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Lewis Victory is Miners' Loss

Gives Up 27 of 28 Demands

DEMOCRATIC MINERS COMMITTEES ONLY
WEAPON TO FIGHT LEWIS AND MINE OWNERS

BULLETIN--As we go to press twenty two mines in Kentucky have been opened by the use of the National Guard.

There are only 44 mines that have not yet signed up.

The seven week struggle between John L. Lewis and the coal operators ended May 12 with a victory for Lewis. All of the Northern operators and many of the Southern operators granted the United Mine Workers exclusive bargaining rights and the "union" shop — all new employees must become members of the UMWA.

There is a possibility that local strike struggles will have to be organized by the great John L. to make these conditions effective in other sections of the South. Governor Chandler of Kentucky has offered to call the troops out and help the Kentucky operators keep the mines open on a non-union basis, with scabs. In other states, such as Ohio, obliging Governors are cutting strikers off the relief roles, helping the operators in that fashion force the men back to work.

MINERS NOT REPRESENTED

Unfortunately for the 460,000 coal miners the victory for John L. Lewis was not a victory for them.

The simple fact is that the COAL MINERS, the workers in the mines, were NOT represented at the conferences in New York and Washington.

Of the 28 demands Lewis proposed to the mine owners he obligingly gave up 27 of them in the first days of negotiations. All the demands for better wages, shorter hours, and better working conditions were bargained away for the one right — the union shop.

The "union" shop is merely a device for protecting Lewis' bureaucratic machine against the AFL Progressive Miners of America, which has made small inroads in the mines in the last year. Lewis demanded a union shop with the old check-off remaining so that the PMA couldn't challenge his machine.

The main problem of the miners was not even discussed. In 1938 the American mines produced 342 million tons of coal, exactly 100 million tons less than the year before. Thousands of men were thrown out of work as a result. In addition the introduction of labor saving machinery — new loading devices, etc. — has helped throw

thousands more out of work, and put most of the miners on a part time basis. In 1937 the average number of working days was 194. In 1938 the number was much shorter. The average wage of the miners in 1937 was less than \$20 a week — for one of the most dangerous occupations in the country.

SAME OLD LABOR FAKER

Lewis didn't show a bit of concern with this problem. All he was interested in was keeping his pre-ordained bureaucracy protected. Despite all of the babbling of the Stalinists — who called Lewis the worst labor faker in history 10 years ago — and the Trotskyites, the latest converts to Lewis' "progressiveness" (they didn't have a word of criticism of Lewis' negotiations in their press during the conferences) — despite all this, John L. Lewis remains the same prize sell-out artist for the capitalist class.

He can add the betrayal of 1939 to the betrayals of the auto workers in 1937, of mine workers in 1922, 1927, 1928, and so on.

The mine workers were solid. The shortage of coal was beginning to seriously affect industry. The miners had a most favorable situation for demanding a 25 or 30 hour week with no reduction in pay, a minimum YEARLY wage, and other demands to

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Reformists Hold Pro-War May Day

The League May Day meetings in all the cities where the R. W. L. has forces were held successfully. In Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit the R.W.L. was the only force — except for the Stalinists — to hold outdoor meetings. 600 workers gathered at the Cleveland Public Square to listen and support the League's speakers against capitalism and the Roosevelt war plans. Hundreds others gathered at the squares in Detroit and in Chicago. Except in N. Y. where a united front meeting was held, the League's attempts at a united front met with failure.

While millions of workers marched on May Day throughout the world, the unfortunate fact is that they demonstrated not in their own interests but in the interests of the enemy class. The pro-Roosevelt, pro-war character and slogans of the Stalinist and other meetings in the U. S. were equalled by the class collaborationist demonstrations in Latin

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The Main Enemy Is At Home



KARL LIEBKNECHT

ROYALTY IN U.S. TO FURTHER G.B. WAR PLAN

The King and Queen of England will be in America about the time this paper appears. These two figures of British Imperialism will tour through Canada and then the United States in an attempt to undo some of the work of American Imperialism and to cement Canada firmly into the British Empire and British war plans. American Imperialism has lately gained more and more hegemony over this British colony.

In addition the King will be here on a good will tour to gain unity of action between American and British imperialism in the war steps now being taken.

The American press is playing up the visits. Workers must not fall for the bunk about royalty or about "friendly visits". They must remember that under the iron heel of British imperialism, which they represent, are hundreds of millions in India, South Africa, Egypt, and dozens of other places in abject slavery. Under them lie millions of British, Australian, Canadian and other workers who starve and are oppressed just like the millions in the United States. Under their rule at least 250,000 Indians are arrested and tortured each year. Under their rule a vicious war is still on in the hinterlands of India for the extermination of warlike tribes.

Don't bow to the royal puppets. Let your voice be heard in the cry: "DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM". "Down with British and American Imperialism both."

FOR A NEW COMMUNIST (4th) INTERNATIONAL

Powers Move to War Lineup

Danzig Crisis will be Followed by Even Greater Ones

FIGHT WAR BY FIGHTING THE NEW DEAL WAR PLANS AT HOME

The "snatch" of Danzig, which appeared so imminent a few weeks ago, has settled down to a quiet game of power politics, with the wooing of the Stalinist regime an important factor in the outcome.

The powers of the Rome-Berlin axis have no alternative but to expand still further. Otherwise their crumbling economies will crumble entirely. But the so-called democratic powers, England and France, who necessarily must grant enormous concessions to the Fascist powers in order to check the inevitable proletarian revolution, want to keep the inroads of Germany and Italy within certain bounds.

TRIED AT MUNICH

An attempt was made to do this at Munich, but the contradictions of German economy, its unfavorable balance of trade in 1938, the further depletion of its gold supply, the still greater need for raw materials because of the annexations of Austria and Czechia — all these factors forced German Imperialism to step out

more gingerly than the "democratic" powers would like. The extension of the thrusts of the Fascist powers into Albania and Czechoslovakia to other Central European Nations, would seriously threaten the Anglo-French life-line.

The answer of the French and British Imperialists to Hitler, therefore, has been some power politics of its own, the new and latest edition of the encirclement policy. What is different in the present encirclement policy is only the fact that open military pledges are made, instead of the former "non-aggression" pacts. By cementing Turkey, Rumania, Poland and others into an "encirclement" alliance, and gaining the aid of the Soviet Union, or at least its neutrality, the Anglo-French hope to check the conquests of the Fascist powers.

The hypocrisy of the British imperialists is revealed glaringly by its present feverish attempts to involve the Soviets in its encirclement plans. At Munich the Soviet Union was entirely dis-

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Laws to Curb Strikes Passed in Many States

ONLY CLASS STRUGGLE POLICY CAN RETAIN DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

The right to strike and picket, won after 100 years of class battles in the United States, is being challenged more seriously than at any time since the depression. Laws limiting and making strikes ineffective have been passed in Oregon, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Similar bills are pending — with good chances of being passed — in Illinois and Michigan.

The structure of all of the bills are strangely similar, indicating that it is a concerted drive on the part of the whole capitalist class to limit the rights of the working class. Sitdown strikes are prohibited. Workers must give ten or fifteen day notices before going out on strike, jurisdictional strikes are outlawed, boycotts are declared illegal, and picketing is prohibited unless a majority of the strikers vote for it. Where there is picketing of a plant only em-

ployees of the plant can picket. Some of the bills have further limitations on strikes "where public interest is concerned." Governors can make this phrase mean anything — and will.

Coupled with the rulings of the courts in this last year on sit-downs (Fenster case) and on holding unions responsible for business lost during strikes (Apex case) the right to strike is rapidly being abrogated.

LEWIS CHECKED UPSURGE

Two years ago during the auto and other sitdown strikes the capitalists didn't dare take such stern action. Now that John L. Lewis and his cohorts have been successful in checking this wave of militancy and independent class action, the capitalist politicians are on the offensive. They are attempting to give the next inevitable wave of strikes as little legal cover as possible, so that

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NEW YORK WORLD «UNFAIR» OPENS

New York — After 4 years of ballyhoo the N. Y. World's Fair, which is just a glorified Coney Island was finally opened on April 3.

Designed principally to pull the despairing business man out of the red with the proverbial shot in the arm, the propaganda boys employed by the Fair, were quick to find some lofty themes, such as "World Cooperation", "International good will and tolerance," etc.

Actually the World's Fair is a simple and cold business venture big business in fact. The Fair cost more than 155 million dollars, invested in the main by N. Y. Bankers and leading industrialists such as Ford, General Motors and others. The remainder was provided by the Roosevelt administration.

ONLY PURE ARYANS WANTED

The crying fakery of the Fair's "theme" is no better shown than by the following fact: Early in the Fair's construction, stuffed-shirt Grover Whalen (one time N. Y. chief of police) set the requirements for the workers to be employed by the Fair as guards, policemen, waiters, etc. These requirements stipulated

that workers "must be of no distinct foreign or racial types." In other words, no Negroes, Jews, Italians, Puerto Ricans, etc. etc.

Apparently the only type worthy of Grover's (good will and tolerance) Fair, is the mythical 100% American or Hitler's "pure Aryan".

Many Negro organizations are rightly incensed at this obvious discrimination. Even while the Fair was opening, with Roosevelt speaking, groups of Negroes were picketing the entrance to the grounds.

"THE WORLD OF TOMORROW"

Another gag of the propaganda boys is the "World of Tomorrow" as shown by the World's Fair. There is no doubt there are wonderful things to see, new inventions, better technique, etc. America despite capitalist decay, has the basis for the World of Tomorrow — providing the miserable World of Today, the world of war and hunger, is buried deep in the ash can of history.

But with the price of admission being 75 cents and the size of the fair requiring at least 10 visits for a fairly good inspection, millions of people, unemployed and poor workers, will not get the chance to see the Fair.

Every Anti-Fascist Will Contribute to this Fund

HELP THE VICTIMS OF FASCISM

A special campaign for Red Aid against Fascism, to run from June 1 to July 14, has been organized by the Revolutionary Workers League. Each new offensive of Hitler — every consolidation move of Franco — makes more desperate the need for Red Aid for the victims of Fascism.

Lewis and Miners

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offset the enormous layoffs and the stagger system.

The half million miners could have been a force to set the whole labor movement into motion, stop the boss class offensive and raise the entire labor movement in the U. S. out of its present lethargy. But with Lewis at the helm the boss class felt safe.

The 2 year contracts signed by Lewis won't help the miners. They must organize mine committees in each mine to BEGIN the struggle that Lewis deliberately sold out.

We must not fail these distressed comrades. German, Austrian, Czechoslovakian revolutionists, struggling in deepest illegality... Wives and children of those who will not return from concentration camps... Dispossessed Jewish refugees... Spanish refugees herded like animals in filthy camps... Escaped revolutionists stranded in foreign countries, and those still in German areas — and in Spain — who must be helped to escape the nets of Fascist terror.

NEED IS VERY GREAT

The funds that the R. W. L. has already raised have been greatly appreciated. From France, a comrade writes: "The day before yesterday we have received your letter of April 2nd and yesterday the \$5.00. We thank you very much for it because we have no cash at present." A letter dated April 2, from the Red Aid of the Austrian Revolutionary Left reads in part: "We thank you for sending the money that for us is a sign of international solidarity of the American Proletariat, and your willingness to help our struggle for the Social Revolution. Precisely now the occupation of Czechoslovakia has delivered tens of thousands as a new offering to Hitler's terror, we need help more

than ever."

But these funds are insignificant compared to the desperate need. Every effort of our organization is being exerted to put over the special Red Aid Campaign between June 1 and July 14. Local units are raising funds by circulating collection lists, arranging tag days, Red Aid picnics and affairs, etc. We call upon all our friends and sympathizers — all readers of the Fighting Worker — to support this campaign. These victims of Fascism are your brothers — fighting your fight — the international class struggle. Decide the most you can possibly give to them — then double it.

Send funds to:

ALDINE GUNN, TREASURER
1904 W. Division Street
Chicago, Ill

Name

Address

City

ANTI-LABOR LAWS

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they can be smashed more easily.

The CIO and AFL leadership are responsible in no small part for these offensive measures of the capitalists. Bill Green was just as lusty for the ending of sitdowns as any capitalist banker. And Lewis was quick to catch the cue. Not a word has been said against the illegalization of the sitdown tactic. As soon as the capitalist politicians could outlaw sit-downs the rest was easy.

These incursions on the rights of labor will be smashed only by independent class action. If the working class expects to gain any betterment of working conditions they must organize their class pressure and force through their class needs regardless of capitalist laws. Those laws are made to defend property against the working class — to stick to those laws is to give up the fight for better conditions in advance.

MAY DAY

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and South America, in Europe, etc.

Instead of a united front of class against class — May Day saw a united front of the misleaders of labor with the bourgeoisie.

The revolutionary forces on a world scale are pitifully small and weak. But the pressure of economic decay and of revolutionary ideas and activity will yet bring about a change in this relationship and arouse the working class to a realization of its historic interests, to a revolutionary struggle on the basis of an independent working class line.

NEW HEADQUARTERS IN KANSAS CITY

Headquarters of The Kansas City unit of the R. W. L. are at 541 Minnesota on the Kansas side.

LESSONS ON THE ROAD TO THE NEW COMMUNIST (4TH) INTERNATIONAL

A Document of the L.R.W.P. and an Answer by the R.W.L.

10 cents a copy

Panaceas to «Aid» the Negro

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Ever since the Negro problem has existed all sorts of quack schemes for the liberation of the Negro have been promulgated. After the Civil War the white capitalists of the North organized the Southern Negroes into "Loyal Leagues" to massacre the Whites of the South. This same division between colors of skin instead of between CLASSES is still being fostered in one form or another today.

Since the depression various nationalist movements of the Negroes have grown up — notably the Garvey movement. These movements are similar in certain respects to the Zionist movement of the Jews. They base themselves upon the idea of race and nationality instead of class. They propose to make the Negroes free of the white by conquering Africa from the white imperialists. They foster all sorts of racial hatred. No matter what their motives, movements like the Garvey movement, serve the interest of the capitalist class, serve to divide the Negro worker still further from his white brother. These nationalist movements instead of fighting the capitalist class, lead the misguided Negro people to fight against white workers (note the Harlem riots for instance). Nothing could suit the capitalist class more.

SELF DETERMINATION A SEPARATIST SCHEME

Still another panacea is the proposal by certain groups that the Negro fight for the right of self-determination in the black belt. In other words that the Negroes try to establish an autonomous Negro state in the South.

The Negro people are a minority of the population, it is true, but they are not a NATIONAL minority. They have a common culture with the rest of the American people; they have no national borders and never did have in the U. S. They do not constitute a NATIONAL minority (such as the Slovaks, Irish, Indians, etc.) that can use the struggle for independent state rights as a blow against Imperialism. Both their economic and political problems are similar to that of the poor workers and farmers.

The theory of self-determination for the Negro masses is an American form of the Stalinist theory of the Democratic Dictatorship of the Proletariat and Peasantry, that in backward countries TWO revolutions are necessary — first the agrarian revolution and then the proletarian revolution. Adherents of this theory will and have played into the hands of the enemy class by fighting against the proletarian seizure of power on the grounds that the bourgeois (agrarian and democratic) revolution must be completed first.

The coming revolution in the U. S. will be and can be only a social, a proletarian revolution. The agrarian carryovers in the south will play a role in this revolution, but there can be no SEPARATE agrarian revolutions in this

period of capitalism. The theory of self-determination strengthens racial and separatist tendencies and negates the fundamental solidarity of the Negro and white workers. The interests of the Negro people lie not in further separating themselves from the white WORKERS and oppressed, but in uniting for a common struggle against the common enemy: capitalism.

The latest "radical" panacea for the Negro people has been the Stalinist program: "fight to enforce the 14th, 15th, and 16th Amendments." This vicious swindle aims at uniting the Negro people with the capitalist machinery more brazenly and thoroughly than almost any other program. Under capitalism literally thousands of laws have been passed "in the interests of the working class". Not one of these laws has ever bettered the conditions of the working class unless the proletariat by militant class action FORCED THE CAPITALISTS TO ENFORCE THEM. Furthermore, wherever possible these laws have been distorted and used against the people. For instance the Sherman anti-trust law was passed to stop monopolies. Monopolies still flourish and grow larger. But the law was used to stop workers from organizing on the grounds that a Union is a monopoly.

THE "DEMOCRATIC" APPROACH

The 14th, 15th, and 16th Amendments to the U. S. constitution are dead letters. They never were intended to give the Negro people real equality. Their only effect has been to give the capitalists a legal loophole for swindling smaller capitalists and the government. The "without due process of law" clause in one of these amendments has been the legal bulwark of private property, has been used to cover fake bankruptcies, stop monopoly dissolution, etc. But it never once aided the Negro people in their fight for equality and freedom.

To depend on the capitalists to grant real liberty to the Negro people is like depending on the boss class to voluntarily do away with the profit system. Capitalism keeps the Negro workers oppressed in order to preserve its profit system. Only the forceful overthrow of the profit system will give the Negro people and all the other oppressed real freedom.

The Negro problem can be solved only as part of the problem of the class, as part of the class struggle. The key to the solution of this problem is the unity of Negro and white worker in the day to day class struggle and toward the overthrow of capitalism. For this, as well as the other problems of the oppressed under capitalism, a new Communist Party, section of the Communist Fourth International is needed to give leadership to the workers and oppressed of the world in their struggle to overthrow capitalism.

General Motors Lays Off 500 in Kansas City

Kansas City — The Chevrolet and Fisher Body Plants in Kansas City added five hundred more workers to the fast-growing ranks of the unemployed during the week ending May 13th. The failure of the expected increase in orders to materialize has necessitated this mass lay-off, and, as usual, the workers pay the costs of depression.

Production schedules for May are the lowest since the beginning of the 1939 model. Under ordinary circumstances, there is a lull in new car purchases following the holiday season through the months of January, February and March, but April always brought a decided increase in orders which continued through May, and the model of that year was almost always finished in a blaze of activity. The 1939 model, however, has witnessed a steadily diminishing volume of orders continuing through April and May, and now, General Motors have given up hope of piling up additional profits from the 1939 model and are turning their attention to the 1940 model.

This mass layoff was made in accordance with the seniority rule,

so it cannot be definitely said that the company has violated any part of the existing contract, but, it very definitely has attacked the living standards of the workers. Further, the seniority rule has served in this as in many other cases to give the bosses a loophole in making direct attacks upon the most militant workers in the shops, for as a rule, the younger workers are the most militant, especially those who have reached working age since the beginning of the Great American Depression.

OEHLER TOUR

Comrade Hugo Oehler, National Secretary of the R. W. L. is making a tour covering 13 cities in the East and Mid-West, starting on May 20th and concluding on June 11. The meetings to be held include: Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Columbus and others. Get the dates and place in each city from our local comrades.

In addition Oehler will cover Buffalo, Toronto and a number of other cities.

During June comrade C. B. Cowan will make a tour to the west coast. The exact dates and schedules are still to be worked out. Comrade Sid Okun will make a trip around June 1st to a number of cities in Indiana and Kentucky.

numbers 50 and 52, issued in March 1939.

5.—Any one desiring a copy of these bulletins can obtain them for the asking.

In regard to the Red Aid Committee, we have several letters from the German organization and the Spanish comrades asking us to collect funds. Every penny so far collected has been sent to Europe to these comrades. It is a modest beginning. Much more will be collected and sent. In another part of this paper there are two letters acknowledging receipt of money from the Red Aid Committee of the RWL. This in itself refutes this slander.

Why does Stamm resort to such methods? Our political material and Draft Program, and our political statements against the economist line and the class collaborationist labor defense policy of the Revolt group are having their effects. Like all fakers these people can answer only with slander. The Revolt group is holding its "convention" soon, and Negrete and others of the comrades with Stamm still consider the RWL Marxist. In addition Stamm would like to disrupt the growing political collaboration between the German and other groups and the RWL. Unable to accomplish this, politically, he tries to give the impression that the RWL cannot be trusted.

How seriously the Revolt group takes its own statement is shown by the fact that on May 10th, two weeks after "Revolt" appeared, Stamm wrote a letter to the RWL which reads in part that his group "will give careful attention to any plan you may care to suggest as a basis for a joint effort by the two groups" to raise funds to bring Comrade X to the U. S.

JUST OUT

Demos Press has on hand copies of a pamphlet by the ASSOCIATION OF UNEMPLOYED ON DIRECT AND WORK RELIEF of Cleveland, Ohio, entitled:

FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION

This little work sells for only five cents, with special reductions for bundle orders. We recommend it as a valuable analysis of the present unemployed situation and a program for the unemployed — especially valuable for left wing unemployed organizations.

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1904 DIVISION STREET

DEATH WATCH IN FLINT

Detroit — The first rumblings of the unemployed have been heard here the past few weeks. Both the Martin and Lewis camps of the UAW have entered the field of unemployed organization. Picketing of the G. A. R. building (WPA headquarters) has been augmented. The reply of the administration to that was moving from the rent-free G. A. R. building to a \$24,000 a year suite of offices owned by the Ford Motor Co.

One worker has already been arrested in an anti-eviction struggle. A group of UAW-CIO men approached a constable who was about to evict a laid-off WPA Negro worker. One of these men took the constable's writ of authority, tore it up, and threw it in his face. The bulls were prompt in hauling this militant off to jail.

DEATH WATCH

In Flint the Union put up a tent camp opposite relief headquarters and invited the unemployed to occupy it. "This will in reality be a death watch" says Genora Johnson, executive board member of the unemployed outfit "because if no help is given, these families will die."

The Death Watch can become a great impetus to further action, providing it is not checked by the UAW leadership. Already the government has sent in 200,000 pounds of surplus commodities.

The great masses of unemployed workers must organize into a new national unemployed organization on a CLASS STRUGGLE basis, not only to fight for an increase in relief standards, but for the abolition of unemployment itself. The central plank for the new organization must be "Workers Control of Production for Use."

PRESS FUND

The Press Fund Drive of the Revolutionary Workers League to help print the new printed magazine, THE MARXIST, ended in May with a total collected of \$258.82 — about \$40 short of the \$300 mark set. Four cities in which the League has members went over their quota: Iowa Falls with 200%, Detroit 116%, Kansas City with 165% and Chicago 114%.

Post Office Censorship

As a step in the move towards censorship of the Labor Press, the Detroit Post Office has ordered the magazine Revolt to submit all issues of its publication to the postal authorities for inspection. The excuse used is that a sentence of the Communist Manifesto appeared in the January 7th issue of the magazine.

The excuse is obviously a fraud, since the Communist Manifesto can be bought anywhere in America and sent through the mails. Workers should get their organizations to protest this censorship of the labor press. Fight the censorship before it is extended to the whole labor movement.

«THE MARXIST»

the new printed magazine of the Revolutionary Workers League, U.S. June Issue

A Letter From Germany
Hull "Free" Trade and the German "Blocked Mark"
The U. S. in Latin America
Groups "for" the Fourth International in the U. S.
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Cardenas to Return Oil Fields

FIGHTING WORKER EXPOSED "EXPROPRIATION" SHAM LAST MAY

According to Donald Richberg, who represents the American oil companies, an agreement with Mexico over the expropriated properties is about to be concluded. The agreement will permit American companies to operate their "former" properties for 50 years.

As predicted by the RWL in the May 1938 issue of the FIGHTING WORKER and the June 1938 issue of the FOURTH INTERNATIONAL the expropriations of American oil properties were the result of the pressure of the working class and an attempt by the exploiters to derail that pressure and danger of a revolution into support of the puppet government of American Imperialism in Mexico — Cardenas — until such a time as the workers pressure could be relaxed.

TROTSKYITES SUPPORTED CARDENAS

At the time all the reformists and centrists hailed this "great

step" by Cardenas. The Trotskyites, from Leon Trotsky all the way down, were even more vociferous. They called for support of the "governmental action taken in the INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE" "We have no doubt that the decree issued in regard to the foreign oil companies will engender a campaign of agitation and misrepresentation against the government"... the workers of the U. S. must "support... the Mexican Government's action". Mexican Trotskyites who opposed this line were expelled from the organization.

Today the line of the Cardenas regime is quite clear. It has handed over the Mexican workers to the iron boot of Standard Oil and American Imperialism. As soon as the independent class action of the working class is relaxed Cardenas, who functions for American Imperialism, accepts the formula from Richberg which saves his face and allows Standard Oil the full rights to exploit the Mexican wage slaves — for 50 years.

WAR ALLIANCES BEING SPEEDED

Fight War by Fighting the New Deal War Plans at Home

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regarded — deliberately. The aim of Britain then was to direct Hitler's march towards the USSR. Under Stalinism the Soviet Union has not been able to utilize the friction in the imperialist camps for its own needs, to stir up the world revolution and weaken the imperialist powers.

STALIN TRIES AGAIN

On the contrary, the Anglo-French bloc have successfully used the Soviet Union as they pleased. In Spain they involved Stalinism in the non-intervention bloc to help crush the proletarian revolution. In Munich they pushed the U. S. S. R. out of the scene in an attempt to direct the blows of the Fascist powers against the Soviet state. Now they are again trying to utilize the Soviet Union to put pressure on Hitler. And if they succeed, they will just as glibly try to double-cross the Workers State, under Stalinism, as they did at Munich and other places.

The dismissal of Maxim Litvinov, head of the Soviet diplomatic corps, indicates that the Stalin-

Hitler rapprochement is much more possible than ever before. If the German imperialists are willing to accept Stalin's latest overtures it will mean another zig-zag in the Stalinist policy. The 4th period line of "defense of democracy against fascism" will have to be altered for some other counter-revolutionary formula. New splits and changes in the Communist International are inevitable.

Despite its momentary pivot role the Soviet Union on its present policy can be only a pawn of one or another imperialist bloc. The only allies the workers and peasants of the Soviet Union have and can rely upon are the workers and oppressed masses of the world. By giving up reliance on this force many years ago, Stalinism can exert no decisive pressure on the imperialists. And its weakened economy and internal regime, due to the constant purges make it still weaker. The rapprochement with Germany does not depend on Stalin, but on Hitler, who will utilize Stalinism for his own purposes.

U. S. MAIN WAR FORCE

As far as Danzig is concerned, Hitler will change his tactics. Instead of outright annexation from the outside the Danzig Nazis will boil the pot for the right of self-determination, and await an opportune moment for annexation. Another deal, such as Munich, with the Anglo-French is not excluded.

The constant crises in Europe, which must become sharper as time goes on instead of diminishing, have taken the eyes of the masses off the events in Asia, and the military preparations and economic penetration of American Imperialism. Every revolutionist recognizes, however, that the power of the dollar in world trade, the war between the Hull "free trade" systems and the German "barter" methods, are a key factor in the world decay of capitalism and the intensification of the war crises.

American Imperialism has been the most vicious in her attacks on Germany. She is the main driving force for war, even though 4,000 miles away from the scene. She is preparing for war with the largest war budget in history. Those workers who really want to fight war, should begin by fighting the Roosevelt War Plans at home.

RWL Open Air Meetings

Chicago —
Fridays 8 P. M.
Division and Leavitt
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Newberry Square, Clark and Walton

Detroit
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Fridays 8 P. M.

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FOR WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION FOR USE

DOWN WITH THE NEW DEAL HUNGER SYSTEM

The Cold Facts

Raw Deal For The Workers

1. — America can produce 180 billion dollars worth of food, clothing and shelter, but under capitalism in 1938 only 60 billion was produced, 33% of capacity — while 16 million men remained out of work and millions starved.

2 — 750,000 unemployed in New York alone, 650,000 on relief in Chicago. Only 58% of the 1925-27 total are now employed in Boston. 100% more unemployed than in April 1937.

3 — A 25% relief cut in Chicago. Similar cuts everywhere else.

4 — 30,000 "aliens" thrown off WPA; 200,000 other workers fired; 1 million to be laid off by July. 550,000 thrown off WPA in 8 months.

5 — Roosevelt asks for 800 million dollars less this year than last year for WPA, a 33% cut, with one out of 3 workers to be fired. Average wage to be only \$13 a week.

6 — And while millions starve, the RAW DEAL plans to pay out \$1,218,000,000 to farmers to produce LESS wheat, cotton, sugar, corn, rice, etc. While millions starve, a mile and a quarter of oranges are soaked in oil in California so that the price doesn't go up; 65,444,000 bags of coffee have been burned in Brazil (where America gets its coffee); 100 million tons of wheat are to be exported to Britain and Holland for war supplies (rubber and tin); there are 70,861,000 pounds of butter in the warehouses, 3,347,000 cases of eggs, 62,870,000 pounds of cheese; etc. etc.

7 — 16 billion dollars of gold is stocked in the Kentucky vaults, but there is no money for relief and WPA according to Congress!

8 — Average earnings of 30,166,000 wage earners was \$890 — more than \$1,000 below minimum standard needed for existence according to government authorities.

A Good Deal For The Bosses

1 — Twelve and a half billion dollars (\$12,456,000 to be exact) in subsidies through the various loan agencies of the government to big business and banking.

2 — Two billion dollars for the war budget — the biggest war budget in history.

3 — The 305 largest firms in their respective industries had their profits more than doubled in the first quarter of 1939, compared to the first quarter of 1938.

4 — Maritime Commission agrees to finance building of 500 vessels, with outright government subsidies up to 50% of cost. Standard Oil gets a 28% subsidy to build two tankers which are then resold — at a profit — to the Navy.

5 — Millions continue to be poured into the Pan American Airways, TWA, and other airlines in the form of mail contracts, as war preparations.

6 — The government, according to Secretary Wallace, is considering giving large subsidies to raw material exporters to help dump American materials abroad, while two thirds of the American people live on levels far below the "safe" minimum standard set by government experts.

7 — Louis B. Mayer received \$1,296,000 salary last year; Hearst got \$500,000; Grace of Bethlehem Steel got \$394,000; Watson of International Business Machines got \$419,000; Hill of American Tobacco got \$381,000; and Deyo of Woolworth will have to get along on the \$200,000 salary he received last year.



Which Road for the Unemployed?

Program to Save Capitalism

Billions for war

Stagger system of employment

A lower standard of living

Billions in subsidies to the
capitalists

A new World War and 50 million
dead to make profits for Dupont
Morgan et al.

OR

Program for the Working Class

All war funds to the Unemployed
Fight the WPA lay-offs and
relief cuts

Establish Shop Committees and
Workers Defense Corps

For a new unemployed organization
on a Class Struggle program
For a Workers Council Government

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