DEPARTMENTS

MUNICH "PEACE" AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST WORKERS

Two months ago Meets, Chamberlain, Daladier, Hitler, and Mussolini sat down at Munich and saved the world forever and ever from the horrors of war. Now II Duce and M. Daladier are ready to go over the question of giving Tunisia to Italy and Corsica, Djibouti, Saxoy and a share of the South Pole to Italy. The stretch of water between Tunisian and Italian Sicily is so minute that it is possible both banks can dominate the Mediterranean -- the Anglo-French lifeline.

In Central Europe Herr Hitler is busy swallowing up little Memel and preparing for the establishment of an autonomous U. K. a. i.e., patched out of Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union, Roumania and Poland.

ARMAMENT RACE

Instead of the longed-for peace, Munich has merely accelerated the preparations for war. France, Britain, Russia and the United States have increased their military budget in history. So is Italy. So is Great Britain. So is Germany. So is the U. S.

Not only weren't the contradictions between the Rome-Berlin axis and the Anglo-French bloc eliminated by the Munich agreement, but the Fascist axis the struggle has been made public by the "peace" of Munich. Germany, after having invaded the "neutral" countries, has now invaded the "peace" of Munich. Germany has expelled Italy from the anti-Fascist group, and today at the Brenner Pass, a real menace to Italy, Italian troops are twirling about as a rubber band and ready to be used in Central Europe. To offset the framework of Herr Hitler, Mussolini tried to get Hungary and Poland to swallow up little Ruthenia, thus creating a common frontier and checking Hitler's encroachments in the rest of Central Europe.

Hitler was able to check those plans. So far Mussolini has received no support from the Austrians and Poles. The division between the two Fascist states is in the name of defense. It can only be relieved somewhat if the "neutral" countries are also invited to take part because world capitalism, as well as the new generation, are determined to be butchered and drowned in blood, are preparing to smash any new attempts at Fascist states.

WHAT WILL S. U. DO?

On the European front, as a result of the blow to the Soviet Union and Poland seem to have formed a new "friendly" relationship. Both understand that they are to be the next victims -- together with Roumania -- of Nazi Germany. Stalin has cheerfully liquidated the Stalinist Party in Poland as a token of friendship to the Polish Dictatorship. As for France, it is in the throes of a "national unity" and the so-called "anti-Fascist" pact, which is only a "good word" of the capitalists of the Franco-Soviet Pact, Poland will wipe its hands of the Soviet Union in the minute it can come to some agreement with Hitler.

More than 2 years ago Stalin desperately tried to form an alliance with Fascist Italy. There is reason to believe that today he is trying to form such an alliance with Nazi Germany. Can the Stalinist refuse to help execute some of the German Jews be a step in direction of appeasing the Nazis?

Class Defense Brings Negrete Release Closer

A letter from comrade Russell Negrete Blackwell, American revolutionary and member of the R. W. L., has been received. He is no longer held incommunicado but does not know about the outcome of his case. Negrete may face trial in the near future in Loyalist Spain on the frame-up charges of being a Fascist spy, etc. Negrete's name was constantly mentioned in the trial of the POUM leaders a month or two ago, some of whom were sentenced to 16 years for being alleged to have started the uprising of the capitalists against the Loyalist government in May 1937 in Barcelona.

The Negrete United Front Committee is endeavoring to include more organizations in our united front to free Negrete and his fellow anti-capitalist victims held by the Loyalists. The last organization to join the Committee was the Service Group.

The Committee is continuing its fight for the release of Negrete and is in constant touch with the Spanish Comité General in N. Y. who receives all communications from Russell Negrete and send protests to Spain. They have con-

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repeat the murders of Liebknecht and Luxemburg.

Nevertheless, the objective situation favors the working class. Decapitation, decaying, dying. Its doom is inevitable. With a Party, a Leader- ship, a Program, the victory of the working class is assured. To the famous phrase of Liebknecht, "HAMBURG WILL RISE AGAIN," we add the words of Lenin, "HAVE THE WILL TO BUILD A PARTY AND ALL THE WORLD WILL COME TO YOU."

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On Saturday December 10th, the Committee learned of the presence of Ricardo Prieto of the POUM front in Spain. In a letter of his to the Committee, he stated: "I have just received a cable from Madrid through the Committee's American representative." On December 15th, the Committee received a letter from Ricardo Prieto, dated December 11th, informing the Committee that he had been released from prison.

PROTEST TO PRIETO IN N. Y.

Prieto, on his way to Chile would not undertake to do anything, but he Los Rios stated he had just sent a cable to his government "exclusively on the case of Negrete." The delegation, headed by the Committee's Secretary, J. Lorenz of the R. W. L., supported by the Committee's demands for Negrete's immediate release.

The U. S. government has not yet been informed by the French government that Negrete has been released. The Committee is preparing another public protest meeting.

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ORGANIZATION NOTES

NEW UNIT IN THE SOUTH
A new unit of five members of the Revolutionary Workers League was formed last month in an important city in Virginia by one of our active comrades of that part of the country. The unit shows good signs of gaining wide influence in this new area and takes as one of its special tasks the question of the oppressed Negro million.

This is the 45th new unit of the R.W.L. in the last two years, others were in Detroit, Kansas City and Philadelphia.

LL Meetings
Lenin, Liebknecht, Luxembourg, Mannheim.
Meetings are being held by R. W. L. units throughout the country. Pianists and sympathizers are asked to get in touch with the local comrades for dates and addresses.

Phila, Sunday Jan. 22 8 P. M. 322 Pine St.
Sparks, F. Nonsense, and B. Campbell

CHICAGO SUNDAY FORUM
Every Sunday at 8:30 P.M.
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2000 Devon Street

January 1st
American Imperialism and the Lima Conference
Bill Street

January 5th
Germany's March toward the East
Sid Okun

January 15th
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Joe Hadley

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Information on these classes can be had from the local comrade or by writing to the National Office of the R. W. L.

Starting Friday, December 2nd and every subsequent Friday at 8:00 P.M. the N. Y. Local of the R. W. L. is conducting a series of 12 lecture classes covering a wide range of topics. Each lecture is complete. For more information apply at the office of the N. Y. comrades, 66 E. 12th St., Room 3.

CHICAGO CLASSES

Starting Monday, December 5th a new series of classes on "Tendencies in the Labor Movement" will be being organized by "Tendencies in the Labor Movement" under the direction of the Instructor. As a special feature of each class, which will run 8 weeks, speakers will be invited each week from the various tendencies.

FREE ROSALIO NEGRETE

Workers Rights or Democracy?

(CONTINUED)

SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
PAVES THE WAY FOR FASCISM.

Since the democratic institutions are instruments of the exploiting minority, of the capitalists, the support of these political forms in present day decay capitalism is the instrument of the support of a bankrupt system versus the proletarian solution — the socialist system.

Developing capitalism, with its expanding productive forces under which it could afford to concede the working class a few "reforms" in order to better to c control it carried with it a political counterpart known as bourgeois democracy. But decay capitalism, with a contracting economy, wracked by ever deeper and more prolonged crises, with "organized" scarcity and organized starvation, has as its political counterpart, Fascism, as the only effective way to hold in check the working class and maintain the dying system.

Just as the "back to 1776" (free competition) movement is hopeless against finance capitalism so the cry of "back to democracy" (bourgeois democracy) is hopeless against fascism. In both cases the only 'defense toward SOCIALISM, to planned economy on a higher scale — FORWARD TO WORKERS DEMOCRACY under the Workers Council Government.

WORKERS RIVERS VERSUS "ROTTEN BOURBEOSE DEMOCRACY"

Speaking on this question Trotsky says, "Everywhere and always, when and where the revolutionary workers are not powerful enough immediately to overthrow the bourgeois regime, they defend from Fascism even rotten bourgeois democracy, and especially do they defend their own positions inside bourgeois democracy. Under this centrist formula Trotsky leads us into the approval of bourgeois democracy. Defending "rotten bourgeois democracy", and defending workers democratic rights against Fascism, we must fight for the Workers Democratic Society. The workers democratic rights were obtained and can be defended only by a struggle against the bourgeoisie, against bourgeois democracy as well as against fascism. Where, as in Spain today, bourgeois democracy attempts to take the "leadership" in the struggle of the working class against Fascism (capitalism), in order to betray the workers, the only effective way is to "march separately and strike together." This does not include defense of capitalist democracy, but just the opposite, prepares the proletariat for the struggle for power, against Fascism in all its forms.

Coupled with the above mentioned position of Trotsky is his policy of "Fight imperialism to fight fascism." Under this one can support the Trotskyites and victimize the victims and supporters of bourgeois democracy and cover up their line of support to Cardenas in Mexico, material aid to Socialist Spain, support of "left" bourgeois governments, etc.

Fight Capitalism to Fight Fascism is the correct position.

The Stalinists and Socialists, and the open bourgeois reformers such as Green and Lewis of the AFL and CIO, "deeply involved" against workers rights and Workers Councils. These opportunist, like the social reformists and trade union bureaucrats are preparing the road for fascism and their own destruction, along with the labor movement as a whole.

COMMUNISM VS. FASCISM

The Stalinists and Socialists propose that the working class fight for democracy against fascism. Trotsky speaks also of the "very pressing problem of fascism and democracy. Those who defend or fall into the trap of support for the capitalist democratic institutions (CAPITALIST DICTATORSHIP) use this language. To fight for the workers democratic rights against capitalism is possible only on the basis of the working class versus capitalism (COMMUNISM AGAINST FASCISM), of independent working class action. To fight fascism the working class must fight capitalism in all its forms, from legal "left" forms such as the Workers Democratic Society and for Party Governments to its extreme rights forms of cabinet councils, political dictatorships and fascism.

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Loyalists Sentence
Anti-Fascists
To 16 Years

The world wide protest against the activities of the Stalins to conquer Spain as Fascist spies has been successful, but a conviction on the basis of rebellion against Fascism, with a vicious 16 year sentence for the majority of the defendants is a perversion of the fight against the Spanish revolutionists. The conviction of those who fight for Socialism in Spain has established the a necessary precedent to begin a class war against the militarists who stand for Communism and against the Syndicalists who stand for Anarchism as soon as the necessary conditions for sell out and compromise with the Fascists exist.

If the POUM leaders can be convicted of the May Insurrection they opposed, then next the CNT-FAI can be convicted for Rebellion, for the heroic acts of the workers and peasants in taking over the factories and land and establishing of the Anti-Fascist Committees against Capitalism. Today the Anglorussian traitors are seeking to destroy their own anti-Fascist struggles. Tomorrow, the Anti-Fascist Committees will not exist.

The conviction of most of the POUM defendants and the release of two done to leave an air of "fairness." Daniel Retail was not a murderer. The People's Court, in any of the May Uprising, Jose Escudero was virtually a prisoner from the beginning to the end of the uprising, surrounded in the La Batalia holding.

The convicted POUM leaders were at the Party's Barcelona headquarters doing everything possible to call the workers of the POUM out to defend the workers revolt. The Working People's Government has exposed itself for its true worth in convicting those who are against capitalism. The Loyalist Capitalist Government is the agent of Anglo-French imperialism against the workers and peasants, against the progressive elements against the POUM. The workers.

SELL OUT IMPEDEING

The Trotskyites in dealing with this question in the Socialist Appeal state that the Stalinist frame-up was defeated. This is obvious and the Trotskyites don't understand that the victory against the Stalinist frame-up was accompanied with a defeat as dangerous because it is a move against the Bolsheviks, and is the victory of the Stalinist movement.

The blot at the working class consists of the fact that because the reformist and centrist leaders were able to reconcile the people into working parliamentarians, into the Democratic and Labor Partie, and were able to liquidate the independent class of workers, the underlying shift to the left in American class relations and the disorganization of the movement found no expression in the elections.

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Corrections

The editorial Board of the FIGHTING WORKER wishes to correct two formulations in the December issue.

The article entitled "Electoral Results: A Blow to Workers" is open to the false impression that the lead paragraph that the defeat of the New Deal in the election was a blow to all the workers. There is no fundamental class difference between Fascism and "the Old Deal" in spite of the different methods used by the right arm of the capitalists to control the workers. The blow at the working class consists of the fact that because the reformists and centrists were able to reconcile the people into working parliamentarians, into the Democratic and Labor Partie, and were able to liquidate the independent class of workers, the underlying shift to the left in American class relations and the disorganization of the movement found no expression in the elections.

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- ANTI - CAPITALIST ORIENTATIONS

This is a false assumption. In such countries as Spain and England, contrary to the Stalinists and to the Trotskyites, the main danger today is not Fascism. The m a i n enemy of capitalism is not an anti-capitalist approach as an immediate road to the growth of reformism which helps pave the way for Fascism. But in France the question must be posed as a sharpening struggle between the c i n s and "Communists" and Fascism. The same is true in Spain for the whole last period of armed conflict.

The R.W.L. presents an anti-capitalist pro-communist orientation. We reject such formulations in all countries and in all quarters. Fascism is the main danger, reformism is secondary. The working class must struggle against Fascism, against both the left arm of capitalism ("democracy") and Fascism. Within this framework, in each country, with each given stage and shift of the class relations, the growth of reformism may be the immediate danger or the struggle may reach the stage of one between Communism and Fascism.

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VOLUNTARY LABOR
Communism or Fascism in France

De spite the heroic response of France in the one day general strike of the working class against the Dailaderi, the march of events toward fascism, inflating the currency, etc., the strike was vigorously smashed by Dailaderi’s forces and his strikers, lower some of the strikers. After the strike, hundreds of thousands of workers were dismissed from their jobs for their militancy. Here and there some strikers developed. The Navy called in, and it completed the strike-breaking job of the Mobile Guard.

Again for the third or fourth time since the working class revolt of the Fascists after February 6th, 1934, France faces a pre-revolutionary situation. Only one of two forces can be successful in the streets. Either the open dictatorship of capitalism-Fascism, or the successful pro- leterian revolution, Communism.

BONAPARTEM in France

M. Daladier plays only a transition role on a Bonapartist dictatorship by his open anti-working-class measures prepared for Fascists. He is the French equivalent of Herr Brüning, Von Schleicher and the Cuesta Pajeno, who prepared the way for Hitler in 1933. He himself has blown against the working class with the money he has inherited from the previous Fascist régime. 

The Fascist revolution in France today for the elimination of all the workers and the government’s subsidies to help market their goods, which are to be administered by the workers’ committees. It is the only solution for legitimizing and strengthening the Fascist revolution. 

The instant the Fascists take power they will undermine the Locarno agreements, destroy the League of Nations, and help the Fascists and their government to reach German territories.

The French workers are determined to defend their country and their homeland against the Fascists. They are determined to defend their country and their homeland against the Fascists. They are determined to defend their country and their homeland against the Fascists. They are determined to defend their country and their homeland against the Fascists. 

FIGHT ON EXPROPRIATIONS

The United States is not a representative nation, but also has a p. d. David Escalante, the Venezuelian, a delegate was the Chairman of the second most important Committee at the Conference on Economic policies in the United States.

The conference is completed our press will give a detailed analysis of the Lima conference and its relation to the world workers and peasants in Latin America.

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tacted the J. W. L., the S. L. F., and the J. W. L. of Argentina and working up we broad a protest as possible.

Letter to M. Okzy. from the Juridico-Social Section of the CNT, Barcelona.

"Dear Comrade.—We have the documents you have sent us in your letter of the 4th, with regard to the case of Okzy. We will call upon the Jakarta as well.

"We are immediately sending copy of your letter to the Sub-National Committee in Bogotá, so that it may work for the release of the above mentioned case.

"With fraternal greetings", etc.

For the NATIONAL COMMITTEE R.W.,
R. Islaa.
Lewis CIO Control Means more Sell-outs

The Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) is now the official voice for Industrial Organization. The change is more than one in name. The CIO has been forced to act in the same way that the old A.F. of L. had previously done. Instead of starting a new organization to pit workers against employers, the CIO has decided to push militants against militant elsewhere with militant everywhere. Instead of a slowly loose organization in which the workers were able to push militant action such as the auto strikes of 1937, the new up is more dominated — literally controlled — by three men, Lewis, Hillman, and Murray, and of these three Lewis is practically a law unto himself.

Of the 62 men on the executive committee which will meet only twice a year, Lewis acts, the votes of the above three have to be turned on forward on the votes of the other 39. Each man acts as the delegate of at least five workers of members in his union. Thus the combined membership of the Mine, Steel, and Textile and garment workers, who have been reduced to assent by the new CIO. The whole apparatus of the AFL has been driven out by the new CIO.

The new bureaucracy makes the AFL bureaucracy look like peanuts. Lewis, Hillman, and Murray control union at will. His resolution is binding on all affiliated union on its own.