Stop The Loyalist Murders Of Revolutionists In Spain

**Scotsboro Boy**

**Faces Death**

The "democratic" courts of Mr. Roosevelt's "Democratic" South specifically in the State of Alabama — have again conferred the death sentence against Negroes because of the long prison terms against Andy Wright and Charles Weems. Scottsboro Negroes framed on the usual charges of more many years ago. Unless mass protest rescues these innocent boys, Norris is to die on August 19th.

After years of struggle for the release of the Scottsboro Boys — none is all — the Communist Party which almost a decade ago took the case from the obscurity of Alabama "justice" and made it into a national byword of persecution of the negro people, has made a quiet infiltration of the Alabama house by which four of the boys were freed in return for formally ending the campaign for their freedom.

The charge of rape has been brought up in the trial of the two women involved in the frame-up by Alabama "Democracy". In addition the vast amount of mutilation in the United States is silent testimony to the actual rape of hundreds of Negro women in the South and elsewhere by white men. As long as this is going on the Negro church and the state must use any and every possible means to prevent it.

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**Rosalio Negrete Arrested In Madrid**

Chi, July 3 — Rosalio Negrete, well known American revolutionist, has been arrested by the Loyalist Government and is now in prison in Madrid, together with hundreds of other revolutionary and militant workers. Communist Negrete will be remembered as a co-worker with Hugo Oehler, national secretary of the Revolutionary Workers League, during comrade Oehler's stay in Spain last year.

Negrete's arrest occurs in the midst of a new Loyalist hysteria, making his situation even more critical. The lives of left-wing Anarchist, workers, Poom members, of all who dared to criticise the regime, are in the hands of the murderous GPU forces which recently have been enormously increased and commissioned to drown in blood the remnants of the workers' revolution.

**WORKERS DRIVEN BACK**

While the better equipped Franco forces, with supplies pouring in from Hitler and Mussolini, advanced steadily against the most heroic resistance of the workers and peasants deserted by their "alibos" behind the lines in Loyalist Spain, the People's Front Government has been moving consistently to the right, liquidating all the remnants of that period of embryonic dual power of July 1936. The workers-militias have been absorbed into the capitalist army, the Soviets are dissolved, and iron clad dictatorship is clamped down against the working class by the Loyalists.

**TAKE BACK FACTORIES**

Recent decrees of the Barcelona government have taken back the management of the factories confiscated by the workers from the bourgeoisie at the beginning of the war. Hunger, long daily queues of women and children for bread and supplies, terror and persecution of disloyal elements, GPU importations, intolerable conditions are being forced upon the working class. The middle and upper classes are being restored to their former wealth by the British-French, imperialist bloc operating through their puppet, the Loyalist government. All the greater is the treachery of the Stalinists and the five men who support this combination against the working class.

So great has been the vitality and resolve of the proletarian masses that two years were required to reach this point — two years of blows by the People's Front against the workers, at first subtle and indirect, now more and more open. By liquidating the Soviets and workers control of the factories, the workers militias and Anti Fascist Councils, the People's Front government has been in reality liquidating the only force than can fight fascism the proletariat and its peasant allies.

**FEAR WORKERS REVOLUTION**

To really fight Franco it would have been necessary to release the tremendous social force of the proletariat in motion. But the Loyalists knew that once released the working class would sweep on to smash not only Franco but the Loyalists as well. Rather than see the workers take over the factories, warehouses and wealth, the Loyalists would hand them over to Franco. Fearing a worker revolution more than a Fascist victory, the Loyalist government has been forced to smash its proletarian support, and to thereby lay the basis for fascism to win. This has been the role of the Peasants Front from the beginning.

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Stamm Group Suppresses News of Negrete Arrest

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FASCISM

The war in Spain provides one of the latest and most important examples from which to draw the class lessons on how to fight fascism. It has now been proven time and again that the support of the "democratic" bourgeoisie paves the way for Fascism. This seeming contradiction can easily be explained.

ECONOMIC CROWD AND DECAY

Developing capitalism carried with it the political counterpart of Bourgeois Democracy. But the present period of decay capitalist with its contraction of the productive forces brings to the surface latent political counterparts in the form of open dictatorships, fascism etc. Dictatorships in decay capitalism are necessary capitalist steps to save the tottering structure against the proletarian revolution and to enable that national capitalist class to reorganize internally to more assure its control of international market in competition and for imperialist war.

In other words those countries in decay capitalism that still retain economic strength can afford to rule by the left arm, the "Bourgeois" methods in one form or another. But those countries that are economically weak are forced to rule by open dictatorship that is by the right arm of capitalism.

THE THIRD FORCE

This does not mean the situation is hopeless and Fascism is sure to win. Will, if the working class supports one section of the capitalists, the "democratic" methods which are in the interest of the other. And those countries that are economically weak are forced to rule by open dictatorship that is by the right arm of capitalism.

INDIEPEN DENCE CLASS ACTION

In carrying out the policy of NO SUPPORT TO ANY CAPITALIST STATE, the Third Force will be the revolutionary policy in a Civil War between Fascism and those who oppose it. Fascism and the democratic bourgeoisie really make their main drive against the working class but in different forms, which we cannot ignore. The reactionaries shall support in this struggle all working class organizations, including the political and independent organizations of the revolutionary Marxist organization.

The Third Force is composed of working Independents, militants and Soviets.

NEGRO DEFENSE STREET MEETINGS

All meetings held by Negro Defense have already been held in Chicago and Washington. Others are being planned in Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities.

Save Spanish Revolutionists

Enclosed please find $8.00, my contribution to the defense of Rosalio Negrete and other class-war prisoners held by the Loyalist Government in Spain.

Address all funds to

Negro Defense Committee
2159 W. Division St.
Chicago, Illinois.
Defend Rosalio Negrete

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The early victories against Fascism were made by the worker soldiers in Spain. As the Peoples Front leadership conducted the Peoples Front took over the struggle against fascism it was choked.

Through bitter experience, at the cost of thousands of lives and untold suffering, the masses of Spain are learning that the Peoples Front paves the way for Fascism.

The struggle in Spain is a struggle of the working class against capitalism, but crossing with this is the struggle of Britain and France against Italy and Germany. Britain for her greater European interests, is desperately trying to keep the Spanish struggle localized. Together with France and the terror by Stalinism, Chamberlain has advanced his Non-Intervention plan, to embargo shipments of munitions and supplies into all Spain, and to evacuate all foreigners. This plan, far from being a "Socialist and Anti-fascist" as announced in the Stalinist press, is a guarantee if carried out, of an early Fascist victory or a "compromise" at the expense of the working class.

MISLEADERS PREPARING ESCAPE

The Laboristas, patriotic in their own class interests and in the interests of their imperialist masters, have undermined the struggle, crushed down the social base for a struggle against fascism and capitalism, and have set the stage for some such "solution" to the war, or even for a possible complete defeat.

The misleaders at the top in the workers movement and in the Laboristas are preparing their escape from the brutal terror and bloody vengeance which would inevitably follow a Franco victory. But for the masses there will be no escape.

LOSEING FAITH IN LOYALISTS

Betrayed by its leadership, confronted with the threat of the Stalinite GPU machine, the Spanish working class is still a tremendous force. It has not yet been completely crushed. Its salvation lies in awakening to its own class needs, in deepening its working class action, in establishing the workers militias, Soviets, expropriating the bourgeoisie, opening the warehouses, proclaiming the right of self-determination to the national minorities, expropriating the big landowners, freeing the peasant from his crushing burdens, etc.

To speed this awakening is the task of that handful of worker militants who see those needs and actuate for them, who are struggling to establish a new revolutionary party that can crystallize the working class around its own aims and demands for a victorious struggle against both Fascist and Laborista Scare.

It is for this reason that the Negrin government has seized those militant workers and comrade Negrete. They represent the forces of working class independent action; they are the front line fighters in the class war, they represent a danger to the whole long two year war of the Peoples Front and their Anarchist and POUM support- ers in undermining the class solidarity and class independence of the proletariat masses.

ARREST IS BLOW AGAINST WORKING CLASS

The arrest of comrade Negrete, the persecution of his associates is an attack against the entire working class, a blow at workers democratic rights. It is an attempt to stamp out and crush all elements of the proletarian revolution. If the Laboristas succeed here, it will prepare the way for new blows to come.

LAUNCH PROTEST CAMPAIGN

The world working class must come to the defense of their Spanish brothers. The Negrin has launched a broad campaign to free Negrete and all class war prisoners in Spain. Only the mobilization of working class pressure can save the lives of these workers.

NEED UNITED FRONT

A national call for a united front of defense on a class struggle basis is being sent out. Every organization is urged to respond immediately. A provisional defense committee to organize a united front has been established.

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

Join in the fight to free Negrete: a fight to defend the democratic rights of the workers in Spain; a fight to save the proletarian revolution from its executioners.

NEED FUNDS

The Provisional Negrete Defense Committee faces a tremendous task of defending a worker revolutionary jailed in a civil war country. To tackle this task in another country, facing death with his comrades from other lands. To carry on the defense, funds are needed for wires, tables, national and international communications, circulars, releases, meetings, etc. The Committee has issued an urgent appeal for funds. It asks that members, sympathizers, fr i e n d s, supporters of the defense committee work, urge to raise and rush in whatever funds they can to help put the campaign across.

Class Action

Saved Oehler

Kupinsky Year Ago

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The arrest of Comrade Negrete takes place almost exactly a year after that of Hugo Oehler, Louis and Charles Orr, Wolf, Kupinsky, and William Kreeger.

At the time of Oehler's arrest, Negrete, who as a member of the same organization was collaborating with him, was forced to go into hiding in order to avoid his own arrest and to help notify the organization in the U.S. that these comrades had been arrested.

That information eventually helped swing the R.W. and other organizations willing to defend class war prisoners in Spain, into class struggle action which helped free Oehler after 45 days of solitary confinement in the Barcelona dungeons, and Kupinsky and Kreeger sometime later. Louis and Charles Orr were freed almost immediately.

REFUSE UNITED FRONT

The refusal at the time of the Socialist Party and the Trotskyites, to recognize the united front within the 2nd International, to refuse to set up a United Front in the defense of these prisoners, acting as though one of their comrades, was an act of treachery to the class war prisoners, and to the class struggle.

The present situation of the Peoples Front, a class war organization held by the Laborists and Trotskyites, is more desperate than ever. The reverses of the People's Front on the military布朗, the arrest of Negrete way in the interior, in Madrid, and the greatly emphasized nationalistic policy of the Laborists — all this will make the present defense more difficult than the last.

It is to be hoped that the Trotskyites, Socialists and other organizations, will have learned from last year's experience, and will be more helpful in the defense of class war prisoners today.

Heisler To Handle Legal End Of Defense

Fredric Heisler, Labor attorney and representative of the Workers Defense League in Chicago, has been retained by Hugo Oehler, National Secretary of the Revolutionary Workers Alliance, to handle all the legal details of the defense of Comrade Negrete.

Mr. Heisler will be remembered for his acceptance the last year of the legal aspects of the defense of Comrade Oehler and Wolf Kupinsky when they were arrested in Chicago in October of last year. Despite the deliberate rejection of the case by the Workers Defense League leadership at the time, Mr. Heisler gave his support to the defense of these two class war prisoners until the end.

Protest To SpanishLoyalists

The printed protests and requests for intervention sent to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington and the Secretary of State, respectively, by workers who sympathize with the efforts to defend class war prisoners, are reproduced below. All comrade workers urged to purchase these cards. Cost is one half penny a piece, from the Provisional Negrete Defense Committee, 2159 W. Division, Chicago, or to write their own letters to the parties involved.

The following protests are being mailed to the Spanish Ambassador:

Sirs: I wish to protest in no uncertain terms the denial to Madrid of Rosalio Negrete, American worker and revolutionist, by your government.

I demand his immediate release and safe return to the U.S., and an end to the persecution of class war revolutionists by your government. The following protest is being mailed to the Secretary of State:

Sirs: News of the arrest on trumped up political charges of Rosalio Negrete, active figure in the American Labor movement, has just reached me.

As an American worker I call upon you to immediately investigate this case and work to release the prisoner and bring him back safely to the U.S.
DEFEND
REVOLUTIONISTS
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Fascism and Peoples Front
Defend The Spanish Class War Prisoners!
Defend Rosalio Negrete!
For Workers' Soldiers' Peasants' Antifascist Committees To Smash Capitalism In Spain!
For A New Communist Party In Spain!
For A Soviet Spain!

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