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## Sniping and Shooting

BY A DIVERSION movement, petty sniping at a few peanut business men who cut the workers wages too close to the bone under the N.R.A., Roosevelt now is striving to deflect attention of the workers from the vicious, murderous attack on strikers throughout the country.

His talk about invoking penalties against N.R.A. violators, "most of them small merchants and operators of little shops," is to shield the wholesale killing of coal and steel strikers by the big corporations. "Shot by order of the Blue Eagle," is the epithet that can be scribbled on the graves of scores of workers murdered for striking for the right to organize, for higher pay and for improved condition in the four months since the N.R.A. was passed.

At this very moment, heavily armed gunmen of the steel trust are roaming Fayette County, Pennsylvania, shooting men, women and children, dynamiting homes and cars with the full support of Roosevelt and the N.R.A. administration. The U. S. Steel gunmen have Roosevelt's orders to send the miners back to work, his declaration "I am impatient with strikes!" They know how to interpret General Johnson's threat: "Strikes will not be tolerated!"

AND these miners are striking for recognition of their union. They were promised this right in a thousand lying speeches ranging from Roosevelt to his fascist labor lieutenants Green and Lewis.

In Ambridge, an organized steel trust fascist army, stirred to murderous blood lust by speeches about preserving the Blue Eagle and against strikers, mowed down a picket line, leaving dead and wounded strewn on the streets for blocks.

Martial law rules in Indiana and New Mexico against coal strikers who are fighting for higher wages and union recognition.

Two strikers were shot dead in Philadelphia when they sought to prevent scabs from entering a Blue Eagle, starvation-wage shop.

Police, company gunmen, state militia, becoming the executives of the N.R.A., with Roosevelt, Johnson, Green and Lewis as its administrators.

The Roosevelt-Wall Street regime is active on the firing line against workers who strike. In the attacks against striking workers, the N.R.A. is showing its fascist teeth.

The future will see a heightening of the fascist trends of the Roosevelt government. In Washington now talk is rife that Roosevelt is about to issue a strong edict making all strikes illegal. This will be the opening of a free field for all the armed forces of capitalism to use Ambridge and Fayette County as a model.

Every striker shot is a bullet aimed at the working-class in its fight for organization and better living standards.

The N.R.A. is being unmasked as the desperate effort, through the most bloodthirsty means, to save decaying capitalism at the expense of the entire workingclass, employed and unemployed, those at work and those on strike.

IN THESE attacks, the A. F. of L. officialdom lead the guns and do all they can to disarm working-class organizations by strikebreaking.

The answer of the workers must be more powerful organization, preparations for greater struggles to win their rights. In the struggle for the most elementary needs and rights of the workers, it becomes increasingly clear that the Roosevelt government projects itself into the struggles against the workers, and that in fighting for higher wages, lower rents, and right to form unions, the workers come into clash with the capitalist state. With fascism becoming the method of the capitalist dictatorship, every strike becomes a struggle for civil rights and the right of organization.

A united front of all workers is the best means of resisting these attacks. It was to block the efforts of united struggle, to strengthen the fascist strikebreaking hand of the government, that the A. F. of L. leaders in convention flouted and fought against every effort of the A. F. of L. rank and file for a united front.

In this fight, the Communist Party, boldly and clearly exposing the N.R.A. for what it is now proving itself to be, leads in rallying the workers not only for the most determined struggle for their every day needs but for the more important and ultimate struggle of overthrowing capitalism and its murderous rule.

The Communist Party is leading the struggle for united resistance of the workers. To lead this united front it is necessary to build the Communist Party. To speed this fight, to win thousands of workers who are learning bitter lessons from the murderous attacks of the N.R.A., it is necessary to strengthen the ranks of the most stalwart fighter against capitalism and in the interest of the working class—the Communist Party.

## A Banker Testifies

EVEN the bare scratching of the surface of banking conditions in the Chase National Bank, a Rockefeller-controlled institution, by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee revealed some startling facts about Albert H. Wiggin, former head of the bank and chief Wall Street financial agent in dealings with the Hitler fascist regime.

Wiggin testified how free-handedly the bankers hand out millions in loans to their friends for stock gambling purposes, sucking huge profits and salaries at the very moment the banks report "losses."

Wiggin, who was able to draw \$800,000 in salary and bonuses alone, while workers and farmers lost \$4,000,000,000 in bank failures, is one of the main defenders of German fascism in the United States.

Recently the Daily Worker exposed Wiggin's speech at a secret Wall Street conference. Wiggin, chairman of the American Bankers Committee on German loans, gave a solemn warning to all bankers: "They must support Hitler to the full as a bulwark against the world sweep of Communism."

"The greatest danger to the world today," he said, "is the possible overthrow of Hitler, since that would mean the sweep of Communism over Europe."

The sweep of Communism would wipe out fascism and the possibility of bankers like Wiggin coining hundreds of millions out of the sweat and toil of the working masses.

Wiggin and his class have a link of gold with Hitler fascism. For capitalism there is no stronger tie.

The Chase National Bank, formerly headed by Wiggin, is linked up with hundreds of the largest corporations in the United States today, many of

whom under the N.R.A. are slashing wages, grinding down the workers, and smashing strikes. Now Wiggin has retired, and for the privilege of having drawn millions before he is given the retirement wage of \$100,000 a year. Hundreds of thousands of workers in the corporations under the control of this bank who have been "retired" to the bread lines are refused unemployment insurance or relief, because the Roosevelt regime wants to protect the profits of Mr. Wiggin and his associates.

IN ONE instance, as a "friendly" act, Mr. Wiggin handed Gerhard M. Dahl, his associate in the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit, \$5,000,000 for stock speculation and carried him along when half the sum was lost. The same bank foreclosed on thousands of homes of workers when they didn't pay the mortgage arrears.

The bankers of "democratic" America, like Wiggin, find the fascism of Hitler necessary to preserve their fortunes, and are rapidly dropping their democratic mask at home to preserve their system of sweating more millions out of the American workers.

The rich parasitic bankers who earn fortunes even when they no longer have connections with the banks, the ones who profit from the miseries of the American workers, are naturally the most fervent supporters of Hitler's murder regime. They are the worst enemies of Communism because the Communist Party is arousing the working class to replace the rule of the bankers with the rule of the workers and poor farmers.

## Facts and Figures

FIGURES do not lie, but liars figure. How well this proverb suits the purpose of the Roosevelt government statisticians. Figures do not lie, but government officials figure.

The "recovery" program has to be inflated with figures of increased production—increased re-employment—and a decrease in unemployment.

It is to the labor secretary to whom the task of keeper of the statistical department is assigned, and at regular intervals, we are assured with new figures that "recovery" is making a steady climb upward.

On Tuesday, Francis Perkins announced at her regular press conference that more than 620,000 workers left the ranks of the unemployed and were placed on jobs during the month of September. On the very same day the house organ of U. S. capitalism, "The Wall Street Journal," printed in an editorial on its first page that: "Statistics of 'unemployment' are notoriously incomplete and unreliable."

These statistics are not "unreliable." They are adopted to suit the purposes of the Roosevelt administration, just as the "prosperity around the corner" facts of Hoover were adopted to suit the former administration.

IF WE are to accept the bright picture painted by the first lady in the Cabinet, then we ought to observe a steady rise in production and a simultaneous increase in store sales. Let us look into the pages of the financial sheets compiling figures for the capitalists. What have they to say?

The "Financial Chronicle," a journal for owners of big industry, reports:

"As generally anticipated, orders for finished steel products were unusually light in the first week of the new quarter. Further analysis of fourth-quarter obligations also indicates that the industry's backlog will be largely exhausted by the end of October."

The steel magnates confide to themselves that orders for steel "were unusually light" and that by the end of the month much of the work will be "exhausted."

In the auto industry production has fallen from 43,000 cars in the last week of September, to 37,886 in the first week of this month. From Detroit come reports of wholesale lay-offs in many plants. Here is an indication of the barometer in two major industries in this country. This spikes the Roosevelt propaganda that current strikes are responsible for imperiling "recovery."

If production indicates the gloomy side, an index of commodities reflect the brighter side. "It's index" (the Federal Reserve Board index of sales), says the New York Times, "declined, however, from 77 in August to 70 per cent last month."

It is clear that the optimistic reports of Perkins are entirely at variance with the economic conditions prevailing today.

But even her own figures indicate a wide gap between increased employment and the rise in pay-rolls. According to Perkins, employment last month rose by 3.2 per cent, while pay rolls lagged behind with 2.7 per cent. This disproportion, together with the increased speed-up in the factories, takes away any possibility of absorbing more workers into industry. On the contrary, it can only result in greater unemployment and a further sharpening of the crisis.

Roosevelt's cynical grin and Perkins' optimistic figures can no more add to employment that the stupid predictions of Hoover that "prosperity is around the corner."

The Roosevelt-Perkins inflationary figures do not give aid and comfort to the jobless. Unemployed insurance is the need for the millions of unemployed and part-time workers. Everywhere this movement must be given increasing support. Conditions are becoming more and more unbearable. The workers must force from the capitalist government a guarantee of unemployment insurance to take care of the needs of a sector comprising nearly half the population of this land.

## Where the Cause of War Has Been Removed

"THE war danger arises inevitably out of the very nature of monopolistic capitalism, viz., the ownership of the means of production by a small capitalist class and a complete domination of government by this class. The imminent war danger is only another expression of the fundamental crisis of the capitalist system, which continues its existence only at the cost of intensification of its exploitation and oppression of the masses at home and in the colonies and the struggle among the imperialist powers for a redivision of markets and sources of raw materials.

"Only in the Soviet Union has this basic cause of war been removed. The consistent peace policy of the Soviet Union, around which the anti-war struggles throughout the world must be rallied, was made possible by the revolution which overthrew the capitalist system, reorganized economy on the basis of Socialism, and established a powerful government of workers and peasants. One cannot fight seriously against the war danger unless one fights against all attempts to weaken or destroy the Soviet Union.

"The government of the United States, in spite of peaceful professions, is more aggressively than ever following policies whose only logical result is war. The whole program of the Roosevelt administration is permeated by preparedness for war, expressed in the extraordinary military and naval budget, mobilization of industry and man-power, the naval concentration in the Pacific Ocean, the intervention in Cuba, the continued maintenance of armed forces in China, the loans of Chiang Kai-shek, the initiation of currency and tariff wars—all of which gives the lie to the peaceful declaration of the U. S. Government."

(The above statements are taken from the Manifesto issued by the Anti-War Congress held in New York City on September 31 and October 1. The organization formed at the Anti-War Congress is called "The League for Struggle Against Fascism and War.")

## The Order of the Blue Eagle!



## Communism Spreading Rapidly in Cuban Army

Negro Soldiers Most Militant; Striking Sugar Workers Seize American Mill in Interior; Set Up Soviet

HAVANA, Oct. 18.—Agents of U. S. imperialism in Cuba were alarmed yesterday at admissions by Colonel Fulgencio Batista, head of the Cuban Army, that Communism was making great headway in the armed forces of the Wall Street puppet government, at present headed by President Ramon Grau San Martin, following the revolutionary upsurge in Cuba which swept out of office the Wall Street butchers Machado.

The army is said to be split three ways, with the Communist group rapidly growing as the rank and file soldiers increasingly realize the treacherous character of the Grau suffering from race hatred and Ku Kluxism, introduced into the island by the American imperialists, are the most militant, and are busily organizing Communist cells among the enlisted men. They have raised the demand for rank and file election of the officers. The Communist strength in the army is estimated by enemy sources as approximately 1,200.

In an attempt to block the further spread of Communism, Colonel Batista has issued orders to segregate the most militant enlisted men. As a result, many Communist soldiers have been transferred to isolated posts, where they "are unable to make contacts."

Striking workers in the interior yesterday seized the American Sugar Refining Company's plant at Jarau and set up a Soviet government of workers, peasants and soldiers. A Soviet was set up a few weeks ago at the Centrale Senado, not far distant. Armed clashes between revolutionary workers and soldiers still loyal to the Grau regime occurred at Puerto Padre and Geracao yesterday. Ten workers were captured, it is reported, and transported to Havana under heavy guard.

The N.R.A. threatens to outlaw strikes. The Daily Worker fights the N.R.A. Fight the "Daily" with your immediate contribution.

Winchester Arms Shop Bulletin Irks Bosses  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—The Winchester shop bulletin, distributed in front of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., created such a stir that a special meeting of the Winchester Council, of ten workers and ten bosses, to discuss the bulletin and find means to discover who supplied the material therein. Particularly the information about the horrible unsanitary conditions in the battery room, as well as throughout the rest of Winchester's, brought forth much comment from the workers.

A new issue of the Winchester bulletin, now in preparation, will soon be distributed to Winchester workers. All workers who want to send in material for this bulletin can send it in to the Trade Union Unity League, 70 Congress Avenue.

The lower part of my body hanging down. The commander ordered: "Lie full length on the table!" Then he caught me by the head with one hand, closed my mouth with the other hand, and ordered: "Give it to him!"

"The Brown Shirts commenced beating me mercilessly and continued until I was rendered unconscious. I cannot remember whether I received 99 or 70 or even more blows with a rubber club, but they did not stop beating me until I lost consciousness.

"When I came to myself, I was standing on my knees near the table, all in sweat. I was unable to keep myself on my feet, but one of the bandits cried out: 'Hurry up, dress yourself, and be quick about it, and he was going to beat me again if I hesitated. I nearly cried from pain when my clothes touched my flesh. Everything was dark in front of me, but I succeeded in dressing."

Beimler was then thrown into cell No. 14, which he had to share with many others. Every day some new people were brought in. Some would be led away to the Dachau, Concentration Camp; others would come to take their places. Without an exception, they were all beaten up and bruised. But all of them, Communist youth and veteran Communists, non-Party workers and peasants who opposed fascism, both young and old, withstood the treatment to the very end.

The fascists arrested a number of Party members who were working in a factory near Munich. Among them were many young Communists. They were led along with the others to the torture cell and endured, as a beginning, 10 blows over the heels with the rubber club.

After this punishment they asked one of the young Communists whether he was still for Communism, to which he replied that he would have thought himself very weak in his convictions if he were to throw them away after only 10 blows.

This incensed the Brown Shirts to such an extent that they started to beat him up again. And when they repeated the question, he answered that they could beat him to death, that he would die for the Soviet Star. At this, they beat him up so mercilessly that he nearly died. There were many such cases, but this one will suffice as an example of that true heroism which the Communists have shown in the prison cells of the third Reich.

With a number of others, Beimler was led from the torture cell to the Dachau concentration camp. More beatings. They beat him when he was brought in and on the way to the cell, and then again till he lost consciousness.

After beating him up once more, the commandant brought Beimler a rope, told him to climb up to the ceiling and tie the rope about the beam. It was at his disposal, the commandant said, but Beimler remained firm in his decision to endure it all to the end and make no use of the rope.

Endures At All Cost  
Beimler was waiting further developments. He knew the attitude of workers and his own Party comrades toward suicide, that he regarded it as an act of cowardice, at any rate, an unrevolutionary act. His decision, therefore, was to endure to the end at all costs.

—by Burck

# Reichstag Trial Centers on Brown Book Accusations

Court Refuses To Allow Dimitroff To See Book's Startling Charges Against Nazi Chiefs as Real Firebugs

AT THE GERMAN FRONTIER, Oct. 18 (Via Zurich, Switzerland).—The startling feature of yesterday's hearing in the trial of the Communists Ernst Torgler, Georg Dimitroff, Blagot Popoff and Vasil Taneff on trumped-up charges of having conspired to burn the Reichstag together with Marinus van der Lubbe, half-witted Dutch tool of the Nazis, was the fact that international pressure has finally forced the German Supreme Court to bring up the damning charges against the Nazi overlords contained in the "Brown Book."

## Secret Nazi Army Exposed In Austria

Troops, Commanded By Army Officers, Drill In Secret

VIENNA, Oct. 18.—The existence of a nation-wide Nazi military organization, plotting a coup to seize power, has been disclosed by police investigations, the government announced today.

Although officially outlawed, the Nazi storm troops are actively drilling, no longer under the leadership of civilians, but commanded by Austrian army officers.

Several subaltern army officers have been arrested on charges of complicity in these plots, especially in the Linz garrison, but the higher-up officers are being shielded by the government to avoid a major political scandal.

The widespread ramifications of the secret Nazi organization are shown by the fact that many officials of the Federal secret police are avowedly or secretly Nazi sympathizers.

The Dollfuss regime, working as it is for a Fascist dictatorship of its own, finds it almost impossible to combat the scarcely concealed Nazi movement for a Hitlerite dictatorship allied with the much stronger Nazi forces of Germany.

## "Brown Book" Out in Tiny Illegal Edition, Circulated in Germany

BERLIN.—A German edition of the famous "Brown Book of the Hitler Terror and the Burning of the Reichstag" has been issued and widely circulated in Germany in a special format suited for illegal distribution.

The book of 254 pages is printed by a special press on extra-thin Indian paper, in a volume three inches wide, four and a half inches long, and less than a quarter of an inch thick.

Its circulation is being pushed by the illegal German Red Aid (I.L.D.), which in spite of the terror and illegality has maintained an active dues-paying membership of more than 70,000.

## Paris Delegate Speaks In Baltimore Thursday

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—Clemens Strauss, delegate from the National Lithuanian Youth Federation to the World Youth Congress Against War and Fascism recently held in Paris, will report on the Paris Congress at Lithuanian Hall, Hollins and Park Streets, here, Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 P. M.

Strauss and John Orman, General Secretary of the National Lithuanian Youth Committee, will tour the Shenandoah and Wilkes-Barre districts, beginning Saturday, Oct. 21.

The witness repeated the statement made by the other Reichstag officials, that the man was unknown to him. The court was annoyed at this testimony since at its previous hearing no investigation has been made of his identity.

Master mechanic Mutzka, next to testify, also declared that the underground passage connected the engine room of the Reichstag with Goering's residence. This passage was used often. In the day time it was impossible for anyone to pass through the passage as workers were always around. The doors to the engine room were locked at 9 p.m. on the night of the fire.

The Oberhofener Memorandum  
Attorney-General Werner, then announced the "refutation of the Oberhofener Memorandum." This memorandum, which the necessities entered the Reichstag through the subterranean passage, led by Heines, Schulz, and Heldorf, prominent Nazi leaders. It asserted that the idea originated with Goebbels and was executed at Goering's orders.

The picked storm troopers employed had inspected the premises—the previous day, had entered with van der Lubbe and then returned through the underground tunnel after setting the fire, leaving van der Lubbe in the building.

Judge Buenger stated that the innocence of Heines, Schulz and Heldorf is proved by their written depositions. He announced that he intended to call all three as witnesses, as well as Goering and Goebbels, "thus refuting the outrageous assertions of the Brown Book."

Dimitroff Demands Brown Book  
Dimitroff intervened again, stating "the Brown Book has been mentioned in court four times, but the defendants have not seen it. This is an incredible injustice and I demand a copy."

Judge Buenger, embarrassed and seeking a pretext to shut him up, forbade the term "incredible," but Dimitroff loudly emphasized his right to speak thus. Judge Buenger again threatened him with expulsion from the trial.

Attorney-General Werner rejected Dimitroff's demand for a copy of the Brown Book, saying "it was for the authorities only."

Anti-War Mass Meeting  
PHILADELPHIA.—A large mass meeting to hear the reports of the Youth Delegates to the World Conference Against War and Fascism, held in Paris, has been arranged by the Philadelphia Youth Anti-War Committee, for tonight, 8 o'clock, at 913 Arch St. There will be a report from delegates to the U. S. Congress also. Admission free.