder by American imperialism.

Arrested in 'Wholesale Fashion'

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KOREAN NATION FACES TOTAL DESTRUCTION

Conditions in "liberated" Korea under the regime of Syngman Rhee are such that if the war continues much longer "the Korean nation will be totally destroyed." This warning comes from the Korean Affairs Institute, an organization with headquarters in Washington that has been and still is sympathetic to South Korea and U. S. intervention under the UN facade.

Amid the havoc of war, amid the universal lack of food, clothing and shelter there is a reign of terror raging in areas where the Syngman Rhee regime has been reimposed. No one is immune. "Today all of the inhabitants in Seoul are 'suspects.'"

In the Hands of the Police "Despite the South Korean army's proclamation in early October dissolving all private investigating groups such as the Self-Protection Corps and banning the lynching of communist suspects, and the National Assembly's attempts to reach same procedure in dealing with 'collaborators,' the police have largely taken the matter into their own hands.

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Truman Policy Deepens Danger of China War

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With the reversal of the situation on the military plane, there has been a reversal of roles on the diplomatic field. What tends to aggravate the military situation is that MacArthur has reportedly "already committed most of his available reserves against the Chinese bulge in Korea," as one correspondent put it.

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