

EUROPE HEADS TOWARD WAR

The Issue Between Democracy And Dictatorship Is Sharply Drawn.— International Rivalries Herding Workers For Another Slaughter.

Looking across the Atlantic, even the shortsighted can see the ultimate consequences of capitalism. The system for which American mothers and fathers have been voting all their lives is heading the old world toward war. Eventually a war of any magnitude in Europe will mean a world war in which American boys will be slaughtered. American democracy sacrificed and American culture, along with the culture of the mis-named "civilized" world, will be wiped away.

Only the personal fear which the European ruling class fear for themselves and for their profit-taking racket stands in the way of an open break which will shatter the human race. And some day it is not improbable that one of Europe's self-glorified dictators will forget to be afraid.

Already the lineup in Europe is sharply drawn. The issue is between democracy and dictatorship. Nations which have permitted themselves to be subjugated and regimented under the heel of fascism are on one side. Nations which are still ruled by some semblance of popular will are on the other. The map of Europe is gloomy portent of disaster.

SUPPRESSED BY DEMOCRATS

Despite the conflicting reports from the area affected by the Arkansas share croppers' strike, which the union recently ended, two results are already apparent. Wages were raised in some cases from 50 cents to as much as \$1.25 a day, although it is impossible to verify the claim of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union that they were raised in all localities. And, for the first time in history, a few of the planters have signed union contracts.

LABOR MUST ORGANIZE TO PROTECT ITSELF

Milwaukee, Wis. — Labor is becoming more aware of the fact that it is being tossed about like a rag during industrial strikes and that it needs protection. What sort of protection can a worker get? The answer to this question is industrial and political organization. The Socialist Party and labor unions seek to protect workers from insecurity and inhuman conditions.

Often one hears something like this: "Oh, I was forced to join the union in order to keep my job. I didn't care to, but what else could I do? After all, I want to keep my job."

Such people shouldn't be allowed to join unions, because they are the first ones to break away from them when they see their chance. Socialism tends to protect labor. It propagates collective bargaining and production for use and not for profit. Capitalism is based on private ownership of all commodities. It tries to get as much profit as possible out of the workers. Apparently for this reason the two are enemies. In other words "Socialism is every working man's friend and protector, while Capitalism only pretends to be your friend." That is the difference between them two.

The middle class workers are often opposed to Socialism. They feel in-

which was heading toward destruction. They were divided into factions by petty differences. They reacted only to misery or to transient gains. And now the international rivalries which capitalism engenders is herding them toward slaughter.

Fascist Italy sends munitions to crush a people's government in Spain. Nazi Germany sends warships to comfort and aid Spanish fascists. Italy, Germany and Austria join hands for an assault against other nations with the rape of Russia as the final objective. France sends airplanes to the Spanish border. Britain sends assurances of sympathy to France. How soon will it be before the shooting begins? Who can tell?

JSF PLANS DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCES

"We must do something for the Labor movement among our Youth", was the verdict of the eleventh regular convention of our Federation. The Executive Committee took action and delegated Alice Artach, Anton Garden and John Rak to prepare a plan.

They did and it was approved. Three regional conferences are going to be held in November in various parts of the country as a starting point.

To one, which will be held in Chicago our Youth will be invited from Sheboygan, Milwaukee, West Allis, Kenosha, Waukegan, La Salle, Ogleby, Springfield and St. Louis, Mo.

For Cleveland, the young people will be invited from Girard, Barberton, Akron, Lorain, eastern Ohio and Detroit, Mich.

For the conference in Western Pennsylvania all the young people in

Shallow Americans still argue against Socialism. They say that Socialism is "impractical." They cheer when capitalism's liberal leaders promise to "do first things first" for the preservation of the private profit racket. But Socialism—the socialization of the means of life, the dedication of human effort to the common good, the production of abundance for use instead of for private profit, the unity of peoples into a federation of cooperative commonwealth—is the only practical program. It offers the only solution for the troubles which have come upon mankind; it points to the only path by which humanity can escape from the pit of war and mount to new heights.

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that district will be invited.

Tentative plans for these meets have been drafted to embody a series of topics for discussion such as Unionism, Cooperatives, Fraternalism, Labor Political Action, War and Fascism etc. Organization committees will be set up in various districts to direct the work and carry on all necessary plans.

A start has been made to coordinate the young people for an understanding of economic and political problems. These problems are important to the every day life of all workers. Every comrade and friend is urged to cooperate, boost and rally the young people for these conferences.

Watch for further announcements.

It Should Be Labor Day

Hitler visited a fortune-teller. She read his palm and shook her head.

"Bad news. You are going to die on a Jewish holiday."

"Me? On a Jewish holiday? How's that?"

"Any day you die will be a Jewish holiday."

THE A. F. L. DECISION

Old Policy Of Craft Unionism Cannot Organize Key Industries In America

By Norman Thomas

A blind man can see that a split in the AFL will inevitably lead to a war between rival unions in various trades and industries out of which the bosses, and only the bosses, will profit. Intelligent delegates to the next AFL convention may still have it in their power to avert a split or mend it, and every pressure should be put upon them to that end.

Greatly as we desire unity we must, however, insist that if worse comes to worst, a split is better than paralysis or a return to the old policy under which the main concern of the AFL seemed to be for the peace and per capita of the old line labor leaders in the craft unions.

My guess is that if there is a split the new and vigorous forces now organized in the Committee for Industrial Organization will pretty rapidly win the field.

Basic Issues

Naturally there has been and will be a great deal of legalistic argument concerning the right of the AFL executive council to suspend the CIO unions. This argument has importance, but rank and file workers must not lose sight of the primary issue. That is not legalistic. It concerns the vitality and health of the American labor movement.

Until the CIO began to push the work of organizing the heavy industries, which happen to be the key industries in America, there was every reason to believe that in this field the victory would go to the company unions, the complete open-shop, and ultimately to Fascism. The AFL was not doing the job. It could not do the

job as long as it had to turn over key workers to the craft unions which claimed jurisdiction. The CIO was formed to do a necessary piece of work. It was not trying to destroy existing craft unions, much less the AFL. It was doing what the whole AFL should have been doing.

When President Green says that the issue is not craft unionism versus industrial unionism because the AFL has room for both, he is telling the literal truth and at the same time begging the question and misrepresenting the facts. The conflict arises from the fact that the craft unions will not and cannot organize factory industry, but that when someone else does it they demand that the members whom they claim and their dues should be turned over to them. In varying degree that has been the trouble with the brewery workers, the shipyard workers, the radio workers, and even the steel, rubber, and auto workers.

"EXCEPT"

Mussolini says he has restored the Roman Empire, except, of course, the insignificant parts of it occupied by Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Arabia, Albania, Egypt, the French and Spanish coast colonies of North Africa and a few miscellaneous fragments that will be hard to piece together. Benito has used more than one kind of gas in the restoration.

Louisville Courier Journal.

LAWN PARTY AUGUST 29 AT SLOVENE LABOR CENTER

Chicago, Ill.—On Saturday afternoon and evening, August 29, a Lawn Party will take place at the Slovene Labor Center. The arrangements committee of branch No. 1 JSF, in charge of this affair invites all comrades and sympathizers to attend.

The lawn will be decorated with lights, enabling blind players and those wishing to remain outside a pleasant evening. Tables and chairs will be set up for your convenience and comfort. In the hall, music for dancing will be provided. Everything is being done to assure you a fine evening.

One of the main attractions at this Lawn Party will be the drawing for a brand new bicycle that will be given away. Quite a number of our comrades have already sold several books of tickets for the benefit of our Lawn Party. Others that still have them are urged to speed up their sales.

Don't forget. Reserve Saturday, August 29, and attend our Lawn Party. Have your friends come along with you. There will be no admission charge. — Pub. Committee.

CAN SHE BEAT HIM OFF?



THE PRESS ON SPAIN

"Ever since the February election the Hayas News Agency has been feeding the French papers with exaggerated tales about Spanish atrocities in order to frighten the middle class vote away from the French popular front. The Hearst press took up the campaign in America and streamer headlines gave daily reports about the horrible acts and sacrilege perpetrated by the Marxists. Even the New York Times printed a front page story on June 17 about thirty-six churches which were burned within forty-eight hours when actually not a single such incident took place in the whole of Spain during these two days... Every morning the Madrid government fell afresh in the pages of the New York American... We have rarely seen a more revealing example of wishful thinking."—New York Nation.

SOCIALISTS AND ROOSEVELT

New Deal Measures Only An Effort To Increase Profits.— Socialism vs Capitalism Is Real Issue

By Joel I. Seidman

The New York right-wing Socialists who left the Socialist Party several months ago have now pledged their support in this year's election to President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman of New York. This was done through affiliation with the American Labor Party's Non-Partisan League.

Support of capitalist politicians such as Roosevelt and Lehman is bad enough in the case of workers who are not politically conscious or who lack a basic social philosophy. In the case of lifetime Socialists it is inexcusable.

Roosevelt has always been a believer in capitalism, with a few minor reforms to help it to function a bit more effectively. He has indeed sought the support of labor, but in the manner of a shrewd politician seeking support from all groups at once.

Each of his measures has been hopelessly inadequate. The NIRA was primarily an effort at regulation of business by business, in order to increase profits. The A. A. A. sought higher prices for farmers by paying them to produce less, at a time when huge numbers of city dwellers lacked abundant good food. And so on, through the entire list of New Deal measures.

Even those poor measures were held unconstitutional by the Su-

preme Court, and a like fate will await any reform bill passed in the future. Roosevelt, by refusing to fight the Court, or make any effort to increase the powers of Congress, is making his second administration even less effective than the first.

What is there here for Socialists to support? It is true enough that Roosevelt is to be preferred to Landon, the Hearst nominee who openly favors company unions. But the job of Socialists is not to support the lesser evil among capitalist politicians. Along that path lie futility and failure.

Our job is to educate and organize for Socialism, with greater energy and devotion than ever before. Our job is to raise in this campaign the clear-cut issue of capitalism vs. socialism. Let other compromise and surrender their principles. Our allegiance is to a cooperative commonwealth and a workers' world. A few thousand recruits to socialism are worth more than a million extra votes for Roosevelt.

A labor party is indeed to be desired. But it must be a genuine labor party, making a clean break with the parties of the bosses. When a genuine mass party of labor is formed to fight all Democrats and Republican candidates, Socialists will be eager to cooperate with it.

Until then we will organize and educate for socialism.

SEARCHLIGHT By DONALD J. LOTRICH

Hitler retreated before the assault of a couple of non-aryan negroes in the Olympic games at Berlin last week. No sir, Hitler couldn't possibly stand to face the negro marvels from the United States who performed so brilliantly and Jesse Owens in particular. Hitler had to hide his face, or else, what would the thousands of spectators have to say about all his preachings that only the German race is fit to rule? Yes, and what would the millions of his blind followers whisper if Hitler stood up like a man and congratulated America's thrilling performer? He'd rather snub America than acknowledge the greatness of its negro athletes.

Which makes us query as to what the Germans now think and say, anyway, about Hitler's theory of aryan supremacy in the face of what the negroes did? I know that America didn't think anything seriously wrong with the incident because we, too, are inclined to say that it was only a negro and negro's don't count for much even in our own country. No doubt, had that happened to a white American there might have been some fur flying. As it is, only a scant report was printed and they let it go at that. Only radical and liberal papers pointed out the lesson from the incident. We were opposed to America's participation in the Olympics because they were held in Nazi Germany where honesty and decency was shackled by Hitler's bloodthirstiness. We, expected no less an affront to the American team than it received. An affront it was to the whole team and to the United States for, weren't the colored athletes part of the American team and didn't the American team represent all of us?

America and Americans, because of their own peculiar superiority feelings over the exploited negroes will just forget the incident. Those who know of the injustice of Hitler's band of thugs and criminals will condemn it and work with added zeal to spread the doctrine of internationalism.

NEW CAMPAIGN LITERATURE

The fight is on, says a press service from National Office of the Socialist Party. Campaign material is now ready and new literature is available. Some of the new leaflets are: Emancipate—Youth From Toil—Old Age Fear, Norman Thomas' speech to the Townsend convention. Price: 5c each, 50c for 12, \$3.50 for 100. Platforms. Leaflet edition, suitable for distribution at meetings or for enclosure in large No. 10 envelopes. Price: 35c for 100, \$1 for 300, \$3 per 1000. Campaign Buttons. Three arrow design. Button reads "Vote for Thomas—Nelson—Socialism." Price: 15c for 12, \$1 per 100, \$7.50 per 1000. "Farmers, Where Are You Going?" An analysis of farm problems and of proposed solutions by George A.

Nelson, Socialist candidate for vice president. Price: 10c each, 50c for 12, \$3.50 for 100 copies. "Is The New Deal Socialism." Radio speech by Norman Thomas. Price: 2c each, 1c each for ten or more. "You Can't Cure Tuberculosis With Cough Drops!" Radio speech by Norman Thomas. Price: 35c for 100, \$1 for 300, \$3 per 1000. Send your orders to the Socialist Party, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois. THE FORGETFUL LEAGUE The American Liberty League, which claims to be so anxious to preserve individuals' freedom, forgot about the 20th anniversary of Tom Mooney's frame-up.