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C.P. FAKE "LEFT" TURN-CANADIAN VERSION

THE NEW "REVOLUTIONARY" PRESSURE ON THE ALLIED POWERS IS DICTATED BY THE MOSCOW LABOR BAKERS, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE STALIN-HITLER PACT

TORONTO: Canadian anti-war fighters may well be a little bewildered by the speed with which the ex-Communist Party of Canada has reversed its policy, begun speaking in "revolutionary" phrases, and met repressions by the capitalist state.

Sincere fighters against the criminal war between robber empires must ask themselves why, two months after its outbreak, these Stalinists belatedly beat their breasts, and denounce the Allies and the war. Their first ardent support of the "democracies" in the "just war against fascist aggression" is withdrawn, dropped like a hot potato. Some may wonder if the Communist Party is at last keeping a secret promise, so often hinted at by the leaders in the inner circles of the party, that, when "the crisis" came, they would let go full blast with the Leninist program of social revolution?

---NEW TURN DICTATED BY STALIN---

To accept the latest propaganda twist of the Stalinists at its face value would be a grave error. One has but to study the files of the Clarion since war broke out, to realize that the CP of C is merely parroting its sister parties of the ex-Communist International. Throughout all its apparent inconsistencies, the CP is consistent only in its role of foreign agency of the Kremlin crew of labour fakers.

The pivot of the new turn was the Stalin Hitler pact, which was a thunderbolt to Stalin's own parties abroad, and for a few days, left them speechless. But the alibi machine was soon oiled up again; One day after Hitler invaded Poland, Tim Buck was spinning a fine web of apology about the pact, hailing it as a tremendous blow for peace "which would weaken the aggressor and prevent war".

CANADA SUFFERS A "TIME LAG"

Until at least Oct 14, the Clarion was still spouting the obsolete slogans of the "democratic peace front against Hitler aggression". Cecil Ed Smith, assistant editor of the Clarion enlisted in the army, and offered the services of the Mackenzie Papineau battalion to the government, saying; "We are fighting the same thing in this war as in Spain".

Tim Buck wired Premier King, urging full support to the Poles in resisting the Nazis, asking only for guarantees of free speech and organization to all those "who stand unconditionally for the defeat of fascism in this war."

---The Clarion Plays Follow The Leader---

By Sept 23 the Clarion had quietly slipped

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SUPPORT GROWS FOR ANTI-WAR MILITANT

---Forward with Watson Fund drive---

TORONTO: (Press release) Since the Committee sent out its first press release on Oct 31st, its members have been active in the circulation of a letter of appeal to some two hundred organizations and individuals in Canada in addition to mailing of the press release to some 75 newspapers and journals in Canada and a selected number in the United States and Great Britain.

Response has been gratifying even at this early date. A leading newspaper of the nations capital, the OTTAWA JOURNAL, devoted a sympathetic editorial to the Watson case on Nov. 9. After summarizing the facts of the trial, the editor concludes that although Watson was "indiscreet" in the circumstances, a warning and suspended sentence would have been sufficient punishment. To put him in jail for a year seems far from the ideal of a punishment to fit the crime."

---WIDE SUPPORT FOR ANTI-WAR SPEAKER---

The CANADIAN FORUM, a leading journal of liberal opinion in Canada, refers editorially in its November issue to the Watson case as "the most notable" of the prosecutions under the War Measures Act in Ontario, and links the case with that of 75 United Church clergymen who have been threatened with arrest for issuing a manifesto against war. "Canadians", says the editor, "are not all united in the approving of our participation in this war, and a wise government will not insist on too much enforced uniformity."

Three thousand miles away, in Victoria, British Columbia, the DEMOCRATIC BOOK CLUB has written its support for the work of the Watson Defence Fund and enclosed a cheque for Sixteen Dollars. Similar

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EditorialA CONTENTMENT LEAFLET
-- NOT A MISTAKE

In its recent "Peace" leaflet, the Communist Party of Canada indulge in some spurious self-criticism, stating it was "mistaken in the first weeks of the war in creating the illusion that this could be made a 'different kind of war'. These opportunist illusions, the leaflet continues, "could only help the capitalists to create the confusion necessary for them to carry through their imperialist aims against the people".

On The Bandwagon Of "Democratic" Imperialism.

But the collective security line of the Comintern that led at first to its support of this 'different kind of war' was no mistake. The clique that rules Russia was trying to line up the so-called democracies behind it in order to maintain itself in power. That is why the Soviet clique ordered the national sections of the Comintern to woo their capitalist governments, to give up the class struggle for Socialism and in its place tie themselves up with such boss politicians as Horridge or King. The bureaucrats in the Soviet Union sold out the international revolution in the hope of winning support of one imperialist bloc, that of Anglo-French capitalism.

The sole victors in this strange love-match were the English and French bosses; the Stalinists everywhere exhorted the workers to not respectable support boss parties. Stalin had tied the workers down to one imperialist camp in the vain hope that his services would be recognised in the form of an alliance with this capitalist bloc.

Handspring Over To Fascist Imperialists.

The Stalin-Hitler pact signified that Stalin had switched his allegiance from the "Democratic" to the fascist imperialist gang. He had never really believed in all that bosh of an ideological war between "democracy" and fascism. Since the democracies had failed to cough up with an alliance the Stalinist clique turned to Hitler. Whereas prior

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pedalled on its criticism of the democracies, today in obedience to the demands of their new ally they tone down their criticism of Hitlerism. This now fake turn to the left is nothing more than a means of aiding Hitler. Instead of wooing the democracies the task of the various sections of the Communist Party, tools in the hands of the Soviet clique, lies in embarrassing the "democracies". This is why the Stalinists condemned the Allies for not accepting Hitler's peace overtures based on his own terms

A Workers' Peace

The workers and farmers want peace but not on Hitler's terms; nor for the

matter on the conditions that the Allies would lay down. They want a peace that they themselves will impose on the capitalist slave-drivers of both imperialist camps; a peace that can be brought about only by the socialist revolution.

The Communist Party is just as incapable today of paving the way
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off its outmoded "democratic dress". Already Hitler had completed his conquest of Poland, Stalin had annexed White Russia and the Western Ukraine. Hitler was now making peace proposals, tentatively backed by Russia. Already the New York Daily Worker had appeared on Sept. 19th with a manifesto of the American CP's national committee. Reversing its previous war-mongering support of Roosevelt and the Allies, the CP of U.S. denounced both sides in the "second Imperialist War", crying "Keep America out of War!"

The Clarion of Sept. 23 followed suit with an acid editorial hitting at the reactionary Polish and Allied governments. The Polish government, hitherto wooed by the Stalinists stood suddenly revealed as a reactionary land-lord capitalist regime "which could not be depended upon to save the Polish masses from Hitler's armies, but deserted the people". The same editorial gibes at the "holy war of the Allies to save Polish independence" which the "perfidious Tories now admitted could not have been saved anyway."

Frightening The
Allies To Make Peace

Now in the Clarion, a new undertone of mock-revolution swells louder from issue to issue. The editorials began to matter about an independent working class movement, and the need for "defeating Hitlerism abroad by making democracy work at home." By Oct. 14, nearly one month after the appearance of the American manifesto on the new line, the Clarion begins to ask "What are Canada's War Aims?" This same issue reprints the demand of the British CP that the government call a "world peace conference." The British statement declares that: "this war is a fight of imperialist powers over profits and colonies."
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SUPPORT GROWS FOR
ANTI-WAR MILITANT

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support and a donation has come from the SCARBORO WOMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE GUILD, from farmers in Waseon, Sask. from a worker in Saskatoon, Sask., and from other individuals of varying occupations and political views in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Fund Welcomes New Friends

The personnel of the Defence Committee has been extended by the welcome addition of Dr. Carlyle King, member of the Provincial Council of the Saskatchewan CCF, and a professor in the University of Saskatchewan.

In addition, great encouragement has been given the committee by the support of the AMERICAN LABOUR AID in New York City, as the result of a strong campaign for the Watson case launched by the SOCIALIST APPEAL organ of the Socialist Workers Party in the U.S.A. A donation of twenty-two dollars has already been received from this committee and has been welcomed as a gesture of international solidarity in the defence of civil liberties. Most notable among the supporters of Watson from the American side is James T. Farrell, famous novelist, author of Studs Lomax and other works. In a statement to the American press Mr. Farrell is quoted as saying: "I agree with the statement that democracy is the first casualty of the war (a statement alleged to have been made by Watson in his speech). The information on the Watson case which has been supplied me by the American Labour Aid is a clear-cut illustration of this. On this basis I support the appeal for funds to defend Watson. I hope others will realize this is an important defense case and join me in adopting this position."

Will Defend Other Victims

of War Victims
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for world domination. There is nothing the British ruling class fears more than the defeat of reaction in Germany. (They) seek to set up a new reactionary government in Germany as its servant to carry out its anti-Soviet aims. Now the Clarion's columns begin to feature anti-British propaganda for the first time in years. The independence movement in India is suddenly remembered by the Stalinists who for over two years have been crabbing at Chamberlain for his persistence in appeasing and strengthening Hitler, thus "jeopardizing the British Empire."

"Keep Canada Out of War"

By Nov. 11, with the issuance of the Peace leaflet, the new turn in Canadian Stalinist policy is complete. The peace leaflet echoes the cry of the American party, in stating that "the Canadian nation did not want war; its people did not want it; its security as an American nation demanded that Canada keep out of it." (our emphasis) Now that Roosevelt had clearly shown, by the repeal of the neutrality embargo, that he would soon enter the war on the Allied side, the Stalinists, fearing they had put their money on the losing horse, hoped to weaken the Allies by "keeping America (including Canada) out of the war!"

In the same leaflet, put out in the name of Tim Buck, Secy, the Communist Party indulges in some self criticism, stating it was "mistaken in the first weeks of the war in creating the illusion that this could be made a different kind of war." These opportunist illusions could only help the Capitalists to create the confusion necessary for them to carry through their imperialist aims against the people. This hypocrisy should deceive no one.

The C P of G in Decline

The Canadian CP is not only following the international line dictated by the Moscow clique, but it

may have its own good reasons for slipping on the fake "left" mask. It hopes to recoup its steadily waning influence and numbers. The failure of the Daily Clarion, the loss of the magazine section of the new weekly, the \$12,000 press campaign which was only one-third successful even after extensions of time, are significant; showing that the rank and file members are "voting with their feet." This is the only way to uproot the pernicious influence of Stalinism in the labour movement. The workers will themselves settle accounts with the ex-Communists; they do not ask the capitalist state to do their job for them. The bosses use red-baiting and the attacks on the CP only to make inroads on labour organizations and civil liberties, preparatory to smashing the trade unions and all labour parties completely. That is why the demand of CCF Alderman Atkinson of Windsor, and certain conservative trade unionists, to suppress the CP of C must be condemned.

The Socialist Workers League denounces the Kremlin's attempt to use the militant anti-war sentiment of labour as a pawn in Stalin's chess game with the imperialists of both camps, Allied and German, in turn. The true international Socialist makes no compromise with either war-camp, but works consistently for the overthrow of both, and an end to all war, by the struggle for a workers' state at home.

Editorial (concl. from page 2)
for such a peace as it was yesterday in spite of its pseudo-leftward turn Tim Buck, Smith & Co. are not interested in socialism for the Canadian workers and farmers; as the paid agents of the Soviet clique their sole task lies in obeying the commands of their Kremlin masters whose needs are now dictated by the Pact with Hitler.

Let no one be fooled by the fake left turn of the Communist Party. Let no one succumb to its fraudulent apologies.

THE INVASION OF FINLAND

As we write, the invasion of Finland by the armies of the Soviet Union continues and it is impossible to foretell the conclusion of this new adventure of the Kremlin clique. To revolutionary socialists, however, the issues at stake are clear.

Logical Outcome of

Foreign Policy

The attack on Finland flows logically from the previous policies of Stalin that we have always condemned. All thru the popular front period of the Kremlin's foreign policy we pointed out that Stalin's courtship of the "democracies" must inevitably end in a fiasco. The Communist Parties everywhere were employed as tools of the ruling classes. In France the Stalinist inspired popular front succeeded in braking a revolutionary upsurge that threatened to sweep the bosses into the garbage pile.

On the very eve of the crisis that culminated in the war, convinced of the perfidy of the "democracies" Stalin hurriedly lined himself up with the destinies of the opposite imperialist gang and signed a pact with Hitler. In his inveterate bureaucratic style this new move was perpetrated without so much as a friendly warning to the various sections of the Communist International, much less on their advice. Thus the American Daily Worker was innocently able to denounce the official rews of the Stalin-Hitler pact as a Trotskyist lie--until master Stalin sent the word along to the U.S. that the pact was a fact.

Stalin Ignores

Working Class

The common element to be found in Stalin's flirtations with both of the imperialist camps is his complete ignoring of the third camp--the camp of the international working class. All the steps that the rulers in Moscow have taken show their fear of relying on the workers of the world to

defend the Soviet Union. A parasitic caste existing on the backs of the workers of the Soviet Union can no more trust its fate to the hands of the international proletariat than it can to the workers of Russia. It depends on the might of the GPU, the army and bureaucratic maneuvers behind the backs of the workers.

The Stalinist clique finds itself caught in its own meshes. Fearing, as it does, to place its safe-keeping in the hands of the workers, it nevertheless distrusts its new ally, Hitler. The clique realizes full well that the Pact will become a scrap of paper the moment it pleases Hitler to launch an attack against the Soviet Union. Stalin therefore is forced to engage in military adventures to protect himself from any future imperialist invasion.

This is the key to the whole war on Finland. If Stalin had looked to the workers to defend the Soviet Union by revolutions in the more advanced countries, the present military campaign against Finland would never have been necessary. In a frenzy of despair, unable by the very nature of his regime to look to the workers for protection and suspicious of the good intentions of Hitler, Stalin uses the only weapons at the disposal of a dictator--the army and police. Viewing the invasion of Finland in this light we can easily understand that it was merely a logical continuation of the policies that the Kremlin clique has been pursuing for more than a decade.

Invasion Of Finland

Bureaucratic

We are opposed to the invasion of Finland just as we condemn every other bureaucratic move that the rulers of Moscow set in motion. Neither the international proletariat nor the workers of the Soviet Union were consulted. The whole working class movement on the contrary was disoriented and thrown into confusion. Instead of explaining the invasion to the workers of the world as a military necessity for the protection of the Soviet Union and rather than call on the

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workers of Finland to rise up and overthrow their own capitalist masters--both of which steps were taken by Lenin and Trotsky when the revolutionary armies invaded Georgia and Poland after the October revolution--Stalin merely exhorts the Finnish workers to... overthrow their Premier!(sic) Stalin fears a workers revolution in Finland just as much as he does Hitler. A revolution in Finland would infuse new blood into the workers of the Soviet Union, give them fresh courage to put an end to the Stalinist rule of terror. Caught in a trap, Stalin can offer the Finnish workers only a "democratic republic" that promises to introduce progressive land reforms etc.

Stalin Alienates Workers

Since the Stalinist clique must refrain from moving the Finnish workers to revolution and could not offer the workers a real explanation for the invasion, Stalin employed an old expedient: patent lies, the most facile weapon of a degenerating bureaucracy. So-called border incidents were manufactured or magnified until the "honor" of the Soviet Union lay at stake. Even Stalin must have realized the hollowness of his claims: the very moment he put them forward, his tactics differed from that of Hitler only in their more glaring crudeness. The direct result of these fraudulent explanations for the invasion was to alienate the workers of Finland and to rally them around the Finnish capitalists: Forced by the very nature of his rule to use totalitarian tactics, Stalin at the same time lost the only ally that he might have had in Finland.

War Is Against

Soviet Union

Opposed as we are to the invasion of Finland in this bureaucratic fashion, revolutionary socialists must still make a Marxist analysis of the situation as it exists today. The war between the Soviet Union and Finland takes on the character of an imperialist war: against the U.S.S.R. No one can

Believe that Finland would dare to have resisted the Red Army without the reassuring support of one bloc of imperialists, in this case Britain and France. In actual fact we must recognize that the fight the Finnish bourgeoisie is waging against the Soviet Union represents the initial, as yet tentative, move of the imperialist powers against the victory won in the October Revolution. The nature of the attacks launched in the censored press indicates only too clearly what the war-lords have in mind. As Chamberlain informed the House of Commons on Nov. 28: "None of us know how long this war will last, in what direction it will develop or when it is ended, who will be standing at our side and who against us." This is a clear sign that Chamberlain does not place as a remote possibility a realignment of forces that would see the Soviet Union on one side and all the large capitalist powers on the other.

Marxists have never characterized a war by determining who is the "aggressor"; the mere fact that the Soviet Union launched the initial military offensive in this war with Finland does not change the nature of the war in the slightest. It is basically a capitalist war against the Soviet Union. As this war develops it may give the Allies an opportunity to come to terms with Germany, on condition that a general offensive be launched by both Germany and the Allies against the Soviet Union.

Defend The

Workers State

Advanced workers have always recognized that the aim of the workers to overthrow the Kremlin clique must be subordinated to another more vital objective; the preservation of the gains won by the October Revolution. We must at all times carry on the struggle against the ruling clique in the USSR which stifles the development of the socialist economy, saps the strength of the workers just as a reactionary trade union bureaucracy perverts the militancy of the (concluded on page 10, col. 2)

Editorial

THE WAR NOBODY WANTS

When We Reflect on the puzzlement, and even impatience, of very many persons that the second world war, in its first seven weeks, failed to get really going, we should begin by noting what has nevertheless happened: One nation, of 36,000,000 inhabitants, has been wiped off the map. Three others have been reduced to satellites, provinces even, of greater power. According to some estimates, the destruction of buildings, railroads, highways, tilled fields, and so on, has equalled that of the western campaign during the entire four years of the first world war. The loss in ships has been at a rate above anything reached in the first world war until February, 1917. There have been, at a minimum, several hundred thousand casualties. To regard all this as merely a preliminary by-play is simply indirect recognition of the universal understanding that this new war is the most terrible event in the history of humanity, compared to which the first world war was not much more than a dress rehearsal.

Why No Military Action

Nevertheless, the conduct of the war so far needs explanation. It is a fact that, with the exception of the Polish invasion there has been no major action. Why not? There are two chief causes:

The first, and primary, cause for temporizing is that no one wants the war; or, more exactly, that no government, no ruling class, no responsible diplomat wants the war. What has any of them to gain from a general war now? Hitler? Why possibly should he want the war? He has most of Poland; he overshadows the Balkans; He needs a digesting period; he would wish to consolidate his base for the next stage in expansion. He must expend, of course, but war is the most expensive means and above all the most dangerous means; He knows--he said so in the Reichstag "peace appeal"--that in many wars there only losers; he knows the chances that his internal regime will crack in a long war.

All Fear The Masses

Stalin? He fears a long war most of all, for he knows by direct experience what the armed people can do to their tyrants in the course of war, and he knows the present hate of the masses. Chamberlain? Britain can only lose by the war. The European battle-

Front is not decisive for England. The little island already has her hands much more than full with the vast territories of the Empire; it cannot even wish for more possessions. And England knows that it will not even retain such of these present possessions whatever the outcome. The immediate "declarations of war" by India, Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand did not deceive Chamberlain. There is already overproof that the masses in India are not going to be swung behind this war after the lessons of the last; many indications, on the contrary, that in spite of Gandhi the Indian workers and peasants are getting ready to use the war crisis in order to strike for freedom. And already in the United States Congress (half-joking today) there is talk about "independence" for Canada. Or Daladier? The position of France is only a soiled edition of England's. France enters the war reduced to a second-class power by the events of the past six years; she can scarcely hope to hold even this rank, however the war goes. And the workers in both England and France are unenthusiastic even in the beginning. Into what attitude will so negative a feeling change as deaths and prices mount?

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Imperialism in a

Blind Alley

Why, then, if these things are so, do they let themselves be drawn: stop after irrevocable stop, into this war that nobody wants? Their fears make for the delay, all hesitate to begin fully, but no one says the word that would close the ever-widening breach.

Alas, they do not want war, but they cannot permit peace. Their dilemma is not a logical abstraction but a concrete blind alley. Consider it as Chamberlain must see it: all that is true about the war, but Hitler has shown fully by now that he cannot be content with less than a hegemony which would drive England out of the world-imperial sun; to give him his peace would mean only to admit, in advance, his victory. For Deladier, to make peace would be merely to give formal sanction to Germany's dominance over the Continent, and France's withdrawal to the wings of the imperial stage. And Hitler must (he, again, has himself told us) "expand or die"; since he cannot expand further by words, he must now do so with bombs. Nor is Stalin in less rudely jammed against the wall. Begins only, from the depths of his provincial heart, that the "foreign" pigs should keep their snouts from his Russian garden so that his own may, without interference, grub more deeply. Stalin finds himself sucked into the imperialist vortex which he thought he could manipulate to his advantage from the outside. You must choose, said Berlin; fight with us or against us. London offered only the same choice. And, since long ago Stalin drew a line of blood between himself and the only other camp--the proletarian camp, opposed equally to both Berlin and London--Stalin has no third choice. As imperialism comes to the last fork in its road, it sees that both branches lead alike to the abyss.

War Is Continuous

There is a second factor which has held off grand-scale military operations. War, we say often enough, is the continuation of politics by other means; perhaps we should rather say that war is continuous among imperialist powers, and in this continuous war armed conflict figures as simply one--often not by itself the decisive--means among many others. The war has not, in reality, been idle during these seven weeks. But its great battles have been fought in the chancelleries and in the offices of technicians and economic experts, not on the western front. The oil of Rumania, the grain of Hungary and Yugoslavia, free passage through the Dardanelles are more important than a battleship. Repel of the United States arms embargo weighs more heavily for Paris and London than the Saar.

The Labour Bureaucracy

Enters The War

The war, already dominant over all other issues in the life of the entire world. In Canada, lines are being redrawn with a sharpness that mirrors the battlefield.

The Leadership of the Trades and Labour Congress, CF of L, AOC of L, and Confedration of Catholic Workers pledged itself to its trait-or role, by supporting the war, and once more proved how true it is that the labour bureaucracy is the agent of imperialism.

In the one camp we have the Moore-Mosher-Burford gang of labour fakery representing British-French imperialism; in the second camp, the Stalinists representing the Hitler-Stalin axis. There is nothing more than this. The democratic anti-fascist pretensions on one side, the new pro-peace, "anti-imperialist war demagoguery of the other, are equally lies.

And what of the third camp? Not much appears about it, yet, in the public press; but in this war it is the third camp--the camp of the revolutionary proletarian struggle against the war and the war-mongers.

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AFTER DUPLESSIS

by Louis Gagnon

Montreal...Duplessis and his mob have gone, the old gang is back again, and the people of Quebec are now wondering whether they will be any better off.

Everyone has his own interpretation of the significance of Duplessis' defeat. The capitalist press throughout Canada hails it as a "triumph of National unity" in the pursuit of the war, blandly ignoring the fact that the Liberals fought the election on the "no-conscription" promise of their Federal members in Quebec province, headed by Mr. Lapointe. But, after all, Mr. Lapointe and his chief, Mr. King, have the best possible authority for ignoring such promises. Did not the high-minded President Wilson win his election on "Keep America out of War", and then promptly lead it into the last war? Only the simplest souls will credit King and Lapointe with more integrity than Wilson. They are loyal servants of their class, capable of carrying out whatever steps are necessary to safeguard Canadian capitalism. When conscription is necessary it will be imposed.

Not A Vote For War

It is a cynical lie to interpret the defeat of Duplessis as a vote for the war. True, St. James St. capital is at one with its fellow gangsters in the rest of Canada. And the Catholic Church has deserted Duplessis for the more formidable strength of the British Empire at war. These were weights in the scale, great weights that had much to do with the landslide. But the factors that doomed the Duplessis machine to sure defeat were the combination of vicious labour legislation and anti-labour activity of the pseudo-fascist Duplessis Gov't together with its almost unparalleled record of graft, corruption, and inefficiency. The two old-line parties have viewed the activity of the Duplessis machine these past few years with envy and admiration.

He has left them a target to shoot at and not much in the way of funds ammunition.

So, the workers and farmers of Quebec needs no urging from pulpit or platform to go out and cast their vote against Duplessis. The tragedy was that there was no decent alternative for them to choose. They will rid themselves of a vest-pocket dictator only to fall victim to the dictatorship of Ottawa--the War dictatorship.

Masters Change---

Exploitation Remains

Quebec province will not accept Ottawa's war dictatorship tamely. The workers and farmers of this province have little love for the government and system that keeps them at the lowest level of living in the whole country. The United States have their Negroes as the most exploited section of the population. Great Britain has her India. Canada has her French-Canadians. A strangulating Church does its best to keep this population cut off from its brothers in the rest of Canada and a predatory blood-sucking capitalism takes advantage of their isolation to impose its worst conditions of labour. The French-Canadian worker and farmer looks desperately about for an avenue of escape. The War, with its additional threat of final extinction is the god that can spur the workers and farmers of Quebec into active resistance.

Unity Needed Against

Enemy At Home

Duplessis, the local tyrant, most active in dividing of Quebec from the rest of Canada, is gone. The enemy that now faces the workers and farmers of Quebec is the same enemy that faces the exploited masses of the rest of Canada.

Yes, a step towards unity has been achieved. But it is not the step that our Bosses visualize. It is a step towards unity AGAINST THE WAR AND AGAINST THE BOSSES. And it should come as a surprise to no revolutionary that Quebec may be first to raise the banner against war. It is our task to see that the banner is raised and the battle fought, not only AGAINST WAR but FOR SOCIALISM.

Funds of SUPPORT GROWS FOR
about 10 NEW ANTI-WAR MILITARY

INVASION OF FINLAND

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The Committee still urgently needs funds despite the gratifying response. The appeal will be heard on November 28th. Redoubled public efforts are necessary before that date, and it is possible that if the fine is sustained by the appeal magistrate, the committee will need to remain in activity in order to raise funds to meet the fine and to reduce Watson's sentence by six months at least. If this is not possible the Committee is prepared to extend its activities to the defence of other worthy cases arising out of the War Measures Act, or to divert the balance remaining in its treasury, if any, to some other accredited organization which is carrying on similar activity in behalf of civil liberty.

(concluded from page 6) Lockdown workers to its own ends and consciously gives up the struggle for the world revolution in order to maintain itself in power. At the same time, however, with arms in hand we must stand ready to protect the workers state established by the Revolution. The revolution wiped out private property and socialized industry and the land. This planned economy has yet to be achieved in the other countries of the world and must be protected where it is already in existence.
Being for the protection of the Soviet Union against the capitalists, we are accordingly for the victory of the Soviet forces in Finland and believe that the advanced workers in Finland should do everything in their power to ensure such a victory. Once the victory of the Red Army is achieved then the workers can settle accounts with the Stalinist bureaucracy. The workers cannot rely on the capitalist armies to vanquish the bureaucracy for them; this is the task that the workers will perform themselves.

SEND FUNDS TO:

M.G. DAWSON,
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TORONTO, ONT.
(See'y-Treas.)

*****DEMAND RELEASE OF FRANK WATSON*****

*****DEMAND REPEAL OF SEC. 39 & 39A*****
*****OF DEFENCE OF CANADA REGULATIONS*****

---FLASH---

As we go to press we learn that the appeal court has refused to release Frank Watson or reduce the penalty. As part of its case, the prosecution produced in court a leaflet issued by the Socialist Workers' League protesting the conviction of Watson. Watson testified from the box that in his anti-war speech he had condemned fascism, scored the Stalin-Hitler pact as a "betrayal of the workers of the world" and called on workers to organize in their trade unions to defend their civil rights and standard of living.

The right to secure the freedom of Watson must go on. The release of Watson will be the first step in regaining the democratic rights from the workers by the Canadian war lords.

******FIGHT AGAINST THIS BOSS WAR******

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as a whole, implacably against London-Paris-Washington as against Berlin-Moscow--that must and will in the end triumph. And the immediate fight of the third camp here must go head on against Moore-Moshore-Surford as well as the Tim Bucks.

WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE:
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