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The Swiss Revolution

The working class and the menace of war

To use a good and time-honoured journalistic phrase, the German-Japanese pact has burst like a bombshell on the world. The pact threats their very existence as independent nations, each of them in need of new territories for expansion. The swelling of the world revolutionary movement, as awakened by the revolution, shows how near is the danger of a new world war.

The international significance of the Spanish revolution is hereby clearly reflected. The Spanish revolution is shown to have a powerful influence upon the world. The fact that it has been directly brought about by the revolution shows how near is the danger of a new world war. The contra-revolution on which the capitalist regime is based, instead of being a means for the capitalist nations to maintain their power, is now being more and more apparent. The world revolution, as awakened by our struggle, is also amply demonstrated by the German-Japanese alliance.

The whole pretended pacific policy pursued recently by some countries has thus fallen to the ground. Even the Soviet Union has had to change its collective security pact. To that end, it had to liquidate the communist policy in most countries. Now the facts plainly prove that Russia has been mistaken, for the policy of the League of Nations has failed. The anti-fascist intellectuals of the world have now realized the danger of a new world war. This is an aspect of the importance of the movement: this will be a decisive factor in the future of the world.
AWAY WITH THE NEUTRALITY POLICY

Germany and Italy have sent Franco their best arms. In order that he might impose the same regime upon Spain as upon Hitler and Mussolini have imposed upon Germany and Italy, what attitude have the democratic governments taken? They have followed the same attitude that was shown by the capitalist democratic regimes. Its reply was this: «We oppose the Spanish civil war.» This response was issued in July. However, it is necessary to continue using certain terms as long as the imperialist war is being waged in Spain.

Who is deceived? Is it Hitler and Mussolini? No. Hitler and Mussolini know very well the real situation in Spain. Then it is the British and the French capitalists again. No too. international capitalists know that if fascism wins the working class will be crushed, the way it was in Germany and throughout a series of countries. It on the contrary, it is by not upgirding the reaction by destroying the caste spirit of the army and creating a serious problem for Germany. We know for certain that there exists a kind of secret understanding between Hitler and Mussolini. They have made. The first one was believing at the beginning of the war that the workers of all the world are called to put an end to the present system of capitalist exploitation. It was also a mistake not to adapt immediately all banking and business establishments in order to prepare for a long struggle. We did not take into account that we were not just suppressing a military uprising, but that we were fighting against the slavey of the monarchical feudalist regime.

The fascists have taken important cities by surprise attacks and have conquered the most important military and agricultural centers in Andalusia, later in Estremadura and part of Castilla. It was a mistake not to form a governmental decree promising to distribute the land to the peasants who were working on the land. We are more than soldiers in the Spanish cause. We are soldiers supporting the working class. When we take the city we must not become military police. We must respect the autonomy of the workers, the doctors, the naturalizers, the lawyers, the clerics, the capitalists, the bankers, the owners of large estates, and all those who are fighting against Spanish fascism. We are soldiers of the working class. We are soldiers of the working class which is the only class which can win. 

THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR AND THE IMPERIALIST WAR

It is widely believed in Spain and abroad, that the Spanish civil war can grow into a new international imperialist war. This fear is not groundless. The Spanish civil war started to grow the second of July. The first cause was an attempt made by the capitalists of the world to put an end to the system of capitalist exploitation. As long as the capitalist exploitation is in existence, as long as the contradiction between the capitalists and the workers is in existence, as long as the workers are not organized into a new socialist society, there will be wars, and wars will have military and political consequences. Wars will have economic and political consequences. Wars will have social consequences. Wars will have moral consequences. Wars will have cultural consequences. Wars will have religious consequences. Wars will have philosophical consequences. Wars will have ethical consequences. Wars will have juridical consequences. Wars will have educational consequences. Wars will have scientific consequences. Wars will have artistic consequences. Wars will have aesthetic consequences. Wars will have moral consequences. Wars will have political consequences. Wars will have economic consequences. Wars will have social consequences. Wars will have cultural consequences. Wars will have religious consequences. Wars will have philosophical consequences. Wars will have ethical consequences. Wars will have juridical consequences. Wars will have educational consequences. Wars will have scientific consequences. Wars will have artistic consequences. Wars will have aesthetic consequences. Wars will have moral consequences. Wars will have political consequences. Wars will have economic consequences. 

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The immediate reason for this rush against our... (continued on page seven)
As one approaches Madrid, the road from Valencia is crowded by strings of cars and lorries filled with women and children. The capital is now in the hands of the Popular Militias, and a new Madrid is being formed behind the lines of our trenches. This new Madrid is being built up through mass collectives and a spirit of solidarity.

The bridge itself is piled with sandbags to serve as a defence. The Carabanchel sector is reached over the Toledo bridge. Upper left: militiamen resting outside Madrid. — Upper right: two P.O.U.M. officers on the bridge. — Right below: the P.O.U.M. party headquartes caught fire during one of the raids but fortunately we put out fairly quickly.

Air-raids are by no means scarce during the day time. The military chief of the P. O. U. M. forces in Madrid is Comrade Uribarri. Our chief headquarters are in the place Sto. Domingo, new re-named Etchebehere in honour of our heroic comrade who fell fighting while in command of our forces in the Moncloa sector. Madrid is struggling day and night, and the fighting does not cease even for an instant.

The P. O. U. M. leaders are placed in command of operations on this important front.

In the Buitrajo Sector, our forces have so distinguished themselves that Captain Galan, the head of the column to which our men belong, has asked that more members of thePoor of the P. O. U. M. should be placed in command of operations in the Puenta de Toledo Sector the Moncloa front and in the Puenta de Segovia sector and in the Puenta de Toledo Sector the Moncloa front and in various sectors of the Guadarrama.

**THE P. O. U. M. AT THE FRONT**

The P. O. U. M. militiamen from Madrid are fighting heroically under fire on the front line. They have given proof of their bravery: they are living up to the slogan of our party: "To conquer or die." Last week, the P. O. U. M. shock troops of the first "Joaquim Maurin" column are operating in the Puenta de Toledo Sector the Moncloa front and in various sectors of the Guadarrama.

"For the Fatherland" is the battle cry of our Comrade Captain Guerrero, who was seriously wounded and killed. Our Comrade Mika Etchebehere distinguished herself in the fighting.

Our militiamen were congratulated by the other parties and organizations operating in the sector, who have asked that the P. O. U. M. leaders be placed in command of operations on this important front.

**A TOUR OF THE MADRID FRONTS**

The Northern Railway Station is half ruined. Opposite it is the Casa de Campo, where the Moors were so badly beaten a short while ago. They suffered many losses in this battle whose memory is kept in the hearts of all Madrid.

The Air-raids at night are the chief fear of the inhabitants and the defenders. The city is plunged in total darkness, and the far-off echo of the machine guns and the flying aeroplanes is heard from time to time. The people are very brave, however. There are no weeping women to be seen. On the contrary, the women have firm resolved faces and they set to work on whatever must be done with method and energy. In the Puenta de Toledo Sector the Moncloa front and in various sectors of the Guadarrama.

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The safety valve of the economic and political contradictions of countries living under a regime of capitalist democracy is the function of democracy in a capitalist regime, and the possibility of democracy is given the task of resolving the contradictions. The political activity of the working class has not only given the political function of democracy in a capitalist regime, but also the political activity of the working class as a factor in the process of developing the contradictions of capitalist society. The working class is a logical consequence of their capitalist democratic society, and the political activity of the working class is a logical consequence of their capitalist democratic society. The political activity of the working class is a logical consequence of their capitalist democratic society, and the political activity of the working class is a logical consequence of their capitalist democratic society.
The London Bureau and the Moscow Trials

The International Bureau for Revolutionary Socialist Unity has announced that it has proposed to the Norwegian Labour Party the need for a decisive revolutionary and social leadership in the region near the French border. We wish our comrades of Figueras every success in their new venture.

The Death of a Good Comrade

Luis Grossi, the brother of Manuel Grossi, Secretary of our Youth Movement in the Asturias, has met his death fighting heroically at the gates of Oviedo against the fascist hordes of Aranda. Luis Grossi was typical of the fine young revolutionaries of the mining districts and among fighting militants. He was in the vanguard of the October 1934 fighting and was captured under the government of Cabel Robles and Larrouru. In 1934 he triumphantly entered Oviedo with the revolutionary columns; only death could prevent him from doing so again in 1936.

As we go to press, we learn that the fascists have executed the mother of this young man.

The New Theatre in Catalonia

The development of art and culture has been advancing space with the new methods of worker’s control in Catalonia. The propaganda as well as the artistic value of the theatre has not gone unnoticed, and all sections are cooperating in the development of the New Theatre.

On the 28th of November Romain Rolland’s Oedipus was presented in Barcelona. The play had been translated by Comrade Orkin, a leader of the P. O. U. M. An enthusiastic audience applauded the very fine production. Comrade Orkin’s particular treatment of the play is to be highly commended.

In a recent court scene—a particularly impressive scene when over three hundred players appeared on the stage. It is hoped that this venture will be the first of many proletarian plays.

Help from Germans in America

Comrade Taibheimer has sent to the Spanish ambassador in Washington the sum of 50 dollars collected among the German refugees of the C. P. D. (German Communist Party) in the United States. The money was sent to the P. O. U. M. We are very grateful for this international revolutionary help. The German workers, not only in exile but also secretly at home, are helping our revolution.

Help from Spaniards in California

A group of Spanish residents of Pismo, California, has sent the Spanish ambassador in Washington the sum of 50 dollars collected among themselves to help the revolutionary workers’ militias.

Help from Finland

A meel of delegates from trade and transport workers’ organizations of Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland took place recently at Gothenburg, and has decided to invite all the organizations represented to impose a blockade upon the ports held by the fascists.

Up until now about half a million Swedish men have been collected for the militias. Furthermore 8,000 packages of clothing and provisions have been sent.

The Right to Speak the Truth

Our Right to Speak the Truth. — Nin’s Message to the Workers. — Towards a Clear Agrarian Policy.

One of the most fervent demands of the working class has always been the right to free speech, free criticism and the unhesitating statement of facts. This is a progressive human right. The capitalist bourgeois class triumphed over feudalism by using free speech, and the working class gained power in Russia by fostering independent opinion whenever circumstances allowed. One can now see what we want of are and where we are going and express our ideas on the subject.

When the fascists organized the military ranking, which brought to its consequences the civil war throughout the length and breadth of Spain — a war for which they must bear the full responsibility — the right to free speech is placed on a higher scale.

They mean to defeat the working class. They mean to establish the counter-revolution by setting up the dictatorship of their class. The fascists know exactly what they are fighting for. We, the working class, must not allow ourselves to be placed in an inferior position through pettiness and self-effacement. We must use the instrument of free speech and demand the right to put forward plainly the objects of our struggle, in spite of these reformist elements who would sacrifice the defence of freedom and independence and instead are trying their best to do so. How can we limit our struggle to the negative formula of s/Saninist, as they would have us do?

Against the specific, counter revolutionary class objective of the orfficial government must oppos a specific revolutionary class objective. There is no way to escape the dilemma of our time: Free speech or fascism. Whoever does not struggle openly and definitely for socialism plays unwittingly into the hands of fascism.

But there are further and stronger arguments even than this in favour of a revolutionary position for the workers and a plain statement of the facts. A civil war as prolonged and hard as the one which we are now fighting requires a firm stand. It cannot simply the necessary basis for two good reasons. The first of these is that the former one has been disarmed and is put out of action by recent events. It cannot serve the second and better reason is that a revolutionary civil war cannot be fought out with the old capitalist economic formations which existed in Spain. It requires a new economy, as we have seen, upon a new basis. That basis can be no other than a socialist economy. The only economic program can be a revolutionary program. Of course this is necessary as a transition stage. The Moscow Council’s report of the former time is still valid in Russia, but it considers and contains the basis for the future socialist economy.

One of the most serious criticisms which we have to make against the Spanish Governments is that they have failed to adapt the economic and financial resources of the country—banks, transport and heavy industry — to the necessities of a long and costly war with the required speed and resolution. The economic economy has been unhinged by the war so that a return to the old social regime is in any case impossible.

Under these conditions, how can anyone fail to see that it is useless to ask for armistice and that the war unless we speak of making a success of the revolution at the same time? To oppose the revolution is to oppose the civil war itself. However, whenever we express this position, we are told of our snobism and his bimilitarism. We are agents of fascism. Yet the truth is precisely opposite. The working class, with its revolutionary position which Marx and Lenin defended under similar circumstances.

The triumph of the Russian revolution was possible because Lenin and Trotsky stood absolutely and uncompromisingly against all kinds of opportunism. By pushing forward the revolution to a new level we are trying to do the same. We are trying to compromise with class enemies and thus acting at all times in the interests of the proletariat. We are trying to use the very means of peaceful struggle which was possible to achieve the total triumph of the workers’ struggle. Only by following the same tactics can the Spanish proletariat succeed completely with their present movement. Those who have inherited the Russian revolution are precisely those who were able to follow the same tactics.

Russia has suffered a bureaucratic degeneration that puts the essentials of the revolution in danger. Apart from the incorrect political line pursued by Stalin, there is also the disastrous fact that day after day, under the pretext of plots which no one in his right mind can believe, the old Bolshevik guard are shot. The very chiefs of the party who led the revolution at the time of the fascist struggle are now pursuing a policy which is a triumph of the opportunism which Lenin and Trotsky are daily being charged. Trotsky himself is an exile in a foreign country, and a prisoner in all but name, and a dead man if ever again we go to Spain.

It is a moral as well as a political obligation to raise our voices against such acts. We must not only raise our voices against the war which is being done to the Russian revolution, but in a warning against what may happen to us a similar fate. We must not only raise our voices against the right to free criticism and free speech and the plain statement of the revolutionary truth. The working class is an international class and what happens to workers in one country directly concerns the workers of every land.

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The right to disagree is a guarantee for the future. We demand the right of free expression in the interests of the world proletariat and the society of the future.

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