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G-MEN FRAME UP TEAMSTERS UNION LEADERS

Workers of Manhattan and Bronx, Your First-Choice Vote Must Go To Labor's Anti-War Candidates!

With last minute preparations completed for a whirlwind sh to the New York Councilmanic campaign. May Shacht. finish to the New York Councilmanic campaign, Max Shachtman and George L. Paine, candidates for the Bronx and Manhattan respectively, in their final statements on the eve of the elections, declared, "We are confident that many workers of both boroughs will underscore the anti-war program of the Socialist Workers Party by casting their first choice votes this Tuesday for the only candidates who have publicly demonstrated their irreconcilable opposition to the second world war and the efforts of in the Bronx and Manhattan

Behind the Lines

Like Italy Japan stands today they announced the opening of

Russia into a war on two fronts. than Hitler's papers—pronounced

basis of the Hitler drive fully sat- ment with Russia a cardinal

momentarily to knock all these the war in general and to this

calculations into Hirohito's cock- country in particular than any-

ed hat. The government respons- thing that happens in the Bal-

equal in size the enthusiasm its instigators and its apologists. shown at election rallies for the anti-war program of the Socialist Workers Party in a reacting swiftly to the coordinated change of Comintern and Sothe Socialist Workers Party in a viet foreign policy, is preparing Socialist Workers Party, can-manner that will make the insti- to withdraw its support from didates Shachtman and Paine gators of war seriously contemstated, "Thousands of workers

Whether the Japanese militar-

ists like it or not, the develop-

tied up closely with the course of

before the present European war other.

naturally because it seemed to

promise the prospect of forcing

Simultaneously the anti-British

isfied the Japanese who regarded

Britain as the main obstacle to

their expansion in China proper.

moved and its ambassadors re-

called. Japan retracted visibly

the field clear for a fresh orienta-

tion. It signed the truce with

Russia. It eased off the anti-Brit-

ish campaign and the Tientsin

blockade. It appointed a foreign

minister who was boomed as the

great and good friend of the Un-

For a time it began to look as

the temporary patching up of

all cylinders to bring this about.

ited States.

alignment.

Harbor, Hawaii.

The Hitler-Stalin pact seemed

tble for the axis policy was re- kans.

the Roosevelt administration have shown their interest in the to fling the American workers campaign, conducted at tremen dous odds. It gives them the op-Assured that their vote will portunity of casting a protest vote against the war and against

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Russian and American pressure

And the army organ—no less

violent in its day against Russia

in favor of making a rapproche-

The tug-of-war that shall now

ensue is of far greater import to

point of Japanese policy!

Leading Chinese Stal inist Indicates New Line in Statement

By E. SAXE

The Chinese Communist Party, reacting swiftly to the coordinat-Chiang-Kai-Shek and the Kuomintang.

In an interview with Edgar Snow, author of "Red Star Over China," published in the London Daily Herald of Oct. 21, and marked "delayed by the censor," Mao Tse-Tung, leading Chinese Stalinist, recently returned from a visit to Moscow for purposes of "information," denied flatly that between the warring camps, un- concurrent negotiations with the Chinese Communist Party able as yet to decide where its Britain and the United States on had ever submitted to the Kuo maximum advantage lies as an the China issue. But a few days mintang.

ally and its minimum disadvan- before these talks were to begin, Mao claimed that the CPC prothere was another sudden shift. gram was completely independent Realizing full well that it will The intent to negotiate was de- of the Kuomintang's, and aimed be compelled to make a decision, Japan is making desperate ef. Japanese generals had forced Asked whether Soviet troops

forts to relieve the frustration it postponement because they saw would enter Inner Mongolia and suffers in its unconsummated the renewed possibility of an axis, Manchukuo, the Stalinist chief conquest of China. But the grind- stretching this time from Tokyo answered: "Such action is quite ing pressure of Russia to the east through Moscow to Berlin and within the possibility of Leninand the US to the west of it possibly still to Rome. They ism.' is making itself increasingly felt know such a bloc is the ugly Mao declared that he supported

specter that haunts London and Soviet policy in Europe as a "log-Washington like a milignant de- ical part of world liberation, and mon. Molotov's friendly reference the revolutionary movement." ment of their adventure in China, es to Japan last Tuesday did not "Soviet help to China," he said, as we have long foreseen, will be exactly help exorcise the ghost. "depends on the continuance of The Japanese army mouthpiece the war against Japan, and clos-

the general war, the development in Tokyo, the Kokumin Shimbun, er association with the USSR. China cannot be unified until the of the war alignments, and the fi- came out bluntly with the state-Kuomintang dictatorship is abolnal choice of the main battle- ment that Japan was subject to ished and replaced by democracy Japan was tied up in the anti- and had to come to terms with in which the communists are represented." Comintern group with Germany one in order to deal with the A Reuters dispatch from To-

kyo, published in the same issue of the Herald, but not yet officially confirmed, declares that the Soviet Union has presented demands to Chiang Kai-Shek, which nclude the entry of Soviet troops into Siankiang and Inner Mongoia, and the sovietization of Northwest China.

> Join the Socialist Workers Party

"The Enemy Is At Home!"



Growing Protest Movement ultimately at "social revolution." Asked whether Soviet troops would enter Inner Mongolia and Challenges Watson Arrest

EQUALS ONE HUNGRY WORKER

According to the latest news from Nazi Germany, all dachshunds over sixteen inces high must have ration carde entitling them to meat scraps from food shops.

As reported in the Socialist Appeal last week, hungry men and women in the democratic American city of Gary, Ind., must be equipped with licenses before they can hunt through garbage cans for scraps of

The moral is interesting. In the United States a needy person rates as high as a German dachsund. But in the Germany of the hated Hitler, a dachshund rates as high as a freedom-loving American.

ONE DACHCHUND | Canadian Defense Committee Calls Creation Of American Watson Defense Fund a True Act of International Labor Solidarity

> (Special to the Socialist Appeal) TORONTO, Nov. 2—The Canadian Frank Watson Defense Comnittee greets the American Watson Defense Fund!

The formation of the Watson Defense Fund in the United States a striking testimony to the international solidarity of the working class movement!

publicly denounced the imperialialist war and Canadian partici- mocracy is the first casualty of pation in it, on the streets of the war.' feronto, represents the first abridgement of civil rights on the American continent as a result of the outbreak of the new

world war. The imprisonment of Watson demonstrated to the hilt his sentence imposed on Watson. statement at the now celebrated street-corner meeting that "De-

The arrest and conviction of Frank Watson, young English-

Canadian worker apprehended by the Dominion police for having

Lying Testimony That the imperialist rulers of Canada could not abide this shipping, the companies have adbrave opponent of thier war is amantly refused to make any demonstrated by the lying testimony introduced by the prosecu- tions. They alibi their refusal by the Canadian government has tion in order to justify the vicious with the comment that coastwise

> The witnesses, a soldier and as have ocean going rates. (Continued on Page 3)

F.B.I. Agents Engineer Anti-Union Cases In Preparation for War

Five Union Leaders Face Unusually Severe Sentence and Fine for Allegedly Damaging **Bakery Truck During 1938 Strike**

Eight union officials, representing the teamsters union locals in Sioux City, Des Moines and Omaha, were placed on trial this week in Sioux City, in the latest of a series of prosecutions engineered by the G-men-U.S. Attorney General Murphy's Federal Bureau of Investigation-on orders direct from Washington.

Meanwhile the third trial of WPA strikers was proceeding; in Minneapolis, where over 150 workers who participated in the nationwide WPA strike have been indicted on evidence cooked up by the FBI. Eight were found guilty and four acquitted in the first two trials.

Other trials instigated by the FBI against unions are shortly to take place in Washington, D. C., Cleveland, and other cities.

LONGSHOREMEN HALT COASTAL **SHIPPING**

Bosses Refuse Demands comprising over a dozen Of Men Despite Boom In the Industry

NEW YORK, Nov. 3-Coastvise shipping came to a standstill today when 8,500 longshoremen hit the picket line in a strike called by the International ongshoremen's Association in the Port of New York.

More than 70 ships are affectd by the ILA strike to compel

Despite a sharp increase in concessions in working condi-

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Thomas V. Smith, secretary - treasurer of General Drivers Local 554 of Omaha, which bore the brunt of the bosses' blows in the successful struggle of the teamsters movement which finally culminated in a contract covering 350,000 drivers and helpers in the North Central Area, states, has issued to the labor press a detailed account of the alest FBI frameup.

It is clear from his account and the proceedings in the Minneanolis trials that systematically persecuting the labor movement as part of the Roosevelt government's preparations for dragging America into the war. Roosevelt wants first to crush the labor movement, especially its most successful and progressive sections

Brother Smith concludes that new contract from nine steam- the FBI is pursuing "a road thip companies. The strike was which is surely leading to the called after the operators had development on American soil of countered demands of the long- the same sort of anti-labor poshore union for a wage increase litical police which is the instruof 10 cents an hour and a reduc- ment of the ferocious dietatortion of the work week to 40 ships in Europe and Asia." Evhours by a proposal merely to ery worker who reads his detailextend the old contract now ex- ed statement will agree with him. pired for an additional 90 days. | We publish it in full below:

By THOMAS V. SMITH (Secretary-Treasurer. Local 544, Omaha)

FBI agents, operating according to a prearranged plan, at 4 freight rates have not gone up a.m. Saturday morning, Sept. 23, descended upon the homes of sleeping union officials in the widely-separated towns of Sioux City, Des Moines and Omaha, arrested six union officers and took them to jail. Later, two more union officials were arrested. They were held on five separate indictments for \$40,000 cash bail.

voman in America.

What did the Kremlin ask the workers to do in connection with Drivers Union, Local 383, AFL, were conducting a strike against the local bakeries for higher wages and better conditions. During the course of that strike, the emloyers claimed that a bakery truck had been damaged near the lowa-Minnesota state line.

The union questioned the claim of the employers that a truck had been damaged, emphatically denied that the union had anything to do with the incident, and charged that if a truck had been damaged, in all likelihood it had been done with the knowledge and consent of the employers as a means of influencing public pinion against the striking bak-

The strike was eventually won. This Sioux City bakery drivers', (Continued on Page 3)

from all its previously-estab ished policies with respect to the different powers in order to leave different powers in order to leave

The Soviet press, echoed by the Stalinist press throughout the orld, is complaining bitterly that the Anglo-French-American captalists and press are attempting to "poison relations" between the Soviet Union and Finland and the other Baltic countries. A Moscow radio broadcast of Nov. 3 went further: it accused "certain powers" of the Stalinist bureaucracy and not the interests of the Soviet obviously the "democratic" bloc"—of egging Finland into a war against the Soviet Union.

though the Hitler - Stalin pact It is certainly true that the American press is being inspired by might have as one of its results the Roosevelt government to beat the drums for war against the Anglo-Japanese and even of Anglo-American differences in the speech, the retort of the White House, etc., it is clear that Washinginterest of a new anti - Soviet ton is deliberately inciting a hostile attitude toward the Soviet Union, and Washington is, of course, acting in concert with the American pressure worked on British and French empires.

The "democratic" incitement against the Soviet Union is a fact Roosevelt had already abrogated and a fact which should cause us to treat with the greatest skeptithe 1911 trade treaty and sent his sism all comment in the American press on the relations of the ambassador back to Tokyo there Soviet Union with Fin'and. But th's fact does not exhaust the ainst Japanese military actions in also Soviet statements, notably Molotoff's speech of Oct. 31, review-

China. Simultaneously, fighting ing foreign affairs before the "Supreme Soviet." The Stalinist regime today asserts it claim to the support of tions in the Pacific. Great bomb- the ground that it defends the interests of the toilers of the world. Stalinist moves in the Baltic. ers were sent in formation to the The Soviet press suddenly reminds us that the demands on Finland Philippines. The major fighting are motivated by the need for defending "Leningrad, the cradle of

divisions were posted at Pearl the Socialist revolution." By last week the Japanese had Socialist revolution. But is that the motivation of Stalinist foreign been so deeply impressed that policy?

What Is the Record of Stalin's Policy?

of its internal politics. We have characterized both its internal and value? masses and the world working class.

When the Stalinists say they are defending the cradle of the Socialist revolution, the blood of those who made the revolution and were murdered by Stalin cries out in protest. When the Stalinists say they are defending the interests of the world toilers, millions of martyrs give them the lie: the revolutionists they murdered in Molotoff's Promises — Second Chapter Spain, the French working class which they shackled to its "own' bourgeoisie in the Peoples Front, the Chinese masses whom they delivered—twice!—to Chiang-Kai-Shek, the American workers the workers to do likewise; whom they taught to swear by Roosevelt, etc., etc. The entire record of the Stalinist bureaucracy confounds their belated claim that they are acting in the interests of the world toilers!

The Stalinist bureaucracy comes before the court of proletarian to deliver a resounding blast agimperalists are saying - that scarcely explains why millions of workers throughout the world, who are irreconcilably hostile to their "own" bourgeoisie, do not accept the Stalinist version of the annexaunits of the US fleet and air force began taking up battle sta-

Molotoff's speech motivated the demands on Finland on the need for increasing the security of Leningrad. He denied any claims against Swéden and Norway, emphasized how modest the claims Today as always, we are prepared to defend the cradle of the against Finland are, that compensation is provided for-in the way of land cessions, disarming the SovietFinnish frontier on the Karelian isthmus, improved economic relations, etc.—and an assurance

Can the Finnish workers, or the revolutionary workers of the which should cause the gravest Stalinist foreign policy is, like all foreign policy, a continuation world, accept Molotoff's version of the Finnish situation at its face concern to every union man and

They cannot. The Kremlin has forfeited the right to the trust of the workers. We need not recapitulate its reactionary course of 1938, fifteen months ago. At that the last fifteen years to demonstrate that. We have only to refer time the bakery drivers in Sioux to the most recent event—the invasion of Western Poland.

On Aug. 23, the day the Stalin-Hitler pact was signed, the Stalinists promised support of Poland against Hitler and called upon

"The people of Poland, whose national independence is in imminent danger from the threats of fascist aggression and Chamberlain's appeasement schemes, now as before realize the firm position of the Soviet Union in uncompromising support for their freedom and independence. And as they gather their strength to resist the fascist threats and to defend their national independence, this support will be continued and further

"It is also clear that by entering into these negotiations for the conclusion of a pact of non-aggression with Germany, the Soviet Union is seriously weakening Hitler's hold upon the Ger-

, , The Polish people will be further encouraged to resist both the threats of fascist aggression and the underhanded conspiracies of the Municheers." (Daly Worker, Aug. 23, 1939.)

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Further, the exemption of non-

citizens from the benefits of the

who for valid reasons have not

bor helped to build this country.

the criterion for who shall re-

But these defects are easily re-

mediable, the most important

consideration being the general

principle of adequate care of the

needy which this plan is directed

toward, and the method of financ-

ing through taxation directed at

the rich and not the poor. In this

sense, this plan is the most hon-

est and sound one of its type yet

proposed, and should set the ex-

ample for similar proposals in

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calls on its members and sympa

low Pension movement and in

We further commend the prin

ciple involved in the amendment

and referendum, which if passed

every state in the union

general behind this plan.

SHIPPING

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Joe Ryan, president of the

ongshoremen, has already been

ployers, it appears, have turned

small coastwise ships and will not

affect Caribbean servi.e Nor will

Ryan Motives Unclear

With the Maritime Labor

Board rushing its men to New

A strange aspect of the strike

supposed "damage" to the indus-

try is not clear from press re-

As the strike stands today, the

longshoremen can put the oper-

eight-ball provided they vigorous-

ly prosecute their action. Ship-

ping is experiencing a little boom

as a result of the upturn of in-

dustry and the war in Europe.

The operators can hardly afford

to have their ships tied up for

WAR BULLETIN

According to the French Min-

stry of Information, the War Of-

fice has mobilized 100,000 pigeons

for immediate transport to the

Did they volunteer or were

An attractive poster has

been prepared to advertise

the column in the Socialist

Appeal by J. R. Johnson on

use of these posters on news-

stands and at meetings will

help to increase the sale of

Let the People

Vote on War!

the Socialist Appeal.

"The Negro Question". The

any length of time.

Maginot Line.

they drafted?

ators behind the well - known

ports.

Commend Principle

In the Labor

The blast of the Navy Department against the CIO this week charging that labor was seriously defense jeopardizing national through its struggle for decent wages and conditions was a dead ly warning of days to come.

It was in line with the recent the auto workers union was sa botaging production.

per cent frame-ups against the labor movement.

The auto workers through R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO-UAWA, were able to expose the was able to prove that the Navy Dept. was really trying to smash union conditions and the labor

On Guard!

Surely, it is obvious that if the big corporations and the American military machine are willing to go in for strike-breaking before war, labor can expect nothing except ruthless suppression during war—unless a terrific struggle doesn't take place against this danger

The strategy of the bosses and the military machine is quite simple: "National Defense" is only an excuse. In the name of national defense, strikes must be suppressed. Wage cuts accepted, inhuman working conditions per-

menting and utilizing a patriotic have existed which do not and sle "against imperialism" is obfeeling, the bosses hope to hogtie the labor movement.

The military machine nounces in advance that it will do against aggression"; and sec- why they condemn the military more than its share to help in a ond, "The whole character of the enemies of Stalin and Hitler, and union-busting campaign.

A Lesson from France

ing war, if the bosses have their of the world." way was revealed in another 'democracy." France this week.

All labor is requisitioned

ernment sees fit.

of the new plan decreed by the mongers. government. In practice they mean no shop committee negotiations, no strikes, no sit-downs. and all life, in the factory or out. is determined by the military machine. This is what French imperialist apologists still call 'democracy.'

Would America in event of war rights?" The attitude of the Navy department gives a clear answer. No! M-Day plans indicate that a course similar to that pursued in France is planned for American labor.

In making its present struggle against the plans of the bosses and the military machine, the CIO must learn soon that a really effective fight can ensue only if it is elevated to a higher plane: a struggle against imperialist war is the only guarantee that tabor will not be hogtied in the future.

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Statement of the Ohio S. W. P. Labor and On the Bigelow Pension Plan

endorses the Bigelow Pension based on the needs of the most land valuations over a certain Plan which is before the voters of dependent section of the masses minimum value can be evaded by Ohio in the form of an amend- and not adding additional bur- the simple procedure of taxing ment to the Ohio Constitution dens upon the wage-earners but agencies, which set the valuafor a popular referendum on No- upon those whose idle wealth tions, arbitrarily fixing the valu-

In general, this plan is progres- or socially beneficial use. sive in character, particularly because, unlike the demagogic and crack-brained plans of elements nesses in the plan as now propos- ination against many workers on providing for the needy aged method of taxation based on land secured citizenship, but whose lacharge of the Chrysler Corp. that ers and those with large incomes, greatest source of taxable wealth ceived the benefits.

Both claims are one hundred an economic and social cure-all, and large incomes; and secondly,

The Socialist Workers Party|but simply as a sound reform|in the fact that taxes based on should be put to some productive ations below the taxable value.

Many Weaknesses We recognize certain weak- plan, is an unwarranted discrimike Dr. Townsend, it is based up- eq, however, particularly in the through forms of taxation which ownership. A big loop-hole is left will bear directly upon those most for evasion in this form of taxa- Need, and need alone, should be able to pay, the big property own- tion, first in the fact that the It is a plan worthy of support, does not lie in land values but in also, because it is not proposed as corporation and bank surpluses

Dut of Their Own Mouths

fakery of the Chrysler slanders against labor. Similarly, the CIO THE STALINIST PARTY

By JOSEPH CARTER vorker, October 20, 1939).

stage his party's course is deter- ocratic and working class inter- the requirements for initiative mined by the reactionary needs osts and aims the Kremlin bureaucracy.

Before the outbreak of the cannot exist in the present war. viously motivated exclusively by

the Land of Socialism would have and "peace" plea. changed the character of such a

through a special registration be the duty of the working class accuses Anglo-French imperial He becomes a soldier in the fac- in all countries, according to Gan- ism of bearing the responsibility tory, subject to military disci- nes, to support their respective for continuing the war. . " Hitler pline. He can not quit his job or reactionary governments in the is exonerated from responsibility they will get a good deal more teave it without official permis- war. And therefore if tomorrow for the continuation of the war and the union a good deal less-A worker may not refuse to ac- placed by a Stalin alliance with a shameful defense of Hitler! The Ryan called the strike "unfortucept any post to which he is or- the "democracies" the Commu- whole world knows that Hitler nate" and is offering to take half dered. He must work on holidays, nist Party will once again be sued for "peace" because he had of the wage increase originally with or without pay, as the gov-come the staunchest supporter of aiready achieved his immediate asked, according to reports.

these robber governments cease his will. being imperialist, predatory re-Labor is completely conscripted gimes? Gannes contends that

Polish people! If Russia were allied to Eng- to corral the masses for any dirty er should be placing the onus of land and France the only limita- job assigned to them by their responsibility on the workers for tion on their war aims — as is master.

clear from Gannes' own analysis thizers in Ohio to give all pos-Additional proof of the Stalin- -would be that at that particular sible aid in forwarding the Bigeist support of Hitler in the pres- moment they would not be attackent war is supplied by a recent ing Russia. Their war would still rallying the forces of organized article of Harry Gannes. (Daily be reactionary, imperialist. For labor andthe wage - earners in from the viewpoint of the class In his zealous defense of the conscious workers these govern-Communist Party's policies of ments can conduct only a reacyesterday and today, Gannes suc- tionary war which can have noth- which is also on the ballot, callceeds in showing how at each ing in common with genuine deming for the democratization of

Pure Hypocrisy

will be a valuable aid to labor How hypocritical therefore is unions and working-class politipresent war, the apologist ex- h epresent Stalinist "support" to cal parties in destroying the moplains, the task was the establish- the growing movement for In- nopoly of big-business over the ment of a "peace front" of Eng- dian liberation! If Stalin we're legislation of the state and enablmitted. Otherwise the workers and France and the Soviet Un- mited with Chamberlain in the ing the workers to have a more ion against fascist aggression. If war, the Communist would be in direct voice in the securing of war had resulted from this alli- the forefront of the suppression Under this slogan, and by fo- ance "two factors would then | 1. the colonial revolt. Their strugpro-labor legislation. First, the alliance would have the fact that Stalin is on the oth-LONGSHOREMEN had a genuine defense program er side of the struggle. That is HALT COASTAL war by virtue of the action of defend the Stalinazi war alliance

Gannes makes How this campaign will cul- war, limited the objectives of the clear when, after stating that minate in the complete suppres. Anglo-French imperialists and both sides" in the present war sion of the labor movement dur- worked against their domination are responsible for its outbreak, England and France alone are In other words, if Russia were responsible for its continuation. allied with Anglo-French imper- The Soviet Union (and thereby ialism in the present war it would the Communist Party), he writes, the Stalin-Hitler alliance is re- because he offered "peace"! What if the strike drags on for a while. Chamberlain, Daladier, Roosevelt aim, (the conquest of Poland) For some reason, unexplained These are just the highlights and the pro-"democratic" war- and also because he wanted to by union officials, strike action show the German people that he against the United Fruit Line is In such a war however, would was being forced to fight against being limited to the company's

Ready for Any Job Gannes adds that "the Anglo- the strike involve services of their imperialist aims would be French warmakers hoped by war Moore & McCormack which op-"limited" by the Soviet Union. to reshuffle the German ruling re-erates to South America as well How? Would they liberate the actionary cliques in order to as Scandinavian countries. hundreds of millions of colonial bring about another more depeoples they now oppress? Would pendable anti-Soviet set-up." England for example, give na- Isn't this a good basis for a be any different? Would labor be tional independence to the Indian united front with Hitler against York to buttress the mediators of zuaranteed its "democratic people? Would Roosevelt end his Chamberlain and the "more de- the State Labor Board, it is not brutal military domination over pendable (German) anti-Soviet" yet clear how Ryan will meet the Puerto Rico? Would Stalin force clique? Tomorrow we may be told sleazy compromise proposals that the British and French armies to more openly that Hitler is fight-will fly thick and fast. bring national freedom to the op- ing a defensive war against the pressed peoples of Europe? What anti-Soviet forces and therefore is the statement even before the poppycock! Look at how Stalin's should be supported by the work- men quit work to the effect that ally, Hitler, is "liberating" the ers of the world. The unscrupu-, "the strike might destroy the inlous henchmen of Stalin are ready dustry." Just why the union lead-

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The Second World War

By J. R. Johnson

'Murder-Day'

The people, particularly the workers, need to be warned! Roosevelt talks about democracy but he is preparing, as soon as war breaks out, to fasten an iron dictatorship upon the workers of this country. The plans for it are called M-Day. The M stands for mobilization, and mobilization this time includes not only soldiers but every worker in town and country. The draft registration blanks are ready, lists of draft boards are on file, the draft bill has been written, a skeleton draft administration is already in operation. This is the way that Roosevelt strives to keep America out of

Moreover, the M-Day plan provides for a dozen different ways of crushing the labor movement and prohibiting strikes. Only labor unions that accept the labor conditions imposed by the war dictatorship will be tolerated. The draft law makes it possible to break a strike by drafting into the trenches the strike leaders or, better, all the militant workers involved. Or they can be drafted into the army and made to work in the factory under martial law. Or workers in uniform can be called from the training camps to act as

Already compiled is a list of labor and social legislation to be abolished by the President's decree. Minimum wage and hour laws will be scrapped. Laws limiting child and woman labor will be scrapped. Trade union contracts will be subject to cancelation—by Roosevelt's board. The N.L.-R.B. will give way to Roosevelt's war board. A tight censorship of the press and radio will be imposed, and a propaganda department for the dissemination of lies set up.

The first fatality in a war for "democracy" is democracy.

Franklin Roosevelt, Tool of American Capital

And for whose benefit? Let the facts speak. On August 9, 1939, well in advance of the beginning of the war in Europe, Roosevelt appointed the members of the war board that will take over America and exercise dictatorial power upon America's entry.

Here are the men who will rule the country: E. R. Stettinius, Jr., chairman of the U. S. Steel Corporation; Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone and Telegraph Company; J. L. Pratt, director of General Motors Corporation; General R. E. Wood, head of Sear, Roebuck; Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Harold G. Moulton, head of Brookings In-

U. S. Steel, which during the last war made millions of dollars in war profits, is controlled by J. P. Morgan and Company. American Tel and Tel is another subsidiary of J. P. Morgan. General Motors is controlled by the du-Pont interests, and these are a sector of the financial empire of J. P. Morgan. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is a Morgan-subsidized university. Of the whole board only Sears, Roebuck, run by another of the Sixty Families who own America, and Brookings Institute, the official statistician for all of them, are outside the Morgan

The workers will be delivered bound and gagged to their most merciless exploiters and notorious enemies. Roosevelt however had acted too brazenly. Even some of his New Deal supporters protested against this early exposure of the fact that the war is an imperialist war run for and by the imperialists. Roosevelt temporarily dismissed the board. But he will bring them or their friends back again, with perhaps a labor "leader" or two to placate public opinion. The next time the censorship and the F.B.I. will see to it that there is no opposition. And all this has been prepared and polished and made ready for immediate use by Franklin Roosevelt, who for years has passed himself off as a friend of the people.

What Is This "Democracy"?

One indisputable truth emerges. If the people were anxious to go to war for "democracy," then war preparations, this many-sided, devious, incessant propaganda, this iron cage of M-Day, would not be necessary. Why is it that the people have to be dragooned into fighting for "democracy"? Simply because the great masses of the people do not see anything in "democracy" to fight for.

There are today in America some ten to twelve million unemployed, who with their dependents constitute in all some twenty-five to thirty million people, a fifth of the population of the richest country in the world. Capitalist 'democracy" condemns them to starvation.

Those that do get work are remorselessly speeded-up. If we set the 1932 output per man-hour in the manufacturing industries of the country as 100, we find that in 1938 it was 115. But the 1936 labor cost per unit, on the same basis, was only 106. Speed-up for the workers plus more profits for the capitalists equals still greater concentration of wealth into the hands of the few.

The percentage of the wages paid in 1937 was 82.1 of those paid in 1929. But the percentage of dividends was 83.8, and of interest 89.5. Always it works out to still greater wealth in the hands of still fewer people.

And goods for use? Industrial production, for the first five months of each year, was 122 in 1929, 67 in 1932, 119 in 1937, 79 in 1938. This is capitalist "democracy," with millions never knowing where they are from one day to another. The production index has crawled slowly upward since 1938, but Roosevelt knows it will never in peace time reach the 1929 level again, though every year sees an in-

WORKERS' FORUM

TO THE FASCISTS Dear friend:

A friend brought me the curturing a lying attack on the tain only one feature: the Amerthe SWP as their authentic, and inists for them are no longer a

There is only one possible anather" with an assist.

Revolutionary greetings KARL C.

A WELL-TAKEN SUGGESTION

The undersigned committee was recently selected by our Branch Executive Committee to confer with your office and the National Center on the question of developing a "Workers' Open Forum" column or section, in the Socialist Appeal.

We think that our paper needs such a column or department. We think that a persistent and continuous effort should be made y our editorial staff to develop his workers' forum. A proper heading should continuously appear over this column and preferably in the same part of the paper in each issue. This in order that workers, who as yet have no interest in long theoretical articles, may easily find this colmn. As new worker readers note the various contributions to the open forum they will gradually develop an interest in other matters appearing in the Appeal. We also feel that this workers' forum department will gradially become a valuable medium for our left wing in the trade

inions as a clearing house for progressive ideas which cannot ind their way into the trade nion journals due to the bureauratic censorship. We recommend that this department, together with proper eading, appear regularly in the Appeal. That it appear, as far is possible, in the same part of the paper. That an editor's note appear regularly underneath the neading of this column inviting the workers to write articles for this column, and telling them that here is a space set aside for

them in their daily experiences it their place of work, on the streets, or in their unions. The ditor's note underneath the neading can be changed from ime to time to keep in step with new developments and new experiences in connection with this lepartment. The committee is conscious of the fact that a workers' forum

lepartment cannot be developed over night in our paper with its small circulation. The idea is to keep relentlessly at it and we look like the last edition (espeeel that a department in our paper can be built up which will not only be attractive for workrs to read but also to write for. Comradely yours,

C. R. HEDLUND OSCAR COOVER

Minneapolis. (The staff of the Appeal is in omplete agreement with the known as the anti-war party Minneapolis comrades. We there- The paper is important for this, fore ask all readers to contribute letters to the Workers For- ionist who gets it right between um — their experiences in the shops, their criticisms, their sugrestions, etc.—Ed.)

IN CRITICISM OF THE APPEAL

Dear comrade editor: I am a worker in a Detroit aumobile plant. I am also a com- in Minneapolis: ade (member of the SWP). In Detroit, three or four of us comades go house to house every 919 Marquette.

and give away the Appeal. At every home we explain it is an anti-war paper that workers rent copy of Coughlin's rag fea- gain nothing from a war. Then we ask for a contribution. We Trotskyists. Of this tirade I re- average 3 cents a paper, and in this way collect for about 200 ican fascists turn their hate on papers (every week, 100 of each issue). Our Appeal bill used to dangerous class enemy. The Stal- | be about \$100.00. Now it is about \$30.00.

But in order to use this method, the paper has got to carry wer to this. Enclosed find \$5.00 articles against the war in a way or a year's subscription to the that appeals to the workers. New International and to the None of them knows or cares to Appeal. Credit the "reverend read very much about the ALP. about Ireland and the fight for freedom, about Shachtman in his campaign in New York, India, etc. But they do care about the number of unemployed, about how you can't be a good union man and be for war, about the conditions of those on relief.

> They don't ever finish reading long articles (I notice this in my union when the Appeal is passed out at a meeting). They like articles that deal directly with their personal life (if they are short) -- with the rise in prices. They all ask questions about what we should do if Hitler comes over here. Won't we have to go to war to stop Hitler? Won't war give us jobs, etc.? The headlines have been very bad in the past few editions. They don't appeal to the workers. The content doesn't appeal either. The articles are too long and theoretical and don't appeal to workers.

> One AFL union man told me he knew it was a scab paper when he saw the article about the AFL convention. We've got to show we're interested in workers' conditions, that we're for the unions (we're the best unionists), and that we're against a war for the millionaires. The union men care about themselves and their conditions, and not about the Hitler-Stalin pact, Ireland, the British Empire, etc. We've got to have news in the paper so that any union man knows we're for him, we're against price rises, we're for higher wages. We've got to show the possibilities of decent incomes for every person able to work in this country. The people that I talk to like our demands (those on the editorial page); but why doesn't each article carry propaganda for these demands. All we do is write about theory or denounce the Stal nists, etc. We don't show what we're for-not enough - and that's what appeals to a worker.

The last issue we just received has a headline about Shachtman in New York. I'm glad to hear this news. But nobody else around Detroit in the unions ares anything about it. How can we go house to house with this edition? We can't and we won't. The papers will not be received by workers. It doesn't even look like an anti-war paper. And if the paper continues to cially this one edition) we'll have to cut our bundle order way down.

Comradely, G. L.

Detroit.

P.S.: America will get into the imperialist war pretty soon. We haven't much time to become and every issue should hit a unthe eyes-we're anti-war, prounionists, we're for militancy. We've got to boost our circulation way up. We want to increase our bundle order if possible. It all depends on all of us.

Note to Readers

The regular Sunday Forum of the S.W.P. meets at 3: p. m. at

crease in the population, with still more people demanding work and food and shelter. At intervals between his warmongering, he raises his voice to the empty air: "We must get the idle men and idle capital together." But God has said no word, and as nobody else knows how to do this in peace, Roosevelt prepares to go to war.

The Negro and "Democracy"

The great warriors in defense of "democracy" raise their voices in horror at Hitler's treatment of the Jews. Protest is stifled and cynicism itself struck dumb at the sound of such words from such mouths. For three hundred years the rulers of America have persecuted the Negroes Slavery was abolished only when it had become a drag on capitalist production. And since 1863, the year of manumission, American capitalism has Jim-Crowed and lynched Negroes, has deprived them of opportunities to raise themselves from debasement, and, worst of all, has succeeded in poisoning the minds of their brother workers against them, in order to keep the working class divided and therefore weak. If American "democracy" had nothing to its discredit but its treatment of the Negro, that would still be sufficient to blast its pretensions as a defender of civiliza-

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THE LABOR WITH A BLACK SKIN 18 BRANDED"-KARL MARX. NEGRO QUESTION

By J. R. JOHNSON __

Industry and the Negro

The first, the absolute indispensable necessity for Negroes who want to struggle for their emancipation, is to understand that difference of color is not the cause of discrimination against them in industry. The intelligent capitalist knows this. The Negroes must know it too. Not that the race question is unimportant. Not at all. It has acquired a tremendous importance. But it is a subordinate question.

In our pamphlet on the war, (Why Negroes Should Oppose the War; J. R. Johnson, 5 cents) we wrote the following: (p. 23) "Whenever a problem faces us we should examine it in all its

aspects, then examine similar situations in foreign countries, look back into our own history, see where the circumstances are alike and where they differ, and then attempt a conclusion." To that something more can be added. We must see where the

problem is today, then where it was yesterday, then see where it is likely to be tomorrow. In other words we see it from all sides and particularly we see in what direction it is moving, what is likely to happen tomorrow. This is known as the dialectic, and the method of investigation is called the dialectical method.

The very opposite of the dialectical method is the kind of argu ment that runs as follows:

"I went for a job yesterday. As soon as they saw my black face they turned me back. But the fellow who followed me was white and they gave him the job at once. Therefore the Negro problem is a race problem.'

What Makes for Slavery?

It sounds good, but is it? Let us see.

First take the question of slavery. To too many Negroes, slavery is the badge of the Negro and his black skin. Error Number One. For white men were slaves for thousands of years in the greatest empires of antiquity, particularly the empires of Greece and Rome. White men enslaved white men by the millions. In fact white men have been slaves in Europe for far more centuries than white men have been free. Similarly, black men in Africa enslaved black men, and yellow men in China enslaved yellow men. Wherever economic conditions and political power enabled one class of men to enslave another class, there slavery existed, until the economic and political conditions changed and slavery was abolished. Color has nothing to do with it at all. So that a Negro who goes for a job and is refused because he is black, must stop and consider if there isn't more to this question than appears at first sight.

Let us now look at slavery in America. The Europeans who came to America in the early days tried to make the Indians slaves. But the Indians could not do the work. They died in millions. In the smaller islands of the West Indies they were wiped out almost entirely. On the American continent which was large they could fight and retreat before the invader. When they were caught they fought back, for their brothers and friends were carrying on the

struggle elsewhere. The European invaders then tried to enslave whites. They imported poor white people from Europe and worked them in the ields side by side with the Negroes. In other words, the color question did not trouble them at all.

But white slaves did not stand the climate well. Enough of them could not be got from Europe to do all the work that was to proval when Watson pointed out an, prairie center of Dominion, be done. So that the employers of those days, looking round for labor, decided to use the Africans from Africa because they were the most suitable. There were many more Africans in Africa than there were Indians in America. The weapons the Europeans used were technically so much advanced and deadly that they had the

The Africans were strong and could stand the hard work as slaves. Once brought to America, they had no hope, no society, no common language, no common tradition to bind them together and stiffen their resistance as the native Indians were stiffened. They had no perspective for freedom. So that they could only make periodical revolts one after another, which failed and left them often more miserable than before. In the same way the millions of slaves in the ancient Greek and Roman Empires made their periodical revolts and then submitted.

What we must note is that in America the slave-owners tried Indians, tried whites, and then finally settled on Negr obviously not because they were black but because they were the most suitable from an economic point of view.

Here again, therefore, a Negro who is refused a job because he is a black man, must think over history and note how unimportant the question of color was in the history of slavery and how it was the economic factor, the question of highest profit, which predominated. This is the dialectical approach. We watch the subject in different periods of history, in different countries in our own country, see where it was yesterday, where it is today and where it is going tomorrow. That is the most important thing for us. Where is it going tomorrow? When we know that, we know how to act today, and how to prepare action for tomorrow.

Slave-Drivers Disguise Truth

we must always bear in mind. In the same way as a man tries class opinion. to cover his naked body with pleasing clothes, so men like to cover naked economic facts with pleasing moral ideas. Roosevelt wants to go to war for the sake of American investments? But he does tion of Watson has already had trial, he was the first person arnot say that. He talks about war for "democracy". Does Hitler wide repercussions throughout rested under its provisions and want to go to war to seize territory? He does not say that to the Dominion. Every day brings has suffered the most severe German workers. He says "the Aryan blood" the "Nordic race" more news of the growing forces sentence. The Watson case, and much tripe of the same sort. The reason for this constant bluf- that are rallying to the defense which first drew wide publicity fing is plain. These men of privilege and power must fool the com- of this young anti-war fighter. in the Toronto press and which mon people. If they spoke plainly "War for colonies and for profits" the masses, who never get any profits, would reply "Go and fight the University of Toronto C.C.F. the Commonweal, liberal Cathyourselves for your profits." The naked truth must be disguised. (Social-Democrats) to discuss olic monthly, has been given the

It is in accordance with this historical law that the slave-driv- the preservation of civil rights greatest publicity by the Socialers, when people began to challenge the system of slavery, did not adopted a unanimous resolution ist Appeal, American organ of dare to say "We tried Indians, we tried whites and now we use protesting the conviction of the Fourth International. The Ngeroes because they are the most suitable." No. They said "This Watson. black man is a barbarian. He lives like a wild beast in Africa. He is an inferior creature. God intended him to be a slave." Thus, to incial Secretary of the C.C.F., ing of the greatest service in justify economic exploitation, they elevated the race question into and a prominent trade unionist, the fight for Watson's liberation. a position of importance which it had never had before.

It wasn't an easy thing to do this, even in the South. A hundred ists would not give up the strugand twenty years ago, there were many white people who denounced gle "until Watson is released." slavery. Wherever a man had a small farm, or where mines were worked, wherever in fact Negroes were not required for large-scale cotton plantations, the whites as a rule opposed slavery. There were scores of abolitionist societies in the South in the period members, many of whom are outaround 1800. Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Thomas Jef- standing ministers of this city, ferson, the great men of those days had no love for slavery, and for the Watson Defense. Speakhoped that it would soon be abolished. And it would probably have ers at this meeting linked the been abolished long before 1863, if Eli Whitney had not discovered fight for Watson with the de-

This invention could do the work of a dozen slaves. Straightway an clergymen, ministers of the cotton production began to jump, In 1791 it had been two million United Church of Canada, who pounds. Ten years after, in 1801, it was forty million pounds. Ten years after that, in 1811, it was eighty million pounds and still ten against the war. The ministers years later, in 1821, it was 177 million pounds

Huge cotton farms employing hundreds of slaves, spread over the country. The small farmers were driven off the land. So strong ture required for the plantation. It was cheaper to have them made had been the abolition movement previous to Whitney's invention that up to 1826 there were still 103 emancipation societies in the South. But, as fast as the production of cotton and the profits doubled, equally as fast the propaganda against the Negroes doubled. The more the slave-owners exploited Negroes the more they proved that he was a being created by God to be a slave. In other words, to disguise the naked economic exploitation they had to say that in reality they only did it because he was black and inferior.

But even while they proved by the word of God and the laws of man that Negroes were inferior creatures fit only to be slaves, the need for profits made them act in a way entire y opposed to their lying propaganda. They found that slaves could become highlywhite worker should learn this great lesson from the capitalists. | the defense of the Soviet Union and the proletarian revolution

1 | MAX SHACHTMAN | Socialist Workers

Write number 1 before name in the voting square to the left of his name as indicated above.

After marking your ballot as above kindly give your second and third choices to the American Labor Party candidates by marking the numbers 2 and 3 next to their names.

Take this with you to the Polls as a reminder on Election Day, Nov. 7th.

For the Write-In in Manhattan

1 GEORGE L. PAINE

The above is the correct spelling of the S.W.P.'s Councilmanic Candidate in Manhattan. To count, the name must be spelled exactly as here given. According to the election law, you must write-in George L. Paine on a blank line under the names of the candidates listed and put the number 1 in the square opposite to show that you

Carry this with you to the polling booth to help you in voting accurately.

GROWING PROTEST MOVEMENT CHALLENGES WATSON ARREST

rowd which listened to Watson Watson. esented his anti-war statements. tween fascist rule in Germany rallied to his support. and the military dictatorship in The Canadian section of the England.

prosecution. Having failed to con- efforts to destroy them. vince any of the workers at that | The War Measures Act, under the police for the arrest.

ings on the streets of London while the anti-fascist Watson

Wide Resentment

has publicly stated that social- Watson's appeal will be heard At a meeting of the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order funds were raised from its fense of the seventy-five Canadihave published an open manifesto

(Continued from Page 1) have already been threatened an ex-recruiting sergeant, lied | with prosecution under the same when they inferred that the large act which was used to convict

In Winnipeg, members of the On the contrary, the crowd lis- I.W.W. have declared their supcned with great sympathy to port of the Watson Defense his address. They murmured ap- Committee while in Saskatchewthe slight differences existing be- prominent C.C.F. ers have also

Fourth International has been When the arrest came on that active in collecting money for ateful evening, it was counter the Defense Fund and has purto the wishes of the assembled sued independent action by the workers. The police tried in vain issuance of leaflets and stickers. to persuade the workers to ap- The stickers continue to appear pear in court on the side of the in public places despite police

meeting to appear against Wat- whose provisions Watson was son, the authorities fell back on convicted, has become the main the testimony of the soldier and weapon in the enforcement of the ex-recruiting sergeant, both the Canadian military dictatorof whom had put in the call to sh.p. Repressions continue at such a pace that it is difficult, More than seven, hundred because of the press censorship, workers gathered about Watson to determine the number alas the police waited for re-in- ready arrested. It is estimated forcements to clinch the arrest. that at least thirty workers have Members of the Socialist Work- been jailed in Ontario alone, the Army and then by the Red Army, and nothing was left. . . ers League in the milling crowd latest victims being four Anarheard sympathetic comment on chist workers who were arrestall sides. One worker resentfully ed in a raid on the home of one pointed out that Oswald Mosley, of them. Also among the latest the hated British fascist leader, arrests are a preacher of the was permitted to hold open meet- Church of the Illuminati and a member of his congregation.

Public attention, however, faced arrest and conviction for continues to focus on the case Now there is another very noticeable fact about history which daring to voice honest working of Watson. Although the terms of the Act under which Watson was convicted had not been The brazen arrest and convict made public at the time of his A public meeting called by has already received comment in collection of funds by the Amer-Bert Leavens, Ontario Provican Defense Committee is prov-

> American Labor Aid 125 West 33 Street New York City Dear Friend:

sometime in November.

I PLEDGE MYSELF to contribute \$..... to the defense of Frank Watson, imprisoned by Canada's government for the crime of speaking out as a worker against the war of imperialism.

by slaves than by free whites. So that by 1861, the number of Negro skilled workers in the South was five times as large as the

When a Negro in the South is kept out of a skilled job because ne is black he should meditate upon the strange fact that eighty nor on their pretexts, nor by their methods, nor for their reasons. years ago he had nearly all the skilled jobs. Quite true he was a They seek only to preserve their rule. We, on the contrary, seek the slave. But the white mechanic starved. The white employer, making destruction of their rule, for if they continue for long to dominate his profit wherever he could and however he could, simply ignored the Soviet Union, the first workers' state is doomed. Only the prohe fact that by his own argument the slave was a barbarian, and letarian revolution in the West can save the Soviet Union. And in certainly he did not care what happened to the white skilled laborer, the proletarian revolution, the Stalinists stand on the other side of In other words he had his eye glued on the economic situation and he the barricades. nade his politics in strict accordance with his pocket. He didn't let he race question interfere with his profits. Every Negro and every proletariat from the Soviet bureaucracy—that is the first step in

"LABOR WITH A WHITE SKIN CAN ON the Ballot in the Bronx | G-Men Frame Teamsters Union Leaders As Part of U.S. Preparation for War

strike was something of a turn- of \$40,000, or both. and helpers. During the past year course, none of them was. organization in the driving indusry in this area had made immense strides in scores of cities—

n Sioux City, Omaha and other penalty on which we wish to foc-Nebraska towns, in Des Moines, us attention, it is the entire con-Fort Dodge, Mason City, Dubu- duct of the FBI in this case que, Kansas City—in every town which causes us such concern, of importance in the industry. This organizational progress story. culminated early in October 1939, with the signing of a new officials have made a diligent in-

Teamsters and more than 2,000 covered some startling facts. motor carriers, covering 350,000 Passing over the fact that the 23 of this year.

Upon arraignment on Sept. 23, vealed: Drivers Unions in Sioux City, in named Coombs, have worked on Des Moines, and in Omaha— the case of the alleged damaged ruck fourteen months earlier.

Each union official was charged with five things:

jail, \$5,000 fine, or both.

5. Possession of stolen bakery the excuse that there was "not goods: 10 years, \$5,000 fine, or enough money to enforce regula-

thus eligible to receive a total an extreme concern to place ev-

CAN THE WORKERS ACCEPT

MOLOTOFF'S EXPLANATION?

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which it had asked the world working class to underwrite!

"At the same time, the Soviet government intends to

deliver the Polish people from the disastrous war into which

they have been plunged by their unwise leaders and to give

them the opportunity to live a life of peace." Daily Worker,

This promise, solemnly made to the Polish people by Molotoff,

was obviously meant to assure them that the Red army was not

marching in collaboration with the German Army. It was meant to

assure the Polish soldiers in the western provinces that, if they

yielded to the Red Army and surrendered their arms, it would not

mean that the Polish people would be delivered up to Hitler. Press

dispatches in those days reported that surrendering Polish soldiers thought the Red Army was marching against Hitler, and that Red

How were his listeners and the Polish people supposed to under-

stand Molotoff's words? He was promising that the Soviet Union

"intends to take every measure" to give the Polish people "the

opportunity to live a life of peace," Could the premier of the gov-

ernment of the "Workers Fatherland" mean anything but what the

words indicated? Certainly he could not have meant to define "the

opportunity to live a life of peace" as—life under Hitler's boot!

Those who listened and heeded his words did not believe that that

is what his words means. If that is what he meant, he could

of the Western provinces. It is not repeated, or even hinted at, in

German speech, calling upon the workers of the world to take as

good coin Hitler's offer of "peace," saying not a word about the

imperialist aims of the Hitler regime but, on the contrary, laying

the entire blame for continuation of the war on the democratic im-

perialists. Hitler is whitewashed, including his annexation of Poland.

Molotoff calls upon the workers of the world to accept his version of

defend the economic conquests of the October Revolution, the na-

the Finnish situation. Can the workers accept it? They cannot.

Stalinism Cannot Defend the Soviet Union

tionalized property wrested from the capitalist world.

After this string of broken promises in connection-with Poland

We, the Fourth Internationalists, today as before, stand ready to defend the cradle of the Socialist revolution. We stand ready to

We defend it, however, not at the bidding of Stalin-Molotoff,

Complete political and organizational independence of the world

Molotoff's speech of Oct. 31. On the contrary, the speech is a pro-

That promise was, however, not repeated after the occupation

But this is not the whole story.

Army's march:

have said it.

Sept. 18, 1939.) -

Army soldiers also thought so.

More Broken Promises

ing point in union organization The combined penalty facing latter sought to exercise their has all the aspects of an act by among Middle West drivers, the eight drivers' union officials elementary legal rights. Some four months later the In- amount to 232 years in the peniternational Brotherhood of Team-tentiary, a fine of \$320,000, or sters signed a one-year contract both. Certainly one would have with the majority of the motor to agree that this was a disprofreight operators in over a dozen portionate penalty even if any of And le Western states, a contract the officials had been guilty of embracing over 200,000 drivers damaging a truck, which, of **FBI Instigated Case**

However, it is not the extreme and brings us to the heart of the

working agreement between the quiry into all circumstances sur-International Brotherhood of rounding the case and have un

drivers and helpers in thirteen union officials were denied such states and bringing wage in- elementary courtesies ordinarily creases amounting to millions of extended to labor officials as that dollars yearly. We mention this of a telephone call from authoridevelopment at some length be- ties asking voluntary appearance cause it has an important bear- at police headquarters, or arrest ing on the arrests occurring Sept. at a reasonable hour of the day, the union's investigation has re-

the union officials—leaders of 1. FBI agents, led by a man learned that the charges levelled truck for well over a year, at an against them had to do with the expenditure of time and governalleged destruction of the bakery ment funds which can only be

"Out to Get Unionists"

transporting stolen car across nesses that he had spent all his tice allowed such bond. state line). Penalty: 5 years in time on the case and was out to "get" the drivers' union officials. 2. Interference with interstate 3. While the government was commerce: 10 years, \$10,000 fine, expending large sums of money raise the bond in Sioux City. It wreck labor unions and deny 3. Conspiracy to do both the operators in this very area were in the background enormous Referring specifically to the inabove: 2 years, \$10,000 fine, or flouting Interstate Commerce pressure was being exerted on lo-dictments returned against driv-4. Conspiracy to steal bread state trucking. When this laxity and employers to cause the capitol, Mr. Padway stated: and bakery goods: 2 years, \$10,- was called to the attention of the bondsmen to refuse bond. One af-

tions. Each arrested union official is 4. The FBI agents have shown

(Continued from Page 1) | penalty of 29 years in jail, a fine ery obstacle in the way of the operators of the destruction of a arrested union officials when the bakery truck (a charge which

> FBI Hounded Unionists We furnish you examples of the FBI's behaviour:

When Walter Stultz and Louis Miller, president and organizer of Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nethe Omaha General Drivers Un-braska, as well. ion, Local 554, two of those charged, were arrested on September 23 and jailed, a \$10,000 ed unnecessary to call this case bond was immediately secured to the attention of the American from two local businessmen, who labor movement were it not for thus indicated their faith in the the fact that the victims are integrity and innocence of these leaders of a section of the organunionists.

re-jailed, and the court explained that the \$10,000 property bond was invalid because the property was not tenanted.

A second bond was secured Miller was freed.

On October 17, Federal agents Defense counsel immediately precials refused to free Stultz and Justice investigation of monopoly Miller. This time they said there in the construction industry, etc. was "a technical error" in the When defense counsel ists in the Sioux City area.

2. At least one FBI agent is live and are known, and that ington, D.C., Joseph A. Padway, 1. Violation of the Dyer Act reported as boasting before wit- courts have as a common prac- legal counsel for the American

> Put Pressure on Bondsmen to "get" union officials, trucking very quickly became evident that them the right to organize." Commission regulations of inter- cal bondsmen by Federal men ers' union officials in the nation's

drivers' union officials were shad-labor union was considered a con-owed day and night while in spiracy." Sioux City. At times their shadowers would speak with prospec-The Kremlin lied when it made these promises. It did nothing idea to go bond.

to strengthen the struggle of Poland against Germany. The Stalin-Hitler pact, far from encouraging Polish resistance, undermined it. Sioux City, finally offered a bond-ists everywhere will give these and independence" in the form of a Red Army invading Poland in a company \$500 to get Stultz facts serious thought; and with collaboration with Hitler's army. Forgetting what had been said on Aug. 23-more exactly, cynically putting it aside-Moltoff boasted in his Oct. 31 speech: "One swift blow to Poland, first by the German prepare their defense against the cause the FBI to withdraw from Thus did the Kremlin fulfill the promises it had made and When the Red Army began to march into Poland, repudiating all the previous promises made by the Kremlin, Molotoff made new ities, in what is an apparent ef- and Asia. promises. In his radio speech to the Russian people explaining the fort to make it difficult for them reasons for the occupation of the Ukrainian and Byelo-Russian to prepare their legal defense. provinces, Molotoff said, as a concluding point to justify the Red

Trial Now On

Early in November, the trial of the eight union officials will begin before the Federal court in Sioux City. What the outcome will be, no one knows. What we do know is that the

Federal Bureau of Investigation (popularly known as the G-men) has played a startling role in this prosecution. Building on the basis of a minor charge by trucking

agents provocateurs), FOR FIF-TEEN MONTHS the G-men have painstakingly built up a case involving not only officials of the Sioux City Drivers' Union, but officials of drivers' unions in Des

Perhaps it would still be deemized labor movement that has had Bond was at first allowed and phenomenal success in the past ooth men freed. Then Miller was year; and were it not for the further fact that in recent months the FBI has been used against organized labor in a number of cities; in Minneapolis in July, 1939, during the widely-publicized WPA strike; in Washington, D. C., just a few days ago against removed Stultz and Miller to Sioux City and again jailed them. sented bond. But the Federal offi-

FBI is Boss Weapon Leading officials in the world of sought to discover what the error labor with increasing frequency waes, Federal officials refused have been calling attention to, point-blank to allow the bond at and condemning, the increasing all, stating that a new bond had use of the FBI against the organto be raised for the Omaha union- ized labor movement, and have expressed concern lest this might Legal counsel have pointed out encourage a wide assault on orthat the best bond is raised in ganized labor by all anti-union the district where the defendants forces. A few days ago in Wash-Federation of Labor, declared that the Department of Justice Union officials and defense prosecution of the Teamsters' counsel then made an effort to Union "is a desperate attempt to

government, it invariably gave ter another, the Sioux City bonds-law then no union is safe in pickmen stated frankly that "the heat is too strong on us." When several bondsmen were finally found to make bond, their bonds were to make bonds ials on one technicality or an-5. The trade union committee Relations Act, and virtually "turn from Omaha that went to Sioux the clock back a century to the City to raise bond for the two days when merely formation of a

In the interests of the union tive bondsmen, with an official movement of the United States. air, insisting it was not a good we submit the record of FBI operations against the drivers' to strengthen the struggle of Poland against Germany. The Stalindays in order to permit them to the weight of public opinion will charges. The bonding company its present road, a road which is refused! Walter Stultz and Louis surely leading to the development Miller, the Omaha union leaders, on American soil of the same sort were kept in jail for eight days of anti-labor political police before being released. They were held on the flimsiest of technical-

SPECIAL!

The Labor Bookshop has on hand about 1500 copies of "America's Permanent Depression" by Art Preis. The pamphlets sell at 3 cents per copy. Offers for the lot or any part of the lot should be made immediately by any branch interested in the pamphlet. Write to the Labor Bookshop, 116 University Place.

MASS MEETING 22nd ANNIVERSARY of the RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

WHITHER SOVIET RUSSIA? THE MEANING OF STALIN'S ROLE IN THE

EUROPEAN WAR. What does the future hold in store for Stalin?

Have the irresistible forces that erupted in October 1917 really been quelled? Or does a new and vaster revolu-

tionary explosion impend? Will mankind emerge from this war enslaved and be plunged into barbarism? Or will it march emancipated into Socialism?

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By Max Shachtman

The recent invasion of Poland has been contrasted

in these pages with the situation that prevailed dur-

ing the Russo-Polish war in 1920. At that time, the

Red Army, exhausted and ill-equipped as it was, not

only succeeded in repulsing the invading Pilsudski

forces (backed by Western imperialism), but pursued

them on Polish soil. With the Red Army marched the

Revolutionary Polish Committee. Supporting it was

the revolutionary vanguard of the Polish workers

and peasants. Militants everywhere, unconcerned

then as they are now with the frontiers arbitrarily

established by imperialism, looked hopefully for the

triumph of the Red Army and the extension of the

The Russian masses, armed and unarmed, were giv-

ing a living demonstration of the vitality of interna-

tional solidarity, of their overwhelming concern with

the world socialist revolution. If the march on War-

Stalin? His clique is animated, at home and

abroad, exclusively by what it believes will preserve

the precarious rule of the anti-Soviet bureaucracy.

Our press has made that clear for years. But there is

undoubtedly more than this involved. Stalin and his

bureaucracy are filled with Messianic delusions. The

"Great Russian" attitude of Stalin was observed and

condemned by Lenin as far back as 1921 and 1922. In

recent years, Soviet life has been poisoned by Stalin

with the glorification of the old Czars and their re-

tainers, with eulogies to Peter the Great and other

autocrats of the old regime. Stalin is depicted as his

great heir and the executor of his ambitions. We may

be sure that Stalin has devoted more than one spare

hour to a study of the old Czars, their methods and

their aspirations, and has increasingly identified him-

self with them in his mind. What they aimed to ac-

complish by cunning and brutality, can he not ac-

complish with his even greater cunning and brutality?

In that connection, the by no means dusty docu-

"So well had this game succeeded," reads one of

ments of Marxism offer an interesting sidelight on

these documents, "and so long had it been played,

that, when Poland at last was annihilated, there was

no outcry at all in Europe, and, indeed, people were

astonished at this only, that Russia should have the

generosity of giving such a large slice of the terri-

about, is particularly interesting. There was, at that

time, already an enlightened 'public opinion' in Eur-

ope. Although the [London] Times newspaper had

not yet begun to manufacture that article, there was

that kind of public opinion which had been created

by the immense influence of Diderot, Voltaire, Rous-

seau and the other French writers of the eighteenth

century. Russia always knew that it is important to

have public opinion on one's side, if possible, and

Russia took care to have it, too. The court of Cather-

ine II was made the headquarters of the enlightened

men of the day, especially Frenchmen; the most en-

lightened principles were professed by the Empress

and her Court, and so well did she succeed in de-

ceiving them that Voltaire and many others sang the

praise of the 'Semiramis of the North,' and proclaim-

ed Russia the most progressive country in the world,

the home of liberal principles, the champion of re-

"Religious toleration—that was the word wanted

The way in which this partition was brought

From the Archives of Marxism

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The Socialist Workers Party is running candidates in two cities of the east-New York and Newark, N. J.

Max Shachtman is the Party's Councilmanic candidate in the Bronx.

George L. Paine is the Party's Councilmanic candidate in Manhattan.

Alfred Lowenthal is the Party's Assembly candidate in Newark.

The main slogan of our Party in the elections may be sumed up in one sentence: Cast your vote against the war and the war-mongers!

All the other parties are committed to the support of one or the other of the two imperialist camps now in conflict in Europe. The Socialist Workers Party is committed irrevocably to the support of the world-wide THIRD CAMP—the camp of the workers who have everything to lose in the war and nothing but poverty or coffins to

Voting for the candidates of the SWP affords an opportunity of making a decisive demonstration against the war. Thousands of votes for the anti-war party in the elections will mean to the war-mongers that there are that many people who are supporting the most radical and determined oposition—a revolutionary opposition—to the war.

It is the war and the threat of full-fledged American involvement that are the main issues in the resent election. All other issues are subordinated to them, dependent upon them.

What can a housing program, so urgently needed, signify in the coming elections if a million coffins await the American dead in the war?

What can an improved transit system mean if millions are scheduled for a one-way ride to the battlefields?

What can democratic county reorganization mean if war breaks out and a military, totalitarian dictatorship is imposed upon the country? What will democratic rights mean if the generals rule and critics of war face prison walls or firing squads?

Demonstrate in the elections against the imperialist war! Vote for the candidates of the militant and uncompromising antiwar Party-the Socialist Workers Party! Vote for the international solidarity of the working class and toiling peoples against the warlords and assassins of the people!

Vote this way:

In the Bronx:

MAX SHACHTMAN In Manhattan:

GEORGE L. PAINE (write in)

In Newark:

ALFRED LOEWENTHAL

Mussolini: Democrat

The democratic press of the United States, England and France is jubilant over Mussolini's reorganization of his cabinet. It doesn't bother to conceal its delight over the report, on the

ground that the ousted Blackshirts were pro-German, whereas the newly-constituted cabinet will be increasingly friendly to France and Eng-

Which way Mussolini will jump, or even the question of whether he will enter the war in the near future, cannot be answered conclusively at this time. In all likelihood, this third-rate power with first-class pretensions, will repeat the performance it enacted in the first World War. It will wait, first, to see which of the two imperialist camps will promise it the greater amount of booty, and, second, to see which of the two camps is most likely to win the war.

Mussolini never was and is not now "pro-German" any more than he was or is "pro-English," and any attempt to judge his course by such designations is absurd. He was and is: pro-Italian. Like his contemporaries, he makes and re-makes his alliances in the interests of the Italian Empire, and if it suits him better at the moment to hook up with France and England, or with any other power, he will not hesitate to make the choice dictated not by his views on "democracy vs. fascism" but by his views on what serves the Italian ruling class.

What is interesting, however, is the reaction of our "democratic" war-mongers in London, Paris, and Washington.

Chamberlain is determined that "Hitlerism must go" because it wiped out Poland by brutal military methods. But as soon as there is the prospect of an imperialist alliance with Italy, he doesn't hesitate at the idea of recognizing Mussolini's conquest of Albania, which stands on the same level.

Chamberlain recently issued a White Paper expressing horror and indignation at the treatment of political prisoners under Hitler. That, you see, is supposed to justify the sacred and democratic war against Germany. But now that Mussolini is supposed to be flirting with an alliance with England, it can be said with absolute certainty that Chamberlain will issue no White or any other Paper dealing with the treatment of political prisoners under Italian Fascism.

As a matter of fact, the unashamed imperialists of England, France and the United States will—we freely predict this—jump to the front in defense of Mussolini the Democrat, IF Italy is lined up in their war camp. At first it will probably be explained that Mussolini is not as bad as he is painted; in fact, that he is a muchmisunderstood friend of the people.

Then it will be said that Mussolini is, at all events, not so much of an anti-Semite as Hitler is; in fact, he has rid himself of the real anti-Semites who were insidiously supported and influenced by Goebbels. Besides all this, the Italian of charity. people are very quaint, they like Mussolini in their own quaint way, and they like above all the way he keeps the trains running on schedule.

After all, in the last Great War to Make the World Safe for Democracy, the Czar of all the Russias and the autocratic Son of Heaven who ruled the destiny of Japan were in the forefront had better give-or else. of the struggle.

If Nicho as Romanov the Bloody could be a champion of the Crusade for Democracy, why not Benito Mussolini?

Stalin's Prisoners

Joseph Baskin, secretary of the labor fraternal order in this country, the Workmen's Circle, has made public a report of the arrest and imprisonment of a number of prominent leaders of the Polish and Polish-Jewish labor and socialist movements. Most prominent among them, and perhaps better known to many in the American movement, are such men as Heinrich Ehrlich and Viktor Alter, the former especially well known in what was the "left wing" of the Second International.

What is particularly important about Baskin's report is that the socialist leaders were seized in Warsaw when the city fell to the Nazis and then turned over to the Stalinist authorities, who spirited away the prisoners to the Soviet Union.

While Baskin's report is thus far not officially confirmed, we do not hesitate to say that we are inclined to give it credence. In any case, it is now clearly up to the Stalinist authorities or their spokesmen either to confirm or to deny the report. Those who have no illusions about the assassin in the Kremlin know, however, that he is quite capable of so abominable an act as is reported by Baskin. The gang that did not hesitate to frame-up and murder the best representatives of the Bolshevik revolution, would surely not turn a hair at hounding anti-Stalinist socialists to prison, or to death, in cooperation with Hitler, Hitler's army and Hitler's Gestapo.

We have our political differences with the Polish and Polish-Jewish social democrats, and we have no reason either to conceal or minimize them. But that would not prevent us for a single moment from protesting most forcefully against the shameless procedure Stalin is now charged — by Joseph Baskin — rightly, in all probabil-

ity-with having followed. It would be entirely in character for the Kremlin butcher-turnkey to work hand in glove with reaction in the arrest and imprisonment of any labor leader who commits the crime of refusing to bow to the Soviet despots.

CHARITY—SWEET CHARITY

The WFA-Slashers Open a Pious Drive to Let the Masses "Give"

Another terrible winter is themselves to be fooled by the quences. It is the capitalists descending on the unemployed. hypocritical phrases of the char- therefore who must be made to Another season of cold unheated ity agencies. They must strughomes, of inadequate clothing, slow starvation and dull hopeless misery. This winter will bring the unemployed more suffering than the years gone by. Relief budgets have been brutally slashed. Tens of thousands have been fired from the WPA Weakened by years of semistarvation they are all the more susceptible to the ravages of disease. The war boom together with the seasonal pick up have only absorbed an insignificant number of workers.

Against this background the rearly Community Fund campaign has been launched once more in every city of the United States. From all sides direct and indirect pressure is being applied to wring every possible iollar from the workers.

Pious Appeal First came the indorsement of his campaign by men prominent n the public eye. No less a personage than the President who recently discharged tens of thousands from the WPA has made heart-rending plea on behalf of the needy. He was followed by all sorts of pious business men, nigh-minded clubwomen, sanctimonous sky-pilots, and professional humanitarians. Forgetting political differences they have issued a unanimous appeal: "Give!" "Give until it hurts!" Even if your earnings are meager give in order to help your nore unfortunate neighbor!" "Give for the sacred cause of Charity-Sweet Charity."

After this general appeal will ome all forms of mass propaanda. Thousands of posters and circulars will shout "Give." the radio, the press, the pulpit, the screen will all shrick "Give.

Then, the actual collection of funds will begin. Altruistic busness men who have stopped at nothing to fight their workers' demands for higher wages will make contributions and will have their pictures printed in the newspapers. These same newspapers will uphold them as shinng examples of the pure spirit

Shalding-Down the Masses Finally will come the real squeeze. Every worker will be the three candidates is now beapproached in his shop or fact fore the Board of Elections. tory. While the worker will be

will come out of the pockets 1334 Wilking Ave of workers whose wages are not Tuseday. always sufficient to provide for the bare necessities of life. And then this money will be doled out to "deserving" families. Vicious Scheme

The workers must not allow didate Paine. According to the the next issue.

gle against the compulsory contributions to the Community fund. They must do this not bebecause the Community Fund is shift the burden of supporting the unemployed on to the backs of the employed workers.

The workers are not responsible for unemployment. It is capitalism which creates unemployment and its terrible conse- living!

provide for the unemployed out of their swollen profits. The money spent by the Community Fund will be like a drop in the cause they are indifferent to the bucket so far as the needs of the suffering of the unemployed, but unemployed are concerned. The unemployed must organize and just another vicious scheme to struggle for decent relief standards-for the turning over of all the war funds to the unemployed for jobs on a huge public works program at union wages The workers don't want charity. They want jobs and a decent

VOTE FOR MAX SHACHTMAN AND GEORGE L. PAINE ON TUESDAY

(Continued from Page 1) plate their efforts at hurning the American workers into it." ahead on all fronts of the election campaign.

Shachtman will address a big to give him." ampaign rally at Herman Ridire Junior High School, Boston

Road and 173rd Street. Saturday evening, at the corner of Tremont and Prospect Avenues, scene of many of the most successful election rallies, candidate Shachtman, George Clarke, Steve Parker and others will address a mass meeting which will be the culmination of a torchlight parade.

Monday evening, Nov. 6, the night before the polls open, Shachtman will speak at a mass rally on Walton Avenue and 170

Loud speakers are being engaged for the Saturday and Moniay mass rallies.

Watchers Needed Charles Rubinstein and Salvatore Ninfo, candidates of the American Labor Party in the Bronx, esatblished contact with comrade Shachtman in order to petition jointly the Board of Elections for permission to have watchers at the polls. Under the New York election law, it is necessary for three candidates to submit a joint petition request-

Max Burt and George Clarke told that his contribution is a who are in charge of the camvoluntary one, he will be im- paign headquarters in the Bronx, pressed with the idea that he appealed today for members and sympathizers of the Social-Thus millions of dollars will ist Workers Party to be in atbe squeezed out of the workers. tendance at the campaign office,

ing watchers, and the petition of

How to Vote The Campaign Committee again reminded all workers in National Maritime Union, which Manhattan on the methods gov- was to have been continued in erning the write-in vote for can-this issue, has been held over for

City Charter, "To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot, write his name or the (other) candidates and put number in the square opposit

Final arrangements for th distribution of election litera ture showed that 150,000 leaf lets are being printed instruct ing workers on how to vote for Shachtman in the Bronx. The leaflets will be ready for distrib ution near the polls all day Tues

Dwight Macdonald, Secretary of the Campaign Committee, re minded workers today that a votes for Shachtman should b a first choice vote, bearing th numeral one (1) opposite hi name on the ballot. Second and third choices, Macdonald stated should be cast for the officia candidates of the American La bor Party, Rubinstein and Ninfo n the Bronx.

The Campaign Committee al so cautioned workers to write-in the name of candidate Pain clearly and legibly. The officia name to be written in, the Cam paign Committee stated, Seorge L. Paine, which is the way his name appears on the cominating petitions.

UNSER WORT

The new issue of UNSER WORT, containing articles on the war situation will appear shortly. Order it from Dale Edwards P. O. Box No. 173, Sta. D, New York, N. Y.

The article on the situation in

saw did not succeed then, it was only because Lenin misjudged the revolutionary maturity of the Polish masses and overrated the Red Army's powers of endurance after years of difficult fighting. Lenin and the Bolsheviks were, however, animated exclusively

Meanwhile, plans are going a blank line under the names of Friday, Nov. 4, candidate to show which choice you wish

First Choice

(12 copies 60 c.)

NOTE

to put down Poland. Poland had always been extremely liberal in religious matters; witness the asylum Jews found there while they were persecuted in all other parts of Europe. The greater portion of the people in the Eastern provinces belonged to the Greek faith, while the Poles proper were Roman Catholics. A considerable portion of these Greek Catholics had been induced, during the sixteenth century, to acknowledge the supremacy of the Pope, and were called United Greeks; but a great many continued true to their old Greek religion in all respects. They were principally the serfs, their noble masters being almost all Roman Catholics, they were little Russians [Ukrainians] by nationality. Now, this Russian Government, which did not tolerate at home any other religion but the Greek, and punished apostacy as a crime; which was conquering foreign nations and annexing foreign provinces right and left; and which was at that time engaged in riveting still firmer the fetters of the Russian serf-this same Russian Government came soon upon Poland in the name of religious toleration, because Poland was said to oppress the Greek Catholics; in the name of the principle of nationalities, because the inhabitants of these Eastern provinces were Little Russians, and ought. therefore, to be annexed to Great Russia; and in the name of the right of revolution arming the serfs against their masters. Russia is not at all scrupulous in the selection of her means. Talk about a war of class against class as something extremely revolutionary;-why, Russia set such a war on foot in Poland nearly 100 years ago, and a fine specimen of a classwar it was, when Russian soldiers and Little Russian serfs went in company to burn down the castles of Polish lords, merely to prepare Russian annexation, which he ng once accomplished the same Russian soldiers put the serfs back again under the yoke of their lords.

An Interesting Parallel

this was colle in the cause of religious toleration, because the principle of nationalities was notthen fashionable in Western Europe. But it was held up before the eyes of the Little Russ an peasants at the time, and has played an important part since in Polish affairs. The first and foremost ambition of Russia is the union of all Russian tribes under the Czar who calls himself the Autocrat of all Russias (Samoderzhets vserossiisk.), and among these she includes White and Little Russia. And in order to prove that her ambition went no further, she took very good care, during the three partitions, to annex none but white and Little Russian provinces; leaving the country inhabited by Poles, and even a portion of Little Russia (Easter Galicia) to her accomplices. . .

thus Frederic Engels, in "The Doctrine of Nationality Applied to Poland," the third of a series of arcicles he wrote on Poland in the British periodical, The Commonwealth, on Saturday, May 5, 1866.

Although the Scalin regime is not the feudal-military regime of Peter or Catherine or any of the other czarist autocrats, and the situations are different in more than one other respect (the attitude of Beck's Poland towards the Jews is but one example!), the parallel in other respects is not uninteresting.

THE MARXIST SCHOOL

announces its FALL TERM COURSES to be held at the Cultural Center, Room 201, 125 West 33rd St., N. Y. C.

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1. HOW CAPITALISM OPERATES TODAY Frank Demby Mondays—7:15 p.m.-8:40 p.m. 6 Sessions, \$1.00 A course in Applied Marxian economics, dealing with such matters as the basic causes of the breakdown of the automatic processes of the business cycle, war and inflation, economics under a fascist system, the economics of the farm problem, etc., etc.

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