





Bob Minor And The Times

A Revealing Commentary

We have always contended that under the slogan of "collective security," one gang of imperialists is preparing to justify its war against another gang of imperialists.

That "Frank Commercial Interest"

In commenting in our last issue on the sensational editorial in the New York Times of June 15, we emphasized the frank statement by this outstanding organ of American finance capital that its concept of "joint action of the democracies" meant an advance pledge to hurl the American masses into the coming war.

A week later, Robert Minor, in the Daily Worker of June 23, covered a third of a page with delirious praise for the Times editorial. Just as cool as ice he quotes the Times—"We shall be fully prepared, if war on a large scale envelops Europe, to choose the side of the democracies"—and has the brass to comment that "The Times editorial is an expression of a tremendous advance that has already been made in the turning of the American nation, as a nation, to a policy of peace."

Stalinists Favor Imperialist War

The commentary is revealing, more so than was perhaps intended by its author, who with his colleagues, referred up to yesterday to the New York Times as the "Tory organ." Now we know, by their own admission, what the Stalinists mean by "a policy of peace." In the language of the Times, extolled by Minor, they mean: "We shall be fully prepared, if war on a large scale envelops Europe, to choose the side of the democracies."

"Collective security" is a pledge to fight in the next imperialist war on the side of one gang of robbers. The Stalinists are merely recruiting agents for that war.

Progressive Painters Force A Close Election

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Cleveland Workless In A Desperate Plight

CLEVELAND.—Food distribution centers and relief offices in this city were crowded again by desperate women and children when relief was cut off for the second time in a few weeks, due to an exhaustion of funds.

While the unemployed turned their eyes in vain toward the State Legislature, where a miserly emergency appropriation has been tied up by a challenge of its legality, the City Relief Commissioner declared his belief that "we are coming closer and closer to a show-down."

Akron Labor Defense Hit By Stalinist

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Coast Federation Is Being Primed For Blacklegging

The Federation has been split and captured only in order to dismantle it completely. Meanwhile, the voting which has occurred to date in the S.U.P., indicates an overwhelming sentiment among the sailors for affiliation to the A.F. of L.

July New International Is Finest Issue Yet Published

The July issue of The New International is now on sale. With its variety and quality of articles, this issue is the best round so far published. In addition, new and important features have been added.

Virginia Workers Vote Strike To Force Pact

ETTRICK, Va.—A six-months' controversy between the American Hardware Company and the Luggage Workers Union is near a climax as workers laid plans for a strike to force a contract settlement, pending since last December when the original pact expired.

Another union, organized in recent months, is the Optical Workers Union, which this week is voting under supervision of the National Labor Relations Board to determine the collective bargaining agency for the workers of the Titmus Optical Company.

Drive For Fund To Aid Revolutionists Gathers Momentum In Country

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The Most Persecuted People In Europe

The Revolutionary Refugees from Fascism

Appeal To you For Aid

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ON GUARD AGAINST SPY SCARES!

AN EDITORIAL

The entire jingo press, from the Daily Worker and Hearst at the yellowest extreme to the liberal and isolationist sheets at the other, have snatched up the Big Spy Scare like a pack of snarling, starving hounds at their first whiff of fresh blood.

The meaning of this spy scare stands out on its face. It is so gross that even the sober bourgeois press has had to admit it. The crimes charged are of infinite triviality, from any point of view, including the Army's and Navy's.

Russian - Speaking Comrades Form Club

NEW YORK.—Plans for the formation of a club to be known as the "Friends of the Bulletin of the Opposition (Bolshevik - Leninists)" were laid by a group of Russian-speaking comrades and sympathizers meeting here last Tuesday.

Members of the club will participate in cultural and social activities and will receive information and correspondence from Oppositionists living in Europe.

S.P. ADVANCES PHONY U.A.W. PEACE PLAN

Unless Martin veers in his course immediately, the danger of split immediately after the trial is a menacing possibility.

Split Menaces Union

The Stalinists cannot be fought with the weapons of bureaucracy. Indeed, the very idea of using a bureaucratic stick on the worst proponents of bureaucratic rule—the Communist party and its stooges—is so ridiculous and stupid as to make no sense whatever.

Everlasting Purge

To have forecast this latest development required no particular prophetic gifts, but rather an understanding of the inextinguishable position in which the Stalinist clique is situated, and the mechanics whereby it has thus far maintained itself in power.

Duranty Style

Denny wrote this dispatch in the familiar Duranty manner, arraying statistics, citing "average increases," and so on, with a few evasive comments on past difficulties, calculated to cover the report with an air of objectivity.

Soviet Economy Lags As Purge Intensified

Denny Succeeds Duranty As Cover-Up Man For Stalin; But Facts Show Bureaucracy Is Digging Grave Of Workers' Power

By JOHN G. WRIGHT

At the beginning of May we wrote that "judging from the past procedure, it can be stated with virtual certainty that the present wave of arrests will reach its crest early in June, in the days immediately preceding the elections, and that shortly after the elections the next trials will be staged."

Sukhomlin Out

Sukhomlin, former member of the Ukrainian Political Bureau, has been removed from his post as vice-chairman of the Ukrainian Council of People's Commissars.

What We Learn

And so, we learn: (1) that Soviet industries were "disorganized" not only at the beginning of this year but throughout all of last year; (2) that this critical condition of industry was one of the causes of the purge (and of the Moscow frame-ups); (3) that in the process of this purge the bulk of the administration staff was removed; (4) that this "removal of experienced executives and technicians" only acted to aggravate further the breakdown of industry.

Unfounded Optimism

There is no ground whatever for the official optimism which Denny has dished up in his dispatch. Apart from the purge itself, those official statistics that are still issued by Stalinist authorities (reports of average daily production in industry have been suspended for months) give the lie to assurances that Soviet industry is being pulled out of the rut. Far from increasing, the production of steel, iron and rolled products has been stagnating.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Union Basis. Rows for January, February, March, April, May.

The surprising thing is that that the crisis in Soviet economy is still raging, but that Soviet economic life has not been more drastically affected. How long could industry in any capitalist country have functioned after "removal" of its staff of experienced executives and technicians?

What, then, has thus far prevented a complete collapse in the Soviet Union? There is only one answer. It has been prevented by the colossal force that is lodged in the nationalized means of production, the real foundation that Stalinism has been undermining all these years.

The Whole N.Y. Party will be out for the S.W.P. Boat Ride Saturday, July 9, 9.30 a. m. - 10 p. m.

