DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST WORLD IMPERIALISM

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THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AGAINST STALINISM

June 22 — The murderous Nazi butchers have turned upon the Soviet Union to execute their long planned assault upon the first Workers State. The “super-Wrangel” of World Imperialism is conducting the “boly” war. The fascist attack on the Soviet Union opens up a new stage of the Imperialist War. It ushers in the phase of civil wars and revolutions. The first important turning point of the war was the capitulation of the French ruling class to forestall revolution. Next came the powerful pressure of American intervention against the Axis powers, which by causing a virtual stalemate laid the basis for the German attack on the U.S. in demo- c rites attempted to degenerate Un- ited States aid to break out of its mounting difficulties.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR OF
DEFENSE.

The workers of the world must come to the aid of the Soviet Union in its revolutionary war of defense against imperialism and its fascist agents who hope to make a colony out of the Soviet Union. The real defense of the first Workers State, warped and distorted alike by German and British imperial- ism, demands an increased struggle against Stalinism as an imperi alist agency in our ranks. A revolu tionary war of defense means a struggle against the imperialist invaders and the other imperialist agents within.

Stalinism cannot defend the Soviet Union, it can only betray. Hitler came into power as a result of the betrayals of the Social Demo cracy and the 3rd period policies of Stalinism of splitting and weak ening the labor movement. The Fran co-Soviet Pact, the criminal policy of Peoples Frontism in Spain, and then the Stalin-Hitler Pact paved the way for the Nazi encirclement and frontal attack. Stalinism has capitulated against every imperial ism pressure since this revolutionary defeat in Germany in 1923. It has used and betrayed the loyalty of the working class to the Soviet Union. It has played capitalist señor politics. It is forced into this war to protect its own neck. The working class can expect no proletarian policy of defense, of extending the October Revolution, from this force.

THE UKRAINE

In September 1939 the FIGHTING WORKER stated, “Today Stalinism makes it possible for Ger many to take Poland and Hunga ry. Tomorrow Hitler will be at the gates of the Ukraine… By reconquering Poland, by undermining the internal conditions in the Soviet Union, with Stalin’s help, Hitler will prepare the way for his counter-revolution in the Soviet Union.”

Many months before the war started we criticized and rejected Trotsky’s slogan for an “Independent Ukraine”, pointing out that this would play into Hitler’s hands. The revolutionary defense of the Ukraine against Hitler demands the ousting of the Stalinist bureaucrats, but this political revolution against Stalinism must be a part of the general fight against Stalinism and against counter-revolutionary intervention in the whole of the Soviet Union, on the basis of genuine democratic SOVIETS and a democratic Red Army.

WHY HITLER ATTACKS NOW

Powerful American pressure against the Axis has altered Hitler’s plans. He must match American economic might with more materials. These he must obtain from the Soviet Union, by capitulation if possible, by war if necessary. Hitler must try to break out of the new stalemate America’s economic and military might has created. We have all, German Imperialism, in

FORWARD TO A WEEKLY FIGHTING WORKER

Chicago, June 21. — The upsurge of labor militancy and struggle for higher wages is coming into open conflict with the bureaucracy in the Unions. Not only in the CIO, but in the AFL as well.

In Minneapolis the Teamsters, plagued by the Roosevelt politician, Dan Tobin, national head of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, went over to the CIO when there was a threat by Tobin to expel their leaders as “Trotskyites”.

But the revolt against the AFL top leadership is far deeper. That is illustrated by the militant struggles of the Retail Clerks and the Wholesale Grocery Supplies Union, composed of warehousemen of National Tea and Kroger’s.

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Today the working class needs a voice as never before—a voice to denounce the growing barrage of imperialist war-mongering, a call to action to rally to the support of the endangered Soviet Union against Germany and world imperialism and against Stalinism, a stimulus to whip against the jackal cries of the bosses agents in our ranks.

A monthly organ is not enough. THE FIGHTING WORKER MUST BE MADE A WEEKLY! Every revolutionary worth his salt will hail this decision.

The betrayal and demagoguery of whole sections of the labor move ment, the treacherous position of the Stalinists, merely to placate for some support of the war when Stalin finally makes a deal with Wall Street, the reaction and war-mongering of the different sections of the Socialists; the opportunist tendencies of the Trotskyites; the capitulation of the Lovestone, Hooks, and other—all point to the need for the spreading of the voice of international workers solidarity among the American workers.

We are proud of our paper and its record. THE FIGHTING WKRKR since its foundation has consistently pointed the Marxist need. It is the New Deal as a War Deal condemned from the outset. From its Foundation as a weapon, the CCU and to Fascism (Spain, for example), showed the way to a workers’ (Soviet) Spain, and on many other crucial questions maintained the line of Marxism.

To issue the FIGHTING WORKER as a weekly is an essential necessity that will force us to reduce its size and format. We are confident that in the short time remaining before

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F.D.R. - Strikebreaker

Los Angeles, June 17.—The “smiling President” has mared his teeth. Strike-breaking, use of troops, and a Work or Be Drafted threat are Roosevelt’s answer to the bitter need for something approaching a living wage by the workers of Du Pont’s North Am-
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In this case increasing strike action of workers against the attacks of newspapers on their government, the infamous Dies Committee, play an increasingly vicious role in the general attack against the workers and their organizations.

The Dies Committee, considering all aspects of the working class as "UAnAmerican", attempts to break every strike by discrediting the strike leaders as Communist, Nazi, Allen, exconvinced, and so forth. It hopes thereby not only to stop individual strike union leaders, but to sow confusion and fratricidal strife.

The latest example of this role of the Dies Committee is shown in its action in attacking Cowan, before its subcommittee, compelling my testimony and misquoting and distorting my words, under the leading questions of its infamous red-balster, Mr. J. B. Matthews.

I attended, given Thursday, June 12, 1941, as a witness in the press in distorted form on a national scale on the evening of June 12th and the day of June 13th.

HALF TRUTH AND LIES

The above referred-to published statements, records, photographs, and lies, made for dual purposes of discrediting the Cleveland Alcoa strike leaders, and to discredit myself and my organization by presenting me to the public as a stool-pigeon and informer.

In order to further expose the distortions, half-truths, and red-balster tactics of the Dies Committee and that portion of the public press which is connected with the Dies Committee, I submit the following facts:

At 7 PM on the night of Wednesday, June 11th, 1941, I was served with a subpoena signed by speaker of the House, Sam Rayburn, commanding me to appear in Washington, D.C., at 2 PM the following day to answer questions which the Dies Committee might see fit to ask. Previous to this, neither I nor any of my associates had in any way, directly or indirectly, been in touch with the Dies Committee, its officers or any of its agents. The subpoena was served by United States Deputy Marshall, John Wein of the Cleveland office.

TAKEN DESPITE PROTEST

I was informed by the Deputy Marshall to immediately get in touch with Mr. Jackstone, local head of the Cleveland Dies Committee Office, who had already arranged transportation for Cowan and return. I got in touch with Mr. Jackson late that night and personally presented his committee and demanded to be released from this subpoena. I was given no choice but ordered to proceed as per instructions. The subpoena gave no indication of the nature of the questions to which I would be subjected and it was clear I was to be questioned concerning my own organization, the Revolutionary Worker.

The C.I. immediately notified the National Committee of my organization at Chicago by special delivery air-mail, and also wired my attorneys in Richmond, Va. and Washington, D.C., to be present to represent me at the hearing.

Statements appearing in the press to the effect that I flew to Washington are misleading, as I went to Washington by plane uncalled for and at great expense. I was met immediately on getting off the plane by representatives of the Dies Committee, who hurried to the committee offices on the fifth floor of office building, where it was made clear to me that the committee was interested in discrediting the leaders of the Alcoa strike.

COMMITTEE ALREADY HAD ALL INFORMATION

At this time many old records and photographs concerning my public record in the Communist Party were presented to me from the files of the Dies Committee, as were also the records of my personal and public statements and signed documents of many others who were openly and publicly associated with me during my period of membership in the Communist Party.

Among these records were those of publicly self-admitted members of the Communist Party: Al Barry, Edward Cheyfitz, Fay Stephenson, Ben Gray and many others. Many of these records and quotations from speeches, etc., were from original copies of the Party's and Young Communist League's own publications such as the "Daily Worker," "The Hunger Fighter," "The YCL Builder," and so forth.

In addition to the above material, I was shown letters and documents secured by the Dies Committee covering approximately ten years past, which documents and letters had been secured thru thecolefully and with the agreement of the Communist Party, thru raids on Party offices and the actions of stool-pigeons within the Party. I was shown one batch of extensive confidential material of "Comrade" Goldberg, published by the Dies Committee, an organization of the Communist Party in Ohio, which had recently been entrusted to the hands of the Dies Committee.

All of the above material, plus police records, and records from the Internal Statistics Bureau, prove conclusively that the Dies Committee had in its possession, long before my appearance, positive proof of and public admission of membership in the Communist Party by the individuals above referred to.

I here state that I have no love for the Communist Party nor its methods. I quite well know that it is the policy of the Communist Party to use its publications to expose militant workers to the agents of the government and to the employes. I also know that it has been the practice of the Stalins to lead the role of stool-pigeons in shops, factories and offices, and on the WPA to secure the firing of any militant worker who dares to use the Party line or protect the actions of the Stalins' agents.

NOTHING BUT CONTEMPT

I have nothing but contempt for informers and stool-pigeons, and wholeheartedly support the strike of the Alcoa workers all down the line. I do not call my attention to any differences within the ranks of the working class which should be fought out in the ranks of the working class itself, and not in collaboration with the Dies Committee or any other agency of the bourgeoisie.

I now, therefore, summarize my appearance and statements before the Dies Committee as follows:

I did not voluntarily go before the Dies Committee.

I was not permitted to state my position, or that of my organization, The Revolutionary Workers League, U.S.A., before the committee.

I called upon my attorneys to represent me, but it was a futile gesture. My attorneys were prevented from giving their services.

In calling me to testify before the Dies Committee, the Dies Committee has revealed its contempt for the "party spirit" of Edward Cowan.

TENTH PLENUM

The 10th Plenum of the Revolutionary Workers League, U.S.A., was held June 14-15. The political agenda consisted of a report on the latest phase of the Imperialist war, the Walter case: Fighting Worker and Organization. The major part of the time was devoted to organizational plans to extend our work. The meeting was the Plan to raise $50,000 in a month and start issuing the FIGHTING WORKER ON THE WIRE.

Although the pressure is so great that many groups are liquidating, while others experience added frictional fights, the League reveals a continued progress at its Plenum.
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driving all the Allied armies off the continent, now face only one powerful army in Europe clearly revealed as a Pact of Treachery to the interest of the Soviet Union. The German attack will enable the other imperialists to 'double-cros' Stalin as double pay for his former aid to fascism. Instead of assuring peace to the Soviet Union, the Pact in reality helped to weaken the Soviet Union while Hitler was preparing his blow.

In the June, 1941, FIGHTING WORKER we stated, "Both the Greek and Stalin-Hitler incidents reveal Internal differences over policy within respective ruling groups: in Germany it is over when to attack the Soviet Union, and in Soviet Union over when to throw up effective opposition to Hitler's steady march eastward to vital Russian spheres... The iron ring of the Axis encirclement, of imperialist encirclement, is tightening... At this juncture it is Germany that holds the key. Under her leadership, an Axis attack (or through Britain with England, a "two-front" war) against the Soviet Union is possible."

"RED IMPERIALISM"

It is now clear that the Red Ar

my seizes of Baltic areas were DEFENSIVE steps against an Imperialist attack under German management. This we know from the time of these invasions, against the Schachtmanites and others who called this "Red Imperialism" was not a question of Red Imperialism but of defense against imperialist invasion. Even Stalin could see that his neck was in danger.

IMPERIALIST ANTAGONISM WILL GROW

The Anglo-American imperialists will gladly promise aid to Russia to get her deeper into the war with Germany. But it is all too probable that a semi-truce will develop between these two camps, while Germany drives into Russia. If necessary, they will even, despite any promises, come to the aid of Germany, to accomplish the overthrow of the Soviet Union. Consequently, in spite of this, "new time imperialist antagonism" will remain and grow.

Anglo-American interests are outright interested in the turn of events. Roosevelt will take "credit" for it. He further exhausts German materials, and makes us that much more distant an attacked invasion of England while America's war effort can now be "twisted". England also gains "victory in the N.W.East."

Japan especially is on the "spot". If she does not come to the aid of Germany, the American Imperialism will use this to drive a wedge between the two, and further weaken her position in Asia. If she does come to the aid of Germany, America gains even more by Japan's exhaustion in such a war, while the United States strengthens her bases in the East Indies and Chinese areas.

Roosevelt will now try to use the Stalinists internationally as Hitler used them yesterday. Stalinism will make desperate efforts (probably already under way) to sell out to American Imperialism for "peace" against Germany. On the other hand, the Trotsky formula of a truce with the Soviet Union, issuing from the October Revolution. If the United States becomes an "ally" of the Soviet Union, the workers must continue the fight against the war measures of Wall Street. Revolutionary defense for the Soviet Union, anti-imperialist defense everywhere, that is the road to victory.

We repeat the words of the May Day Manifesto of the International Contact Commission, that, "Regardless of the fact that the imperialist war revolves around an Anglo-Russian struggle the real struggle before us is the struggle between COMMUNISM and FASCISM."
from their duty in China protect- ing our interests, the goal of the strike was broken. The en- tire bourgeoisie, from the most re- tails to the most "liber- 68tively" supported Roosevelt's "conscription." For the last issue of the FIGHTING WORKER, the Bor- ron administration was "pro-labor" only during the election campaign. After the strike the Los Angeles pol- ice, headed by Bowron himself, de- liberately precipitated violence by for force to eject a few hundred scabs through the picket lines. Tear gas bombs were tossed at weaponless workers. When they were tossed right back, and the wind shifted. Bowron pleaded that it was all a "mistake". This deliberate provocation gave the army, waiting a short distance away, the excuse to march in and "quell a riot." 

How sincere was Bowron's apo- logy is indicated by the new at- tempt of the L.A. police chief, un- der direct orders from Bowron, to beat strikers on California's in- nal syndicalist law, because he "heard talk of taking over the printing plant." This is the may- or who was elected with the sup- port of the CIO, AFL and "Com- munist" party.

The leadership of the A.F.L., be- fore and during the strike, set themselves up as scab-holders pre- pared to execute any order the boss- es might give them. This was to be expected. But the secured help that was undertaken by Frank- eis, U.A.W. - C.I.O. head, who attempted to demoralize the workers; appealed to the "peace movement" against them, justified the use of troops against peaceful pickets, and threatened to import scabs from all parts of the country. In this treachery (even for him), he was supported by Philip Murray, R. J. Thomas and their clique. Af- ter the event, Murray has the plail to have a statement against the use of troops.

Until Frankensteins ra dio broadcasts condemning the strikers the S-Nists had played along with him, as with Thomas and Murray. At the strike demonstration, a few days before the troops came - they quoted profusely from John who himself did not voice one objection either to Franken- stein's or the army's strike-break-

The Stalinist leadership evaded the main issue of the situation -

Steele Group Folds Up

The past year has seen the dis- solution of the Lovestoneites, Fieldlites, and several other groups. The caputlate is the Steele group. This organization having no sound political basis for its ex- istence from the very beginning, functioning as a tail to the trade union movement, has taken stock of itself and at a conference held the end of May, decided to liquidate.

The capitulation of these groups - before the U.S. has fully entered the War - represents the effect of the high pressure War Drive by American Imperialism. They reflect the Right shift in the labor movement and add to its de- moralization.

The fate of these groups indicates the difficult facing revolu- tionary forces today. Lack of a Mars- hof Program that would have given the workers a platform to be a fa- ctor in their disintegration.

Rather than join a revolutionary Mass organization and continue the class struggle, they simply, like the Arabs, "fold their tents and silently away."