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## GERMANY LAUNCHES ATTACK ON BRITAIN AS STALINISM PREPARES FOR NAZI TURN EAST

### F.D.R. THIRD TERM BACKED BY BIG BLOC OF CAPITALISTS

July 20 — Two faces of American Imperialism, with identical imperialist aims, but representing two different sections of the financiers, have been placed before the American electorate in the quadrennial hoax of a "free" and "democratic" presidential election.

Both Wendell Willkie and Franklin Roosevelt are for immediate preparation for entry into the war, for consolidating the western hemisphere through reciprocal trade pacts and the economic conferences now taking place, and for a policy of parallel action with Great Britain, including material aid at present.

#### SECONDARY DIFFERENCES

But from this point on there are many secondary differences.

The Democrats put forth a strong, positive, bourgeois reformist platform re-emphasizing the social aims of the New Deal. The Republican program was made deliberately vague to cover up the more open dictatorial measures which Mr. Willkie will introduce if elected. In actual life, however, both sections of American capitalism are ready for a military dictatorship as part of the war preparations.

The Republican convention was run almost openly by Thomas Lamont, a Morgan partner, the Rockefeller Anaconda interests and Dupont. The Democratic convention was a convention of ambitious office-holders, completely dominated by the Roosevelt political machine. But behind the scenes big capitalists continued to dominate; in fact the big bourgeois forces — like Rockefeller — gambled a little on each horse.

#### WHO SUPPORTS ROOSEVELT?

Supporting Mr. Roosevelt are such notable "friends of labor" as Nathan Strauss, part owner of Macy's and Bamberger, giant department stores; the Dukes, interested in tobacco and Woolworth's millions; Governor Lehman, partner of one of the world's biggest banking houses; Forrestal, a member of the Dillon Read banking empire; Ambassador Bullitt and Kennedy, former Boston bankers; Ambassador Bid-

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### FIGHTING WORKER

#### Banned In Canada

The Department of National Revenue of Canada has just informed us that the FIGHTING WORKER will henceforth be banned from Canada. A communication many months ago had banned the RWL publications "The Marxist" and the "Fourth International".

Along with the FIGHTING WORKER, the theoretical organ of the International Contact Commission, INTERNATIONAL NEWS, and the RWL pamphlet, "American Imperialism: the Main Driving Force for War" are also to be kept out of the Dominion "Democracy".

### BRITAIN TAKES DEFENSIVE AS U.S. CONSOLIDATES WAR PLANS

July 19 — Events move so rapidly in this maelstrom of capitalist chaos that it is only possible each fortnight to summarize. Since the French armistice we have been living in a new lull before a more ferocious storm. Realignments and consolidations are taking place before the next stage of the war begins:

1 — Germany is busy consolidating its "Mittel-Europa" and preparing its onslaught against the British Isles.

2 — Rumania, France and central Europe in general are being brought completely into the German economic orbit. The billion dollars in gold taken from France; the

9,000 railroad cars taken from Rumania; the giant plant of France makes Germany infinitely more powerful than at the outbreak of war.

b — A military smash is being prepared against Britain. The strategy is two-fold to invade Britain direct or through Ireland; and to perfect a blockade against Britain by the taking of Gibraltar, with the aid of Spain. That such an invasion is imminent is clear by the present "spontaneous" calls for Gibraltar by the Spanish fascists. Even if the military invasion is not successful therefore, Germany hopes to adopt a long term policy of starving out the British.

#### BRITAIN ON DEFENSIVE

2 — For a relatively long period the two remaining "democracies" can not hope to take an offensive. It must be expected that Japan will take more aggressive measures in Asia, especially with the new premier Konoye and the chaos in French Indo-China and Dutch East Indies. In Europe it is very doubtful if England can hold out long on the Isles. According to authoritative sources in "PM" New York paper, the British are still far behind German production schedules on airplanes. The failure to invade Ireland and prepare adequate defenses shows the same old British lethargy. Reports of Dutch sailors reaching America indicate that even the sporadic bombing of British planes have completely demolished many ports. America

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## German Comrade Reports On Arrests And Murders In Europe

The plight of the emigre comrades in central Europe has always been an unhappy one. Since the advent of Hitler in Belgium, Holland and France, however, it has become far worse.

We publish below excerpts from a letter written June 8th by a member of the Central Committee of the German Red Front, sister organization of the R.W.L.

"The RSAP is now itself crushed by Hitler's advent in Holland; and since the Finnish war, when even the left wing of the party together with a small fraction of our own Swedish organization, began a chauvinistic war campaign against the Soviet Union, we have completely broken off any contact with the Swedish Socialists...

#### MURDERS, ARRESTS, SUICIDES

"In England our comrades are in part under police supervision, in part in the in-

ternment camps; our former Central Committee member X has been placed in solitary confinement in an English military prison. In France all without exception are interned in the camps under inhuman conditions without any possibility of our sending them aid or even of regular contact; two of them joined the Foreign Legion in desperation, and we have since heard nothing from them.

"The few comrades who escaped the clutches of Swiss police carry on a miserable existence from day to day; contact with Germany which was possible a few weeks ago through ..... has been destroyed by the Swiss police, and one of our bravest comrades was arbitrarily turned over to Germany; nothing more is known of his fate. The few Swiss comrades who sympathized with us were so hounded and terrorized by the police that they could do nothing...

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# WHY FRANCE IS GOING FASCIST

## FASCISM OR WORKERS' REVOLUTION AGAIN PROVED TO BE ONLY CHOICE FOR SOCIETY

Information as to developments in France and the capitulation of decisive sections of the French bosses and the puppet statesmen to Fascism is being suppressed by the boss class press in the United States. They do not want the workers here to get the FULL facts as to what has happened. For these facts would again give vivid proof to one of the most fundamental issues confronting society:

**Either the Crumbling of Fake Boss Class "Democracy" and the Establishment of a Brutal Fascist Regime in its place — or Workers Revolution and the Establishment of a Workers Council Government based on Workers Control of Production for use!**

There is no other road for society to traverse.

The chain of development since the last World War has made this choice incontrovertibly clear:

Fascism in Italy following the failure of the workers' seizure of factories to develop into a successful revolution; Fascism in Germany due to the treachery of the Second and Third Internationals who betrayed the workers' struggles; Fascism in Spain owing to the disastrous Peoples Front boss class regime, supported by the Socialist, Stalinist, Anarchist and other revisionists through material aid such as the Trotskyites.

And now — Fascism in France. The government established at Vichy where the French Parliament had "voted" itself out of existence and surrendered the state apparatus to a handful of politicians — Petain, Weygand, and Laval, (who yesterday was praised as an outstanding representative of French democracy and who is now of the Fascist regime) this government is proceeding to smash the trade unions, to build a one-party system, to outlaw all political organizations, to launch an anti-Semitic drive, to take all the steps that mark an emerging full-fledged Fascist regime.

### "DEMOCRATIC" POLITICIANS HEAD FASCIST REGIME

How does it happen that the very men who yesterday were calling upon the French workers to "defend democracy against Fascism" are now intent upon establishing a Fascist regime under German hegemony??

The answer may be summed up in the words of General Petain when he urged surrender to Hitler: "If we do not surrender there will be a workers defense of Paris and mutinies throughout the army"!

In other words they say: If we do not make peace with Hitler, the working class will rise up and destroy both us and Hitler. And these stooge statesmen of the French capitalists, many of whom have for years been preparing their Fascist coup d'etat, even to the point of sabotaging the military structure against Hitler — these "statesmen" now expose to the hilt the very rottenness of bourgeois "democracy" by making peace with Hitler and moving to establish a Fascist government.

They fear the workers more than they do Hitler. They use Hitler's methods to suppress the workers.

**THE FRENCH BOSSES CHOOSE FASCISM IN ORDER TO SUPPRESS THE WORKERS STRUGGLES;** and they thereby show that they understand fully well that brutal Fascist dictatorship is the only method left to them to maintain their rotting and decayed profit system.

### PEOPLES FRONT PAVED THE WAY FOR FASCISM

Again, as in the case of Spain, the ground for the Fascists was paved in advance by Peoples Frontism. It was under the Blum Peoples Front regime, supported

by the Socialists and Stalinists, that the French bosses were able to stifle the revolutionary ferment of the workers, were able to lull the workers into support of that "democratic" regime, to whittle down their fighting forces, sap away their militancy — and at the appropriate time, to destroy their gains of the 1936 strike the Daladier Bonapartist military dictatorship which still appeared in hypocritical fashion as a "democratic" regime.

### LEARN THE LESSONS

The lessons of this course of development in France must be clearly understood by all workers in order to prevent further such tragedies:

1—No support to the Peoples Front (Labor Party, etc.) which paves the way for Fascism.

2—No material aid to any "left" bourgeois government. Only independent working class action.

3—Support of Blum, Daladier, Reynaud, etc., "against" the Fascists enabled French Fascism to take over power in France. Independent working class action would have resulted in another Paris Commune that could have been the beginning of the struggle to drive Fascism out of Europe.

4—The "peace" of the French bosses with German Imperialism does not bring the imperialists war toward its end; rather it deepens and extends the contradictions in Europe and prepares the way for greater imperialist and class conflicts.

5—ONLY THE SMASHING OF CAPITALISM CAN SMASH FASCISM!

6—ONLY THE REVOLUTIONARY OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM CAN END THE IMPERIALIST WAR.

## Germany Attacks Britain As American Imperialists Consolidate War Plans

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can not hope to have enough men trained for a large scale invasion in Asia for quite some time, although the navy is fully prepared to take measures in Asia. To be completely successful however the navy must be followed by infantry. Until then, even Uncle Sam cannot do much while Japan continues her conquest of Asia.

3—The friction between the Soviet Union and Germany is growing ever more strained. The invasion of 12 more villages of Rumania by the Red Army, and the open warning by Russia — against German desires — that Rumania shall not leave the Balkan bloc, plus the Turkish demand of the same sort (undoubtedly under Russian pressure) are concrete manifestations of this pressure.

### STALIN AND HITLER FALL- ING OUT

4—Just as Italy stabbed France in the back at its weakest moment, so the Soviet Union, under Stalinism, realizing its great danger at the moment, may stab Germany in the back at the very moment when he invades England. The exact form cannot be predicted. It may possibly be a Turkish grab of Syria (before it falls into the hands of the axis); or it may be a further push into Rumania. As the least likely variant, but one not yet excluded, it may be a total war against Germany.

5—Although the workers state and capitalist America are fundamentally antagonistic, at the present moment their needs run parallel — against Japan in Asia, and Germany in Europe. Stalin is now flirting with Uncle Sam

a question if American imperialism will be clever enough to exploit Stalinists against the "totalitarian" states in war, and against the working class at home.

### U. S. TRYING TO EXHAUST REST

6—The U. S. policy, while accelerating its war preparations, still continues to be one of waiting anxiously for the other powers to exhaust themselves. Even if Britain should lose the Isles, so long as it continues to fight in the near east and the Atlantic, the Nazis will not have smooth sailing. With the impending famines, etc., coming this winter and possible revolts in the vast new Empire of German Imperialism, and with the near-exhaustion even today of Japan, America's policy may still bear fruit.

Above all, however, the American capitalists are preparing for

all variants. The army and navy is being built up to EQUAL THE COMBINED STRENGTH OF ANY POSSIBLE GROUP OF "ENEMIES". Coupled with this the neo-Monroe Doctrine policy is placing all America under tighter economic control; and where all other methods of gaining mastery do not prevail, Uncle Sam is ready to open the strings of the 20 billion dollar gold hoard to buy his way into world dominance. Included in all these plans is the definite arrangements now being made to take over Anglo-French and Dutch possessions in the western hemisphere.

In this respect the appointment of the Duke of Windsor as governor of Bahamas is a small British counter move against American imperialism to forestall any such eventuality, although probably John Bull will support the taking over of French colonies by the U. S. fleet.

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**GPU MURDER-TRY AT TROTSKY  
BLOW AGAINST DEMOCRATIC  
RIGHTS OF WORKING CLASS**

The R.W.L. has often made clear its complete condemnation of hoodlum and gangster tactics employed in the labor movement by one group against another. The most outstanding examples of which have been the criminal activities of the Stalinist parties and their GPU murder-clique.

Now the coldblooded murderous attempt on the life of Leon Trotsky calls for a vigorous restatement of our views and an emphatic condemnation of the GPU and the Stalinist parties. For they stand exposed to the hilt as criminal assassins.

First, the incitement to the deed can be found in every word which the international, and Mexican, Stalinist press has ever uttered on the subject of Leon Trotsky.

**STALINISTS CLEARLY GUILTY**

Second, the arrest by the Mexican police of known and admitted members of the Communist Party clearly demonstrates that, with or without the official knowledge of the Party itself — but certainly at the express command of the GPU representative in the Mexican Stalinist Party — this criminal assassination was attempted.

We have nothing in common with the political views of Leon Trotsky, and have often vigorously polemicized against them; but we regard the attempt on his life as another in a long list of crimes against the working class which must be laid at the door of the Stalinism.

This attempted assassination occurs just when the bourgeois begin cracking down on the Stalinist themselves. The railroading of Hathaway to the penitentiary for libel on a fake issue is clearly a dastardly frame-up by the boss government. So is the vicious campaign to imprison Browder on the flimsy passport charge.

**BOSS CLASS ATTACKS**

We protest and expose these attacks of the bourgeoisie against these Stalinists, not because we in any way endorse Stalinism — which is guilty of the same kind of crimes within the working class movement — but because this is a part of the boss class drive against the democratic rights of the working class.

The Stalinist attack against Trotsky plays into the hands of the exploiters and helps them in their drive against the working class and its organizations, including the Stalinists. It is therefore all the more important for the revolutionary Marxists to emphasize:

Violence against a worker of a workers organization, and above all, attempted assassination, has nothing in common with revolutionary theory, practice or tradition and plays directly into the hands of the bosses.

**FIGHT FOR WORKERS RIGHTS, FOR FREE SPEECH,  
THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND PICKET, FOR  
HIGHER WAGES!**

**REFUSE TO SHOOT YOUR FELLOW WORKER ON  
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRENCHES!**

**PEACE IS POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH THE  
REVOLUTIONARY OVERTHROW OF  
CAPITALISM!**

**BOSSSES LIE ABOUT PROFITS  
TO CONCEAL EXPLOITATION**

The reactionary Chicago Tribune of July 6th publishes a touching tale of the taxes of the 183 leading industrial organizations. It seems according to Col. McCormick that more than 54% of the total gross profits of the 183 companies go for taxes of all kinds.

Gross profits were somewhere around 3 billion 800 millions, of which taxes took up 2 billions, and net income after taxes were 1 billion 750 millions — or about a return of 4% on the 45½ billions of assets of these companies. Which isn't so bad even at that! U. S. Steel, for instance, made NET profit of 41 million dollars even after paying 67 millions for taxes. Standard Oil of New Jersey made a cool 89 million dollars, after paying 120 millions in taxes. And General Motors made 183 million dollars after kicking in only 101 millions to state, local, and federal governments.

Even in the Tribune figures, then, the capitalists are still enjoying excellent prosperity. But when you really analyze these figures closer you get a true insight into capitalist concealment of SURPLUS VALUE, of its TOTAL profits made from the sweat of labor's brow.

**SLIGHT "OVERSIGHTS"**

Let's just list a few of the "little" things the Tribune overlooked:

1—Total surplus value MUST add to the so-called net income the interest paid on bonds. The profits of the industrial firms are distributed partially among its stockholders and partially among its bondholders. Added to this we must also include interest paid to banks and bankers on short term loans, 60 day notes, etc. The Tribune figures count the profits of the coupon-clippers and the interest paid the bankers as "expense", rather than what they are — a DIFFERENT FORM OF THE APPROPRIATION OF SURPLUS VALUE.

2—The profits of the landlords owning the property of the 183 companies — the rent, in other words, over and above the cost of improvement — is left out.

3—Then comes the usual famous accounting frauds of the capitalist system. As everyone knows, the good capitalist accountants always put "depreciation" down as an expense. And in the present period, according to such authorities as the Daily News of Chicago, the amount set aside for depreciation is as high as 30% and 40% — in other words capitalists are deducting from profits 30% of the total of their assets on the faked argument that because of war production, their plants may grow obsolete within 3 to 8 years.

4—Included in "expense", too, are the contributions to political campaigns, the cost of bribing and supporting the corrupt officialdom of capitalism, the tremendous salaries and "bonuses" paid to directors and managers, the "contributions" to "philanthropic" organizations, churches, etc., etc.

**TAXES 8% OR 10% AT MOST**

When you total all these things together it is quite evident that the government taxes on big business cannot possibly be more than 8% or 10% of the surplus value that labor produces, if indeed they are that much.

Bourgeois statistics and figures are thus a means of fraud and deception; of hiding the true state of affairs.

The job of the statistician who compiled the figures for the Tribune IS TO CONCEAL FROM THE WORKING CLASS THE TRUE EXTENT OF PROFITS.

If a working class organization attempted to conceal its income in such a fraudulent fashion its leaders would immediately be thrown into jail. For the bourgeois statisticians, however, this dishonesty is considered a virtue.

**Conscription Bill  
Shows Deadly War  
Plans of F.D.R.**

The Burke Bill for universal military peace-time conscription for all between 18 and 65, with the active military training of all between 18 and 45, has met with strong but uncrystallized attitude on the part of American youth, both employed and unemployed. Especially is there deep resentment against the \$5 per month provision for a period of eight months and longer.

Even now in the Senate there are those who are fighting to change this proviso to make for a \$21 per month salary — this increase being one means of attempting to stem the tide of the as yet unorganized resistance to conscription.

Quite aside from the pecuniary interests involved, which to those who contribute to the family support is not unimportant, the average American youth maintains a suspicious attitude towards the "peaceful" aims of "our" military machine.

"What did our fathers and uncles get from the last war?" "Why should we die to protect jobs we haven't got?" "Who cares about Wall-Street Willkie's or Wall Street Roosevelt's fine words?" "Why should we believe Roosevelt when he tells us we won't have to die on Europe's battlefields?" "Didn't Wilson say the same thing in 1916?" These are the questions that are being asked in ever increasing frequency and the answers that the politicians are giving are less and less acceptable.

**TRY FOR EXEMPTION**

Thousands of young men are rushing to schools to learn skilled trades which will exempt them from actual fighting at the front. The army and navy have by no means been able to fill the established quotas set by Congress for a standing army. This despite all the high power pressure campaigning for recruits, despite appeals in the newsreels and over the radios. These facts demonstrate conclusively that American youth do not want to go to war no matter what the slogans and alleged aims. Army and navy officials have recognized and decried this situation and have stated forced conscription to be the only solution to their problem of raising and training a mass army. They are the main supporters of the Burke Bill — which is slated for passage in the very near future.

**NO JOBS FOR UNSKILLED**

When thousands of unemployed and unskilled youth in New York city rushed down to the registration office for free courses in skilled machine work of all kinds as soon as the plan for these courses had been announced, they were turned away and were told they could not register. Why? The answer was given that you had to be working at a skilled trade now or had just lost your job in a skilled trade in order to register for the courses.

No reason was given officially but it is easy to see that the bosses are behind this action. This refusal to train unskilled men means to indirectly subsidize the bosses who thus get greater productivity and efficiency from their workers, with the city and federal governments in different instances footing the bill. Thus is exposed the whole talk about helping find jobs for the unemployed. And when the unskilled will finally be given training they will be held inferior and will be given sub-standard wages.

It seems that only the workers are to sacrifice for the war. Not the bosses. Oh no! They want to be paid more for their patriotism now. Take the profits out of war? HOOEY! And come to think of it, how can you ever expect to do so when the war is to be for no other purpose than profits and plunder? Take time, the capitalist system marches on — to blood and destruction!



### Both Roosevelt and Willkie Agree on War

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dle, related to the Drexels of Philadelphia, MORGAN PARTNERS; Secretary Morgenthau, a life-long anti-Morgan banker; Vincent Astor, one of the 400 and owner of half of New York's filthy slums; Owen D. Young of General Electric; Standard Oil of New Jersey, a Rockefeller barony, and many, many others.

\*This was the first really New Deal, i. e. bourgeois reformist, convention — completely controlled from beginning to end by the Roosevelt "liberals". And Mr. Roosevelt was brutal with any and all opposition.

#### WHEELER SELLS OUT

Garner, Glass, and Farley were politely but firmly pushed out of the picture. In their place, Secretary Wallace, a "left"-winger was put forth as vice-presidential candidate. Burton Wheeler, prominent isolationist, and his supporter John L. Lewis were bought off by an innocently worded war plank, stating that American boys will not be sent abroad. Wheeler and Lewis were quick to jump the bandwagon when they felt the pulse of the convention; both know that the words of the "peace" plank are of no value whatsoever, that Roosevelt will pursue any policy he likes. The possibility of a third-party to the left of Roosevelt is now, with this deal and sell-out, almost excluded.

Incidentally the peace plank is very interesting. Five words were added to the original: not to send troops abroad except in case of attack. In other words if an American ship is attacked in Cuba by a German submarine, or if the democrats THINK it was so attacked, that constitutes reasons for sending American troops abroad. Quite obviously the whole plank is merely a farce. It is the old Wilsonian trick of promising to stay out of Europe and Asia before elections, but "making the world safe for democracy" after elections. Mr. Roosevelt at least left himself enough loopholes to jump in any direction he pleases.

Another interesting feature of the convention is that practically the whole coterie of labor-fakers dumped the bandwagon — even the CIO leadership. Thomas, Frankenstein of the auto union, Murray of Steel, Kennedy and Lewis' own Mine workers, and of course Sidney Hillman and dozens of others again pledged faith to the Roosevelt war plans by their endorsement of the Democratic party slate.

From a purely strategical point of view the Roosevelt political maneuvers were far more polished than the Republican machine. The Berkeley attack on the Republicans was sharp and pointed; the Democratic slate is far more rounded and appealing to the labor bureaucracy and the middle farmers; the program is much more averily demagogic.

#### WILL SPEND MILLIONS

But dozens of millions of dollars will be spent by big business in this campaign. Thousands of papers will sling all sorts of ad about "third term" traditions which after all is only a smoke-screen (Morgan supported Teddy Roosevelt for a third term, against Rockefeller bossed Taft in 1912, must be recalled). If there would be a sharp turn in events leading to a temporary peace Roosevelt's chances will be very all. But at the present tempo of events, especially if England is defeated, the victory of Roosevelt is almost assured.

# Murders, Arrests Of German Revolutionists

## Financial Aid Urgent For Imperilled German Comrades

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### SWEDISH SOCIAL PATRIOTISM

"In Sweden, since the Russo-Finnish war the reactionary regime has been proceeding with all possible severity against the emigres, as daily increasing overtures toward Germany are made; emigre suicides are quite frequent and it is impossible to think of carrying on political work there; the whole land stands under Germany's pressure. The Socialist Party made a sharp turn to the right since the war's beginning; the left wing followed it almost completely after the Russian attack on Finland, and the SP is now the extreme anti-German anti-Russian wing of all Swedish Social-Democracy. Perhaps if we could send some material from the United States and reestablish contact with a few comrades, we might save them...

"At the moment we know practically nothing of the fate of our other comrades in Norway, Poland, Lithuania, Denmark, Holland, Belgium or northern France. We can reveal only one glimpse of this terrible situation: over half of our emigres have again fallen into the hands of Hitler and his bloodhounds as a result of recent developments; an unthinkable horrible fate awaits them.

"Only scattered reports trickle through to us: in one place in northern France, Will Mahrer, former member of the Youth Central Committee of the Red Front fell into the hands of the Germans and either committed suicide or was murdered. Two comrades escaped from Holland to England in a boat; of the others there is no news...

ed. Certainly Republicans Knox and Stimson felt certain of this; otherwise they never would have entered the cabinet so near to election time.

For the working class the outstanding meaning of the Roosevelt nomination is that the cards are now completely stacked against any real betterment of conditions, against any staving off of America's participation in the war. Mr. Roosevelt will probably be elected, but a vote for him is a vote for lower wages, alien fingerprinting, longer hours in war factories, outlawing of the right to strike for all practical purposes, military conscription, and is an actual act of suicide by thousands of youth who will be used as cannon-fodder very soon to protect America's robber stake abroad.

The only vote that will not be a wasted vote in November is a vote for C. B. Cowan, and Allan Willis, candidates on the Workers Vote write-in ticket of the R. W. L. Such a vote is a PROTEST vote against war and against capitalism; for workers control of production, for a workers council government; for the only method of achieving social security in the United States — the complete shattering of the capitalist system of exploitation.

### STALINISTS AID GESTAPO

"From Belgium we have word that a comrade was able to escape to France, where he was arrested. There is no news of 8 other comrades. In Denmark practically everyone was arrested. Bosedrup and his splendid Clarte group were turned over by the Stalinists to the Gestapo.

"There is much to be told of the activities of the Stalinists in this connection. Despite them we were able to save quite a few comrades from Oslo, thanks to the help of the Norwegian comrades. Its an unhappy summary...

"A few weeks before the war broke out Y with a few functionaries went back to Germany, established very important contacts, and then undertook contact with Danzig and foreign work. The war's outbreak, the occupation of Danzig, and the activity of the S.S. and Gestapo must have caught the comrades."

The letter of the Red Front comrade continues with details of their plans and activity to reconstitute a functioning organizational center for the continuation of the work. Thus, in the face of the most vicious persecution, which has wiped out whole layers of these revolutionists, the Red Front continues to work for the revolutionary overthrow of German Imperialism.

### URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS

If ever the emigre comrades from Germany and Spain needed help, now is the time. The RWL again appeals to our friends and sympathizers to give now to help comrades such as the author of this letter to continue their revolutionary work and to eke out an existence.

Send all funds to:  
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## Wall St. Moves for Further Control During Mexican Elections

Mexico's recent election with its widespread disorder only indicated the stage of the class struggle that exists underneath. For the whole past period now Mexico has been moving into the arena of a revolutionary struggle and the only important factor that has held in check this development is the financial subsidies of American imperialism. However a showdown cannot be avoided, but the show down can be brought to a modified conclusion providing Uncle Sam is willing to spend enough. Both candidates claim to be elected. Both candidates are to the right of Cardenas. Cardenas picked a right wing candidate to replace him in order to placate the demands of American imperialism and endeavor to negate the pressure of the opposing candidate Almazan.

But reports from the comrades in Mexico state that Almazan had enormous popular support, that the working class was apathetic to the candidacy of Camacho. The Stalinist, Toledano labor bureaucracy actually had to mobilize thousands of workers from their factories and bring them to the polls to vote.

### BOTH UNDER U. S. CONTROL

Both candidates are under the domination of American imperialism. Even though Almazan has "secret" support of the Axis powers, the American interests still have the upper hand. Dissatisfied and mining interests, impatient with the Roosevelt-Hull policy want a candidate even to the right of Camacho.

In the final analysis American imperialism can determine who will be "elected" in Mexico. Their economic and military measures now being carried out in the whole of Latin America demand a candidate in Mexico who "understands" their needs under the Monroe Doctrine.

The Cardenas "Peoples Front" has disorientated and lulled to sleep workers and oppressed masses to such a degree that a candidate a few steps to the right, such as Camacho, will be most able to handle the situation.

### MAY FEAR REVOLT

If the groups of Wall Street fighting each other in Mexico come to an agreement and put pressure on the New Deal to recognize General Almazan at this stage it would indicate that the American imperialists fear grave class disorders in Mexico and hope to put in a strong reactionary force that will begin the process of bleeding the workers white.

Thus Mexico continues along the road that Italy, Germany, Austria, Spain and now France have travelled. The road all capitalists in decay capitalism must travel. The road that brings to the surface the fundamental struggle between communism and fascism, with bourgeois democracy always playing the role of betrayal and paving the way for fascism because they fear the proletariat a thousand times more than they fear fascism.

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## HITLER LIES ABOUT WAR DEAD

According to Adolph Hitler's lying statisticians only 18,000 German youth were slaughtered in the recent blitzkrieg. How so gross a lie could be peddled to an unsuspecting public it is difficult to conceive.

The short street-fighting in Vienna in 1934 cost over 8,000 workers lives alone. The Dutch army lost 100,000 soldiers in 4 1/2 days, according to their commander-in-chief. The City of Rotterdam lost more than 100,000 civilians in those same few days. Obviously an offensive along 250 miles, for almost 2 months, involving over 2 million German soldiers must have cost at least 20 or 30 times the 18,000 dead that Hitler claims.

That there is a shortage of manpower is indicated by the fact that only a few weeks ago, according to information we have from authoritative German comrades, men in military plants in Germany (many of them revolutionists) were called to the colors as replacements.