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NECRETE AWAITS DEPORTATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.- We learn from latest cables that comrade Negrete is still held in the American Consulate at Barcelona awaiting opportunity to leave for France. The present military situation and the reported movement of Rebel fleet northward toward Tarragona, makes his departure more difficult. We are momentarily waiting word he has left for France. Complete reports will be carried in REVOLT on his safe departure from Spain. -Ed.

MOONEY FREE! To Continue Fight For Labor

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hen Governor Olson of California pardoned Mooney in Sacramento on January 7 he wrote "Finish" to the long fight to free the man who symbolized workers' oppression in the United States. Now, at last, the frameup was smashed! A capitalist politician, compelled by labor's persistent fight and his own convictions and ambitions, declares in the name of his government that for more than twenty-two years an innocent worker had been martyrized by the bitter hate of labor's enemies. Mooney's great, imperishable honor which endears him to the heart of every man and woman who embraces labor's cause is that he earned the hate of labor's enemies because of the fight he made for labor. Nothing that anyone can say or do now, not even that Mooney-himself can do or say, can change that. It is part of the great tradition of the American working class, an inspiration to the union men and women of today and tomorrow to carry on, to fight for victory, regardless of the cost to themselves. Mooney's long martyrdom and fight, his faith in his class, his firm attachment to its cause, his refusal to compromise the issue has increased the capacity of the American worker for self-sacrifice in a cause that is larger than the life of any single man.

What a dramatic moment that was in Sacramento as Olson freed Mooney, as the head of the capitalist government in that state faced the living symbol of labor's persecution! What thoughts and feelings coursed through PAGE 4

Oison's brain and heart as he signed the pardon which officially overturned the findings of the California Supreme Gourt and Legislature: Let us say he was sincerely convinced of Mooney's innocence, and that he was righting a great injustice. Let us put aside the thought that he was motivated by hopes of winning labor's support for his administration, and other, as yet undisclosed, plans! Let us not suggest that Olson may be furthering political ambitions which look to 1940!

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Yet the fact remains that in pardoning Mooney Olson called on him to exercise his freedom in the interest of the "high ideal" of opposing the "chaos of revolution". True to his class, the capitalist masters of society, Olson appealed to Mooney to come over to the side of the wealthy; of the oppressors, to use his great prestige in the working class in behalf of the workers' enemies, against revolutionary ideas and the growth of the revolutionary movement. Scratch a liberal and you find a capitalist at heart!

But how was it with Mooney? What tumultous emotions surged within his breast! What joy tinged with the bitterness of almost a quarter of a century of imprisonment! What thoughts burned in his brain as he stood upon the pinnacle of his hopes, victory with honor in his hands, waiting for the cheers of friends to subside that he might speak! What message for the oppressed had he prepared as millions of workers awaited his words with painful joy?

I wenty two years had wrought a great difference in the life and in the meaning of the life of the union man and organizer, Tom Mooney. When he went to jail, condemned to hang, the capitalist class claimed his life for their own foul purposes. When the working class took up the challenge and fought for Mooney's life and freedom, it made Mooney the symbol of its fight for bread and a decent life. Mooney's life ceased to belong to him. He cannot dispose of it as he pleases. It belongs to labor.

to the listening world Mooney gave proof that he had kept the faith. He pledged himself anew to labor's cause. And on the following day he took his proper place on the picket line of the striking 5 and 10 cent storeworkers in San Fransisco. He has shown that he has understood as well as any man the difference wrought in the meaning of his life. He would spend his days serving labor's cause, resuming where he had left off the struggle for bread and better conditions. In this he has met the issue.

Yet it is not so simple. Not only has there been a change in the significance of Mooney's life. The world, too, has changed. Twenty two years ago when the prison door clanged shut on Mooney, the outcome of the World War was still in doubt; its gigantic consequence unforeseen except in broadest outline and only by a few. The rulers of this country were preparing to enter the struggle and decide the outcome. The Mooneys were obstacles in their way. One of them was destined to represent all the rest. That was the world Mooney left.

Out of the war came the Russian Revolution which saved Mooney's life, showed labor a new road to the better, decent life. On November 7,1917, another man stood on the pinnacle of his hopes, on the threshold of winning freedom for millions of the world's oppressed. When the Winter Palace, last stronghold of the enemy in Petrograd, fell, Lenin appeared in the Soviet Congress which was then in session. Trotsky describes the

moment: "His appearance in the Tribune evokes a tumultous greeting. The trench delegates gaze with all their eyes at this mysterious being whom they had been taught to hate and whom they have learned without seeing to love." And John Reed wrote: "Now, Lenin, gripping the edges of the reading stand, let little winking eyes travel over the crowd as he stood there waiting, apparently oblivious to the long-rolling ovation, which lasted several minutes. When it finished, he said simply, 'We shall now proceed to construct the socialist order.'"

But it came to pass otherwise. Stalin has laid down the road back to capitalism. Barbarism is eating at the vitals of German society. The working class has been defeated a dozen times. Now again in Spain, War rages in the Far East. An economic crisis ravages the entire earth. Mighty American capitalism is in the ceaseless grip of a crisis it cannot overcome. Revolution is becoming a definite perspective. Today the struggle for bread can succeed only if it becomes a broad, mass revolutionary struggle against capitalist society. Another world war impends. Any spark may ignite the holocaust which can consume all civilization. Three days before Mooney walked free Roosevelt called on the national Congress to prepare for war. This was the world into which Mooney came again.

Mooney's pledge to work for labor's unity was characteristic of the man. But he spoke no word on how he would see this thing done. Perhaps he could not, or the time was not favorable, or he needs time to consider it at first hand. We will wait eagerly hoping he will throw his weight into the struggle to weld the fighting unity of the workers against the employers and the rotten trade union bureaucrats who sit astride the workers' necks like Old Men of the sea. Surely Mooney cannot pin his hopes on the bureaucrats - the thousand headed Judas - who sabotaged his fight these twenty two years and sold labor to its enemies.

f preparedness and war and its relation to the struggle for bread, Mooney said no word although the opportunity was ripe. Disappointment grew greater four days later when the press announced Mooney had used his newly-restored citizenship to register as a Democratic voter, and that he had called on American workers to stand ready to fight for democracy, the very democracy, ironically enough, which railroaded him to jail twenty two years ago.

hese things disquiet us. We hope they are episodic incidents and not symptoms of a deeper trend. The American workers will soon face issues of life and death. They need preparation and bold, clear leadership. We would have preferred that Mooney's speech be a summons to revolutionary struggle pitched in the most deliberate and boldest terms. He who rouses the combative spirit of the workers, informs their minds with the fighting wisdom of Marxism, and sets them the example of his own sacrifice, advancestheir cause best of all and qualifies to lead them. Will Mooney play such a role? Will he undertake with others to build the revolutionary party which alone can unite the hosts of labor against its enemies? Time will tell.

U.A.W. FACTION FIGHT FLARES UP AGAIN

MEMBERSHIP MUST REPLACE BOTH CLIQUES BY NEW MILITANT LEADERSHIP

DETROIT, Jan.14.- After months of festering, the boil of clique factionalism in the UAW has again broken out into the rank and file when about 3000 auto workers stormed the union's offices in the Griswold Building here yesterday, where the International Executive Board was snarled in the most critical internal dispute in the history of the union.

As REVOLT stated on June 25, 1938 just after Homer Martin had suspended five members of the International Board, "As long as their is class collaborationism there will be factionalism. To fight class collaborators and their policies the workers have to organize into a left wing. There is no other way to change the union's policy and the leadership." Now when a much stronger bloc of Stalinists and other reactionaries are attempting to suspend Martin from the presidency of the UAW, this analysis is proved to be one hundred per cent correct.

Nothing has occurred within the past five months to fundamentally alter the situation in the International. The reinstatement of the five officers did not solve the factional fight one bit. Neither did the setting up of the C.I.O. "co-ordinating committee" help. The present fight is probably the show-down between these two sets of class collaborators over control of the union.

During the last five months, both sides have maneuvered day and night to gain support and position. On the whole, the Stalinists came out to the better advantage. The scalps of the Lovestonites and Trotskyites for which the "comiczars" had been on the warpath were finally taken. The hatchet fell also on reactionaries and numskulls backing Martin. The Stalinists during this time forced a change in the editorship of the union paper. The greatest gain they made, however, was in wresting Martin's majority of the International Board away from him. Whereas in June Martin had as high as an 12-6 majority now he is able to count on only four votes of the Board at the most.

And what a hodge-podge majority the Stalinists have! Among its members are Morris Field, interested only in perpetuating his own job in the union, who deserted Martin like a rat a sinking ship, since the Stalinists have the upper hand. Walter Reuther, president of the big local 174, who adheres to this majority, is being boosted by the Socialist members in the UAW for the next presidency of the union. The Socialist trade union members and leaders always try to remain in the prevailing current whether it be by cooperating with the other reactionary union bureaucrats or by giving expression to the most backward prejudices of the workers. The reactionaries, F.J. Michel, Delmond Garst, Walter Welles, Millard and the rest are in it simply because they, like Field and Reuther, want to be on the safe and winning side. The inroads made by the Stalinists in the recent past obviously convinced them.

At the time of the intervention by the C.I.O. officials, it was rumored

that Martin had the idea of going into the A.F. of L. Certainly he had some sort of understanding with Dubinsky, head of the ILGWU, which recently withdrew from the C.I.O. In any case, the "Peace" Pact was concluded and the co-ordinating committee set up, and both factions threw themselves into preparation for the 1939 convention of the UAW.

Martin attempted to strengthen his position against the high C.I.O. officials, Murray, Hillman and Lewis, and the Stalinists, through a deal with Harry Bennet and the Ford Company. The 100,000 Ford workers are the prize at stake. Whether Martin intended to form an independent union under Ford's control with these workers plus what workers he could pull with him from the UAW. or to bring these Ford workers into the UAW and so have a deciding voice at the next national contention, is difficult to state. Nor do the Stalinists themselves know. The rumors they spread contradict each other every day. At any rate, it is certain that Martin's maneuver if carried out would weaken the Stalinists and the other reactionaries who have lined up with them. They are out to organize the next union convention under their control. The so-called "Ford deal" in which Martin is implicated gave them their opportunity. Under insinuations that Martin was preparing to sell out the auto workers to Ford, they hoped to extend their support in the union, appealing to the bitter feeling all workers in auto have against company unions, and especially against any organized by Harry Bennet and his Ford thugs and gunmen.

LEWIS' DEAL IN STEEL GIVES MARTIN PRECEDENT

Martin has one good weapon up his sleeve to use against the Stalinists, if he is forced to it. He can well point out that the present deal he is making with the Ford Company is exactly no different than the one that John L. Lewis and Philip Murray, head of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee and a member of the same C.I.O. co-ordinating committee that decided against Martin last June, put across with United States Steel in the tremendous organizational drive of 1937.

The agreement arrived at then between the C.I.O. and U.S.Steel was a personal one between a capitalist manager and a leading trade union class collaborator. The workers were not consulted at all. It was not an agreement that U.S.Steel was forced to make by the strength of the organized steel workers, although this did play some part. Taylor called in Lewisat that time, because he knew the steel workers were on the march. He depended on Lewis to restrain them from going on the ever greater conquests. The C.I.O. chieftain did not fail his master's call. Lewis succeeded in stopping the steel organizing drive just when it was getting under way, permitting great sections of the industry to remain unorganized or company unionized, and in getting the steel workers to give up their just demand for higher wages.

The Stalinists at that time - and to date - rushing for posts in the new C.I.O. set-up and carrying out their international line of capitulation and kow-towing to the capitalists of all countries, backed Lewis and Murray in all they did in steel. So, Martin can ask the Stalinists, how can you criticize me for my Ford Deal? Perhaps this will cause them to bend a little backwards.

The Stalinists, of course, would like to suspend or expel Homer Martin. But they must first isolate him as much as possible from the membership.

As counter-strategy Martin's proposal for a special convention and his statement for democracy in the union has complicated the question of Martin's suspension from the union, since it means a bid by Martin for further rank and file support. The Stalinists immediately recognized this danger and removed Martin as editor of the UAW paper. On the other hand, Martin has the power to suspend the opposing 20 members of the International Board, a power given him by the Milwaukee convention. To prevent this, the Stalinists might rush his suspension at this meeting, but it is not very probable that they will take this step at this time. Furthermore, the reactionary allies of the Stalinists, in doubt as to which way themembership might go on thisproposal to suspend or expel Martin, and fearing suspension themselves will most probably end in compromising on a special convention or waiting for the regular convention for the election of a new set of officers.

DISPUTE MIGHT WELL PRODUCE A SPLIT

The two warring factions in the auto union have brought a situation that might well lead to a disastrous split in the union in the near future. Indeed, a split may be the only way out for both sides. Perhaps as a solution to his end of the problem Martin may seek an independent union or the A.F. of L. On the other side, a class collaborationist combination headed by the Stalinists can gain control of the union after the departure of Martin. In any case the task of the auto workers is to remain within their union. the UAW. and fight within that organization for an effective offensive struggle against the auto capitalists.

Class collaborators, no matter how pink or "red" they paint themselves, are leaders who necessarily have to have bodyguards, goon squads, bureaucratic constitutions, and have to resort to lies and slanders, arbitrarily removing elected officers and forcefully stealing union records; and are leaders who are always making deals with employers militating against unionism and workers as a class.

The membership should see to it that if the 1939 convention or a special convention is held before the split matures, they should at this convention sweep out this entire leadership, electing in its place militants who have courage and intelligence to advocate and pursue class struggle policies and who will demand and fight for a new and democratic constitution for the UAW, and that will organize the entire industry by action through the workers FIRST and going to the management for an agreement LATER when the workers in this specific plant or plants are organized.

- AUTO WORKER.

Note .- For the political tendencies represented by these factions and the individuals represented, see "Political Line-ups Sharpen in the UAW", REVOLT #8, vol.1; on the trials last June. REVOLTS #7.9.vol.1.

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NEW YORK TIMES EXPLODES LIMA CONFERENCE SWINDLE

CORRESPONDENT INCIDENTALLY EXPOSES CORDELL HULL- AND HIMSELF

NEW YORK, January 7.- Take a gander, as they say, at the hypocrisy of capitalist diplomacy, capitalist journalism, and capitalist diplomats and journalists.

On January 1st, John White, New York Times correspondent in South America for many years, sent a cable from Arica, Chile, in which he tore the lid off the policy of the Peruvian government with respect to the Lima Conference. According to White, who names names and gives dates and places and details, the Peruvian Government did the following; things:

ORGANIZED A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AMERICAN POLICY BY DISPLAYING THOUS-ANDS OF SWASTIKA, ITALIAN AND JAPANESE FLAGS ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE CONFERENCE;

TRIED TO INTIMIDATE DELEGATES INTO SIGNING THE ARGENTINE DRAFT OF A PAN-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY DECLARATION. WHICH WAS AIMED AT THE UNITED STATES;

MADE A DEMONSTRATION FOR FRANCO BY ISOLATING PRIETO, MINISTER OF WAR IN THE LOYALIST GOVERNMENT, WHEN HE LANDED IN LIMA ON HIS WAY TO CHILE:

SECRET SERVICE MEN RANSACKED THE OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION; THEY WERE CAUGHT IN THE ACT;

VIOLATED DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND READ THE MAIL OF THE DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE;

SPIED ON DELEGATES AND REPORTERS;

CENSORED THE REPORTERS' DISPATCHES IN VIOLATION OF ITS AGREEMENT NOT TO DO SO IF THE REPORTERS DID NOT MEDDLE IN PERUVIAN POLITICS;

CENSORED AND CUT OFF TELEPHONED REPORTS' BY REPORTERS TO THEIR PAPERS;

TRIED TO INTIMIDATE CORRESPONDENTS TO REPORT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CON-FERENCE IN LINE WITH THE POLICY OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT;

USED AGENTS PROVOCATEURS TO FRAME REPORTERS INTO VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT COVERING THE NON-REPORTING OF PERUVIAN POLITICS;

CONSIDERED DEPORTING WHITE.

But this is the pay-off which White doesn't report. American policy was, pro-United States imperialist interests. On the diplomatic and oral side it was anti-Fascist, anti-totalitarian. Peruvian foreign policy is pro-Fascist, pro the Rome-Berlin axis. The Peruvian government is a bloody and ruthless dictatorship. Unions are illegal. Workers are spied on, blacklisted; and revolutionists are executed. The press is muzzled and controlled almost as it is in Germany and Italy. Even purely capitalist

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opposition to the regime is handled with the assassin's bullet and the firing squad. The American speeches against dictatorship did not include Peru. And the American and Peruvian delegates voted for the declaration of Lima which enunciated eight principles of peaceful relations among capitalist states, and which says that the use of force as an instrument of national on international policy is proscribed. Why not? Words don't cost these bandits anything. And it makes good reading for the workers and peasants.

From time to time Hull has made speeches in his capacity as Secretary of State in which he made a brave stand for principles of law and order and has even said that the issue in the world today is whether people will be ruled by these principles or humanity will be submerged in barbarism - or words to this effect. In his wind-up speech at the Conference he said that the success of the Conference was due to the especially fine work of several individuals. At the head of Hull's little honor list was the bloody dictator of Peru's bloody dictatorship, Benavides, the head of the conference. In Panama Hull made another speech. He hailed the Conference as a success. So did Alf. M. Landon. So did the newspapers.

FREEDOM OF PRESS NOT A PRINCIPLE WITH WHITE

That's how it is with diplomacy and diplomats. Now let's see how the score stands with respect to journalism and journalists. If you read White's dispatch you might think - unless you know better - that he is concerned with a great principle, namely, freedom of the press. But look a little closer and you will see that his ideals are a little tarnished. White admits by what he says that he made an agreement to help the Peruvian government conceal the truth about the bloody dictatorship in that country. Eugene Lyons in Assignment in Utopia shows over and over again, using the Stalinist government as an example, that a reporter assigned to a foreign government must play ball with the government and color the news in its favor or he will find it more and more difficult to get news ahead of his rival reporters and will lose his assignment on his job. He uses Walter Duranty as a very special and very good example of how reporters let themselves become tools of governmental policies and interests. It's a safe bet that if the Peruvian government hadn't gotso tough with White much of what he says wouldn't have been reported by him at all.

That, of course, is speculation. But this is not. White sent his exposure of the Peruvian government's policy from Arica, Chile, January 1st. Twenty four hours before he cabled from Lima. Here is what he said:"All the American nations stand united today as a solid continental bloc determined to defend themselves and one another against any threat to their peace, their republican institutions or their territorial status. At the moment when the peoples of Europe are antagonistically separated by political and economic problems which they seem unable to solve the Americas have served solemn notice on the world that should similar problems arise in this hemisphere those problems shall unite rather than separate the governments and peoples of the Americas. This was the outstanding achievement of the Eighth International Conference of American States...."

Is John W.White a lily-white truth-sayer, or is he a brass check artist? And the New York Times whose mast-head slogan is "All the News That's Fit to Print"? You can supply your own adjectives. There is one question to which we haven't got the answer yet. We suppose we'll get it later. What did Kathryn Lewis and Dan Tracy, the "labor" delegates in the American Delegation to the Conference. do about all this?

NEW MICHIGAN GOVERNOR ACTS TO OUTLAW STRIKES

MISLEADERS LEND COLOR OF LABOR TO CAPITALIST DESIGN

DETROIT, Jan.14.- Abolition of the right to strike! This is the great aim of the labor legislation now being drafted by the new governor of Michigan, Frank Fitzgerald. The right to strike is proving too democratic a right for the Michigan industrialists to tolerate. So through their willing governor they propose measures to the state legislature which in effect will outlaw the strike as a weapon in labor disputes.

Most conspicuous among these proposals is the absolute prohibition of the sit-down. The capitalists, of course, are not much worried about the actual seizure of their factories and property by the workers at this stage of the game. Rather they want to take away the most effective instrument labor has not only for winning strikes, but for making tremendous gains. "Proper penalties" are to be enforced against those workers who "incite such disorders". This is a lesson from the history of the recent French General Strike when the government and the bosses cooperated - as always- to imprison militant strikers, fire them from their jobs, and then refuse them relief.

In order to strike, the unions will have to give 10 days notice. This idea is just too perfect for words. The company would have time to obtain scabs, pile up orders ahead, delay the strike further, and in general demoralize the workers in the plant. The government eliminates the necessity for stool pigeons by tipping the company off when workers take strike votes. The power of the strike lies in the right to strike at any time, especially at the strategic moment when the company is least prepared and informed.

Special (strike-breaking) procedure is to be established in relation to strikes affecting public utilities. But who is to determine what industry affects public utilities? If General Motors or Chrysler, for example, should begin to manufacture insulators for telephone poles after the 10 days notice has been given, then the plant could be said to be one affecting a public utility and the <u>auto</u> workers would be prohibited from striking.

If the workers finally did manage to get by all this restriction and went on strike, further measures against the workers are listed. Mass picketing is to be prohibited. Only enough pickets necessary to advertize (!) the strike are to be permitted. Only employees of the struck plant will be permitted to picket. In other words, to play it their way, we strike at the plant, we establish two pickets on each side of the plant with placards declaring our boss is "Unfair to Labor", then call it a day, and go home and sit by the fire. Meanwhile scabs take our jobs. If any one measure could ever be devised to show the capitalist government as a strike-breaker it is this one.

The machinery established to enforce this legislation is the final touch of capitalist hypocrisy. A "non-partisan" labor board will be appointed who shall be "men of broad vision and responsible intelligence". Of course they will make the selection. (continued on page 21)



RECORDS CAN BE USED TO FACILITATE WAR DRAFT

NEW YORK CITY, January 10.- While the attention of workers is being focused on the liquidation of W.P.A. Federal Projects and the firing of W.P.A. workers, the Works Progress Administration is continuing its blackjack practice of fingerprinting tend of thousands of those who still remain on its rolls. Colonel Harrington is carrying out the policies begun by Hopkins.

The projects affected are the Psychology, Guards, Senior and Junior Inspectors, Examiners, all recreation projects. All workers in charge of W.P.A. materials and records are also affected, a total of 10,000 men and women.

Ten thousand men and women treated as actual or potential criminals! Some workers favor it because they believe it to be a step towards Civil Service jobs. The Federal, State, and Municipal Governments require the fingerprinting of Civil Service imployees. It is more than doubtful whether W.P.A: workers will be put on Civil Service status. The deficiency appropriations subcommittee in the House of Representatives on January 10th nullified the President's order of June 24 putting W.P.A. administrative personnel on Civil Service status.

But fingerprinting of W.P.A. workers serves other purposes. Large factories and plants are known to use this system for the purpose of blacklisting active radicals and union militants.

Fingerprinting some W.P.A. workers is just one step towards the fingerprinting of all workers on the W.P.A. and relief rolls. Finally, if this move is not stopped, the capitalist class will require the paw prints of all workers. With these prints in their files, the Government will have an easier time of it to catch draft dodgers in the next war and to keep tabs on union organizers, labor agitators and radicals.

The only attempt to deal with this move, on the part of the Workers Alliance was to have its membership send petitions and telegrams to Congressmen and to Col. Harrington voicing their protest. Yet when the Administration sent these same union members notices of the day they were to report for the fingerprinting most of them capitulated and submitted to it. The Union leadership blames the membership for not sending enough petitions to Washington is the reason for this shameful capitulation. It is these leaders who should be severely censured because they did not prepare the membership for a fight. Members were not given any instructions, how they were to conduct themselves when the request came through for them to report.

A strong protest movement should have been organized. The union members showed a great deal of resentment. This resentment should have been utilized to organize mass demonstrations; and picket lines should have been spread around the Administration buildings.

CAPITALISM IN DECLINE

JEWS FOR SALE - NO BUYERS 🖓

ASYLUM, OTHER DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS NOW IMPOSSIBLE UNDER CAPITALISM

While the capitalist press indulged in an orgy of sensationalism over the swindler Musica, another swindler made a trip from Berlin to London. Dr. Schacht, described in the jargon of journalism as a financial and economic wizard, went to England to find out whether British capitalist circles hostile to Germany really intend to intensify their competition with German trade in south-eastern Europe as was reported in the press and through diplomatic channels. At the same time he sounded out circles interested in the question about his Jewish refugee plan.

Musica took the financial wizards of Wall Street for a ride. He audaciously manipulated records to create assets out of nothing for his own benefit. He did not operate according to the rules. Morally and legally the ruling class pronounced him anathema.

In Schacht's country such conduct by an individual would be summarily disposed of. Economic treason it would be called. The executioner's axe would sever the head which conceived such plans from the body which was meant to benefit from them. This type of conduct the Nazi government reserves to itself. It is Schacht's job to wave his financial wand and, like Alladin's genie, create great wealth out of nothing.

Musica lived in relative solitude. Schacht is a public, an international figure, clothed with the dignity of many official titles. Musica preyed on the capitalist system. In Germany the whole capitalist system lives by the methods of Musica.

Professor J.W. Eaton of the University of Michigan finds the cause of present conditions in Germany in "certain deep-rooted traits in the national character." The learned professor thinks the German masses have "demonic ideas", that Hitler translates them into "actual practice" and that is the reason they acclaim him. In other words, allowing for a difference in adjectives, Eaton and Hitler see eye to eye on one point at least - the persecution of the Jews flows from the "national character", whatever that is, and the Germans are united as one now in that work.

Eaton is as ignorant a fool as Hitler is a conscious liar. The truth is not to be found in mystical concepts like national character and demonic ideas - phrases for democratic pedagogues and Fascist demagogues to play with. The truth lies in economics and class relationships.

The persecution of the Jews has economic causes and aims and is adapted to political ideas. The German ruling class resorts to this barbarism because it is desperate. It is the possessor of the second most efficient and productive plant in the world. Only the United States excells it. In 1918-19 the Versailles treaty cut it nearly to pieces. Twenty

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years have gone by and the German ruling class has put down for a time the threat of revolution, thrown off some of the shackles of Versailles, recovered lost territory and acquired more, rearmed, become again a leading power.

But the world, too, has changed. The world market is no longer expanding. Every year it grows smaller as the world economic crisis continues unabated. The spheres for the profitable investment of capital are distributed among other powers. Innumerable economic, financial, and political obstacles stand in the way of trade. Colonial expeditions and uprisings, civil wars, wars of conquest, widespread unrest, the continuing crisis - symptoms of the decay of the capitalist system press back on the desperate need of the German ruling class to get out of the straight-jacket the British, American, French, and Italian imperialists put it in twenty years ago. German trade is falling. In 1938 Germany's adverse trade balance despite the financial hocus-pocus of Schacht was eighty million dollars. German arms are growing - to force a way for German trade.

Because its agony is so great it threshes about so wildly, like a man in intolerable pain, creating diplomatic and political crises. In the end it must go to war, to take by force, if it can, what it needs for its very life. Austrian anschluss, and the Sudeten annexation are but token payments on the bill German capitalism presents to world imperialism.

CRACKING OF GERMAN CAPITALISM BEHIND PERSECUTION OF JEWS

The agony of German capitalism, the need for profits, for credit, for money to arm, is at the root of the persecution of the Jews. The greed which Nazi propaganda ascribes to the Jews is the consuming passion of the German capitalists. Last April a census was made of "Jewish wealth". The assassination of Von Rath created just the opportunity Nazi methods require to justify this barbarism. Jewish property was destroyed, Jewish wealth was expropriated by decree. And terror, bestial, frenzied horror was let loose to cow these people into submission. Hitler, the modern Pharoah!

In crushing the Jewish middle class the Nazi government was carrying to an extreme the inherent tendency of the capitalist system whereby the big capitalists drive the smaller fry into the ranks of propertyless proletarians. At the same time they were expanding a little bit and for a little time the field for the "Aryan" retailers and lawyers and doctors who are stifling in the general crisis of German society. To such desperate straits is the regime reduced to appease the hordes which bore it to power!

But in stripping the Jewish capitalists the Nazi regime struck the capitalist system below the belt. In the great American Revolution of 1776 and the French Revolution of 1789-93, the historic capitalist forebeares of the ruling class today came to power and proclaimed the principles on which capitalist society all over the world has attempted to justify itself ever since. The French Constitution of 1793 declared:

"The right to property is the right of every citizen to enjoy and dispose of as he likes his goods, his income, the fruit of his toil and his industry." Article 16. "Security consists in the protection accorded by

society to each of its members for the preservation of his rights, and his property." Article 8. "Security is the supreme social conception of bourgeois society", said Karl Marx in 1843.

In the spoliation of the Jewish capitalists, the Nazi regime cried out: "Behold! Our situation is so bad that to protect our social system we are compelled to deny the fundamental rights of capitalist society to capitalists themselves, above all, the sacred right of private property."

In seeking to hide the truth by inventing the ugly tale of hate about the international Jew menace and the Aryan-Nazi saviour, the German ruling class declares null and void that other great principle of the bourgeois revolution, embodied in the Declaration of the rights of man and of citizenship of 1791. "No penalty should attach to the holding of religious opinions." Article 10.

Backward the wheels of history turn in Nazi hands, devouring even the achievements of the bourgeois revolution, hurtling towards the abyss of barbarism, frantic to drag the world along. The Nazi regime, having stripped the capitalist Jew and crushed the middle class Jew, Schacht proposed to barter them on the world market. Schacht and Hitler and their capitalist masters would permit the Jews to emigrate provided the amount of capital they would be permitted to take along was advanced to them by the capitalists of other countries as a loan, while Germany availed itself of the actual capital to expand its exports. Jews for export! Jews for export! Jews for sale! Beside Schacht, Musica is an unimaginative, cowardly clod.

WHERE SHALL THE JEW WANDER?

Jews for sale! But there are no buyers. The law of the capitalist market is <u>caveat emptor</u> - let the buyer beware. This merchandise is "hot". It is thrown on the market because German capitalism is mortally sick and has spewed it up. Already there are others preparing to dump Jews on the market, even at a total loss: Rumania and Hungary. Tomorrow Polish capitalism will attempt to allay its crisis in the same way. And the day after tomorrow other countries will follow suit.

Where can the Wandering Jew lay his head? Africa? Bolivia? Canada? Alaska? Biro-Bidjan? Stalin has already closed it down. Soviet Union? Verboten. What does the experience of Palestine prove? It is twenty years since a Jewish homeland was to be created there. Much labor and sacrifice have been expended in that land. Wealth has been coaxed out of the soil, cities built. But there is no peace. Even greater than in Germany is the terror in Palestine. The Palestinian Jew lives at all only because British terror overawes Arab terror. Will it be better if more Jews are dumped there tomorrow? Will the guerrilla war become a holy Islamic crusade, a civil war to rock the colonial world, to stir up fanatic hatred, to unloose cataclysmic violence in which can perish the toiling masses of both sides? What has happened in Palestine, the dark future of the hopes for that land sustained in millions of hearts, speaks with thunderous accents: there is no solution in the creation of another national state. Capitalism is dying, convulsed by the world wide agony of its death.

But why does not democratic France, England, the United States open their doors to these unhappy people? What has become of the great tradition

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of the right of asylum? Were not the settlers at Plymouth Rock refugees from religious persecution? Has the conscience of America gone to sleep? Capitalist charity goes only as far as capitalist profit can be served. Idealism is for the poets. Between the great democracies and Germany there is now, above all else, a difference in the stage of decay, in the violence of their internal crises. To open their doors to millions of impoverished German Jews today, and Hungarians, Rumanians, and Poles tomorrow, would make their own problems worse and speed the day when they would find themselves in the position of the German ruling class.

Thirteen million unemployed in the United States are a sign that the capitalist class cannot afford such luxuries as open doors for millions of refugees as in the past.

NO SOLUTION UNDER CAPITALISM

In short, there is no solution within the framework of the capitalist system. The struggle to aid the refugees can achieve a fruitful result only if it's conceived and conducted as a part of the struggle against the system which breeds such problems. The problem of the Jews is in the first place a problem of eliminating capitalism, of emancipating mankind from conditions which require the opium of religious doctrine to make misery endurable and paralyze action to overcome them. In this profound sense, the problem of the Jew can be solved by emancipating mankind from Judaism - as Marx said nearly a hundred years ago and from Christianity as well.

The solution for the German Jew begins first of all in Germany, against the German ruling class. It is a struggle for religious freedom and equal rights and democratic rights. That struggle is necessary, yes. But let us not forget - these things have been destroyed because German capitalism cannot tolerate them. German capitalism cannot be compelled, either by persuasion, or force, to grant them. It cannot afford them and yield profit.

The conclusion is therefore inescapable. The struggle for democratic rights is a struggle against the capitalist system as a whole. The struggle for religious freedom is the struggle for freedom from religion.

The persecution of the Jews has settled forever the question of whether a Fascist regime in a big capitalist country can be succeeded by a bourgeois democratic regime. After Fascism will come the proletarian revolution - or barbarism. Our duty, the duty of the working class, is to make the revolution.

Will we make it? In the United States the situation is more favorable. In that sense it is still a land of opportunity. Let us begin here. Let us make the struggle for the right of asylum not only a struggle against the present policy of the administration, but an opportunity to drive home the need for destroying capitalism.



A TEAR FOR GENERAL MOTORS

\$20,000,000 NEST EGG TIED UP BY HITLER

General Motors report for 1938 reveals that the Hitler-Schacht government has succeeded in freezing twenty million dollars of GM profits in Germany. Last year the profits were four million. In the six years that Hitler has ruled the roost GM has rung up twenty million dollars profit on an investment of thirty five million. Nice going! Why should GM be "opposed" to Hitler? Only to throw dust in the eyes of the American workers, because they aren't.

But if Hitler and company crushed the German workers so GM could squeeze greater profits out of Opel motor cars which it controls since 1929, these Nazi brigands demand their price. Schacht and Hitler won't let GM take their profits out of the country. GM has to reinvest it in German industry, help build it up, has to let the German ruling class make use of this capital for its own interests. Here is one solid reason for diplomatic friction between the Hitler and Roosevelt governments.

If GM wants to beat this system it has to export Opel cars. Wherever it does it competes with the product of GM in this country. And with the product of Ford. A few months ago the head of Ford's in England protested to British government agencies against the low import duties on Opel cars. Here is one small reason for the friction between German and British capital.

And on top of all this, the export of Opel cars would come up against the boycott of German goods which Jewish capitalists, Stalinists and liberals are pushing with might and main.

It turns out that in the case of GM and its Opel cars the boycott of German goods helps Hitler. If it has any success it is in hitting American capitalist interests. The moral of our tale is clear. The boycott at the point of consumption is not a weapon in the workers' interests. It helps one set of capitalists against another. Capital is really international. The national states and boundaries which it has created have become an impediment to its own purposes. Not boycotts but a program of international revolutionary action by the workers of all countries against the capitalists of all countries is what the workers need to do away with the GM-Ford-Hitler system of society.

BUT THAT'S SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA, MR. BABSON!

Roger W. Babson, the eminent statistician, predicts that business conditions would be favorable during the next two years, but that the long term trend was headed downward and could lead only to inflation and revolution. The third possibility, according to this seer, is nothing more nor less than "a change of heart on the part of the American people."

WAR DEPARTMENT CENSORS THE MOVIES

"DEMOCRATIC" TECHNIQUE FOR CAPITALIST CONTROL OF FILM PROPAGANDA

"Box-Office", a national commerical film weekly recently exposed the methods used by the War Department in censoring movies using the military and naval equipment of the United States government in their production. In veiled language, not to offend the patriots, they point to the "stiffening of war and navy requirements for films made by industrial producers with the use of federal equipment". "Officials of the military are quietly banning pacifist material from federal aid pictures as being out of tune with the times." The reasons given are also veiled. "The military departments", they say, "cannot lend themselves to pacific publicity which might rouse agitation against the appropriation by Congress of the more than \$1,000,000,000 which is expected to be asked by the President next year."

In other words, the United States government "democratically" determines the capitalist, pro-war content of movies through control of the material resources necessary for the production of war pictures. As far back as 1918, Cecil B. DeMille, famous producer of jingo and Klu Klux Klan films, said:"I consider the development of the motion picture...a conspicuously vital factor for the dissemination of government propaganda... The motion picture today is positively developing patriots...to support every measure of the government unreservedly...by daily and nightly iteration."

That was during the war years. Films were powerful factors in crystallizing the war mood in the United States. The screen "did its bit" in stirring up hatred of the "enemy".

The militarist and jingoistic films of today such as <u>Annapolis</u> Farewell, <u>Flirtation Walk</u>, <u>Shipmates</u> Forever, <u>Singing Marine</u>, <u>West Point</u> of the <u>Air</u>, <u>Wings</u> <u>Over Honolulu</u> - all are designed to shed glamor on some branch of military service. The War and Navy departments have established rules dictating the subject matter and method of presentation in all films dramatizing army and navy life. They read in part: "A request for naval cooperation in the making of a motion picture play must be accompanied by a copy of the script of scenario of the proposed play, together with a statement of the naval cooperation desired...The picture must contain nothing which tends in any way to discredit any branch of the government or any foreign government service, or the personnel or uniform of such services."

The latest measures tightening up the control of the War Department over the film industry is part of the propaganda program of the new war machinery being unlimbered in preparation for the coming war:War-scares, invasions of United States territory, brutality of foreign governments and armies and the glamor and "civilizing influence" of the American government and its military forces, the condemnation of the "slacker" and pacifist as "subversive" forces, the revival of vigilante and Klu Klux Klan pictures glorifying mob action against "dangerous domestic criminal elements". Class conscious workers will not be fooled by this propaganda but will determine to organize to counter-act it.

GRANDIZO HELD IN SPANISH JAIL!

FATE OF FORMER SECRETARY OF MEXICAN TROTSKYISTS IN QUESTION

DETROIT, Jan. 14: The September 17; 1938 issue of the "Independent News", a Paris bulletin defending POUMist and other victims of Loyalist terror in Spain, carried a brief notice of the postponement of the trial of Manuel Grandizo-Munis and other Trotskyists accused of espionage, and stated they were in grave danger of secret execution in Barcelona. Grandizo was at various times editor of "La Antorcha", "El Soviet" and "Communismo". In 1934 he had been condemned by Gil Robles-Lerroux for rebellion. Delegate to the Workers Alliance in Madrid.

From Mexico we learned on January 10 that Grandizo was formerly secretary of the Mexican Trotskyists, and that the burocratic leadership installed by the "Fourth International" over its Mexican membership (see REVOLT #13) has refused to lift a finger for the defense and repatriation of their comrade in spite of urgent requests by friends and comrades to do so.

A striking parallel to the craven sabotage in 1936 by the U.S. Trotskyites of Harry Milton (Kupinsky) jailed in Barcelona as a Fascist spy along with Hugo Oehler, formerly of the Revolutionary Workers League, and others! The American Trotskyites were then in the Socialist Party. Their <u>Socialist Ap</u> <u>peal</u> did not even so much as mention the outrage committed against their party cómrade until after his release. Reason: "higher" politics: "we must not antagonize the pro-loyalist sentiments of our host, the S.P."

With its meager forces the RWL organized demonstrations and picketing in principal cities of the United States, mass meetings, delegations to State Department and Spanish government officials, issued tens of thousands of pieces of literature, arranged conferences of labor organizations, publicity in the capitalist press and engineered the intervention of the State Department. It was precisely this type of "embarassment" of the Loyalist government that effected the release of both Milton and Oehler. Abern and others had to come to us secretly to ask to be allowed to help their comrade. So low had these brave "bolshevik-leninists" fallen!

Their emergence from the swamp of social-democracy and the establishment of the "Fourth International" has not altered the cowardly character of Trotskyist centrism. What is the reason for the sabotage of Grandizo today? No S.P. to hide behind today, here or in Mexico. Do the "higher" politics of Trotsky in relation to the Cardenas government call for this treachery? Is it "bolshevik-leninist" to remain silent while a former comrade is executed - and by the same Stalinist butchers they pretend to fight? Rivera's purse is open to every need of Trotsky's apparatus but is shut tight against this practical test of his radical manifestees.

Noone has heard from Grandizo since his letter of last August 24 demanding an open trial. Time is rotten ripe to break down the conspiracy of silence and sabotage. He must be rescued from the clutches of the Loyalist hangmen (if he is still alive!) as were Oehler, Negrete and others. The Mexican comrades have formed a committee in spite of and against their burocratic leadership. Such committees must be formed in the United States to act before it is too late - if it is not already too late. The discarded banner of international class solidarity must again be raised aloft! An international outcry must be organized to stay the hand of the Spanish G.P.U. Immediate action is imperative. SAVE GRANDIZO!

IN THE RICHEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD!

SLUM CLEARANCE DELUSION

The only tenants the government "slum clearnace " projects will accept are persons financially able to pay rent in privately-owned, tax-paying properties, complains the Detroit Free Press.

At the same time it does nothing for the real slum dwellers who do not have regular incomes above a certain figure required by the government.

This practice only drains desireable tenants away from privately-owned, tax-paying property-owners, and should be abolished, they say.

Which only goes to show how ungrateful the arch-conservative Free Press is for all our "socialist" president has done.

INDUSTRIALIZING AGRICULTURE

22,000 mechanical corn pickers went into service last year. There are now upwards of 65,000 of these pickers now in operation, displacing about 195,000 men. Hand huskers competing with the machine get around 4 cents a bushel, compared to the 2ϕ cost per bushel by the machine. ADD ANOTHER COUPLE OF HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN TO THE SOCIAL SCRAP-HEAP.

KNOCK ON WOOD, MR. SWOPE!

Gerard Swope, President of General Electric Company, testifying on Profit Sharing schemes before the "Anti-Trust" Committee, was asked if he had any strikes in the electrical industry.

He quickly rapped on the mahogany table before him and said:" No, not yet!"

HEADLINE:

POPE CONFERS KNIGHTHOOD ON J.P. MORGAN AND THOMAS W. LAMONT

Blessed are the money-changers for they shall inherit the earth.

Even God's Personal Representative can't run the Catholic Church on Spiritual Emoluments alone. Morgan's banking house handles most of the Catholic jackpot in the United States for His Holiness.

HOME AND FIRESIDE NOTES

A three-year W.P.A. study reports that only 40% of the 8,000,000 American homes investigated in urban communities were considered in "good condition". More than 15% had no private Flush toilets, 20 percent had no private bath, or showers, and more than 40% lacked central heating. More than half the homes inspected were built before 1915 and a quarter before 1895. More than 16% of homes, with the exception of New York City residences, were declared "unfit for use".

In the south-east 25% of the urban homes were without gas or electric lighting and nearly half were without gas or electric cooking equipment.

(continued from page 11) One member each would be chosen from the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. The workers are not even to have the right to select their own representatives.

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Of course these "members" of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. will be the typical labor bureaucrats - perhaps Homer Martin, U.A.W. president, or Adolph Germer, president of the Michigan State Industrial Union Council, for the C.I.O., and Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation, or William Foster, president of the Michigan State Federation of Labor, for the A.F. of L. Chalk up O-2 for labor. The third member of the board will represent industry. O-3 for labor. The fourth is to represent retail business. O-4. The last member of the board will be chosen by the Governor to represent the "public". Another business man, a retired colonel, or perhaps some Bible-pounder. O-5 for labor. So they have planned it because they have the power today.

The leaders of the C.I.O. and A.F. of L. have already indicated they will go along with this reactionary program. The A.F. of L. bureaucrats more outspoken at first; the C.I.O. leaders hesitant but willing in the end. After the victory of Fitzgerald over Murphy last November, the Detroit Labor News, A.F. of L. organ, pointed out that since Fitzgerald was to be governor the A.F. of L. would feel him out on cooperation. The A.F. of L. favored a "fair" labor relations bill. The C.I.O. spokesmen have expressed disfavor with this legislation, partly to satisfy the militants in their unions and partly because by it the state administration usurps some of their powers as dictators in their unions.

As REVOLT has pointed out time and again, Homer Martin has gone on record against and actually disorganized sit-downs, mass picketing for dues-collecting drives, and for prior authorization by the International of all strikes. The Communist Party last summer declared in favor of a state labor relations act. Although they banked on the re-election of Murphy, their capitulatory line will lead them to cooperate with Fitzgerald in the name of the "people's front". And the Communist Party has an important representation in the Michigan C.I.O. apparatus. We can anticipate some sort of agreement between A.F. of L. and C.I.O. leaders and Fitzgerald in the conferences now being held in Lansing.

MURPHY WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME

The union bureaucrats, and especially the Stalinists, bemoan the defeat of the liberal, Frank Murphy. But Murphy as governor tried to pass just such legislation as Fitzgerald has mapped out. The only difference is that he would have used the "New Deal" and the Bible more in doing it.

The testimony given to the Judiciary Sub-committee of the Senate yesterday by Murphy in defense of his policy in the auto strikes of 1937 and of his appointment as Attorney General leaves no doubt. In Murphy's own words, "I have never condoned the sit-down strike...I believe in vigorous law enforcement". He stated that he had called in Lewis at the time of the Flint General Motorsstrike and told him that if he did not settle the difficulty, he would enforce the law and eject the strikers". And he had the national guard troops drawn up to do it too. The capitulation by the labor fakers, Lewis and Martin, prevented Murphy from showing his real hand to Michigan labor. Harry Bennet, hated Ford Personnel Manager, congratulated Murphy on his handling of the 1937 strikes and recommended him for Attorney-General. "You have in the past, and <u>particularly</u> as Governor of Michigan, shown a keen and ultimately fair understanding of what the separate obligation of capital and labor should be and where each should have a beginning and an ending."

If Michigan labor consents to the above vicious anti-labor program, it will not be long before their unions will be smashed, their standards of living driven down and down. It was the sit-down, the mass picketing, the public utility strikes that wrested from Michigan capitalists the highest weekly wage for factory workers in the entire country. It is by these same methods alone that labor will continue to make gains in the future.

Fortunately, the auto workers in life will over-ride such repressive measures, although they may not realize when they do so that they are breaking the law and defying the order of the capitalist state. Strike and go home while scabs take our jobs? Not on your life, buddy! We sit down when we have to bring the mighty corporation to terms.

IMPORTANT LESSONS FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT

This legislation indicates two very important lessons for workers. The first is that the state is intervening more and more in labor-capital relations, to buttress capital against the attacks of labor. Instead of the workers confronting the corporation first and then the state (sheriffs, national guard, courts, etc.) now it will be the state first and behind it the corporation. The state as an open instrument of the capitalist class will become more evident to Michigan workers as time goes by.

A final lesson is this. The economic crisis of American capitalism forces it to take more restrictive measures against labor, to drive down its standards, and to keep up its profits. In doing this, it must deprive labor of certain, heretofore established rights, the right to strike, the right of free political thought, and so forth.

The struggle for the retention of these rights will inevitably become a revolutionary struggle against the capitalist system because capitalism is no longer able to grant them. Labor must look to revolutionary leadership to insure these rights - rights which will leave the path open to the higher struggle: for the overthrow of this whole system of oppression and misery.

-GASHOUSE SERENADE -

Those who listen to speeches sometimes hear of a strang creature called a <u>reactionary</u>...There are such persons, of course - few and unimportant, but if words have any meaning they are not to be called reactionary... We shall look in vain for reactionaries amongst <u>our</u> citizens...The Liberal and Conservative are one and the same person...The American people are incurably liberal, they are also incurably conservative...They go on liberalizing and liberalizing...Liberalizing to conserve, conserving to liberalize - that is their genius - W.J. Cameron on the Ford Radio Hour, October 23, 1938.

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