Coal Miners Force Concessions Despite F. D. R. And J. Lewis

MUST OUST LEWIS

The miners have shown at least three times before that they can fight Lewis. During the twenties and early thirties two movements under Andrei Chorna and Joseph Foy and oppositely opposed Lewis on a national scale. A most hopeful committee was organized in the anthracite fields, the tri-district committee of the Wildcat Anti-Labor miners. Unfortunately, Lewis was able to breakthrough the committee and dissolve the wildcat. The present sellouts, however, should be adequate proof that without such a rank and file group the mine will cease to be the property of Lewis and his clique, collaboration policy.

Just to organize and lead progressive movement to end the check-off, the miners have in some of the self-appointed district heads, and above all the collaboration policy of machine is now the time to prepare for a new struggle.

THIRD INTL LIQUIDATED

Just as the Roosevelt-Churchich meeting coinciding with Davis deleting of Roosevelt's secret message to Stalin, the Pravda announces the liquidation of the Third International which upon the triumph of its followers to give full support to the imperialist war. This is a further step of capitulation to the Anglo-American imperialists. As early as ten years ago, the R.W.I. stated that the Stalinist theory of socialism in one country would lead to social patriotism and to the liquidation of internationalism. For this we were accused of being the worst kind of slanderer. But here lies the secret of the liquidation of Stalin's International.

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Soviet-Polish Break Hints At Coming Allied Struggles

Neither the Daily Workers nor the capitalist press dare to tell the truth upon the tragic imperialist war. The truth would throw a bomb crater into the United Nations. But the Polish Stalinists would smash the idle dream of peace and harmony between the United Nations.

The Russo-Polish break is much more important than appears on the surface. It involves far more than just a squabble over a few hundred miles of territory or the disposal of a few thousand Polish officers.

Facts in the Background

If the Allies or the Stalinists dared to tell the truth, they would have to admit that the time is not now but never has been and may never be to positively unify the Soviet Union and the Third International. Stalin's Third International had been the connecting link between the International of Lenin and Trotsky. That was the time an organization of revolutionary Marxism in the International of Lenin and Trotsky. It was finally liquidated just as did the Second (Socialist) International.

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Beware of Allied Counter-Revolution in Europe

The fall of Tania and Biletzka marks another turning point in the imperialist war. Not necessarily the destruction of the Czarist regime of these North African cities—although their fall clears the Mediterranean of imperialist shipping; or necessarily either one of the bitterest fightings of these North African has put Spain and Italy on the spot by completing a three-cornered struggle between the German and the French. Things are very important and very military accomplishment. The fall of North Africa cannot, of course, change the基本 from the social point of view. The bourgeois writer M. W. Fodor has reported that in Warsaw in 1939 "the Polish government and the commanders in chief of the Polish army left Warsaw during the night of September 8th. Warsaw was left to be surrounded as an open city, but the WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS DECIDED TO FIGHT.

For three years this simple story has been censored out of the news. Now it develops, however, that as early as the fifth day of the war, Workers Organizations set up their own command and fought gloriously and heroically defended Warsaw.

Working Class Fights Enemies On All Fronts

The press reports—but only feebly—that Jewish workers in all the fronts of Soviet Poland have been and are in arms up in arms as he takes the lead, so as to retain control. But Lewis is willing to capitulate to capitalism, to the capitalists, and supports capitalism, and he supports the capitalist war. In a pinch he will always help the capitalists smash the miners' struggles—as he has done so many times in the past.

Second that the Allies are double-dealing the Soviet Union, just as Roosevelt is double-dealing the past.

For not only enough lend-lease material is being sent the Soviet Union to keep it from losing, but also the United States is buying the material to supply the Soviet Union. The allies are working for an exhaustion of the Soviets. The American neanderthal "political" observers, just like Axis observers in that they are trying to prepare forces within the Soviet Union for the restoration of capitalism within Russia.

That Russia is fighting the Anglo-American enriching policy and Roosevelt's imperialistic policy and to open the way to Europe open.

Poland is first, Dues to U.S.S.R. There lies the importance of the United Nations. The Polish as preparation, for the war. When America's armies reach the question will arise to who will control, who will police, what territory. American opinion behind the scenes are having violent arguments. But this book is not intended to bring about a war with the Soviet Union.

Stalin's Second and the American bloc finally get to Poland—possibly together with the Red Army—the Anglo-American bloc is another and the territory governed by the reactionary, capitalist, 1939 anti-Soviet government. Such a Poland would be a dagger aimed directly at the heart of the world workers state. It would be a jumping off point for the Allies, just as for German imperialism in its bid to wipe out Russia and come to the aid of the Fascist, anti-Soviet, anti-socialist 1939 and 1940. British Imperialism operates on the theory that the fourth fifths of a leaf is better than none.

Stalinism Planning its Own Strike

But Stalinism, as nationalistic and as reactionary as it is, is realistic enough to understand (although it does not admit) that their present allies, the imperialist fronts, are getting ready for an attack on the Soviet Union. They readily understood Roosevelt's domestic and "safety" when it stated that a doman sectional of the British bourgeoisie is full of hatred for the Red Army victories. They readily understand Roosevelt's "land lease" where Britain receives four times the materials that Russia sells. They cannot help being one tenth as much in actual battle.

Stalinism, therefore, is preparing for the coming downfall of the United Nations, although denying it to the working class, just as Stalin denied the dope-
Is The Prodigal Son Homeward Bound?

Lewis Seeks New Union Center

United Front Defense

Chicago, June 5, 1943—The case of the 8 Foundry workers arrested and sentenced to 6 months in jail on June 28th pending the outcome of a new election of a new union in the plant has been appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court. The eight workers who are members of an independent union, the ILWU of which they were members, have been able to organize and to take the plant over.

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On May 16th and 17th a committee of workers in this plant, a member of the United Steelworkers of America, AFL, and the United Auto Workers, CIO, held a meeting at which it was decided to try to organize the plant against the raids. The workers are represented by a lawyer who is also a worker in the plant.

The Company, however, called in the Illinois Bureaus of the Labor Union of the Western Association of Commerce, and the police are now trying to break up the strike, and the workers are at random and arrested them.

The job of the Company and of the police was made much easier by the fact that the plant was closed down, and that the workers were at random and arrested them.

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The workers of Warner & Swasey, a machine tool production plant in Cleveland, Ohio, have fought a bitter battle against the vicious collaboration between the union bureaucrats of the International Machinists of America and the officials of the Warner & Swasey Company. They have held extensive union meetings, presented their grievances to their shop stewards, and voiced their disapproval of their general shop conditions, and used every other "legal" means at their disposal to protect their interests and their victims from no avail.

As a direct result of such treatment a group of workers in the shop, in desperation, formed the Progressive Wing of the International Machinists Local 1324. The results of the company and Mr. Marion the union for the workers in the shop to get rid of the discontented members who have placed themselves as protectors of the company and to eliminate the corrupt officials of the I.M.A. union.

Two meetings were called to issue a leaflet in the shop pointing out the role of these workers in the making of the works and the roles as guardians of the company and also to expose the enormous profits that the Warner and Swasey Company made and tried to cover up with their corrupt tactics. When the leaflets were distributed and these union bureaucrats found that there was a big crowd in the store room, they got the aid of the District Lodge which went down in the Plant of Thomas Denne, and along with him, his union, the protective GOON Squad of three members and terrorize those workers who were disturbed by the leaflets.

But it is good to report that their efforts were in vain because the leaflets were well distributed and well liked by the workers in the shop. It was effective enough to make the President of the Warner & Swasey Company fly back from Florida, whereas for months the union had been begging him to come and negotiate a contract for the workers for months.

It was effective enough to make the union bureaucrats call three times the very minimum demands to the company.

PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM

The workers were so much in agreement with it (the leaflet) that three full days of walking-out and striking action was the result. The workers in the plant secured, securing the part-time worker, jogging the business agent of the union, who told the workers to go back to work. The International Machinists, did not authorize such actions of the workers.

The company has even gone so far as to give petty raises to such people as they suspect are members of the Progressive Wing and even given other job advancements. Seeing the results of the bulletin, the Progressive Wing has decided to issue a second Bulletin presenting its program which is as follows:

1. Race or sex, equal pay for equal work, equal representation of all groups in the shop on grievances and negotiating committees, the union out of the halls into the shop, democratic elections in the shop of all officers and union representatives, call all of the workers, stewards, commit- teemen and women and all members of the union will become a part of the workers who work democratically hold in the shop, reinstatement of all fired workers who were discharged because of activities for the union or the interest of the employees, stop the firing of workers for their militant trade union and working class activities.

2. These demands and a further expansion of the developments in the shop shall be called to the attention of the workers of Warner & Swasey and will freely co-determinate the workers of the shop.

The union, the Party, should be bigger and better Progressive Wing of the International Machinists and really have a militant fighting union working in the interests of the em- ployees of Warner & Swasey.

FIGHT DISCRIMINATION

The workers were further enraged by the fact that the company and Union bureaucrats by the recent firing of a militant woman worker. She has appeared actively on the floor of the union meetings and the equal representation of all groups in the shop on negotiating committees, the union out of the halls into the shop, democratic elections in the shop of all officers and union representatives, call all of the workers, stewards, commit- teemen and women and all members of the union will become a part of the workers who work democratically hold in the shop, reinstatement of all fired workers who were discharged because of activities for the union or the interest of the employees, stop the firing of workers for their militant trade union and working class activities.

Of the fights that the Progressive Wing is carrying on in this shop deal with re-elect its president and re-elected on her job and reinstated in the union.

Inflation Scare

The Bosses and their local new- papers have been telling the workers that inflation is in the Devil and must be fought. Every single time the underpaid workers ask for a two-cent raise the local office of the Boys of Price Assistance are brought out to shout "No!" There are the workers that such raises will turn the Devil of inflation loose and have all got to be saved from that.

Of course the workers are crying on the grounds that living costs have skyrocketed but according to the Office of Price Assistance says they will take care of that; if prices are too high they will pull them back and also will not permit any raises in consumers goods price.

The way the promises of the OPA have worked out is quite different than the police was led to believe. In Cleveland, for in- stances, in the campaign to "roll back" the price of the ceiling meat price list and Lo! and Behold, out of two hundred meat prices were from two to seven percent higher than prices already being sold out of the customer. The same kind of price "roll back" was done with the price of fresh meat. If this is stopping inflation then the OPA is the biggest black market of them all.

The only answer to the OPA and the rest of the Boycott War is to build real shop unions under democratic control and answer the war deal with such action by the working class as will put a stop to price explosion and the explosion in prices of goods.

The press, the radio, and the speakers platform have for long been in the control of the workers and their imperialist ventures for mar- kets and colonies.

This picture of the em- ployers as high-white angels and the workers as imp's of Satan is thoroughly exposed when examination of the record. This record shows that to the employers this war is just as other capitalist war—a smoke screen behind which the working class is doubly exploited to create ever greater profits for the bosses out of the wholesale spilling of the workers blood; and the sacrifice to profiteers of many of the necessities and all of the luxuries of life.

ALL FOR "SACRIFICE"

It hardly necessary to call attention to the fact that the whole campaign of the labor reforms is echoing the demands of the big and little bosses, the point of "equality of sacrifice." The Socialist Party and the Com- munist Party have made a noble pro- pounded this demand time and time again, and the bosses companies this with distributed "abusecism" and freight raises for steel and more produc- tion. The centrist press has sermonized the same crime in its open letter to denounce that the bosses forego all profit to the men who work on the war plants on a substandard wage basis in order that a willing- ness for equality of sacrifice could be shown.

The true picture of increased profit means increased profit-taking, going on the same as the "equality of wartime sacrifice." It is shown by the ex- amination of the 1942 financial statements of two Cleveland, Ohio war plants. One of these plants, The Thompson Products, Inc., has as its president, Mr. F. C. Crawford, who was recently elected national president of the National Associa- tion of Manufacturers. The other is The Warner & Swasey Company, manufacturer of Machine Tools for the war. We will deal with the second of the Thompson Products first.

In their 1942 annual report to the stockholders, Thompson Products Inc., reported an over eighty million dollars for their products and services. Out of this over twenty-six and two thirds millions went for wages and salaries; over nine and a half millions for rent and other expen- ses; over eleven and a half millions for taxes; and over forty million dollars for interest on the original debt, real estate, income, age security, sales tax, etc., etc. If you take out of the total of two millions in the business (this is profit); and paid out five hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred and sixty dollars in dividends to stockholders (profit).

THOMPSON PRODUCTS PROFITEERING

On the face of it, therefore, it appears that the company made eighty-two thousand a year on the purchase price. This amounts to about million dollar少 clear for 1942. But let us look further into the matter. At the beginning of 1942 Thompson Products owed the banks five and a quarter million dollars. In 1942, out of profits, but for the five and a half million items for wages and other expenses, the company paid off two million one thousand dollars. We go on to look at this matter of profits. Also in the same item for rents, the company paid off one million one hundred forty thousand dollars to the government for real estate taxes.

If the company desires to buy these plants after the war, it will have to pay, in addition to all of this, of this rent money will pay for the value of the plants. If this is true then the amount so allow- ed is clear profit if the company desires to buy these plants after the war.

There is another matter which we may look into, but which is common to most of the work in the union. There are six and a quarter million of such money is due the Thompson Products after the war.

The company boasts in its re- port that it has done this outsor- tness. "The company is worth less than ten million dollars.

If we do a little arithmetic we find that the company admits two items of profit totaling two million five hundred forty thousand, six hundred seventy-seven dollars (dividends and rein- vestment). This amounts to about twenty-five percent profit on their investment.

If the tax refund, debt retire- ment, and the purchase items in the budget as we believe, then we see that the company made a profit in the neighborhood of fifty-five or sixty percent profit on their investment in one year. This from the company would mean the workers the against the workers getting more than a fifteen percent wage in- crease in the face of a twenty- two percent local rise in living costs. Mr. Crawford, incidentally, was paid close to one hundred thousand dollars in 1942. It would be the amount of Mr. Crawford's banty 40 years to earn that much.

WARNER & SWASEY PROFITEERING

Let us take another case of pro- fiteering by those who cry "equali- ty of sacrifice" and who are nothing but swindlers in their
For years the workers of Cleveland have been forced to bear the brunt of their troubles because public ownership of the streetcar system was in the hands of the utilities. The workers didn’t think much of the matter because they knew that the Cleveland Railway Company locked stock ownership in the city. Of course it began to smell kind of bad when it was learned that the bank roll of $750,000 for convincing the stock holders they should sell their stock to the city, was another $750,000 for convincing the city fathers they should sell.

But then what is a little pennepenny game like that between the Powerful and the Weak? What if they did grab their stock with a vengeance? They were the seller and another three quarters of a million from the buyer? The situation compared to the pork that was divided among these two when it was burned up in the fire a hundred years ago when they “helped” in the merger of a dozen competing local lines? The workingmen and the men of the present United Trust bond and other bondholders are holding millions of dollars out of the railway company. Can it be true? Is it worse when they can throw a million as a half of the same kind of dough now? It is going at a high price. But it do smell kind of over.

Pork barrel

It is a common bit of knowledge that the pork barrel is one of the official pork barrels for the city councilmen of both parties for the past few years, and all the public utilities have found it very nice and comfortable to bit it to so.

A few years ago the Cleveland Railway Company had a capital structure of $50,000,000. The amount of this was in six percent mortgage bonds. Each bond for a sum of $100. The company sold $100 million of this in six percent mortgage bonds. The bondholders are a sort of the city. The Cleveland Railway Company was able to sell a few hundred million in bonds because the property was worth only $175,000,000. It was found that it was worth the same as a sum, minus depreciation, to replace the company. The bondholders pointed out that in stark reality the company didn’t even have that much. They included in the selling during the 12 or 13 years of the depression the little Friends of the Railway company, the city councilmen, had permitted the company to dip into the moneymaking and replacement fund in order to pay the interest on the mortgage bonds. The bondholders will not be deprived of their dividends, you know, even in the hardest of times, while people are kicked off the relief rolls by the same politicians who were doing it and the little laws governing the railway company stand in the way of such delinquency.

The history of how the Van Swearingen got their hands into the pork barrel to the tune of many millions is common knowledge. The actual amount involved in the Cleveland Terminal Tower, etc., (Of course Cleveland is the city where) But the whole story had reduced a capital structure of $400,000,000 to the sum of $15,500,000 by the time the city decided to take that white elephant out of the city fathers hands and saddle it onto the nose of the public. It was paid for in two ways, one, through the fees that were and, second, through the tax duplicate.

HOW IT WORKS

So the little friends of big bonds, the bondholders, their lawyers, and their agents, and their Mayor and his cabinet, sold at a fair market price, $175,000 worth of bonds to the bankers and bought out the rail company stockholders at $15,000 a share at a time when the stock was selling in the open market near $250 a share. Since the purchase of the rail company by the city they had piled up in the treasury a profit on the company’s operations of $900,000. This would be the upper limit of the real value of the property. The city would pay off about ten million dollars of its debt and, what is more, the property was worth $75,000,000 to the city. The city’s interest payments to these gentleman and the bankers and the mayor and their friends had almost cost the city one million dollars and forty cents added to the value of the business.

All of the above listed items are clear profit and total the enormous sum of five million five hundred thousand dollars, which is about the investment of about eight million dollars or close to seventy percent profit on the purchase.

The International Association of Machinists have a contract in this shop for “Equality of Sacrificed,” but they feel that the conditions of the workers in the shop are working for equality of sacrifices and unemployment.

The national union officers have shown a desire to protect against the closing of three and a half of the union’s plants, a little bit more than the national average.

SHOP STeward MOVEMENT

From the above examples we can see that “equality of sacrifices” means to the machinists the greatest profit for the employers and protection for the laborers.

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The above does not take into consideration the increased cost of living tax which this worker did not have to pay before, and increased cost of all of the various and other items, none money for the War Bonds. A few cents of change in these items are considered by us and the state of actual needs and the actual cost of living.

MEAN WEAKENS

During the strike the curm’s movement was much weakened because many were on strike for the time. But while the workers have been forced into a lowered standard of living the government has increased both their earnings and their clear profirs enormously.

We can now remember that the curm’s strike was long overdue.

The workers have taken steps to protect themselves.

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