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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE STALIN-HITLER PACT!

Real Meaning Of Moscow Trials Is Clear

Today, at last, the world can see quite plainly the real meaning of the Moscow Trials.

Stalin's pact with Hitler! Stalin's blessing on the most savage, hideous political force in recorded history!

Stalin Murdered the Flower of the Party

One by one, by tens and dozens and hundreds and thousands, Stalin butchered. By frame-up in open court or in dark rooms in black night, in concentration camps or the cellars of the Lubianka, the guns of the GPU smoked.

And, month by month, the staff of the Red army and navy, the mighty heroes of the civil war, those who had, starving and ragged, met and conquered the hordes of the counter-revolution and the armies of all the imperialist powers, were slaughtered by Stalin—by hundreds, by thousands, by tens of thousands.

These were the allies of Hitler, the agents of the Gestapo, the plotters of a "German orientation"! So said Vyshinsky — and the paid and unpaid hirelings and prostitutes of the unspeakable tyrant of the Kremlin!

Hand in Hand with Reaction

And now, with its fierce, terrible irony, history pulls aside the curtain: it is Stalin, Stalin the well-beloved, the eagle, the lion, the rain and the sun, who embraces Hitler over the bones of the workers of Europe.

Why the trials, and the ravaging purges? It is easy to understand now.

Stalin, the destroyer of the socialist revolution, the leader and defender of the power and the privileges of the new exploiters!

To destroy the revolution, to march hand in hand with the world symbol of the counter-revolution, Stalin had first to destroy all those who made the revolution, to smash the living bearers of the tradition of the revolution, to root out every potential center of that opposition which would arise from among the masses as Stalin's counter-revolution had to come into the open for its last stages.

Only by blood, by rivers and torrents of blood, could the new exploiters advance toward the consolidation of their new power and privilege over the masses.

Let us hear now from the defenders of the Trials! They know now what they defended: the alliance with Hitler, the free hand for Hitler.

They Meet on Common Ground!



National Committee Issues Call To Party On Stalin-Hitler Pact

TO ALL BRANCHES AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY:

The Hitler-Stalin Pact, and the world war danger, enormously increases both the tasks and the opportunities of our party.

More than ever must our energies be bent towards extending and deepening the campaign against war which we have launched. We are now in a better position to carry it through successfully than we ever were before.

The Pact is not merely a striking confirmation of the prediction we made after Munich. It is a mortal blow, delivered by Stalin himself, against all the Stalinist parties, the American included. The rank and file Stalinist workers, cruelly duped by the paid agents of the Kremlin bureaucracy, regimented in advance for war "for the democratic front against the fascist aggressors", are everywhere in a state of confusion. Some of them have had their eyes opened to Stalinist perfidy at a single blow. Others, and they number thousands, are beginning to ask critical, imperious questions which all the base sophistry of the Brownists cannot dispose of so easily.

REACH THE C.P. RANKS!

As part of our campaign, we must now make an exceptionally concentrated effort to reach the ranks of the Stalinist party and those influenced by it with what they are so anxiously seeking—an explanation of what has happened, of how the Pact came to be signed, of what it means in world politics and to the working

class in particular. Patient explanation of our point of view must go hand in hand with a merciless offensive against Stalinism, the most virulent poison in the labor movement.

All branches must make special efforts to establish contact with the Communist Party and Young Communist League membership in their localities.

The special editions of the Socialist Appeal, devoted to an analysis of the shameful Pact, must be distributed widely among the Stalinist workers.

Every effort must be made to bring the largest number of Stalinist workers to the mass meetings of the party on this subject and—FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR

Every locality should hold at least one large-scale meeting at which the party position on the Pact is expounded.

Now is the time to concentrate on winning the betrayed Stalinist militants, those who are honestly devoted to the cause of socialism, to the banner of the Fourth International.

Now is the time to press harder the struggle against imperialist war, to expose the fraud of the "democratic peace front", to popularize the slogan of "Let the People Vote on War! Take the War-Making Power Away from Congress!"

NATIONAL COMMITTEE, Socialist Workers Party MAX SHACHTMAN, Acting Nat'l Secretary.

Stalin's Capitulation to Hitler Increases War Danger; Threatens Existence of Soviet Workers

Headlines in the capitalist press scream about Stalin's betrayal of the "democracies." In contrast, the putrid Stalinist press, in obedience to the Kremlin Butcher, calls the alliance a "blow for peace" and a "victory" for Stalin.

They both lie. They lied unitedly yesterday, they lie separately today.

They both—Stalin and the democracies—betrayed the illusory hopes of the masses. They deceived the peoples with the myth that the conflict between the imperialist powers is a conflict between "fascism" and "democracy." They fooled the masses into believing that the coming war is a war of "ideologies." To help this myth, the "democracies" helped dress Stalin up as a "democrat."

In their desire to maintain their monopoly over the world's markets against the assault of the Axis powers, the "democracies" were only too ready to use Stalin and his bloody totalitarian regime as a tool to defend the status quo.

WORKERS JEER, HIT STALINIST TALK AS FAKE

Defenders of Stalin Line Scarce as Workers Ask Questions

By TONY CHAPMAN NEW YORK—Shock, resentment and revulsion gripped this city's workers as they mulled over the headlines announcing the signing of the Stalin-Hitler Non-Aggression Pact at Moscow.

Everywhere during the past three days, on street corners, in cafeterias, in their clubs, the workers have spoken of nothing else. Not since the advent of Hitler to power in 1933 have there been such widely profound expressions of bitterness and consternation. From 14th Street to the Bronx, from the Battery to Brooklyn, the pitch of proletarian anger against this latest Stalinist outrage has expressed itself in sharp, unqualified terms.

Workers Jeer Tuesday night, on the corner of 170th Street and Walton Avenue in the Bronx, when the local Branch of the Communist Party attempted to stage an outdoor meeting in order to explain the ostensible benefits of the Hitler-Stalin pact, proletarian feeling ran so high that the Stalinists were forced to retreat under a barrage of bitter ridicule and derision.

"Heil fuhrer Stalin," the workers jeered. Scores of hands went up in mock fascist salutes.

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In their assault upon the booty accumulated by the Western powers, the rapacious Nazi imperialists are only too ready to use those whom yesterday they called the "Jewish Bolshevists."

"Ideologies" Change as Needed

Amid the scramble for super-profits, all the capitalist "ideologies"—both fascist and democratic — are revealed as flimsy garments, the imperialist wolves look alike.

Amid this feverish contest for capitalist domination, the Stalin regime has been unmasked, more openly than ever before, as a characterless tool of the imperialists.

A "blow for peace", the Stalinists brazenly call the alliance with Hitler. But Molotov's signature on that pact doomed Poland as an independent power, gave Hitler the signal to go ahead with his march Eastward.

A "victory" for Stalin, his lackeys say. But Stalin can expect even less gratitude from his present service to Nazi Germany than he got for his previous services to the "democracies."

Stalin fawningly sought the favor of the Western imperialists, providing them with the "Peoples Fronts" which brought about the victory of Franco over the Spanish masses and Daladier's dictatorship over the French working class.

Will Earn No Gratitude

In gratitude for these services, he was left out in the cold at the time of Munich, when his "democratic" allies believed they could buy peace from Hitler by giving him a free hand against Czechoslovakia and the Ukraine.

The brand of gratitude that Stalin will get from Hitler was foreshadowed by the fate of Poland. Only last September, when the Nazis marched on Czechoslovakia, Poland was allowed to participate in the partition of that country as payment for its neutrality. With Hitler's blessing a year ago, the Poles took Teschen. Today they are on the verge of being taken themselves.

The annexation of Poland by the Nazis, in whatever form it may take place, will only bring closer the day of Hitler's assault upon Soviet Russia with the full blessings of his present enemies in the West.

Ready yesterday to praise Stalin if only he would fight on the side of the "democratic" imperialists, today the democratic capitalists and their social-democratic lackeys seek to utilize

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WHOM CAN THE PEOPLE TRUST?

AN EDITORIAL

Whom can the people trust?

Faced with the supreme questions—the question of war, and the question of the preservation of freedom from fascism and totalitarian dictatorship—on whom can we, the masses of workers and farmers, rely?

We were told to trust in a "collective security" which would be brought about by the "great democratic powers". These powers, led by their Edens and Chamberlains and Blums and Daladiers, showed the kind of collective security they were interested in when they handed Ethiopia to Italy, Spain to Franco, and Czechoslovakia to Hitler.

Above all, we were told to put our faith in Stalin, the

"mighty bulwark of peace and democracy", the genial chief of the peoples of the world.

Now Stalin drives home a blow against the people everywhere beside which Munich pales into insignificance. Never, perhaps, in history, has there been a more brutal, cynical betrayal of the hopes of a great part of mankind.

Do you think Roosevelt is fashioned from a different bolt of cloth than his fellow rulers?

The present rulers of the great powers, and the exploiters whose servants they are, are all identical in their hatred and contempt for the masses of the people, in their callous

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