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AGAINST THE IMPERIALIST WAR - LONG LIVE THE SOCIAL REVOLUTION!

Tokio - Stalin Pact Blow At U.S.S.R.

As we go to press the bourgeois newspapers are filled with all sorts of speculation about the Russo-Japanese pact. Details concerning the pact are very scarce. In general, however, four factors stand out:

1—If carried out the Pact gives Japan a free hand to move against the allies in South Asia by withdrawing many of her troops in Manchukuo, and permits the Soviet Union to strengthen her western defenses against Germany by similarly eliminating the threat to Siberia — but that depends on how far the pact is implemented in real life.

2—The pact represents also a victory for Germany. Germany, of course, is not too happy about the fact that additional troops can be brought up from Siberia to face the German armies, but the fact that Japan is free to harass Britain and America in the Pacific far outweighs this factor in importance.

A MOMENTARY ZIGZAG

3—The pact is an unwilling concession to the Axis powers; it does not necessarily mean a strengthening of the ties with Germany. It occurs during a transition move towards rapprochement with the United States and Britain. The pact is only an incident in that process.

4—While there are undoubtedly a number of secret articles in the pact, in all likelihood there are none concerning China. It would be exceedingly foolish for Stalin to give up aid to Chiang-Kai-Shek at this point. The Chinese nationalists are an important "weapon" that Stalin has for

keeping up pressure against Japan and for keeping the treaty intact. To give up support for China would mean, in effect, to scrap the treaty as a paper agreement. Japan can always depend on the pressure of Germany's million soldiers on the Soviet front to keep Russia on the straight and narrow. But Stalin has only Chiang-Kai-Shek. It is doubtful if he gave this up.

But pacts and agreements are only surface phenomena. They have meaning only insofar as they reflect true MATERIAL conditions. The material factors in the war during the past month show:

1—A victory for American diplomacy in forcing Yugoslavia into the war. This diversion of men and forces from the Channel front is a big victory for the allies.

2—Victories by the British in Ethiopia, but important losses in Libya and Egypt.

3—The rapidly increasing participation of America in the war, with the seizure of Greenland, the confiscation of "enemy" ships in American ports, and the sending of American boats to the Red Sea where Axis raiders and mines will undoubtedly try to sink them.

UNCLE SAM PLAYS DECISIVE ROLE

The speed or slowness of Russian moves towards Uncle Sam will depend on the outcome of all these military factors, and the pact can and will have meaning only as the result of large German successes and the role of American Imperialism. To the extent of German pressure against Russia, Stalin will more and more be forced into the lap of Roosevelt.

TO THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED MASSES OF THE WORLD:

Our call to the workers and oppressed masses on this May Day in 1941 is a call to fight against the imperialist war. Our call is a call to stop the blood-bath, to bring PEACE to the world, to stop the exploiters' redivision and plunder of the earth.

SOCIAL SABOTAGE

In Europe the fury of the imperialist war has reached untold depths of misery, death and wholesale destruction, with worse to follow if the working class does not prepare actively and decisively to intervene on behalf of the needs of mankind as a whole. The destruction of men and materials, of SOCIAL WEALTH, has already reached astronomical figures. The vast over-production of capital is being spent in a world war that has reached only its first phase of destruction if it is to be left up to the desires and needs of Hitler and Roosevelt. But more appalling is the maiming and killing of the men, women and children of the working class and the oppressed masses.

This imperialist war is the REAL SOCIAL SABOTAGE confronting mankind. Those who participate in, or give aid to either side of the imperialist war are the real enemies of the people. They are the destructive element that must be "controlled" by society before they wreck what progress has been accomplished.

CAPITALISM HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS

The imperialist war now spreading beyond Europe is another proof in the long chain of social horrors that reveals that Capital-

ism (bourgeois - democratic and Fascist), has outlived its usefulness and IS A BRAKE UPON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MANKIND. One imperialist war gives rise to more violence and kills more humans than a hundred slave revolts for freedom. A revolution (not the exploiters' fury of intervention to crush the workers' new won freedom) is a mild tonic compared to the present war, which all patriots and people in high places uphold.

COMMUNISM OR FASCISM

This May Day we are told by the social-patriots of the bourgeois-democratic imperialist countries that it is necessary to defend the Anglo-American interests to defeat Fascism. But history, since the March on Rome, is proving by the march of armies, that bourgeois democracy is in decline, because it was only the political reflection of expanding developing capitalism. The first world war revealed in all its ugliness that capitalism was in decay. The second world war is a mountain of proof of the advanced stage of this decay. This does not mean that Fascist Germany will win, any more than it means that history will repeat itself. It means that if the working class does not win — then whatever bloc of imperialists dominates what is left — be they the Anglo-American or Axis — they will dominate in the advanced nations, only upon the basis of the iron heel of the exploiters' dictatorship, only on the basis of Fascism. Regardless of the fact that the imperialist war revolved around an Anglo-Axis-American struggle, the real struggle BEFORE THE WAR IS OVER will be the struggle between COMMUNISM AND FASCISM

And in such a struggle, in those countries where the working class

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THE MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME

Strikes Bring Pay Boosts

New Taxes, Higher Prices Threaten These Gains

Despite the UNITED campaign of big business to keep wages frozen at their present level; despite the strike-breaking efforts of the Office of Production Management and Secretaries Knox and Stimson; despite the subtle but nevertheless treacherous role of their own leadership in the CIO and the scab policies of the AFL bureaucrats — despite all this, the American workers have won a strong partial victory in the first big round of the present strike wave. Increases of ten cents an hour have been gained in Steel, \$1 a day in Coal, and the rest of industry is sure to follow.

To understand why the gains represent only a partial victory and why a total victory was not gained, we have to dig through an intricate web of trade union politics.

OFFICIALS THROTTLE MILITANCY

Two contradictory currents participated side by side in the present strikes: On the one hand the resurgent militancy of the workers, particularly in the mass production industries; and on the other hand the social-patriotic leadership of the trade unions. The CIO had it in its power to completely paralyze American war production. It has organized in its ranks workers in coal, auto, steel, transport and many other basic industries. A UNITED threat of militant action by all these forces at the same time, would have brought quick results.

But the Murray-Hillman-Lewis crowd chose instead to permit only one strike at a time, to dissipate the energy of the masses in single isolated skirmishes. Furthermore — what is worse — the CIO leaders fought for only ONE objective: TO MAKE THE BOURGEOIS BIGWIGS RESPECT THEIR OWN BOURGEOIS LABOR RELATIONS LAW AND TO PERMIT MESSRS. MURRAY AND COMPANY THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE AN UNINTERRUPTED COLLECTION OF DUES.

The strikes at Bethlehem were settled when the company agreed to respect the "law" and not to recognize its own illegalized company union. The strike at Ford, affecting 135,000 workers, was settled when Ford agreed to recognize the right of the National Labor Relations Board to hold an election at Ford's. Similar agreements were made at International Harvester and dozens of other places.

That the workers made any gains at all was the result of the gigantic pressure they exerted. The capitalists felt that it was a wiser policy to allay this pressure by a flank attack than by a frontal attack. They chose to give a small wage increase to partly cover the rise in the cost of living, and to reorganize meanwhile their arbitration, mediation and open dictatorial machinery, in or-

der to stave off and channelize future strikes and the struggle for better living conditions.

Let us take a few specific examples.

The Ford company plant at River Rouge was shut down by the CIO workers when 8 of their brothers were fired for union activity. At the same time 400,000 coal miners were on strike. Workers of the U.S. Steel Company, General Motors and Bethlehem Steel were rapidly getting nowhere in their negotiations with the bosses. The big moguls of these big plants were undoubtedly working together in a concerted campaign against the whole labor movement. Yet the CIO leaders discouraged any attempt for united action on the part of close to one million workers.

The coal negotiations were classic in their underhanded treachery. Lewis and Northern coal operators undoubtedly came to an agreement weeks before negotiations began. The operators were permitted to stock up a 45 day supply of coal. Then "negotiations" began. The aim of the negotiations was to:

1—Bring about a stalemate and a strike that would "increase the costs" — according to the operators — of coal production, and thereby give them a good public cover for their increase in prices; and

2—To force, if possible, the Southern operators to unfavorable competitive terms, by removing the wage differential which has made them strong in relation to the technically superior northern mines.

The one dollar a day increase represents a solid victory, but it is nothing compared to what the miners could have gotten and what they needed. The security 200 day year was not granted; adequate safety provisions — there are literally thousands of major accidents a year in the mines — were not gained, etc.

LEADING TO MISLEAD

In one case after another it is the same story. The CIO leaders find themselves on top of a stormy militancy of the membership. The membership wants major concessions that would affect Roosevelt's war effort. The leadership dissipates this energy in one strike or one movement at a time; and it channelizes the effort AWAY from the independent action being taken by the masses back into the long drawn out bourgeois NLRB and mediation machinery.

Meanwhile the AFL leadership supplements the Murray crowd by open strike-breaking tactics, organizing of scab unions to cross picket lines, and unprincipled logrolling with the companies against the workers.

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Report on Building of Ft. Wood Army Camp

BOSS SABOTAGE PRODUCTIVE FORCES

Fort Leonard Wood, April 10, 1941.

Yesterday no more than a backwoods of scrubby trees and scattered, poverty-stricken farms in the Ozark foothills, Fort Leonard Wood is today becoming Missouri's third largest city.

When completed by early summer, the fort will be one of the largest army camps in the country. It will be a city of some 60,000 population.

It is impossible to convey in words the picture of the utter transformation taking place. One day you see a stretch of untouched forest land. 24 hours later it has become a parking lot. A little further, where yesterday you plodded, ankle deep in mud, across a freshly levelled area, you now see a row of barracks and a graveled road.

These almost daily changes occur not in one small area, but over a whole vast expanse of 85,000 acres!

PRODUCTION FOR DESTRUCTION

Machinery, engineering skill, and an army of some 25,000 workmen are the answer. It is a revelation of the possibilities of modern economy. Imperialism uses its forces of production for war purposes, for destruction. It can construct a new city of 60,000 in 6 or 8 months, complete with modern electricity and plumbing. But only for its armed forces!

To eliminate the slum dwellings of working class families in even one city, or one part of one city — that is a 20 year project!

A perfect illustration of this negative destructive character of American imperialism is the way it has dealt with the men at work in building the camp.

The 25,000 men clearing, building, installing, — working at the thousand tasks that go to create a city — must eat and sleep. Bitter cold, snow, sleet, mud, unbelievable overcrowding — mean health and disease problems.

But the engineers who could plan a military city had no orders to plan for even the minimum needs of the **workingmen** who were to build the city. The army was not interested in that detail.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The towns, farmhouses and dwelling units of all sorts in all directions around have swollen to 3 and 4 times their former sizes. Men travel 40, 60, & 80 miles each way to and from work.

Within the camp itself, the barracks already constructed house at least 5 to 6 thousand workmen. As many as 90 workmen are crowded in double bunks into each barrack.

Water facilities are not yet finished. A minimum amount of

drinking water and water for hands and face is hauled in — thereby fulfilling the letter of the law of health inspectors. But no clothes may be washed. To get a bath requires a trip to town — 10 miles from camp.

Perhaps 75% of the workmen are ill — colds and flu. Medical facilities are pitiful.

Because of the working and living conditions, the labor turnover has been fearful. The majority have been on less than a month. Reports run as high as 75,000 for the number of men who have come and gone since construction began about 5 months ago.

In this sense, the callous disregard of the elementary needs of the workers has literally boomeranged back on the army. Labor efficiency is greatly cut down with so many seriously ill men on the job, and with so many new men constantly being broken in.

But while this fact hikes up operating expense, the construction contractors are pleased all the more. The job is on a cost plus a fixed fee basis. The more it costs, the less the contractors actually put out (in better facilities, medical aid, etc.), the more they make. The contractors, by their disregard of the needs of the men, are sabotaging the work. They are sabotaging the health of every man on the job.

But their sabotage is only a small one, compared to that of the ruling capitalist class creating a vast army. For what is this whole project — and many others of the Army? Is it not sabotage and wilful misdirection of the needs of a whole people? The biggest sabotage of the American people (as in other countries) is the capitalist class who is building for war and destruction, instead of for peace and plenty.

MAXIMILIAN OLAY

Last month in Chicago, Maximilian Olay, prominent Anarchist and revolutionist, died after an extended illness. While comrade Olay was not a Marxist and lately even moved towards social-patriotism, he was nevertheless a true revolutionist always willing to help in united action for refugees and class war prisoners. Comrade Olay played an important role in securing the freedom of Oehler and Negrete, leading comrades of the R.W.L. from Spanish prisons. He was prominent in the work of the SIA, for aiding international refugees.

Although we never agreed with him politically and we often debated with him publicly on various subjects, the Revolutionary Workers League regrets the passing of Maximilian Olay as a sincere and devoted fighter for the working class.

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**THE NAZI WAR MACHINE
 NEARS THE UKRAINE**

Despite the Kremlin pact with Japan many things point to increasing friction between Stalin and Hitler. And the increasing friction is merely a reflection of a grave danger that the Nazi legions will be turned, directly after they mop up in the Balkans, to a combat with the Soviet Union.

That Hitler does not want a fight on two fronts is well known. But the matter does not rest on the wishes or desires of individuals. Should Hitler seize the Dardanelles the encirclement of the Soviet Union on its Western borders would be complete. Over a million German soldiers stand poised on Soviet borders. Could Stalin under the circumstances permit Hitler to sweep into Turkey? Further concessions by the Kremlin to Nazi Germany might be fatal. It is quite conceivable that at the decisive juncture of the Balkan war open intervention against the Workers State might occur—even before England is "finished". Under the impetus of such an intervention the counter-revolutionary forces, on the one hand, may be expected to strike out for restoration of capitalist property relations; and the Marxian and Revolutionary elements on the other hand begin the political revolution against Stalinism in order to organize an effective and revolutionary struggle against intervention.

STALIN'S DIPLOMACY

At any rate the danger to the Soviet Union is very great at the moment. But the great "sage of the Kremlin" continues to distinguish himself by his purely bourgeois diplomacy. When Hungary invaded Jugoslavia, Moscow warned Hungary (but has never warned Germany, Hungary's master) that she too has minorities within her borders. Nothing so typifies the crass degeneracy of Soviet diplomacy. Instead of pointing to the role of the proletariat in BOTH Hungary and Jugoslavia, Stalinism supports the "good" capitalists against the "bad" ones; and it dangles over the shaky throne of the Horthys not the proletarian revolution but a possibility of BOURGEOIS national revolts of sectors of their own bourgeoisie. The small "oversight" of the proletariat is not accidental; it happens to be typical.

The social-patriotism of Stalinism differs slightly in form from that of social-democracy in the last war. (Social democracy in the present war has the same difference in form too, by the way). Instead of supporting "our own" capitalists in each specific country, Stalinism tries to serve its own bureaucratic interests by supporting a particular BLOC of nations at one time (right now the German bloc), and another at another time. But despite everything the present alliance of Stalinism with Hitler is coming to an end. It is our opinion that the Tokyo-Moscow pact is only a temporary zigzag in the move away from the Stalin-Hitler pact and TOWARDS a Stalin-Roosevelt pact (whether it is in writing or not).

But the shift, even if it is fully consummated, will again be only within a bourgeois framework. Stalinists in America then, like Stalinists in Norway, Poland and Germany recently, who supported the German conquest as "bringing peace to these lands", will come out in support of the American war effort, will become the most militant stool pigeons, strike-breakers and social-patriots. Therein lies the biggest threat to the Soviet Union — a thousand times more grave even than the threatening German legions. For in the undermining of the morale of the world proletariat lies the gravest risk to the Workers State.

**DEFENSE OF SOVIET PRIMARILY A
 SOCIAL STRUGGLE**

Even from the purely military point of view the matter should be obvious. So long as the workers everywhere can be kept in check then the war will go on and grow bloodier and bloodier — and in such a struggle Russia, with her weaker productive apparatus, is bound to succumb. But should revolution break out anywhere on earth, then the capitalists on both sides of the war front will UNITE and divert their forces to fight the main common enemy, proletarian revolution. From this very narrow military approach the matter should be obvious. But the question is more involved. The only force that can bring peace into the world is the proletariat, and the proletarian revolution. A fight between the Workers State and the capitalist powers on a purely military scale is a decidedly uneven battle, with the Soviets in a sad second place. That is the fight Stalin is preparing to wage.

But a fight ON THE SOCIAL FRONT gives the Workers State the advantage. Actually it is only in this sphere and only in this sense that the Soviet Union can be defended.

And the struggle can be waged only despite and against Stalinism, as part of the struggle against the world bourgeoisie.

**BOSS RIVALRY IS BOILING
 BEHIND WAR «UNITY»**

The growing intervention of American imperialism in the world war has served to sharpen rather than eliminate the bitter struggle between the various rival groups of American capitalism, although at present the form of the struggle is concealed in "National Unity" and the Morgan-Rockefeller "Aid to Britain Bloc." But the basic struggle between Rockefeller and Morgan for domination is becoming more intense. A few points must serve to indicate the latest developments in the struggle.

The campaign waged by the New Deal against Morgan throughout the TNEC hearings has come to a head. In addition to the anti-Morgan hearings on the banking institutions, on Steel, etc., the total report by the TNEC shows its bias. This has just been supplemented by the SEC order requiring competitive bidding by investment bankers for participation in stock issues, bond flotations, etc. Great pains were taken to show how Morgan Stanley (J. P. Morgan's investment house, organized only after commercial banks were forbidden to handle investments) completely dominates the investment "industry." The order has the effect of largely injuring Morgan's financial control of key industries.

F. D. R. STRIKE POLICY

The fight is further revealed in the New Deal policy on strikes in war industry. The basic industries are admittedly Morgan-dominated. Roosevelt and his apparatus bend over backwards to avoid too quick a settlement. This of course is due primarily to fear of the working class, but the inter-imperialist struggle is also important. The coal situation, the Bethlehem struggle, Allis-Chalmers, etc., clearly show the New Deal as not too hasty in cracking down, while the Knox-Knudsen outfit are openly strike-breaking. The latest U.S. Steel developments also show this trend. The government pushes Morgan toward a big concession to the workers — a concession which benefits little steel far more than U. S. Steel. Little steel does not have so much obsolete equipment as U.S. Steel and can better afford the 10c an hour raise without a price rise. And Henderson has made it clear that there can be no price rise of any consequence.

Again, Nelson Rockefeller was made director of "cultural relations" with Latin America. This post gives the Rockefellers an advantage in South American markets. On the whole the struggle appears to be going in Rockefeller's direction, despite occasional concessions to Morgan. This struggle will grow in intensity until the workers are powerful enough to threaten the claims for domination by both camps. Then we will find both groups temporarily united for joint action against the workers.

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May Day Manifesto Bosses Use Whites vs Negroes to Crush Both

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takes power, Roosevelt's and Churchill's "democracy" will unite with Hitler's and Mussolini's fascism to smash the workers' democracy. The fall of France already indicated what is in store. The French "bourgeois democrats", like the Spanish bourgeois "democrats" feared the working class more than they did Fascism—therefore capitulated to the Fascists in fear of the workers.

HITLER'S DRIVE EAST

The war in the Balkans, now a military war on two fronts for Hitler, will soon be extended to a political war on two fronts—by actively involving the Soviet Union in the blood-bath. This is the aim of Hitler—(when the situation warrants), and it is also the aim of Churchill and Roosevelt—now if possible. Stalin's crimes are coming to roost. It was the false policies of Stalinism (and Social Democracy) that enabled Hitler to take power in 1933.

It was the Stalinist policy in Spain that helped defeat the social revolution. Hitler's power and the defeat of the Spanish revolution accelerated the outbreak of the imperialist war. In turn, these defeats further weakened the Soviet Union and Stalin gave up the hopeless Franco-Soviet Pact for the Hitler-Stalin pact. These pacts are the same in CONTENT—both are capitulation to imperialism.

Now the Soviet Union confronts the danger of the Fascist army which is at gate of the Ukraine.

Sooner or later, regardless of how much more Stalin can sell-out to the exploiters, a decisive clash between the imperialist armies and the Red Army, will take place.

In this struggle the Marxists call upon the workers to stand with the Soviet Union and the Red Army against the imperialists and their Stalinist and other agents such as social democracy, etc.

WHO WILL WIN THE WAR?

The war to conquer Europe is only a prelude for the more gigantic struggle to control Asia. It will not be Germany or England that will end this war through a military victory. **THE ONLY WAY THIS WORLD WAR WILL END IS BY THE WORKERS PUTTING AN END TO IT.** Only a social revolution can stop the war. Only a working class victory will bring PEACE without indemnities.

The INTERNATIONAL CONTACT COMMISSION with members in countries on both sides of the war fights on the program that "OUR MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME." Only when the workers turn the imperialistic war into a class war will we witness the beginning of the end of imperialist robbing, murder and exploitation.

Defend the Soviet Union despite and against Stalinism!

Long live the social revolution!

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WORKERS GAIN THROUGH STRIKES

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1941 represents a fully developed phase of a process that we predicted years ago. The CIO was organized by an alliance of the New Deal and John L. Lewis (with the Stalinists representing the wagging tail) for precisely the purpose of perfecting a straitjacket for the mass production workers to be used eventually for "civil peace". The CIO leadership jumped to the head of the great struggle of General Motors and Chrysler in 1936-37 precisely in order to behead this movement. In four years time it has more fully perfected its apparatus. But it is still using the same tactics. Not the crass open strike-breaking tactics of the AFL; but subtle, slower flank attack tactics of WEARING AWAY GRADUALLY the militancy of the masses, of "sanctioning" strikes that have already started in order to persuade the membership eventually to return in order not to hinder "national defense".

But even these subtle tactics are becoming threadbare. The center of gravity in the labor movement has already shifted to the left, with the social-reformists gaining ground steadily as the "Murray-Walton" type of bourgeois reform-

ists expose themselves every day.

FOR A NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE GROUP

Time, however, is short. The power of the bureaucrats to corral the masses into the coming open war dictatorship (only a matter of months now) is great and threatening. The Stalinists and the other social-patriotic and pacifist forces cannot be relied on to give the necessary leadership to fight these moves. The Stalinists especially can be expected to make a complete flip-flop back to the New Deal, with a Kremlin shift in foreign policy, when a German thrust at the Ukraine, Dardanelles and Baku starts.

The crying need is for a national progressive group of militants of all unions, inside and outside the AFL and CIO, to unite into a solid body on a class struggle program to fight the coming war dictatorship. In England and Germany as well as other countries during the last war, the shop stewards become focal points for this militant struggle. In the United States too it is very likely that the men closest to the workers on the job will take the lead together with the Marxists in organizing the next struggles.

The recent strike at Ford's River Rouge Plant was the bloodiest yet seen in the present wave of strikes sweeping the country. This was true because first, the intensity of the class struggle between the Ford Company (America's No. 1 Open-Shopper) and the workers, and second, the forceful projection of the race issue into the strike, which almost changed the struggle from a struggle against Ford into an internecine race war of the wage-slaves exploited by Ford.

The split of the Negro and white workers, expressed by the Negro workers refusal to join the strike in mass, is neither an accident nor an expression of the Negro workers love for Ford. It is a result of several conditions, which the present in most of the strikes, was most outstanding here.

The Ford company has been making every effort to split the workers along racial line. Some months ago Ford browbeat many Negro leaders, ministers, etc., in Detroit into building him up as a friend of the Negro people, and pointed out the fact that he employed more Negroes in all capacities than any other plant in Detroit, while in those plants already organized, Negroes were still doing the most menial jobs.

The CIO leadership, by conducting a weak fight against Jim-Crowism in industry, has helped Ford split the workers. Altho their policy of organizing workers irrespective of color, is superior to the AFL policy of refusing to organize Negro workers, the CIO leadership policy of not fighting vigorously to compel the bosses to grant EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OF WORK IN THE PLANTS weakened considerably the enthusiastic support of the strike by the Negro workers.

The National Association for Advancement of Colored People helped the bosses by a fake neutrality, which under the conditions

actually meant partiality toward Ford. A leaflet they issued said: "We of the Detroit Branch of the (NAACP) are impartial toward your view of the union in the Ford strike situation. Our only purpose in this matter is to avoid race riots and bloodshed." This cowardly viewpoint, by putting the issue on a race basis, injures the Negro worker by blocking his understanding of the need of CLASS UNITY with the white workers as the only road to improvement of the conditions of the doubly-exploited Negro wage-slave.

The fact that Ford was defeated in his effort to create a large scale race riots is, despite the weaknesses of the River Rouge strike, a definite set-back for the bosses. Everywhere, in the Bethlehem Steel, the International Harvester, and numerous other strikes where the Negroes played a role, the Negro workers were in the forefront of the struggle. It is necessary for the white worker to intensify his actions of solidarity with his Negro-class-brother, just as it is necessary for the Negro worker to expose and reject the attempts of those opportunists among the Negro people who attempt to split him against his white class-brother on the basis of past mistakes.

In their drive towards war and lowering of the mass standard of living, the bosses are attempting to recreate the riots of 1919, to split the workers ranks for boss profits. The workers must answer by overcoming recent weaknesses, by intensified class unity. The workers must wipe Jim-Crowism out of the unions, AFL and CIO, fight for equal opportunities for work for Negroes in all plants, fight against such scabbery as committed by AFL leaders in the Ford and Harvester strikes, for united class action of the workers Negro and white against the bosses national unity.

Waller Meetings

A number of successful meetings were held last month in Cleveland and Chicago on the Waller Case, with Thomas H. Stone, senior council for Waller, speaking under the auspices of the Richmond Waller Defense Committee in Cleveland, and C. B. Cowan, National Organizer of the Waller Committee, delivering 5 or 6 talks in Chicago.

In addition, successful parties were held in Philadelphia, New York, and other cities to raise necessary funds.

DEBATE WITH S. U. P.

A successful debate was held last month in New York City on the Character of the Soviet Union between Jules Bertman, representing the Revolutionary Workers League and Abraham Ziegler, National Secretary of the Socialist Union Party.

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