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"PEACE" PLEA CLOAKS WAR AIMS

PRES. ROOSEVELT IS DRAGGING US INTO WAR! Order to Fleet

President Roosevelt is dragging the United States into the coming war!

He has received no mandate from the people who hate war and do not want to give their lives and freedom for either one of the rival imperialist gangs.

He has not even received authorization from Congress which is supposed to have the exclusive power to declare war.

Yet he is boldly committing the armed and potential forces of the United States to one side in the coming show-down for mastery of the world's wealth and power.

Woodrow Wilson plunged the United States into the last "War for Democracy" with the cry of "Force-force to the utmost!"

Franklin D. Roosevelt is preparing to plunge the country into another treacherous "War for Democracy" with the cry of "Force against force!"

The President has addressed Hitler and Mussolini with a pious appeal for peace to last at least ten more years, if not twentyfive. He asks them to guarantee the independence of thirty-one countries.

Only babies and fools will be deceived by this appeal.

In the first place, Roosevelt and everybody else in the world knows that there isn't a chance in the world of getting the Fascist monsters to give such a guarantee. Even if there were, it wouldn't be worth the paper it is written on.

In the second place, Roosevelt knows and everybody else should realize—that a number of the countries mentioned by him have already been deprived of their independence by the "Great Democracies."

Ireland, Palestine and Egypt are under the heel of British imperialism.

Syria is the conquered booty of France, whose airplanes and machine-guns have taken a heavy toll of the native tribesmen.

Roosevelt's spurious appeal is merely for the record—otherwise it would have been preceded by the granting of complete and genuine independence to Roosevelt's own colonies: the Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Samoa, etc.

It is made for the record so that Roosevelt may be able to "justify" entering the war on the grounds that he did all in his power to prevent it.

It is made for the record, because Rooseyelt has already taken decisive steps to commit the United States to participation

At the same time the appeal was issued, virtually the entire American Navy was ordered to the Pacific Ocean. The order universally understood to be a belligerent gesture against Japan, the partner of the Rome-Berlin axis. The threat to Japan is not made in the interests of "democracy," but for the preservation of Wall Street interests in China. The naval order was obviously issued in harmony with the orders recently issued for the movement of French and British warships in the Mediterranean. Roosevelt is already acting in concert with the war plans of Anglo-French imperial-

By whose authorization?

The day before his appeal to Hitler and Mussolini, the Associated Press reported that "United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy called on Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, congratulating him on his statement in the House of Commons yesterday in which he extended guarantees of independence to Greece and Rumania."

Who authorized Roosevelt's Ambassador to take any such step?

Who has decided that the United States is to be sent into a war to "guarantee the frontiers" of Poland, or of Rumania, or of Greece? Those frontiers were established by a bandit war which ended with a peace so atrocious in its provisions that the American Government of the time was compelled to refrain from signing it.

Roosevelt has been in office more than six years. He has not solved a single fundamental problem of the crisis. Millions are still unemployed and on the verge of starvation. Industrial life continues at a low level. The whole labor movement is struck blow after blow - by employers, by the government, by the courts.

Roosevelt's latest solution for unemployment is to kill off a few million in the ghastly war that impends. He hopes to turn attention away from his bankruptcy at home by rattling the saber of war.

The workers of America have the deepest horror and hatred of Hitler and Mussolini. But at the same time they have no reason in the world for trusting the imperialist pirates of France, England and the United States who sail under the flag of

They must not allow themselves to be tricked into another "War for Democracy." Roosevelt talks a good deal about "democracy" and "rights."

At the same time, he drives full speed ahead to war without bothering to consult the masses of the people-whose opposition to war is perfectly well known.

Let the people demand the democratic right to vote on whether or not they want to enter the war, on whether or not the United States shall participate in it!

Demand the right to a popular referendum on war, no matter where it is to be

Organize to stop the Roosevelt regime from dragging us into a new world



What the Last War for "Democracy" Was About!

AS PARLEYS LAG

Principal Demands Are Surrendered by Lewis-Murray

Some 320,000 soft coal miners are out on strike in the Appaachian region. Since April 1, pits and shafts from Pennsylvania to Alabama have been idle. Almost continual conferences have been held for over a month at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City between the perators and representatives of the United Mine Workers of America, but both sides declared up to April 17 that the negotiations were "hopelessly deadlocked.'

Meanwhile all large metropolitan centers of the east are acing imminent coal shortag-York City have only a week's supply on hand. Other large astern cities are in a position imilar to New York.

New York's Mayor La Guarlia wired President Roosevelt last Sunday, asking the latter to intervene in the strike. It was believed that the President would make some move in this

Contract Provisions

The contract between the coal operators and the U.M. W.A., which expired on March 31, provided for a 35-hour week in the bituminous coal fields, and a daily basic wage of \$6 in the north and \$5.60 in the south. A miner would consider it a miracle, however, if he earned

All eastern coal miners have een unemployed more than two-year period and many coal miners throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Alabama have hardly been able to find a day's employment durour democratic purposes in gress attempt to gloss over ing the last contract period. this war abroad and the auto- this feature; but the men be- The rank and file of the soft cratic conduct of those guiding hind the I.M.P. are not so am- coal area demanded therefore a reduction of the work week ican Legion agent in Washing- an increase of pay, and an es-This time the government in- ton and reputedly the author of tablished minimum annual saltends to give "those guiding in- the Sheppard-Hill M-day bill, ary guaranteed every coal

RANKS OF MINE How Much Democracy' WORKERS SOLID Is There To Defend?

sevent has sought to appear before the Amer ican working class as the defender of the "democracies." In justifying his war program he has pointed to the defenseless 'democracies" lying to the south which need "our" neighborly protection. As part of the attempt to build up the illusion, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles stated before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he knows of no government on the continent that is not a republic. To which Senator Borah added that "We will call them "republic"-It does not make any difference what they are but we will designate them 'republics'."

A roll call of the 22 countries of Latin America reveals that 19 of them are ground under the heels of dictatorial regimes every bit as brutal and oppressive as the Fascist regimes on the other side of the Atlantic.

The 19 dictatorships are Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico—an American colony-British, French, and Dutch Guiana, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Haiti, Costa Rica, Panama, Argentina, and Cuba. Only in Chile, Colombia, and Mexico can the democratic form of government be said to exist! This is Roosevelt's continental axis designed not to defend democracy but the profits of Yankee imperialism from inroads of Wall Street's rivals.

Is Designed to Head off Japan

Main Sphere of U.S. Action in War Will Be Pacific; Navies on Move in Europe; Chamberlain Woos Stalin

HITLER READY FOR DANZIG COUP

President Roosevelt's open declaration that he was ready to plunge the United States into the war now impending in Europe was the week's major development in the world's permanent war crisis.

That he expected war, and not peace, to be the most likely sequel to his dramatic intervention was shown by Roosevelt's simultaneous order to the United States fleet to return with maximum speed to the Pacific.

The fleet move was made because the Pacific will be the most vital war zone for Yankee imperialism. Japan major development was the has taken another stride forward in its own expansionist Union for bringing the latter program by annexing a string into the Anglo-French bloc. of islands 300 miles long in plicated by a whole series of the China Sea, acquiring potential naval and air bases athwart the routes to and from British Singapore and troops marching across their Borneo, French Indo-China, the countries. They are still torn American Philippines, and the Dutch East Indies.

To Parry Japan

Japanese moves that are inevitable when war breaks out sian "menace" on the other. in Europe that Roosevelt wants to keep the fleet in the western ocean, the mastery of which the coming war as far as Wall

France Germany, and Italy squared off in the Mediterranean and along Europe's frontiers armies were moved into fighting positions.

As Hitler set April 28 to make a formal reply to Roosevelt, his army prepared to move into Danzig. Britain was trying to get Poland to give up the Free City without making it a cause for war. Roosevelt seconded this by omitting Danzig from the list of states in his message to Hitler and Musso-

Fear Gibraltar Coup

Simultaneously concentration of troops in Spanish territory close to Gibraltar and in Morrocco kept the western admiralties on the jump in fear of a coup in Morocco or

against Gibraltar itself. On the diplomatic front the

explained by the Soviet Em-

bassy in Washington on the

grounds that the couple "might

well be Trotskyists." The labor

papers mentioned were quick

nouncement the elements of an-

other frame-up trial in Moscow.

to be aimed at the American

opening of negotiations between Britain and the Soviet These negotiations were comfactors. Neither Poland nor Rumania—both now guaranteed by Britain-are willing to accept the prospect of Russian by the contradictions of their, unfortunate position between the Nazi ogre on the one side It is to parry the further and what they regard and have always regarded as the Rus-

Moscow Cautious

Moreover the Moscow govwill be one of the key issues of ernment on its own part has been unwilling to accept the Street is concerned.

Meanwhile in Europe guns, ships and men continued to move in pace with war-making diplomacy on all fronts. The payies of Britain France Ger. gled the Spanish revolution in bed during the next three years. At Munich he was rude-

> Having long since abandoned the international working class as an ally and being no longer capable of returning to the program of the world revolutionthe only program capable of saving the Socialist foundations created by the Russian revolution-Stalin has since been occupying a cautious middle position. In the present crisis he has sedulously left the door open to any possible deal with Hitler and held the suddenly affectionate Chamberlain and Daladier off at arm's length.

> The present negotiations appear to be tending in the direcion of a limited undertaking by Stalin to join the Anglo-French bloc. This is by no means determined, however, as Walter Duranty, in his own sodden, incoherent way, has been insisting daily in the New

tiresome," he said in a dispatch last Sunday, "I am once more forced to repeat that in my opinion in regard to a potential conflict between Italy and Germany on the one side and France and Britain on the other, the Russians are not so entirely hostile to the Germans and the Italians as the British and the French may believe.

It has long been a wellknown fact that Duranty does not write as he pleases but as the G.P.U. pleases. These disther Stalin himself or an important faction close to him fa-Hitler rather than a plunge into the Anglo-French combination.

But Stalin is no longer a free agent. Around him are the ruins of the revolution he strangled and beyond that the hostile capitalist world—in all its factions-which still wishes it could find a way of solving its ernment has confined itself to problems by carving up the rich markets and resources of lishing only the guilt of the Russia. That is a hope that will be abandoned only when nection, the Monday session the workers of a war-torn world grasp the reins of power from On inquiry from the State | ment. witnesses called by the | the bloody hands of the capitalist war-makers.

THREE WITNESSES ARE HEARD AT N.Y. PASSPORT FRAUD TRIAL

By NAT LEVINE (Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK—A mountain of damning evidence is being piled

up by government prosecutors at the trial of Ossip Garber, Edward Blatt and Aaron Sharfin, the three men charged with a conspiracy to forge and alter passports for eighteen men and to see in the Embassy anwomen, among them the Moscow-imprisoned G.P.U. agents. Donald Lewis Robinson and Ruth Marie Rubens. Although the government has not thus far attempted to es-

ablish the Stalinist relations which existed between the Robinson-Rubens couple and the de-

were on intimate terms with various people close to and in the Communist Party, U.S.A. On various occasions, pass-

ports either forged or altered by Garber and Blatt and put into the process of certification by Sharfin, were returned in care of the Drama Travel League at 12 West 46 Street, whose head, Helen Ravitch, is the wife of Dr. Solon Bernstein, William Z. Foster

May Be G.P.U. Agents The charge of G.P.U. agents against the Robinson-Rubens couple was first launched by the Socialist Appeal and was

fendants, it has been previously charge in other periodicals. evealed in the Socialist Appeal Suspicion of the couple as Sovthat the missing secret agents liet agents was raised when it became known that on their arrival in Moscow in November 1937, they registered at the National Hotel under the name of Robinson, a name that had been openly proscribed in July of that year by the Soviet press with the announcement, "wanted by the police.'

As stated in the last issue of the Appeal, the couple's premeditation in arranging with one time personal physician to Blatt for the care of their daughter "if we are detained abroad" lends weight to the charge that they were a party to their own phoney arrest.

Frame-up Elements

followed soon after by a similar | Department, the arrests were

revolutionary movement for its opposition to the Kremlin foreign policy. This contention was completely borne out when the patches of his indicate that eiworld press, carrying interviews with Robinson, quoted him as saying that he had been vors continuing advances to to California for conversations with Japanese spies and had later made a visit to Leon Trotsky in his Mexican refuge.

Prosecution Aim Undefined Whether the prosecution in tends to establish any motive for the passport frauds cannot be said. On this point, the govthe secondary matter of estabthree defendants. In that consaw three important govern-

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does not tell the whole story. Real Wages Drop (1) While the money earnings of all employed wage-earners rose by 63 per cent, their real wages (as compared with the rise in prices) rose by only 4

Plan of the War Department,

now resting in the files ready

labor problem all figured out.

As Colonel Harris of the War

Department stated in discuss-

ing the Plan. "Labor is the

greatest single element of cost'

in wartime; and therefore ex-

penses must be cut down, in

order that once again the earn-

ings of U.S. Steel may rise

from \$52 million to over \$500

It has often been pointed out

sharply during the World War.

Insofar as this is true, the War

Department is determined that

(2) Even this figure is arriv- dustry" a hand in keeping testified as follows on its price- miner ed at by considering all strata down wages. The Plan specific-

of wage-earners in one lump. | ally provides for the fixing of The Industrial Mabilization Actually, the wages of the wages by a government war large mass of workers did not board; or to use its own lanshare this rise, but in most guage, the projected Price-Conto be sprung on M-day, has the cases declined in comparison trol Commission (which inciwith the cost of living.

LABOR WILL BE REGIMENTED

UNDER MOBILIZATION PLAN

retary of Labor made the fol-sentation) has the right to the lowing report during the war years: "With the exception of methods for the control of the sacrifices of the men in the prices and profits, and for the armed service, the greatest stabilization of fair wages." sacrifices have come from life. It is upon them the war tary repression. it shall not happen again. But pressure has borne most seveven for the last war, this fact erely. . . Too often there is a quires the fixing of wages, the glaring inconsistency between M-day bills introduced in Con-

> industry at home.' Will Fix Wages

dentally will consist of indus-It is no wonder that the Sec- trialists, with no labor repre-"formulation of policies and It has been many times dem-

those at the lower rung of the onstrated, by the Nye Commitindustrial ladder. Wage in- tee of the Senate and others, million, as they did from 1914 creases respond last to the that wartime price-fixing by an average of \$1,000 during the needs of this class of labor, and the government could not begin their meager returns are hard- to be effective. Not so with that workers' wages rose ly adequate, in view of the in- wage-fixing, when any attempt creased cost of living, to main- by the workers to protect their half the time during the last tain their meager standard of interests will be met with mili-

While the Plan clearly rebiguous. Colonel Taylor, Amer-

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By B. J. WIDICK=

While the politicians in Washington are proceeding to carve out the life of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act, the National to spring one of its most sensa-Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron,

The amazing story of the development and the results of every chance of success. They their claim to economic betterthe sit-down strikes in the giant would have commanded, in ment. No wonder the employrubber plants in 1936 will be unfolded, and this is a subject on which both the company and the C.I.O. are extremely sensi-

Neither side is anxious to have this hot potato occupy the center of the stage but it is inevitable. For it was in resisting the onsweep of the rubber worker through their effective sit-down strike that Goodyear earned its notorious reputation as a scab outfit.

The Ku Klux Klan, the Black Legion, the Goodyear Stalhmate Club and countless other anti-union organizations had mushroom growth and decline during this period while the Goodyear officials experimented to find a way of stopping union growth. Spies, stool pigeons, Mr. Paul Bergoff himself; the Law and Order League, ex-Mayor C. Nelson Sparks and the war veteransall the potential and fascist scum took a crack at breaking the union but still it established

Bribing politicians, giving city policemen bonuses to club and tear gas union pickets, and every other conceivable method was used by the company to stop the rubber workers.

Headlines Are Due

In the revealing of this story before the N.L.R.B., America will get a concise picture of the whole story of the difficulties and problems that faced the C.I.O. in its early days.

Tom Girdler as a member of the Board of Directors of Goodyear, P. W. Litchfield, company president, Akron city officials and others should be in for some very unpleasant pub-

The company will probably try to avoid the issues by the simple device of raising the cry of "revolution" and "Soviets" against the sit-downs of which quite a few dozen were pulled at Goodyear.

In particular on May 20. 1936 Goodyear velled that the workers formed a Soviet at plant two when a group of coolheaded union committeemen took charge of the plant to prevent considerable bloodshed which threatened because of the provocations of company unionists and stooges.

Although 21 union men were arrested for "rioting" the frame-up charges were exposed and the union militants freed.

Boomerang Statements

Another time Cliff Slusser. vice-president of the company. got drunk and tried to get tough with union militants in the plant, according to the unionists, and he was ejected for his own good. Of course, this incident will be termed "insurrection" by the company.

There is no question but that

an intelligent answer will stop the company's counter-offensive when the hearings begin Unfortunately, prominent union officials like John House, Goodyear Local president, and Stanley Denlinger, attorney for the U.R.W.A., have made some illadvised statements on sitdowns, etc., and these can easily boomerang.

One thing is certain, however. For the first time in ber 1934, after announcing at union contracts. C.I.O. history, the whole story a press conference that "The of sit-downs, etc. from every time has come to take the profpoint of view is going to be its out of war," Roosevelt went

REFUGEE NEEDS A TYPEWRITER

The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees needs a typewriter for refugee recently arrived in this country. In order to enable him to earn a living, a typéwriter is an urgent necessity. If you have a typewriter you can give or lend this refugee, please communicate with the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees. Room 1609, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Algonquin 4-8649. and arrangements will be made to call for the machine.

In the Jrade Solid in Strike

Lewis Drops Miners' Economic Demands; Holds Out Only for Closed Shop

John L. Lewis and Philip miners out on strike for the Murray, leaders of the U.M. closed shop. W.A. committee in the current negotiations, therefore made a tant union weapon to consolipretense of fighting for these date the union position and to just and necessary demands of resist the employers' efforts to the coal miners. At the begin-break up the union organiza-Labor Relations Board is ready ning of the negotiations, Lewis tion. But one has got to be a announced that he would fight pretty smug bureaucrat to fortional hearings in the case of for the 30-hour week, an in- get all about the economic dethe United Rubber Workers of crease in the basic daily wage mands of the workers and send America against the Goodyear and for the establishment of a them out into battle only for guaranteed annual wage. Ev- the closed shop. The miners erything favored such a battle are striking anyhow, but have at this time; the miners had already, in advance, given up such a fight, the unquestioned ers and the politicians think moral, financial and physical Lewis and Murray are "brilsupport of every affiliate of the liant negotiators. C.I.O. and many local union

organizations of the A.F.L. The miners, the best organized group of men in any industry of the U.S., could have halted the present backward shut down every mine tight as movement of the C.I.O. and a drum. To date the strike is taken the leadership in the forward march of all American

Negotiators Give Way But obviously Lewis and Murmovement in their industry for brilliant negotiators proceed to more lenient terms. give away one point after another. They give away the 30- lying to the cause of the valiant hour week. They give away soft coal miners, the present the increased basic wage. They strike is seen as one more comgive away the guaranteed an pelling reason to cement an nual wage. Then they go ahead honest fusion between the two and call the miners out on houses of labor. Labor, as the strike! For what? There is no present strike indicates, needs

(Continued from Page 1) [Lewis and Muray call the

The closed shop is an impor-

Strike Effective

The miners, with the splendid discipline and courage for which they are famed, have

Behind the stubborn demand for the closed shop lies the fear ray did not take this fight very of Lewis that the mine operaseriously. The very idea of tors will utilize the fight be leading a great pioneering tween the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. to break the organization of the the 30-hour week is beyond mine workers. The reactionary them. These smug union poli- A.F.L. Executive Council has ticians do not understand that already attempted to convince the miners must have great im- some of the soft coal operators provements in their present un- not to sign an agreement with bearable economic conditions. the U.M.W.A., as the Progresor the miners will lose their sive Miners of America, an confidence in and their loyalty A.F.L. affiliate, might be willto unionism. So these supposed ing to sign an agreement on

While all union men are raldisagreement between the two all of its strength to fight the negotiating committees now on reactionary employers and wages or working conditions, their anti-union campaign.

M-Day Plans Deprive Labor of All Freedom

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after the word 'article' the word 'service' be inserted, so that we shall very specifically know that this legislation shall apply to wages." When a Sen-'Everything."

Pretexts to Cut Wages

Nye Committee in 1934 that the tually states: "Many of these N.R.A. labor administrators regulations and restrictions are were to be used to fix maximum wages for workers.

Some of the pretexts whereby wages will be cut have already a national emergency much of been indicated. One is the plea this expediency is lost and the that since prices are being operation of these regulations gram of over a billion dollars rise. Colonel Taylor can be pended." The restrictions are cited here again because, being listed as those "issued by varian unofficial representative of ous authorized Federal and priation of 1936 was \$1,425,the War Department, he could State agencies, by agreements afford to be franker on this with trade unions, and in other delicate topic: "There is no ways." question that during the world War the pay of workers was forced to follow the rise in the cost of living. But, with prices remaining stable, there would not be such a demand for higher wages.'

popular among the veterans as yet," replied Col. Harris. This and N.Y.A. a protest against war profiteer- will be a special board, the ing, but with typical demagogy, Legal Division, charged with Roosevelt turned its point in the illegal task of suspending another direction. In Decem-this selected list of laws and on to deplore the fact that scrapped will be those dealing 'soldiers who enlisted or were with women and child labor. drafted into service served the There will be a Reserve Wo-U. S. in a hazardous manner man Power Division: "The spefor \$1 a day while munitions cific mission of this division is workers received possibly \$10 a to recommend methods for the day." (N. Y. Times).

In the same vein, about a week later, Colonel Harris employed, into industry, comcomplained that such a spread merce, and auxiliary services, 'wasn't ethical,'' neither of them mentioning the swollen salaries and war bonuses paid forces," the Plan specifically the strongest possible moveout to the patriotic presidents states. There will be a Council of DuPont, the Hercules Pow- of Minors to impress children war-mongers. Conclusion? der Co., etc. "Equalize the burdens" of the soldier and worker by-bring-

An American Legion organ summed up the plan casually in charge of the I.M.P. in the following manner: "This draft plan, as you know, pro- Johnson replied. "So far as I poses to draft all workers and know, one of perfect satisfacall manufacturing plants into tion. . . .

a day too!

Government service, the same fixing provision: "I am sug- as it does the men in the army, gesting, Mr. Chairman, that nor would there be any high wages paid to the man who stays at home."

Contracts Voided The government intends to

in a store should have his sal-spect to other working condidown their lives to protect and ary fixed?" Taylor replied, tions. All legislation on hours expand the imperialist interand conditions, as well as trade union agreements on these subjects, will merely be declared Colonel Harris reported to the null and void. The I.M.P. acexpedient rather than necessary to the well-being of either the Nation or the workers. In 'controlled,'' wages need not and restrictions should be sus-

In line with this, in 1934, the War Department was planning to include section 7a of the N.I.R.A. as one of the "restrictions" to be scrapped. "I would a housing program, and like to ask if the War Depart-

Profiteers Pleased

Among the first laws to be recruiting, training, and infiltration of women, not gainfully -and not only in industry but movement who share our views also "for duty with the armed for the purpose of consolidating

below 18 into industry. "What is the attitude of industry toward the plan?" ar ing the latter's wage nearer \$1 interviewer from the "Nation's Business'' asked Assistant Secietary of War Johnson, who is

"One of perfect cooperation,"

TROTSKY GREETS TRESCA ON 40th

of Carlo Tresca's participa tion in the working class movement was celebrated last Friday night in New York City with a banquet in his honor in which representatives of many political shades of opinion joined. Comrade Trotsky sent the tollowing letter to the wellknown anarchist fighter: Dear Comrade Tresca:

In spite of all the profound divergences, which neither you nor I have the habitude o deny or attenuate. I hope that you will permit me to express the deepest esteem for you, as for a man who is every inch a fighter. Your sixtieth birthday is being celebrated by your friends and I take the liberty of including myself among them. I hope that your moral vigor and revolutionary ardor will be conserved for a long time to come. I embrace you whole-heartedly.

Yours, Leon Trotsky April 10, 1939.

Rapid Growth Reported In Membership of Organization

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK — A city-wide resolution denouncing Roosevelt's war-mongering and declared the firm opposition of the U.P.W.U. to any war the United States may enter and demanded that a people's referendum be granted so that the working class of America may register its opposition to war. The delegates further demanded that all war funds be transferred to the unemployed and

W.P.A. budgets. The officers' reports were accepted as read and Sister Pearson was applauded when she announced that the U.P.W.U. had grown from 13 locals which split from the Workers Alliance last fall, to 22 locals—a gain of nine-with 17 unemployed locals and four W.P.A. locals. The anti-war resolution adopt-

ed was as follows: Whereas; today the world is threatened by a war in which the workers and farmers will ator asked, "You mean a clerk have an easier time with re- once more be called upon to lay

> ests of the bosses, and Whereas; the unemployed workers will be among the first to be slaughtered, as in the last

war, and Whereas; the Roosevelt govfor war are a mortal danger to all workers—unemployed as well as employed—and include the launching of a gigantic profor arms, twelve hundred millions additional for warships, and whereas the relief appro-000,000 as compared to 1938's \$725,000,000, and

Whereas; the billions of dollars being appropriated for destruction and death are being taken from the mouths of the unemployed and could be used for W.P.A., food, clothing, and

Whereas: the Roosevelt govment has prepared a list of ernment is already engaged in Another pretext will be the statutes to be suspended in the a campaign to militarize the slogan of "equalizing the bur- event of war," inquired Sena- relief and W.P.A. workers by dens of war" as between the tor Clark of the Nye Committhe use of generals, captains, soldiers at the front and civil- tee. "Merely a tentative draft, and other army officers in the ians at home. This slogan is not passed on or approved as administration of relief, W.P.A.

Therefore Be It Resolved: 1. That the Unemployed and Project Workers Union of New York, voicing the determination of more than 3,000 unemployed and W.P.A. workers, declares its firm opposition to any war launched by the governl ment.

2. That we support a people's referendum on war so that the employed and unemployed workers shall have the right to voice their opposition to war. 3. That we demand all war funds to the unemployed.

4. That we shall join with all other forces in the labor ment of resistance to war and WANTED: Comrades to share

bungalow on Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. swimming, boating, fishing, hitchhiking easy. Answer F H., c/o Socialist Appeal, 116 University Pl.

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEP ER, 9 years experience, good references desires position. Call AL 4-8547.

TROTSKY GREETS TRESGA ON 40th YEAR AS FIGHTER The fortieth anniversary of Carlo Tresca's participation of Carlo Tresca's parti

Previously Disclosed Evidence Points to Link ing in the May Day issue of es; St. Louis, Minneapolis, Los With Soviet Secret Police

(Continued from Page 1) Harry Zuckerman couple, Mr. Adolph Rudewitz and John Sar-

From the testimony given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zuckerman, it is clear that, as intimate friends of the Stalinist defendant Sharfin, they must have been aware of both his political connections, although they deny this, and of the activities of the passport ring. Witness, for example, that Zuckerman was the main link between Sharfin and the forgers, and the Tammany politicians who facilitated the certification of the phoney passports. That Zuckerman has turned government witness can only mean that, to escape trial, he offered to snitch on his friend of 13 vears' standing. Aaron Sharfin.

date were used by "Robinson" the assistance of Blatt, was le- Phillipovitch.

gally changed by court order Trainer, secretary of the Bosprosecution. They were the fom Adolph Rudewitz to Adolph ton Branch. Arnold Rubens, in which name a passport was obtained on April 7, 1936. The witness testified that he had never applied for a passport and had never met Edward Blatt.

Missing Defendants Again: Although there are three defendants on trial, other defendants are listed, each of whom is missing. They may, of

course, well be the Robinson-Rubens couple, who were not averse to using more than one pseudonym. Among the missing defendants at this trial is one, Gerald Mark Moren. The prosecution brought out

that the name Gerald Mark Moren was obtained by court order. Blatt had affected the change to Moren from Marko Phillipovitch. To prove that the defendant Blatt was aware that Next government witness of he was arranging for a passimportance was introduced by port under a phoney name, the Prosecutor Werner. He is prosecution introduced a Gary, Adolph Rudewitz, of Chicago, Indiana, grocer, John Sarko the man whose name and birth-tich. Sarkotich testified that he knew Marko Phillipovitch but in obtaining a passport. From had last seen him in 1932 in a the introduction of evidence, Gary hospital where he later followed by the examination of | died. Sarkotich identified a pic-Rudewitz by Werner, it was ture of the dead man and idenlearned that the Chicago man's tified himself as the person name was taken over by the whose name appears on the so-called Robinson and, with naturalization papers issued to

Columbus Circle Rally convention of the Unemployed and Project Workers Union, attended by 82 delegates repre-

New York of the Socialist character. Workers Party is planning a May Day rally at Columbus Circle for the afternoon of May 1, E. R. McKinney, City Organizer, announced today. The slogans will include the anti-capitalist slogans characteristic of May Days of past years, as well as slogans against fascism, against the W.P.A. lay-offs, for increased relief and for the six-hour day.

The demonstration will be a colorful affair with banners and music. A joint committee of the Party and Young People's Socialist League is working on the arrangements.

There will be no general united front May Day in New stration. All unemployed and York this year. "The object of W.P.A. workers who want to a united front on May Day." a fight against W.P.A. lay-offs the G.P.U., fell into disgrace Stalin's employ must now inparty statement points out, "is and for higher standards of re- for a number of reasons. But evitably come out into the to involve masses of workers lief, and all workers who want undoubtedly connected with his open. Scores, hundreds, and in genuine class struggle demonstrations, under genuine gle against the boss are urged rout of the armies of the Re- tims, and participants are now working class slogans.

Stalinists Violate Tradition The demonstration called by he Stalinists will, to be sure involve masses. But the charernment's frenzied preparations acter of the demonstration will be clearly patriotic, class col- onstration will be announced in Kremlin. laborationist and in favor of the coming issues of the Socialist so-called collective-security Appeal. front of the "democratic" cap italists against the Rome-Berlin axis. Every statement issuing from the "Provisional May Day Committee" makes this plain. The tradition of the May Day demonstrations throughout the years, the tradition of struggle against the bosses and

> clearly violated. The Socialist Workers Party feels that under the circumstances, the May Day tradition can best be upheld by a dem-

their wars, will therefore be

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEER PARTY & DANCE: Saturday night, April 22 at 9 P.M. Greek Workers Center —167 W. 29th St FREE BEER! Admission: Men 50c Ladies Free Auspices: Progressive Cafeteria Workers.

GRAND-BAL-MUSETTE Paris comes to New York. Saturday, April 22. 916 Ninth Ave. (59th St.). New York City French orchestra. Auspices French Workers Committee

HOUSEWARMING DANCE at our new headquarters, 51 E. 7th St. Saturday, April 22. Keep this date for a jolly evening. Auspices: Downtown Branch S.W.P. and the Leon Sedoff Unit of the Y.P.S.L., New York City.

The ABC of Marxism By HAL DRAPER A simple, clear and com-

prehensive explanation of basic Marxist ideas - for study classes and self-study. 40 pages, mimeographed pamphlet, printed cover. Published by the National Educational Dept., Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York City, Single copies: 10c, 15c by mail. 7c in bundles of 10 or more.

Begins at 2:30

relatively isolated political parcontinues, "is no substitute for requires generally. On the condeceptive caricature of the united front. The Socialist Workers Party therefore will celebrate May Day under its own banner. The Party invites all workers who want to fight against war and fascism, all workers repelled by Stalinist social-patriotism and union wrecking to join in the demonwith us on May Day.'

onstration which will be clearly NEW YORK, April 17-Local anti-capitalist and anti-war in

"A united front of small and Rust, who is not merely an in- will solve the problem of techties and groups," the statement conscious of the social conse- der such an economy new insuch united action as May Day mercial invention, stated that it ployment but can only serve to

may

Yezhov's Victims In Spain Must Cry Out

I fall are the Spanish events. The thousands of witnesses.

ted on the Iberian peninsula by countries.

C.P.'s Mr. FORD SQUIRMS **OUT OF DEBATING JAMES**

lutionary slogans are under-

Through the column of Geo. Courier, a Negro newspaper, we learn that James Ford, one of the hot-shots in the Communist Party and perennial candidate for vice-president of the United States on the Communist Party ticket turned down a chance to debate with C. L. Worker. R. James, famous Negro writer from Great Britain. Proposéd by Wilkins

race in the United States to public platform. hear a debate between two prominent Negroes who disagree on what is the best program for the Negroes to obtain their full rights.

form might be.

Party leader is usually ready C. L. R. James was willing to victory. The blinders will fall to argue for hours at a time meet Mr. Ford on a public from the eyes of many a blindabout the necessity of building platform where each would ed man. "our" war machine and stop- have equal opportunity to exping the aggressors, or how press his views in democratic al method, Stalin has tried, by the Trotskyists with their revolfashion. But Mr. Ford, the a timely removal of Yezhov to mining traditional American approached, "curved like an this-not I." But after all this, S. Schuyler in the Pittsburg bate James, and blew off more and more like stupidity? refusing the debate, but mereto be found in the Daily

Ford has always been willing the world there are people who to debate with apologists for have passed in one way or ancapitalism and with mild lib- other through the hands of the The proposal for the debate erals of every hue, but when G.P.U. After the massacre of came from Dr. Roy Wilkins, he had the chance to debate a Spain, the number of such ineditor of the widely known real Negro leader who is 100 dividuals has enormously in-Negro journal, Crisis. Mr. | per cent for emancipation of | creased. When forced to free Wilkins thought that it would his race, Mr. Ford found it ad- their victims from the clutchbe of real value to the Negro visable not to appear on the ing claws, the agents of the

Empire.'

for a ten dollar (\$10.00) greet- some of the New York Branchthe APPEAL for the Boston Angeles, California; Detroit, Cleveland, Akron and others.

"Here's hoping for a slam-We repeat: April 22 is the bang May Day issue!"-Bill deadline for greetings since the paper must be set up in advance. Likewise, the above branches with the exception of Minnea-

polis, have failed to send in increased bundle orders. This special 8-page May Day issue week is your final opportunity. of the Socialist Appeal will be New York City is planning to handle several thousand extra May Day Appeals. What about your branch?

their extra bundle-orders, send Watch for the May-Day Apin their greetings and collection lists for the May Day issue. peal! The Voice of Militant Many branches have yet to Labor!

Inventor of Cotton Picker Says Planned Economy Only Way Out

By J. PYTLAK

LAST CALL FOR

MAY DAY APPEAL:

On Wednesday, April 26, the

Branches have until Satur-

day, April 22 in which to place

John Rust, co-inventor of the only practical cotton picking machine, told this reporter that his invention would greatly accelerate technological unemployment. The lot of the share ropper, he maintained, aleady miserable beyond description, would grow steadily

pickers. Large-scale introducthe farmer will receive a bonus displace 75 to 80 percent of the consumption in the United remaining tenants and sooner States. or later almost all wage labor will become superfluous except housing program, cooperative that necessary to operate ma- farm projects and retraining

The tenants who remain will good," the inventor concluded, be compelled, if the land is suit-| ''only—the—introduction—of— ${f a}$ able, to buy the machine lest planned economy of abundance they be unable to compete. Mr. | based on production for use ventor but also a man fully nological unemployment. Unquences of a practical, com- | ventions cannot cause unemwas the duty of the government lighten the burden of toil and trary it is a meaningless and to absorb displaced tenants and raise the standard of living laborers on nation-wide hous- generally."

Will Train Workers

ling and cooperative farm proj-

The Rust Foundation, which s being organized by both Rust brothers, will have as one of its functions the training of the disemployed to use the new machine, so that some of them will find new types of employ-

ment at higher wages. Asked what he thought of the Mr. Rust stated that the trac A.A.A. and the various governtor had already displaced half ment crop reduction programs, a million to a million cotton Mr. Rust replied that he was tenants. His own picker, which absolutely opposed to them. He is about to be introduced, can is in favor of some type of dodo the work of 50 to 100 hand mestic allotment plan whereby tion of the new machine will on each bale of cotton sold for

> "Although a large scale do some immediate

Yezhov, the former head of the international scoundrels in to join in the demonstration publican government, which departing and fleeing from was brought about with the di- Spain to all parts of the world. The demonstration will take rect and most active participa- They will carry with them place at Columbus Circle and tion of the G.P.U., represents a everywhere their testimony will begin at 2:30. The speakers very great danger both for the concerning the crimes of the and the program for the dem- G.P.U. and its masters in the G.P.U. in Spain. Truth will become accessible to broad cir-Innumerable crimes commit-cles of the population in all

If the Republicans had been victorious, many would have been inclined to condone Stalin's crimes: "Conquerors are not brought to judgment." But it has now become perfectly clear that the infamous murders of revolutionists only average Communist: Mr. Schuyler reports that served to facilitate Franco's

> In pursuance of his tradition-Communist Party leader, when say: "Yezhov is guilty of all Australian boomerang." Mr. who will believe this cowardly Ford absolutely refused to de- cunning which begins to look steam over the proposal in a For the crimes in Spain, Stalin long letter to Crisis in which himself is personally answerhe gave no coherent reason for able to the world working class -both for the perfidious policy ly called James by the most of the Comintern and for the selective assortment of names murderous policy of the G.P.U.

> > Almost in every country in

G.P.U. usually say: "Remem-James has been touring the ber we have far reaching United States, speaking on hands." The fear of this threat "The Decline of the British seals many a lip. We must now do all in our power to make the Thousands of workers, Negro | terrified ones speak up. Our Ford's program, as is well and white have heard his pas- comrades in all countries must known, advocates supporting sionate words against the un-explain to all former victims the Roosevelt capitalist gov- bearable exploitation visited on and semi-victims of the G.P.U. ernment in the coming world the oppressed of the world that it is their direct duty to war. James' program as em- They know him for an honest tell everything they know. bodied in the carefully written and sincere Negro leader ready Their relatives in the U.S.S.R. books which have given him an to carry his message anywhere will not suffer if the revelations enviable reputation throughout and to debate it against any assume a mass character. The liberal circles, advocates work- one with the courage to stand organizations of the Fourth Ining class solidarity, equal up and defend his convictions. ternational can and must give rights for Negro workers, and The action of Mr. Ford cannot these revelations such a mass uncompromising struggle but help convince them that character. At present, this is against capitalism and its op- the Communist Party leaders an extremely urgent task in pression no matter what its are playing a role far less hon- the struggle against the international Stalinist Mafia.

In the World of Labor

₌ By Paul G. Stevens ₌

"Poor Little Poland"

Carries on for Democracy

All eyes have been turned on Poland as the newest and most dangerous of the powder barrels from which the coming European and World War is to get its first spark. The Chamberlain-Daladier crowd, in their campaign of encirclement against the Fascist Axis. have replaced the late republic of Czechoslovakia with Poland in their propaganda as the symbol of the "democracy" they are fighting for. Henceforth, we shall probably hear from them and from their American counterparts in the Roosevelt war machine, including the Stalinists and social democrats, of all kinds of outrages being committed against "poor little

It is therefore highly interesting to read in a not so old copy of the British Manchester Guardian, which is part and parcel of this campaign, how "democracy" actually fares in Poland.

'The Polish terror in the Ukraine," wrote a correspondent of that paper, "is now worse than anything that is happening anywhere in Europe. The Ukraine has become a land of despair and desolation that is all the more poignant because the rights of the Ukraine have been guaranteed by international treaty. because the League of Nations has been altogether deaf to appeals and arguments and because the outside world doesn't care." (10-

Conditions in the Polish Ukraine have, if anything, become worse since the rise of the Hitler threat. What treatment the Jewish minority receives in Poland has been a matter of public scandal for years. Yet this is the "poor little democracy" that we are going to be drummed up to defend in the coming con-

Sixty Hours for the Workers— Jail Terms for IV Internationalists

Hand in hand with the Daladier decrees abrogating the forty-hour week and replacing it with the sixty hours, with the decrees abolishing nearly every economic gain achieved by the French workers in recent years, goes the ferocious attack against the French Fourth Internationalists.

We have already reported here the arrests of our comrades Suzanne Charpy, Loret and Steve. Word now comes that comrade Morel, who succeeded Charpy as editor of Revolution, the organ of the French Youth Section is under indictment on similar charges. Comrades Beaufrere, Philipp and Forges, three militants of the Revolutionary Socialist Youth. are likewise under indictment for "provoking the military to disobedience." due to articles which appeared in the very latest issue of Revolution. Beaufrere has also been indicted for distributing a leaflet entitled: "Defend the Forty Hours! Down with the Daladier Gov-

ernment! Throw the Cagoulards in Prison!' (The Cagoulards are the hooded French Fascist organization).

Naturally, the Stalinists and reformists in France are entirely unconcerned with their fate. They are still busy licking the boots of Daladier. Our French comrades depend upon international solidarity in their valiant struggle. All aid to the French Fourth Internation-

Why the Chamberlain Crowd Sees | can hot British. No Barrier in Stalin's Ideology

It has long been known to Marxists that taken over by the British. The Chamberlain's reluctance to deal with the African natives who have lived Stalin government of the Soviet Union in his under the imperialist rule of line-up of diplomatic alliances was due entire- both England and Germany ly to tactical considerations on the part of have a saying that the only dif-British capitalism. Only propagandists for the ference between the two is that Cliveden set made a bogey out of Stalin. Only Stalinist dupes and paid scriveners have re- step! garded Chamberlain as an opponent in principle of the Stalin regime.

Now, that Hitler's refusal to be held in tow has forced Chamberlain to agree to a British-Soviet alliance, the real attitude of the Tory capitalists to Stalin comes to light.

The Marquess of Donegall, one of their spokesmen writes in Lord Rothermere's Sun-

"I was glad to see Mr. Chamberlain state that we have no ideological barrier to co-operation with Russia. There are still a lot of people in this country before whom the Communist bogy looms large.

They failed to realise that with the ousting of Trotsky and the execution of many of his followers, Communism-if by that you mean Marxism with its aims of world revolutionwent west years ago.

What has been growing up in Russia for years is National Socialism — a bourgeois

Furthermore, with Russia's limitless resources, that National Socialism is not forced into the position of being aggressive, as is Germany's.

It has, of course, paid the Fascists to keep alive the Communist bogy with which to entice gullible moderates into their camp. And it is astounding how many intelligent Conservatives in this country have only just awakened to the fact that they have been facing the wrong enemy.

No doubt, the good marquess over-reaches himself in this all too sanguine estimate. He is simply working hard to change public opinion in line with the change in tactics when he speaks of Russia as a bourgeois state. But the reference to Trotsky is sufficient to indicate where he really stands. That the workers of Soviet Russia and of the world have little to expect from a Chamberlain-Stalin alliancethat flows clearly from every word the mar-

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

The story is told of the weary traveler who had walked many miles on a dusty road under a hot sun. Late in the afternoon he saw in the distance a farmhouse where he knew there would be a well of cool water to quench his thirst. Accordingly he quickened his pace and after an hour or so threw down his knapsack in the shade of the trees surrounding the lonely house. Then he went up to the door and knocked politely. A huge, gruff man came to a side window and in a deep rough voice growled, "What do you mean by disturbing a law-abiding citizen at this hour of the after-

"I've been walking all day," answered the traveler, "and I am very thirsty. Do you mind if I get a drink of water at your well?"

"Go right ahead," said the man at the window, "but be careful not to break the pump. Be patient.'

There Are Many Suckers

The weary traveler thanked the man and then walked back to the pump which was located at the foot of a steep hill behind the farmhouse. He took along a tin cup. . .

At first he pumped quickly. But no water came. Then he tried pumping slowly. But still no water came. He was weary and thirsty. And although he was very weak, his burning thirst demanded he make one more effort. He pumped and pumped. Finally, after a halfhour of hard work, a thin stream of water came out and filled his little tin cup.

But one small drink did not satisfy his thirst so he pumped and pumped and pumped until. just as before, another cupfull of water came out. And after working hard for two hours he finally had enough and prepared to continue his journey. But he was curious to know why the man who lived there didn't fix the pump so that it would work more easily.

Once again he knocked on the farmhouse door. This time the man inside opened the door and came out. Now he was smiling. In fact he was almost laughing.

'The pump? Something wrong? Oh no! It works fine! You see I arranged like that on purpose. Whenever someone knocks at my door and asks for a drink I always say 'Sure -go ahead' because every time one of you fellows pump a cupfull for yourself, you must first pump five gallons up the hill into my supply tank on the roof of the house. Ha! Ha! Smart trick eh? Why should I work when there are suckers like you fellows to do it for me?

And so the poor traveler, who owned no house, no well, and who had no money, continued on his long journey. But he began to think about the little trick of the pump and the supply tank. The more he thought the more he became angry with himself. "A sucker am I?" he said to himself. "Hum. . . Maybe I am but perhaps things can be changed around for the better. There is that fat slob. sitting on his fanny all day long in that nice cool farmhouse, drinking the water pumped from the ground by thousands of travelers like myself. Hum. . ."

Warehouses Full—Workers Starve

How many workers in industry have ever stopped to realize that each week they produce many more pairs of shoes, overcoats, loaves of bread or lamps than they can buy back with their wages? If, for instance a skilled carpenter can produce six dining room tables every week, can he take his week's wages and buy back six tables built by himself during the week? He cannot. Each week in every industry there are hundreds of thousands of finished products which the working class cannot afford because their wages are far below the prices established by the bosses and their government. And while millions of workers and their families go without the proper clothing, live in houses which are not considered fit for cattle or dogs, eat food which is not only scarce but thin, and live the | their so-called "leaders' can lives of convicts, the warehouses are filled to | manage it, the French working the brim with goods called "surplus com- class is in imminent danger of

Depressions are no longer considered the result of over-production but of under-consumption! In other words we do not consume enough, although there are millions of pairs of shoes, overcoats, loaves of bread and radios and oranges in the storehouses of capitalism! Wheat and corn and cotton are ploughed under in the midst of hunger and cold! Pigs and cows are destroyed, coffee is dumped in the sea, the government pays money to needy farmers so they will not plant the earth with necessary food or cotton! And all the while there are millions and millions of unemployed men and women and youth who suffer from malnutrition and other "working-class di-

Capitalism Is Like the Pump

And what happens to an unemployed work- has instead stopped the work er who applies for relief to the same govern- ers. Their morale has been ment which destroyed the food, set the prices and maintains a National Guard and police in Spain. forces to protect the private property of the boss? Is he treated like the victim of an earthquake or a flood? He is not. He is examined, cross-examined, bullied and treated like a criminal. It makes little difference to the boss- gain its confidence. Huge mass government if he has put in fifteen years or demonstrations on May Day, more on the job. It means nothing to the relief agency if the worker has invested his eye. them to feel again the strength sight, his lungs, his nerves, his every ounce of of their own invincible might. energy in a job which expired merely because the boss's profits slowed up. . . He is forced ing all in their power to deny to fill out hundreds of forms and blanks and them this opportunity. It is not is subjected to every possible kind of humili- necessary, they say, for the ating and disgusting red tape. And when a few workers to take the day off. measly bucks are spent on him he is made to That means no parades, no feel that he is a social outcast, a loafer—an stirring call to class solidarity. ungrateful bum. . . Campaigns are carried on That means a show of weakin the press, over the radio and in Congress to ness, when the times démand discredit the unemployed worker.

That is how capitalism works. Like the farmhouse pump. For each cup of water produced by the worker, the boss's warehouses must be filled to the brim. And then the worker is dismissed — laid off — fired. And if he wants to eat he must crawl back to the boss's government and beg for each mouthful. But, like the traveler, the worker is beginning to get wise to the system. He is beginning to organize his fellow workers all over America for the purpose of taking over the pump and running it on a co-operative basis with a workers' police force to guard against the bosses. The name of this organization is the Socialist Workers Party - Fourth International. There

is a branch in your city.

How Britain Rules Its Vast Colonial Empire The Plunderers of a World Domain Who Imposed the Iron Heel of Exploi-

The British have the reputation of being the world's best

The 500,000,000 colonial peoole scattered throughout the world and who are on the receiving end of this colonization agree. They agree that when ough job of it. comes to stealing the last bit gold, thinking up new taxes or starving peasants, creating inhuman conditions for factory

After the World War, Germany's African colonies were the British can't do the goose

Started Concentration Camps The British originated the idea of concentration camps during the Boer war when they penned up thousands of their

prisoners.

To this very day, thousands of miners who toil in the mines of the Union of South Africa are locked up each night in "labor compounds" which are policed by British troops.

In Indian cities like Calcutta and Bombay, native factory workers return to homes—after an average 10-12 hour daythat possess no water or toilet facilities; no bathtubs; no cook ing equipment — nothing but mats on stone floors.

Who gains by this constant exploitation?

Certainly not the masses of people who live in the colonies! They are ground down by such permanent misery that death becomes a way out for them. India has the world's highest death-rate for the newly-born. All of the English colonies are breeding places of the diseases that accompany malnutrition and famine such as bone diseases in all forms, tuberculosis hook worm, plagues, etc.

The Technique When the British take posses

LABOR LEADERS DECREE NO MAY DAY IN FRANCE

A brief news dispatch from Paris. April 6. contained the information that the National 'Executive Committee' of the General Confederation of Labor (the national trade union organization, C.G.T.) has voted "cancel the annual twentyfour-hour nation-wide cessation of work on May Day." The report added that the C.G.T. "instructed its affiliated federations that May Day celebra tions do not oblige workers to take the day off."

The warning is clear. If being turned over to the French fascist butchers with-

out a struggle. Under the Socialist Premier Leon Blum and the Radical-Socialist Premier Edouard Daladier, the gains so magnificently won by the French workers in the strikes of 1936 were snatched from them one

by one. Daladier now rules by decree The 60-hour week has law. been installed. Salaries have been slashed. Over-time pay has been cut. New tax burdens have been imposed. And French fascism has been growing unchecked. The Front Populaire, sponsored by the Stalinists to "stop fascism," strained further by the catastrophic defeat of the workers

Now, if ever, the French working class is in tremendous need of an opportunity to relabor's own day, would enable But their "leaders" are do-

May Day Needed

above all a striking show of strength. It is understandable that the Daladiers and the De la Rocques should desire the cancellation of May Day demonstrations. It is unspeakably despicable that the "leaders" of the workers own organizations should play the game of

> At Your Service THE APPEAL POSTER SHOP

the capitalists and the fascists.

tation on 500 Million Colonial People Have Taught the Fascists the Use people will be eligible to vote! One-half a million out of 375,-Of the Concentration Camp and the Fierce Despotism of Military Might 000,000!

military authority over the de- are all imported—at British that are based upon a worldfenseless people. Then they prices—from the other colonies. wide "preferential" tariff sysmake an agreement with a miworkers, there is no one who nority section of the native sort of industrial growth can hold a candle up to the population which they trans- they make sure it remains in stands the financier, the ban- dates of their choosing than form into servants of the Brit- their hands only. British capiish imperialists. Finally—after talists and bankers own the they have purged the popula- gold mines of South Africa, the tion of all those who object and coal and iron mines of India, have filled all the available the jute mills of Calcutta, the

19th Century One-Crop System

owners, real-estate investors British King and Queen? That's peoples they have enslaved. pegin operations on the peas- the blood and sweat of countantry. With British thorough-less peasants and workers, ness. they oust the peasants miners and factory-hands. from their lands and drive them to work in the cities or mines. They force the people to stop producing food necessities (that is, with the excep- a profit—an annual average of British imperialist once retion of food products that are needed in "mother" England and organize profitable onecrop systems. Thus, the Indian province of Bengal has an overwhelming majority of peasants native peasants: the mill-owner

York City, has faced the prob-

its own members since the fa-

mous Wall Street crash of 1929.

Where the British permit any tem. they take everything. It is the colonies are in their posses- British. calculated that at least \$50,000,- sion. Between \$800,000,000 and

removed from India during the it made by the British from guage. their investments in India. Have you seen in newsreels the

From Both Ends

And to these colonies the factured goods in the form of textiles, machinery, etc.

the landlord beating down the cause he can free others!" who grow nothing but jute, the standing at the back of the na-

sion of a colony they do a thor-price of which is fixed by the tive worker; the merchant British. Wheat, flour, beef, driving his shrewd British bar-First their soldiers establish butter, wool, hides, rubber, etc. gain and reaping his profits

ker, the super-imperialist of

"The City.

Imperial "Civilization" jails—the British begin to rule. textile plants of Bombay, the onies have been schools for use that render them powerless. The plunderers load British sugar refineries of the West by the English community or ships with the wealth of the Indies. The transportation and the children of natives who variably stuffed and packed by country. Gold, jewels, textiles public utilities systems of all work hand-in-glove for the Englishmen or their agents,

In India, 300,000,000 people 000,000 worth of material was \$1,000,000,000 is the annual prof-cannot read or write any lan-in a British colony than there

British landlords, plantation flashing Crown Jewels of the level of any of the backward If this were not so, the colonial They have never attempted to root out primitive customs, backward religions and superstitions.

> to do so! Ignorance and ex-British export—at not too small ploitation go hand in hand. A \$1,500,000,000 worth of manu- marked: "A coolie (the common British expression for a colonial worker) who can read This is the British Empire— is worse than a free man, be-

"Democracy" in the Colonies

Neon signs that can be display-

ed. They are determined to let

all unionists know of the bene-

Make the Bosses Pay!

Hary Van Arsdale, Jr., busi-

ness manager of Local No. 3 of

the I. B. E. W. and vice-presi-

dent of the Building Trades

Council, believes that the 30-

hour week can well go beyond

Van Arsdale says: "Simple

arithmetic will tend to show, if

there are 30,000,000 workers

"The members of Local

ed by the operation of numer-

Today the task of organized

labor is to fight for the 30-hour

week without reduction in pay.

It's about time the bosses were

brought up short. Let the boss-

es be the ones to pay for a

shorter workday. The Interna-

to reduce unemployment. La-

the confines of one union.

fits of the 30-hour week.

All sorts of property qualifications, communal divisions.

etc. are put in the way of vot-

And even the mildest nation: alist parties are outlawed if they show any signs of gaining strength. The colonial people Over and above all of them can no more vote for candithe workers of Germany or Italy can.

Where local parliaments do The only schools ever organ- exist, as in India, their teeth ized by the British in their col- are pulled in advance by laws And these parliaments are in-

who exercise automatic control. There is no more democracy is in a Nazi concentration The British never seriously camp! Military-police dictatorattempted to raise the cultural ship is the system that rules.

peoples would have cast out the hated British rulers long ago.

Nor should we expect them CHICAGO HEARST

Thugs, violence, false statements and court injunctions have all been resorted to by Campaign of Electrical Workers for William R. Hearst in an endeavor to break the American Newspaper Guild strike against 6-Hour Day Is Model for All Unions his two viciously anti-labor newspapers in Chicago, the Herald & Examiner, and the

Despite these efforts, the strike continues and is being Today, with millions of workers in this country without jobs, New York City. Their members given wide support from labor wear huge buttons reading "30- throughout the country. A Hour Week-Practical Solution number of advertisers have For Unemployment." Union likewise stopped using the colmembers paste up stickers umns of these two papers. In everywhere with this same slo- March, they dropped a total of gan. They have even made up 716,913 lines under their lineage for the same month last year, according to the April 15 Guild Reporter. Some national advertisers, however, have disregarded the strike and still patronize the Chicago Herald & Examiner and the Chicago Evening American.

The Guild Reporter lists these advertisers as follows: Automobiles: Buick, Ford, Chevrolet, Plymouth.

Chain Stores: A. & P., Na tional Tea, Sears Roebuck; Walgreens Drug. Clothing: Bond Clothes, Lane

Bryant, Richman Bros. Drugs: Pepsodent Antiseptic,

Vicks Vapo Rub and Cough Drops, Bromo Seltzer-Emerson Foods: Aunt Jemima Pan-

cake Flour-Quaker Oats Co., Beechnut Coffee, Snyders Cat sup, Mrs. Wagner's Pies, Curwho have the experience gaintiss Candy Co., Kellogg's Brand Co. Gas and Oil: Phillips "66,"

day at the same hourly rate of | 6-hour day, 30-hour week, for Standard Oil Co. \$1.70 as they had adopted in all workers and look forward to January of that year. This was its adoption in the very near

Liquors: National Distillers, Wilson Distillers, Schenley Products, Carstairs Bros. Distillery Co.

Tobacco: Camels, Chesterfields, Old Golds, Dunhill Cigarettes. Miscellaneous: American Family Soap, United Airlines,

Proctor & Gable Mfg. Co. These manufacturers are therefore aiding Hearst in his its. In January 1938 they put a | bor must follow this example | fight against the strike. Boycott them!

SOCIETY MOTES

Five Little Pirates Carry On For Grandpa

The third generation of Rockefellers have definitely "made the grade" in New York society.

working, today more than 75 Sr., founder of the family fortune, never was able to gain membership in any of Gotham's ritziest clubs. His son be forced to plunge into war. and namesake, present head of the Rockefeller clan and interests, declined to place himself | I was at war and in the army.' in the position where he might he told his mother. "I had a be subjected to the rebuffs ad gun and the shells were burst-The entire Building Trades ministered to his father. But the grandsons and great-

The International Brother- Club, as is William A. Rockehood of Electrical Workers feller, who also is privileged to to the bar, looped the other end

All Stockholders, War Is Near

For weeks, according to his widowed mother, Walter (Buddy) Merriell, 17, of Los Angeles, anxiously read every scrap of European news. She The late John D. Rockefeller, said he was greatly alarmed when he heard a news commentator interpret a warning of President Roosevelt às mean ing that the United States will

Yesterday morning he arose ill and dispirited. "I dreamed ing around me and the airplanes were droning over my nephews of old John D. have head. Mother, I'm sick about

> He set off for high school, Later he returned, complaining

An hour later his mother he's a member of the Union found his body. He had fastened one end of his book strap

a pile of books.

During that month they held out for a 6-hour day, at \$12 a day. Get 6-Hour Day Today members of the Elec-A year later they discovered trical Workers Union work 6

\$60 for 30 hours work. Over-

When the year 1933 rolled from \$13.20 to \$11.20 for an 8-

lem of unemployment among did not stick to their word. They wanted profits. Union Gets Wise The union members got wis-

For years the electrical workers were employed on the baer. They discovered that the sis of an 8 hour day—40 hour only ones to benefit from a deweek. During the past ten crease in wages were their years it was considered normal bosses who were rich enough when 25 per cent of the union already. Local No. 3 members membership was working and had sacrificed beyond endur-'best'' when 50 per cent were ance. The union members came to the conclusion that a shorter

The electrical workers got

employment while the bosses

bosses were making huge prof-

ers paying for unemployment.

ed, that the bosses pay, and at

At the same time the reduc-

tion of hours has to a large ex-

employment. While for the past

ten years the union had only

bers are employed. The union

It was about time, they decid

the same time increase employ

got richer. They were tied of tional Brotherhood of Electric-

salary reductions while their al Workers has shown us how

stop to the system of the work- in every industry!

Bosses Fire Men work day was needed-but not The bosses offered no solua smaller pay check. They ion. They had discovered that struggled towards this end and employed 40 hours or longer, with the improved technique their first result was a contract and 10,000,000 are unemployed, and efficiency of the electrical signed in November 1934 which that the establishment of the workers and with the tremenprovided for a 7-hour day at 6 hour day-30 hour week will dous advances in the mechanthe same \$11.20 wage they had make it possible for the unemization of work, the electrical received for working an 8-hour | ployed to find work. worker accomplished a good day. Further struggles on the deal more than he used to in part of the Electrical Workers Union No. 3, International Broeight hours of work. The em-Union brought the wage rate up lover got as much as he could to \$11.90 (\$1.70 per hour) by out of the electrician, and since January 1936. the technical improvements re-In August of 1936 the union ous plans, believe that the solusulted in more work finished in was forced to accept a 6-hour tion for unemployment is the less hours, fewer electrical

and with the bosses reducing the weekly pay checks of millions

of other workers by only giving "part time" work to their em-

ployees, one union has found and effected what it calls "a prac-

ical solution to the unemployed problem—the 30-hour week.

Electrical Workers, with approximately 6,000 members in New

The union, Local No. 3 of the International Brotherhood of

ment. a setback, because it reduced | future." The electrical workers disthe daily wage from \$11.90 to covered that they had to solve 10.20 even though more work the problem of unemployment resulted from the reduction in themselves. The people who hours. hired them were not going to give up their profits no matter sick and tired of paying for un-

workers were hired. The result

was tremendous unemploy-

how kind a heart they had. The first scheme that the electrical workers put into practice required a good deal of sacrifice on their part. They decided to share employment and in that way alleviate the distress caused by unemployment to individual members who could find no jobs. This was decided on November 21, 1930 when members of the Electrical Workers Union voted to work only 4 days a week-

8 hours a day. Further Sacrifices

that there was still a tremen- | hours a day-5 days a week. dous amount of unemployment. The union members who were time above 6 hours a day costs working decided to make fur- the bosses exactly \$3 per hour. ther sacrifices for their unemployed fellow workers and on November 9, 1931 they voted to tent solved the problem of unwork only 3 days a week on the

8-hour day basis. In addition to sharing the 25 to 50 per cent of its members available work, in August of 1931 they established an unemper cent of the I.B.E.W. memployment fund to which every employed union member consees to it that the speed-up systributed 15 per cent of his part- tem is not used. Electricians time earnings. Up to July 1, now work 30 hours, and use the 1934, more than \$1,800,000 of benefit of improvement in mathis money was paid out in the chinery for their own advanform of contributions to unemtage—the shorter work-week. ployed union members.

Idea Sprèads around, the electrical workers Council in New York has taken were in despair. Unemploy- the idea from the Brotherhood ment increased. The bosses of Electrical Workers and is fared much better. Nelson it. I don't want to kill any came to the union with the pro- seeing to it that the entire Rockefeller can point to mem- one. posal that they would stimulate | building trades industry adopt | bership in the exclusive Knickemployment if the union con- the 30-hour week without re- erbocker, as can John D., 3rd. sented to a reduction in wages. duction in pay. Only a few Laurence Rockefeller belongs he was ill, and went to the gar-The members of the union, be- weeks ago the Plumbers and to the hoity-toity River Club; age where he had a gymnastic lieving that they would be able | Steamfitters, Local 463, won a J. Sterling Rockefeller has ac- bar. to increase employment, ac- smashing victory when they in- complished "the impossible"cepted a decrease in wages sisted on the 6-hour day.

hour day's work. The result was more unem- think they have a good idea. sign checks at the Racquet and around his neck and stepped off ployment. The bosses, as usual, They have been spreading the Tennis Club.

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Roosevelt's Note

It is doubtful whether the head of any state ever made a shrewder move than Roosevelt when he sent his letter to Hitler and Mussolini asking them to give assurance that, for a minimum of ten years, their armed forces will not attack or invade the territory of the thirty-one nations he mentioned in the letter. It is immaterial whether Hitler and Mussolini answer the note or what they say if they do answer. Regardless of what they do or say the letter will have served its purpose.

Consider all that the note does for Roosevelt and how it advances his general policies and you will recognize what a superbly clever gesture it

It puts Hitler and Mussolini on the spot. Bécause, obviously, a refusal to reply or a negative reply to such a reasonable request as not to invade the territory of other nations is equivalent to an admission of having aggressive intentions. Hitler and Mussolini may attack the hypocrisy of the note and they of course will be right; they may point to the well-known fact that the socalled democracies, including the United States, have done quite a lot of invading on their own hook, and in that they will utter a self-evident truth. They can pour ridicule on the note, but no such tactics will help them. They must give the required assurance or furnish Roosevelt and Chamberlain and Daladier with powerful argu-

An affirmative reply, just as a refusal to give the assurance requested by Roosevelt, plays into the latter's hands. A promise made by Hitler and Mussolini not to invade the territory of other nations not only brings credit to Roosevelt as a great peace-maker; the inevitable breach of such a promise will put Roosevelt in a stronger position to obtain the support of all the gullible "peace-lovers" in any war-like move he will deem fit to make.

Not only does Roosevelt put Hitler and Mussolini on the spot. He strengthens his own position at home. He steps forth as a man sincerely devoted to the interests of peace, confounding his isolationist critics who have accused him of being a war-monger. Is he not justified in trying to bring peace to a troubled world and is not his request that Hitler and Mussolini refrain from attacking other nations more than reasonable?

Who but an extreme factionalist can oppose such a noble attempt to save the world from a disastrous catastrophe? Thus will run the refrain of Roosevelt's supporters, well-meaning and otherwise.

Intelligent workers will not be fooled by Roosevelt's latest move. In the first place they will recognize that, even if Roosevelt's "plea" is meant sincerely, the coming war cannot be stopped nor long postponed by any conferences. Neither the British, nor the French, nor the American capitalists are willing to give up anything of value to the German and Italian capitalists. The fundamental rivalries between them must continue until the workers will throw them all overboard and use the resources of the world for the common benefit of all the peoples.

But one must indeed be gullible to believe that Roosevelt really thinks that his note will do any good. It is intended to strengthen his hand in his efforts to involve this country in the coming war between the fascist imperialist nations and the "democratic" imperialist nations. He wants to

convince the masses that he is a man of peace in order the more readily to hurl them into war.

The American workers must follow their own path to achieve real peace. They must take their destinies in their own hands and call upon the workers of all other countries to follow them and peace will be assured through the union of socialist republics.

Diego Rivera

It is with deep regret that we see Diego Rivera withdraw from the revolutionary workers' movement.

We are profoundly grateful to him for the invaluable aid he gave in securing comrade Trotsky asylum in Mexico. We are grateful to him too for the many personal sacrifices he made to secure comrade Trotsky's safety against the machinations of the G.P.U., and for his personal assistance during the grave difficulties which beset our forces while it was being proved to the whole world that the Moscow Trials were frameups.

We consider Diego Rivera one of the world's great artists, probably the greatest ever to stand in the ranks of the revolutionary movement. We think that posterity too will regard him and his artistic productions in this light.

Our break with Diego Rivera and his resignation from the Fourth International came for political reasons only — genuine revolutionists who keep their revolutionary ideals ever before them can always compose the personal irritations that inevitably arise even among the most coolheaded. No, the break did not come because artistic temperament and vaulting imagination could not overlook the small annoyances of daily

The break came because Diego Rivera sponsored a petty-bourgeois political party in Mexico, helped organize it, and accepted the post of secretary in it. This is a most grave political error in our estimation and irreconcilable with the principles of the Fourth International.

It is our belief that Diego Rivera has allowed himself to become deeply discouraged by the successive major defeats of the working class on a world scale, the defeat in China, the defeat in Germany, and now the last tragic defeat in Spain. Reaction seems to him to roll on with all the might and power of a colossal juggernaut crushing out all democratic rights without which art and culture are impossible; and the forces of the Fourth International seem to him too weak

But not even the most fertile and ingenious mind can create out of a solely temporary conjuncture of forces-even though they seem progressive for the moment—new principles of revolution and a new way to preserve democratic rights. Marxism and the Marxist party of the workers still point out the only road to socialism, to genuine proletarian democracy.

Despite its apparent smallness in numbers and the apparent strength of its enemies, the Fourth International is the only force in the world that can shatter capitalism, the only movement which will eventually gather to its banner the teeming millions of the earth's toilers, and crush all the iron strictures that capitalism in decay binds about art and literature and civilized living.

Diego Rivera in a petty-bourgeois party is a tragic figure. In this he represents the tragedy of all those revolutionists who have grown disheartened and start searching for a short cut from the difficult road the socialist revolution must

We believe that Diego Rivera has made a grave political mistake. We hope that he will recognize it and with revolutionary integrity return to the ranks of the Fourth International.

But we cannot suspend a single one of our political principles for any man no matter how great he is in his own right and in his own

Draft the Profiteers!

Representative Osmers of New Jersey has introduced a bill in Congress which would make it mandatory when war breaks out to draft first of all, the President of the United States, the Vice-President, the Cabinet, all members of Congress who vote for war, the directors of corporations selling war munitions, and the bankers who make war loans.

Representative Osmers thinks that if his bill passes, it will keep the United States out of war. He believes that if those who intend to plunge the country into war were compelled to be the first to face the bayonets of the "enemy" they would never declare war.

And the Congressman is right. He knows his cowards. The capitalists do not intend to fight any war . . . personally. They intend to leave that bloody job with all its risks and its horrors for the workers while they sit back comfortably at home and rake in the profits.

These same capitalists control Congress. They have doomed Osmer's little bill in advance just as they have doomed legions of workers in advance to die for capitalist profits.

Only a workers' revolution in the United States can prevent the President, Congress, the bankers, and the Wall Street moguls from marching the workers of this country into the onrushing world carnage.

WHAT THE WALL STREET MOGULS GOT IN "WAGES"

A Condensed Account of What the Bloodsuckers Paid Themselves for Draining Profits, Which Are Only Partly Listed, Out of the Workers' Sweat and Toil

The United States Treasury | "earns" his salary by thinking | Aluminum Corporation of low both the names of the cor- legend, "Keep Smiling." norations and their chairmen. other enterprises.

American Telephone & Tele- May Days of 1937. graph Co.—W. S. Gifford — 3209.650. A. T. & T. is notorious organization of the telephone ever, is reported doing very

American Tobacco Co.-Geo. W. Hill, \$380,976. And Mr. Hill's Lucky Strikes are still nonunion cigarettes.

Borden Co .- A. W. Wilbur, \$95,000. LaFollette Civil Liberies Committee revealed that Borden employed the Railway Audit & Inspection Company, a notorious labor espionage ser-

Chase National Bank-Win-W. Aldrich, \$175,000. LaGuardia. labor's cuts relief to pay Mr. Aldrich interest on city bonds. Continental Can Company-C. C. Conway, \$72,860. Employed Pinkerton labor spies in ts plants.

Fight Unionization Crucible Steel Company-F. B. Hufnagel. \$125.000. Fought the S.W.O.C. for months before a union contract was signed. Diamond Match Company-W. A. Fairburn, \$100,000. At

various times employed Corpo-Auxiliary Service, which specializes in supplying

General Electric Company-Owen D. Young, \$235,000. Regularly uses the seven anti-union propaganda services of the National Association of Manufacturers, such as radio's "The American Family Robinson."

W. P. Conway, \$107,551. The eye with Mr. Ecker. Bank owns some of the largest | F. W. Woolworth - C. W.

Watson, \$419,396. Mr. Watson a union.

dered to return to the Pacific.

Roosevelt personally approved

the position of the Rome-Ber-

lin-Tokyo axis. With the Eu-

ropean powers concentrating

on the Mediterranean, the move

was obviously taken to demon-

strate U. S. determination not

to allow Japan to expand any

War Department inspections

has attained a war-time effi-

ciency. Its equipment will soon

be modern in every respect. \$45,000,000 will be spent during

the coming fiscal year to pur-

chase modern weapons for the

Guard - tanks, anti - aircraft

guns, field artillery and semi-

automatic rifles. Its aircraft

units will be increased to 21

squadrons, each comprising 14

planes of the latest design.

200,000 men are now enrolled.

Intense military and naval

activities are proceeding at

Gibraltar. Great defense booms

September crisis and later re-

solid rock for air raid shelters.

use. Food supplies are being

stored. Royal Air Force de-

lachments are rushing comple-

tion of a landing field. Addi-

tional forces are being sent to

Gibraltar to buttress those al-

ready there. . . . Four French

warships anchored at Gibraltar.

Their commanders debarked

and visited the British naval

authorities. No report was

made on the purpose of the

A fully armed company of

regulars has been sent by the

British war office to Tanga,

Tanganyika, the seaport near

the Kenya frontier. Governor

Sir Robert Brooke-Popham an-

nounced a scheme for supply-

ing reinforcements to Kenya.

Lady Brooke-Popham is in

further in the pacific.

Department recently made up labor saving devices. America-Arthur Victor Davis. public a list of corporation sal- Among other things, Mr. Wat- \$115,000. Ran a company union aries over \$25,000. We print be son plasters his offices with the for a while, used finks to in-

It is to be noted, however, that Telegraph Company—Sosthenes daily bread. these "salaries" do not include Behn, \$66,240. Owners of the additional "earnings" from Telephone Building in Barce H. E. Lewis, \$100,000. Another

Pays \$13 Wage for its refusal to permit union Straus, \$100,320. The average salary of a sales clerk at operators. Mr. Gifford, how- Macy's is \$13 a week. And girls are fired regularly for atempting to organize their co-

Manufacturers Trust Company—Harvey D. Gibson, \$127,-151. Another of Mayor LaGuardoesn't approve of the slogan. "Give the Bankers Home Re-

National City Bank-James H. Perkins, \$103,199. Mr. Perkins doesn't approve either. Ohrbachs Affiliated Stores-

Mr. Ohrbach has at various by the way, is "A Business In Millions. A Profit In Pennies.'

Radio Corporation of America—David Sarnoff, \$83,333. Mr. Sarnoff used labor espionage and finks in strikes at his Camden plants.

United States Steel Company -W. A. Irvin, \$141,300. Owners of Little Steel subsidiaries which broke the 1937 C.I.O. strikes

Money for Babs

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company—Frederick H. Ecker, \$150,000. At the present time Mr. Ecker is trying like all mad to break union organization of Insurance Agents.

Company-E. D. Duffield, \$100,-Guaranty Trust Company- 000. Mr. Duffield sees eye to

the shop for Countess Babs, speech, International Business Ma- sells Japanese goods on the

Emergency regulations for

difficult to purchase supplies.

international "war danger."

national "defense."

roads.

ON THE WAY TO

THE TRENCHES

the order. Not even ranking of- the arrest and detention of

interpreted as a move to offset Kong government.

timidate workers and gave Mr. International Telephone & Davis a chance to earn his

Jones & Loughlin Steel Co .lona, which the Stalinists gave of the corporations which broke back to Mr. Behn during the the Little Steel Strike in 1937. General Motors Corporation

-William S. Knudsen, \$247,210. R. H. Macy & Co.-Percy Flint, Michigan, where Mr Knudsen conducts shop, hasn't got a free city hospital, hasn't got one city ambulance, allows unemployed workers 3 cents per square meal.

Remington-Rand - James H Rand, \$145,181. Mr. Rand made extensive use of industrial mu nitions explosives and labor esdia's friends. Mr. Gibson pionage to balk unionization at his plants in New York, Connecticut, Ohio and Pennsyl-

Wage Cut for Workers

Pennsylvania Railroad Com pany - M. W. Clement, \$100, 450. Mr. Clement's principal Nathan M. Ohrbach, \$52,000. activity at the present time is directed towards times employed the Pinkerton around the union's demand that labor espionage service in his he halt his plans for a 10% stores. Mr. Ohrbach's slogan, wage cut for all railroad workers on his line

William Randolph Hearst \$500,000. Jingo, union smasher all around reactionary and (they say) a good family man

International Harvester Company — Sydney G. McAllister, \$131,569. In thick with National Association of Manufacturers; has almost complete monopoly on production of farm imple-

Standard Oil Company o New Jersey - W. S. Farish, \$119,791. Mr. Farish recently had Mr. Donald Richberg ar gue his case with President Cardenas for the return of the Prudential Life Insurance oil fields which the Mexican Government expropriated. It's tough going, Mr. Farish.

Sears, Roebuck Company-Major R. E. Wood, \$100,000 slum properties in New York Deyo, \$200,414. Mr. Deyo runs The Major, in a recent Boston declared that wouldn't be a bad idea if every chines Corporation-Thomas J. side and fires girls who want American boy and girl spent six months in a labor camp.

> sea-mines and cleverly concealed 'suicide squads' of machine gunners guard the island," says the N. Y. Times.

50,000 men are now employed on warship construction in government naval yards and private shipbuilding plants ac-With no reasons given the charge of 3,000 volunteers in cording to figures made public the Women's National Service. by the Navy Department on

An offer will soon be made ficers of the navy were given aliens in concentration camps by the U.S. Government to exan explanation of the order. In without trial were decreed by change 2,000,000 or more bales some circles, however, it was the British Empire's Hongof cotton and up to 100,000,000 bushels of wheat for large war supplies of tin and rubber. The offer will be made to Britain, U. S. war supply factories are so busy filling European the Netherlands, Belgium and orders that China is finding it possibly other countries.

War-risk insurance under-The House approved on April writers have withdrawn all quo-13 additional funds totalling tations on shipments to the \$45,024,000 for drydocks, sup | Reich and to Italy; also on Gerply depots and other "public man and Italian vessels bound show that the National Guard works" projects connected with for any port. Rates on other shipments were raised from 100 to 200 percent. War, predicted Border troops of the Nether- the underwriters, is likely to lands have been called up for result from efforts by the "demilitary duty because of the mocracies" to bottle up the Baltic and the Mediterranean. Augur, N. Y. Times London With the war tension becoming correspondent, refers to the more severe daily, new rates 'extraordinary military prewill be issued each day.

cautions" taken by the Nether lands government. The mobili-According to official Italian zation scheme includes the lay- figures, there are now 950,000 ing of mines under bridges and troops in active service in Ethiopia, Libya, the Italy. Dodecanese Islands and Alba-In Malta, keystone of the nia, exclusive of the Fascis British Mediterranean defense militia which can be mobilized which were erected during the system, all officers and seamen in twenty-four hours. The were called to report for duty classes of 1918, 1919 and 1920 moved have been put back at by an emergency summons. are under arms: that is to say both entrances to the harbor Only 55 miles from Italian Sicthe young men of nineteen which it is now forbidden to en- ily, the island which lies twenty and twenty-one years ter. At the cost of \$150,000,000 across the direct route between The Italian fleet, numbering a deep tunnel is being dug into the eastern and western sec- about 200 units, is believed to tions of the Mediterranean, is be concentrated along the Med-Scores of caves on "The Rock" bristling with guns. "Hidden iterranean, especially near are being converted for similar guns, electrically controlled France.

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By James Burnham

On January 3rd, in his annual message to Congress, President Roosevelt announced the slogans under which he was asking the American workers to get ready to give their lives to the Sixty Families. They were three: For Religion; For the Sanctity of International Law; and For Democracy.

Somehow or other, now that the war crisis looks as if it might break into the open any hour, something seems to be going wrong with these slogans. Of course, even in January there were a few cynics who thought that the slogans contained just a touch of demagogy-particularly when they looked back only a month at the unusual kinds of democcracy which had been represented at Lima; but today the gap between the slogans and reality seems to be spreading so wide that even a few honest men are beginning to wonder.

For example, the war nearly began two weeks ago over the Italian occupation of Albania. No one will deny that the Italian venture was an act of piracy. Nevertheless, though this has apparently been overlooked by the daily press, Albania has never been known as a model of democracy. It was ruled over by a king who, before gaining the throne, was a notorious bandit; and he ruled, after taking office, with the same bandit and gangster methods in which he had been nurtured.

Oddly enough, Zog reigned as the direct dependent of Italy. And, still more odd, this arrangement had been supervised and decided upon by Great

The religious issue, also, is a little curious in the case of Albania. Protestant England is the main objector; Catholic Italy the conqueror; and the victims are most of them Mohammedan

International law was no doubt violated. But international law was no less rudely upset, at Versailles and after, in the creation of Albania.

Sweet Freedom of Polish Democracy

In the present crisis, Poland has been the focus of the chief avowed attention. Great Britain, which managed to dry its tears over the gobbling up of Manchuria, E.hiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel, has promised to take up the sword of an avenging angel if one hair is touched on Poland's tender little head.

There is much, perhaps, that might be said for Poland. But one thing, I am afraid, that cannot be included by even the wildest imagination is that Poland has ever tainted her governmental prac tices with the slightest touch of the heresy of democracy. Since the formation of modern Polandby virtue of clauses in international law written by the guns of the victorious Allies-she has never swerved from reliance upon the firm hand of military dictatorship. The few years during which opposition parties were permitted a nominal and pathetic existence have long been ended.

And the tortured persons of her Jews will provide a comment upon Poland's attitude toward the sacred rights of religion.

There are, indeed, few nations in the world that have a more brutal record than Poland's in the consistent repression of democratic rights.

We Are All Remecrats Now

As I recall, it was hardly yesterday that Chamberlain and the prelates of the Church of England were telling us that Russia was the most hideous tyranny in history, and, besides, with atheism as its state policy, was the anti-Christ. Now Russia is the most wooed of potential allies.

Atheism and tyranny are words to use when the masses sense some hope in a new social system; but arms and airplanes are more to the point when it comes near to the time to fight the war for democracy. Matters of ideology, said Chamberlain House of Commons, "do not concern us in a question of this kind."

Greece, too, has now been brought toward the fold of democracy. Chamberlain and Daladier, with the blessing of Roosevelt, have informed the world that if Greece is threatened the war for democracy will begin.

Greece, if I recall correctly, not many years ago, after a long history of military and semi-military dictatorship, was definitively transformed into a totalitarian fascist state under General Metaxas.

Not to Speak of the Back Yard

Such are among the flies that are spotting the slogan-ointment, democratic brand, which our masters are spreading over the diseased face of the war into which they are taking us.

It would be downright unkind to add to these any reference to the even more extraordinary democracy which prevails in India, Indo-China, the French Sudan or even Puerto Rico. When Roosevelt is next sending communications to selected rulers of the world, and asking about intentions and pledges they are willing to give, he might include brief notes to Chamberlain, Daladier, and himself. He might enquire: What are your respective intentions as to India, Indo-China, the Sudan and Puerto Rico? Are you prepared to pledge that in such and such a time you will free them and their hundreds of millions of inhabitants from the frightful and shameful yoke under which you now oppress them?

Yes, it is harder today than in 1914 for a gang of imperialist robbers to be convincing when they talk about making the world safe for democracyor for anything else except their own bloody profit. As the opening of the war gets close, while each clique runs madly in its last desperate scramble for allies, the camouflage drops off, and the war shows itself for what it is: a new world struggle for the re-partition of the world among the major imperialist rivals, a struggle to decide who will have first choice in the exploitation and oppression of the great masses of mankind. All the fine moral ideals, from democracy to religion to national independence, are, for the imperialists, only so much grist to the mills that turn out the cynical demagogy whereby they hope once more to delude

Politics and personal bias, instead of scientific jurisprudence, the justice department said recently, often dominate the decisions of criminal court judges, both federal and state. This conclusion was reached by the department in a survey of judicial practices, made public by Attorney-General Murphy and covered 270 federal, state, municipal and county court judges. See how our neighbor lifts his nose, to tell what every striker knows.

Enrollments in R.O.T.C. classes at Harvard are up 50 percent, with 450 students registered for the next term, compared with the 297 presently enrolled. This is as accurate a barometer of conditions as the New York Times business index, since the cons and sycophants of the bosses, in their own peculiar way, are as "hep" as we Marxists.