



CRACK CONTROL OF C.P. IN FOOD UNION ELECTION

Progressives Win Two Chief Posts in Sharp Contest

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, April 12.—Progressives in Local 16 of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, A.F.L., won the posts of president and vice-president in a hotly contested campaign against the Stalinists during the annual elections held here yesterday.

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BARCELONA MAY DAY UPRISING DELIBERATELY PROVOKED BY MOSCOW AGENTS

(Continued from Page 1) as a lavochna—a 'gyp joint'—and this epithet was its nickname in high Soviet circles. Degeneration of the Comintern "From being the intended torch of flaming world revolution the Comintern had degenerated to a more or less useful adjunct to Stalin's foreign policy. At his convenience he could use his lavochna in any foreign country, to stir up, perhaps, some internal trouble for an unfriendly government or to affect public opinion on any international question.

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began to reach Loyalist Spain. The Soviet aid came in two streams. My organization used exclusively foreign vessels, mostly of Scandinavian registry. Captain Oulansky's 'private syndicate' in Odessa began by using Spanish boats, but their number was limited. Moscow, held by Stalin's insistence on absolute secrecy because of his fear of becoming entangled in a war, would not permit the use of Soviet ships sailing under Soviet papers, especially after submarines and trawlers in the Mediterranean began to attack and seize freighters bound for the Spanish coast.

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Pravda Decrees the Murder of Nin

(On December 17] in Moscow, Stalin's official mouthpiece, Pravda, openly proclaimed that the purge in Catalonia, already begun, 'will be conducted with the same energy with which it was conducted in the Soviet Union.' "The successful defense of Madrid with Soviet arms also gave the Ogpu new opportunities to extend its powers. Thousands were arrested, including many foreign volunteers who had come to fight Franco. Any criticism of methods, any unflattering opinion of the Stalin dictatorship in Soviet Russia, any association with men of heretical political beliefs, was regarded as treason. The Ogpu employed all the familiar means of extorting confessions and of summary executions.

APPEAL ARMY

THE WINNERS! This week we are glad to announce the results of our subscription drive for 1,000 new readers and those branches that have won the prizes we offered. A grand total of 700 new subscriptions were obtained. We completed 70% of our quota. We're convinced that a lot better could have been done and will be done next time, but still, a lot of branches did very fine work and more than completed their quotas.

AKRON YIPSELS REJECTING DEAL ASK JURY TRIAL

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) AKRON, O., April 13.—Akron branch of the Young People's Socialist League (Fourth International) intensified its Jobs for Youth campaign today by picketing district N.Y.A. offices and distributing leaflets, despite school and police attempts to hamper its activities. Meanwhile, the Y.P.S.L. prepared its case against the school officialdom and police by demanding a jury trial for five youths who were arrested March 31, while distributing leaflets of the Y.P.S.L.

Stalin Refuses Arms for Spain

"The revelations of Italian and German military aid to Franco, and the desperate appeals of the various Spanish revolutionary leaders for foreign help, brought no response from the Kremlin. The civil war in Spain developed into a huge conflagration, and still Stalin remained silent and motionless.

Moscow Appoints Miaja Supreme Chief

"Berzin insisted on the appointment of a commander in chief. This authority the republican government, supported by jealous parties and factions, was reluctant to establish. Berzin found a suitable candidate in Gen. Jose Miaja. "Stashevsky offered to take the Spanish gold to Soviet Russia, and to supply Madrid with arms and munitions in exchange. Through Negrin, he made the deal with Caballero's government.

Stalin Abandons Spain to Franco

"At this time, in the summer of 1937, just when Stalin appeared to have achieved his goal in far-away Spain, Japan struck at China. "Simultaneously the Fascist powers became more and more aggressive in the west. Italy and Germany intervened openly on Franco's side. The military situation of the Spanish republic grew increasingly difficult. If Stalin were to capitalize on his achievements in Spain, he would have to give it the full measure of help needed to defeat Franco and his allies. More than ever, he did not want to risk a major war. His slogan from the beginning of that adventure had been, 'Stay out of the range of artillery fire.' This slogan became more imperative after Japan's invasion of China and its threats on the Siberian frontier.

Articles on War Crisis Featured in New Int'l

The April issue of the New International is now on sale. The April number is of exceptional interest with respect to reviews and comments on the war crisis. The editors graphically pose the problem of the war danger. "The question is no longer: 'Will there be a New World Imperialist War?' but merely, 'Exactly when, and how, and with what lineup, will the war start?' And now that we are asked to give our lives for Democracy, it is well to understand what millions will be dying for."

Exporting the Ogpu to Spain

"At the same time, in Moscow, Stalin had instructed Yagoda, then chief of the Ogpu, to set up a branch of the Soviet secret police in Spain. From Slutsky, (chief of the Foreign Division of the Ogpu), I learned that a veteran officer of his department had been detailed to establish the Ogpu in Loyalist Spain. He was Nikolsky, alias Schwed, mission from the Ogpu. "One of the other decisions of this conference was to have the Ogpu police the movement of volunteers to Spain from every country. There is in the central committee of every Communist Party in the world one member who holds a secret commission from the Ogpu.

Slutski Organizes the Murder Gangs

"My comrade, Slutski, chief of the Foreign Division of the Ogpu, had been ordered especially from Moscow to set up a secret police system modeled on that of Russia. He arrived a day or two after my departure. The Ogpu was then blossoming out all over Loyalist territory, and concentrating on Catalonia, where the independent groups were strongest and where the real Trotskyists had their party headquarters. "They have good material over there," he told me, when he returned to Paris some weeks later, 'but they lack experience. We cannot allow Spain to become a free preserve for all the anti-Soviet elements that have been flocking there from all over the world. After all, it is now our Spain, part of the Soviet front. We must make it solid for us. Who knows how many spies are among those volunteers? And as for the anarchists and Trotskyists, even though they are anti-Fascist soldiers, nevertheless they are our enemies. They are counter-revolutionists, and we have to root them out.'

Rumor . . .

The rumor has risen from a whisper to a warble that Joseph Freeman, luminary of the Stalinist intellectual tribe and former editor of the tribal organ, The New Masses, is writing a book. Nothing new, it may be said, for not so long ago he wrote a book. Just the same, it is something new. His last book was an autobiographical comment on his life, both in its light and its lighter phases. Also, it was tailor-made to the order of the Central Committee of the Communist party. What's new this time is that the Central Committee doesn't know what J. F. is writing in his latest work, and won't like it when it finds out. For, (says the rumor) the coming book announces Mr. Freeman's renunciation of communism—he did that long ago in the columns of the New Masses—but of Stalinism as well. Do not imagine, however, that Mr. M. Gold and similars will be publicly embarrassed thereby. They will simply write the stereotyped caucous against Freeman that he used to write against others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS PENNY PARTY! Another rip-roaring swing fest Saturday, April 15, 8:30 P.M. Lower East Side Headquarters, 163 Norfolk Street. BEER PARTY & DANCE: Saturday night, April 22 at 9 P.M. Greek Workers Center 107 W. 29th St. FREE BEER! Admission: Men 50c Ladies Free. Antis: Progressive Cafeteria Workers.



