

ROOSEVELT DISCLOSES REAL WAR AIMS

Stalinists Intensify Anti-Trotskyist Slander Drive

'Daily Worker' Forms A Red-Baiters United Front With Tobin, Anderson, H. W. Smith

By Art Preis

The latest Stalinist frameup and lynch-incitation campaign against the labor militants, particularly the Trotskyists, has reached a sustained pitch and is pouring out ever-increasing volumes of slanderous filth.

During the past ten days, this campaign has touched new heights of fury and malevolence.

Two events in particular have been the inspiration for the current Stalinist lies and hysterical invective.

Following the singular failure of the Stalinist Daily Worker to intimidate outstanding union leaders from speaking at the New York CRDC rally by a howling diatribe accusing them of being "suckers" for the Trotskyists...

First, the Daily Worker printed a "news" report of the meeting which fabricated the scurrilous libel that the "hope" of the 18 imprisoned working-class anti-fascist Trotskyist fighters...

Stalinist venom was spit particularly at the union speakers,

George Baldanzi, executive vice-president of the CIO Textile Workers, Thomas De Lorenzo, president of the militant Brewster Aeronautical Local 365, CIO United Automobile Workers, and at Samuel Wolchok, international president of the CIO Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, who had sent his personal representative to address the meeting.

So agitated were the Stalinists over this meeting, that a few days later the Daily Worker raved about it in a lead editorial, under the invidious heading "Abyssal Spectacle."

The editorial then reveals the nub of its frenzy — its chief

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Unions Pledge Aid To the 18 at CRDC Meetings in East

NEWARK, N. J., June 17. — 80 members and leaders of important trade union and civil liberties organizations participated in a Civil Rights Defense Committee dinner-meeting here tonight to hear George Novack, National Secretary of the CRDC, report on the growing support of labor and civil liberties groups for the 18 imprisoned Trotskyists, and to mobilize the progressive forces in this area for the fight to free the 18.

Among prominent union leaders who participated as speakers and pledged the backing of their organizations to the CRDC campaign were Sol Stetin, Manager of the Northern New Jersey Joint Board of the CIO Textile Workers Union; Walter Czejkowski, President of the Trenton, N. J., CIO Industrial Union Council; Irving Rosenberg, President of Local 108, United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers, CIO; and Carl Thol, member of the New Jersey State Industrial Union Council and President of Local 260, United Automobile Workers, CIO.

In the report of his recent three-month coast-to-coast tour, Novack stated: "I have rejoiced to discover from one end of the country to the other how much more receptive than two and a half years ago the labor movement is. Because labor has learned in these two and a half years to understand the march of reaction and the necessity to defend civil liberties and labor's rights."

PLEGDED SUPPORT

Pledging the full moral and material aid of the 40 Textile Workers locals in New Jersey, Sol Stetin declared "these 18 don't belong in jail. What happened to them could happen to me or other

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A Fascist Faces the Wrath of Italian Workers



This remarkable photograph, together with others taken at the same scene which are reproduced on Page 3, shows how the armed anti-fascist workers and soldiers fought and hunted down the hated fascists as the Allied armies entered Rome.

Anti-Fascists Are Suppressed In Rome Under Rule Of Allies

By Louis Bonn

When the Allied military forces marched into Rome, as in the case of their previous occupation of Naples, they found a city already being cleansed of armed fascists.

Delayed, censored and garbled Allied press reports from Rome, issued when the Allied troops first entered the city, reveal something of the violent and successful armed struggle put up by the proletarian masses.

Nothing is more revealing of how the Roman masses fought and subdued the fascists than the Associated Press photographs which The Militant reproduces in this issue.

As these remarkable photographs show, the Italian proletariat did not wait for the "liberating" armies of Roosevelt and Churchill. The masses, who had felt the heel of fascism for over two decades know what it is and how to fight it.

The prosecution and trial have aroused a wide movement of support among many leaders and organizations of the English working class. Eight Members of Parliament have underwritten the defense and have joined the "Anti-Labor Laws Defense Committee," which is a broad united front labor defense organization on behalf of the defendants.

AMG ROLE

But in Rome, as in Naples previously, after the armed masses themselves had subdued, disarmed and arrested all the Nazis and Fascists they could find, the Allied Military Government, turning the guns of Allied troops against the anti-fascist workers, proceeded to disarm them, arrest them and turn them over to fascist-controlled tribunals.

In Rome, as in Naples, the AMG was immediately moved to

Nail Harry Bridges

The CIO council of Toledo, Ohio, representing over 60,000 industrial workers, last week unanimously adopted a resolution urging the national CIO to remove Harry Bridges, Stalinist head of the CIO Longshoremen's Union, from his post as CIO regional director on the West Coast.

Over 200 delegates endorsed the resolution denouncing Bridges for his strikebreaking role in the Montgomery Ward strike and his enunciation of a permanent no-strike policy.

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SWP Issues Appeal For \$1000 Solidarity Fund

Workers Asked to Express Solidarity With British Trotskyists Now Facing Capitalist Persecution in Churchill's Frame-up Trial

The Socialist Workers Party has initiated a drive to raise the sum of \$1000 as a Solidarity Fund on behalf of our British co-thinkers now being persecuted by the British Tory government.

The British Tory press unleashed a violent campaign against the Trotskyist vanguard of the English working class, attributing the strike wave to the work of these "agitators" and demanding drastic government action to curb all strikes.

All genuine militants, all class conscious workers will want to express their support of the four framed-up British Trotskyist leaders. You can express your solidarity with our British co-workers by sending contributions for the \$1000 Solidarity Fund to the Business Manager of The Militant, 116 University Place, N. Y. 3, N. Y.

The anti-labor character of the prosecution was made crystal clear when a few days after the arrests the political lackeys of

were kept in jail for 42 days without bail! "The magistrates refused bail," says a recent report, "saying that the defendants should be kept in custody in view of the nature and gravity of the charge and also the circumstances surrounding the case."

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An injury to one is the concern of all! A blow against the British labor movement and its vanguard, the Trotskyist Revolutionary Communist Party is the concern of class conscious workers throughout the world.

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CRDC Exposes Supreme Court Stand In Recent Rulings On Free Speech Cases

George Novack, National Secretary of the Civil Rights Defense Committee, last week sharply condemned Roosevelt's Supreme Court which in recent rulings showed its solicitude for the legal rights of pro-Nazis convicted under the Espionage Act, but has three times refused even to hear the appeal of the 18 imprisoned Trotskyist anti-fascists who were framed up under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act because of their socialist views.

The rulings handed down on June 12 by the U. S. Supreme Court setting aside the convictions in the Hartzel and Baumgartner cases stands in glaring contrast to the refusal of these same Justices in December 1943 even to consider the appeal of the 18 CIO truckdrivers and Socialist Workers Party leaders in the Minneapolis Labor Case.

Novack declared that the conclusion to be drawn from these contrasting decisions of the Supreme Court is that, according to the majority of the Justices, "it is deemed permissible to disseminate race hatred and Hitlerite propaganda while it is a crime to propagate the ideas of Marx, Lenin and Trotsky, or to exercise free speech in defense of the democratic rights of labor."

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the 18 CIO and Socialist Workers Party leaders now serving 12 to 16 months prison terms as the first victims of the vicious Smith 'Gag' Act. Our Committee is appealing to President Roosevelt to rectify this injustice by pardoning the 18.

Novack reported that a number of progressive union bodies in the past two weeks have joined the almost 300 labor organizations, representing over a million and a quarter American workers, which had previously gone on record to back the fight to free the 18.

The Detroit Briggs Local 212, UAW-CIO, at a recent general membership meeting adopted a strong resolution addressed to President Roosevelt condemning the imprisonment of the 18 and demanding an unconditional presidential pardon for them. The resolution charges that the Smith

Wants 3-Power Military Alliance Dominated By U.S.

To Police World For American Capitalists

By Ralph Graham

The pattern of the post-war world which American imperialism intends to construct was outlined by President Roosevelt on June 15 in a formal statement which foreshadows the creation of a modified League of Nations dominated by a three-power military alliance of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union.

Appearing ten days after Allied troops had waded ashore on the Normandy coast to commence the "liberation" of Europe, Roosevelt's "master design" as Washington commentators have referred to it, should serve to shatter all remaining illusions built up around the idealistic promises of the "Atlantic Charter."

Allied soldiers are shedding their blood, not in order to liberate the European peoples from Nazism, not to assure exercise of the right of self-determination by all nations and peoples, not to establish the "Four Freedoms" in the four corners of the earth — but to restore the old balance of power system in such manner as to guarantee the world domination of American imperialism.

Roosevelt's statement contemplates the formation of an international organization of "all peace-loving nations," together with an international court of justice, to "maintain peace and security and to assist the creation, through international cooperation, of conditions of stability and well-being necessary for peaceful and friendly relations among nations. . . . We are not thinking of a super-state with its own police forces and other paraphernalia of coercive power. We are seeking effective agreement and arrangements through which the nations would maintain, according to their capacities, adequate forces to meet the needs of preventing war and of making impossible deliberate preparations for war, and to have such forces

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"Gag" Act is a "vicious statute condemned by leading civil liberties and labor organizations as contrary to every principle of democracy," and denounces the "unprecedented action" of the Supreme Court for refusing to review the Minneapolis Labor Case "even though the Smith 'Gag' Law clearly violates the constitutional rights of free speech and free press." Accompanying the resolution was a \$100 contribution to the CRDC campaign.

The General Council of Ford Willow-Run Bomber Local 50, UAW-CIO, unananimously adopted a similar resolution and also sent a \$100 donation.

The Toledo (Ohio) Area Council of Railroad Workers addressed a

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