

Pakt Nemčije in Rusije udarec na delavski pokret

TRETJI RAJH S POGODBO OGROMNO PRIDOBIL. — SVASTIKA POSTALA NA JAPONSKEM ZNAK IZDAJSTVA. — KONEC III. INTERNACIONALE

Pakt med Hitlerjem in Stalinom, ki je presenetil svet, posebno pa delavski razred, je bil pričakovani. Ze mnogo tednov so prihajala v svet poročila o tajnih pogajanjih med njima, a le malokdo je verjel, da je zveza med nacizmom in komunizmom mogoča.

Dogodila se je in je zdaj dejstvo.

V delavskih vrstah je povzročila razočaranje, kajti sovjetska Unija je imela med ljudstvom po svetu milijone prijateljev, ki niso komunisti, a so polagali na to ogromno državo največje nade.

Poznavalci komunističnih taktik niso presenečeni. Pri sklepanju pogodbe s Hitlerjem ni imelo 170.000.000 prebivalcev sovjetske Unije nobene besede. Ko je bila razglašena, so se čudili celo bolj kakor pa delavstvo in buržvazija v drugih deželah.

Največ je s tem paktom pridobil Hitler. Chamberlainova prizadevanja, da se Nemčijo obkroži in se ji v slučaju vojne prepreči dovoz potrebščin, so padla v vodo in utonila.

Sovjetska Unija je takozvanemu "smrtnemu sovražniku komunizma" odprla svoje vire. Blokada, kakršno je poznala kajzerjeva Nemčija v zadnji svetovni vojni, je zdaj nemogoča.

Pakt z Rusijo je trijumf za Hitlerja, pa če komunistična propaganda še tako skuša omejit to resnico. Sovjetska Unija mu je dala s to pogodbo več opore, kot pa mu jo more dati Italija z svojo oboroženo silo.

V momentu, ko je izgledalo, da se proti Hitlerju kuje zveza Francije, Anglije, Rusije in neposredno Zedinjenih držav, se je Hitler vsem zarežal izza kulis s paktom, ki je bil podpisan v navzočnosti Stalina Nemčiji v korist.

Sveda, tudi Rusija je nekaj pridobila. Ni se ji treba bati, da se bo v slučaju vojne z Japonsko morala boriti tudi z Nemčijo.

Judež je izdal Odrašenika za 30 srebrnikov. Hitler je izdal svojo zavezo Japonsko za vrečo srebrnikov.

Do 22. avgusta je bila svastika na Japonskem znak svete zveze proti kominterni. Zdaj je znak izdajstva. Japonci pljujejo nanj. Do nedavno so prilagali klofute Angležem. Po 22. avgustu padajo po licih Nemcev na Kitajskem in Japonskem. Hitler je bil prisiljen pozvati svoje ljudi iz Azije, ker jih ne more ščititi pred japonskimi dlanmi in ne pred sramoto, v katero so padli.

Rusija je s pogodbo ojačala svojo pozicijo proti Japonski, in to je glavna njena pridobitev. Kaj določa dogovor glede bodočnosti baltičskih dežel, Finske, Rumunije, Turčije, Jugoslavije, Bolgarije itd., je danes še tajnost, toda nedvomno nič dobrega za omenjene dežele, neglede na protivna zagotovila iz Berlina, ki tolajijo posebno Fince.

Stalin se je masčeval nad Chamberlainom toda ob enem je dal komunističnemu gibanju po svetu usodni udarec. Preko noči je moralo postati iz sovražnika nacizma njegov zagovornik.

Močna komunistična stranka v Franciji, ki je bila poleg stranke v sovjetski Uniji največja podružnica kominterne, je v razsulu. Po braniteljih sovjetske vnanje politike v Franciji pa je padla roka francoske vlade.

V Zd. državah imajo komunisti že par let običaj tajiti, da so komunisti, kar jim posebno v sedanjem slučaju dobro služi.

Zagovarjajo pogodbo s Hitlerjem, na katerega so do pred nekaj dnevi klicali ogenj in vzepljo, in rohne proti "izdajalstvu" Chamberlaina in Daladierja, kar pa njihovim strmečim pristajam vendar ne pojasnja čemu se je Rusija več mesecev pogajala za zvezo z njima javno, a tajno, za njunima hrbtoma, pa s Hitlerjem.

Sovjetski vojni komisar Vorošilov trdi, da se sovjeti niso zvezali z njima zato, ker nista privolila ruski armadi iti preko Poljske nad Hitlerja.

To ne drži. Kajti ako bi bila Vorošilova trditev resnična, (Nadaljevanje na 3. strani.)

Konvencija CIO

Predsednik CIO John L. Lewis je sklical prihodnjo ali drugo konvencijo unij, pridruženih Kongresu industrialnih organizacij, na 10 oktobra v San Francisco.

V TEJ ŠTEVILKI

Sovjetski-nacijski pakt je okrenil marsikaj z nog na glavo. Nešteti milijoni, ki so verjeli, da je komunizem protifašističen, so razočarani. Socialistično glasilo je dolžno, da ta ogromni pojav v svetovnem potresu razlaga in komentira. Temu namenu je urejena ta številka Proletarca.

SVET PRIPRAVLJEN UNIČITI SAMEGA SEBE

Boj med kominterno in naciji ni bil načelen

Adolf Hitler je pričel svojo borbo za imperialistični preporod Nemčije z geslom svete vojne proti marksizmu. Ko je s pomočjo komunistov vrge nemško republiko in odpravil njeno ustavo, je poostiril svoj boj proti komunizmu in propagando proti Rusiji.

Noben državnik današnjih dni ni rohnal proti kominterni in sovjetski Uniji toliko kakor HITLER. Nihče ji ni grozil in jo žalil toliko kakor on. Proti nji je ustanovil zvezo fašističnih držav, da z njo otme svet pred komunizmom.

Ta Hitlerjeva zveza je bila laž. Zato jo je zavrzel čim je pridobil Stalina za pakt z Nemčijo. Zveza proti "kominterni" je razpadla ko hiša iz kart. V Berlinu so zaigrali iz prijateljstva do vlade v Moskvi "Internacionalo", ki so jo naciji poslušali stoje.

Ravno tako kot Hitlerjeva zveza proti kominterni je strmoglavil v brezdno tudi komunistični boj proti nacizmu in Hitlerju.

Navidezno se komunisti še navdušujejo za demokracijo in proti fašizmu, a ne bo dolgo, ko se bodo z demokracije spet norčevali kot so se skupno z nacijo pred Hitlerjevo zmago v Nemčiji. Vsled sporazuma s tretjim rajhom je kominterni spet spremenila svojo taktiko, ki je prijateljska nacijem in smeši demokracije dežele.

Boj med kominterno in nacijo je bil breznačelen. Socialisti so to trdili od početka. Drugi so uvideli to resnico sedaj, ko sta si Moskva in Berlin segla prijateljsko v roko.

PRESOJANJE DOGODKOV DOMA IN PO SVETU

V San Antoniu v Texasu so komunisti skušali dobiti dvorano za svoj shod. Niso uspeli. Na pomoč jim je prišel bivši kongresnik župan Maury Maverick in jim je dal na razpolago municipalni avditorij. Okrog 200 ljudi se je udeležilo shoda, zunaj pa se je zbrala drhal, ki je šela kakih pet tisoč ljudi.

V zaščito shoda je župan poslal policijo in gasilce, ki so s količki, plinskimi bombami in vodnimi curki razgnali množico. Večina prebivalstva zahteva, da župan nemudoma odstopi. Komunisti se zgražajo nad drhaljo, ker so pozabili, da so tudi oni razbili že nič koliko shodov, posebno socialistične. Zdaj, ko so spremenili "linijo", bodo shode drugih delavskih struk bržkone zopet razbijali.

Iz Slovenije piše nekdo, da je bil mnogo let v Ameriki, da se iz njihovega časopisa ne more o sedanjih krizi nič točnega izvedeti, ker je glavni urednik vseh listov cenzor. Toliko strahneje pa so govorice, ki krožijo med ljudmi, pravi naš znanec.

Norman Thomas je dejal, da je pogodba med Rusijo in Nemčijo dala svetu "kronano sramoto in žalost". O ameriških komunistih je dejal, da če so iskreni, bodo obsodili pogodbo z nacijo. Ampak to se ne dogodi, je dejal. Kajti ako bi se, bi morali komunisti enako obsoditi tudi svojo nacijsko taktiko v unijah.

Hrvatsko vprašanje je baje rešeno. Pet Hrvatov je bilo imenovanih v kabinet Dragiša Cvetkovića in Vladimir Maček je podpredsednik ministrstva. Podrobnosti dogovora o novi ureditvi Jugoslavije nam še niso znane. Najbrže tudi Hrvat, Slovec in Srbom v starem kraju niso.

V Gradcu se je vršil kongres zastopnikov nemških manjšin, na katerem so bili mnogi Nemci iz Zd. držav, Jugoslavije, Madžarske, Brazilije in številnih drugih držav. Zastopniki Hitlerja so jim zagotovili, da je (Nadaljevanje na 2. strani)

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Hearstov poraz v Chicagu

V Chicagu je prošlo nedeljo prenehal izhajati dnevnik "Herald and Examiner", ki je bil nekaj let eden največjih dnevnikov v Chicagu in na srednjem zapadu, posebno dokler je vodil njegovo uredništvo pokojni Arthur Brisbane.

Od njegove smrti dalje je "Herald and Examiner" izgubil deset tisoč naročnikov, veliko mu je škodil poslednja leta tudi boj kot zavednega delavstva nad vsem Hearstovim tiskom, zadnji udarec pa mu je dala stavka časniških delavcev.

"Herald and Examiner" je moral prenehati, ker je postal Hearstu preveliko finančno breme. Okrog 700 tiskarniških in časniških delavcev je ob delo vsled tega, ampak delavstvo v celoti ni s tem dnevnikom ničesar izgubilo.

Izseljevanje muslimanov iz Jugoslavije

Tirolski Nemci pod Italijo niso edini, ki so ob svojo staro domovino. Enaka usoda je zadel muslimane v Jugoslaviji.

Turška in jugoslovanska vlada sta se namreč sporazumno dogovorile, da se jih izseli iz Jugoslavije v Turčijo 270.000. Dovoljenje za izselitve izdaja jugoslovanska vlada le onim muslimanom, ki so v stanju dokazati, da so čistokrvnega turškega pokolenja. Izseljevanje torej ni brutalno prisiljeno, nego več ali manj urejeno s tistišča obojestranske koristi turške in jugoslovanske države.

Slovincem na Koroškem se slabo godi

Slovenska društva na Koroškem so pod Hitlerjem popolnoma onemogočena. Se celo požarne brambe s slovensko komando so razpuščene. Ta usoda je letos doletela zadnje slovensko gasilno društvo v St. Jakobu v Rožu. List "Koroški Slovec" še izhaja. Nemčija ga dopušča Jugoslaviji na ljubo. Toda priobčati mora za slovenski denar nacijsko propagando.

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NAD 14,000,000 VOJAKOV ČAKA NA UKAZ OBNOVITI KRVAVO ŽALOIGRO

MIR V SEDANJI UREDBI NEVZDRŽLJIV. — LOK NEPRESTANO NAPET. — LJUDSTVA V UMORNI NEGOTOVOSTI. — DIKTATORJI KATASTROFA ZA ČLOVEŠTVO

Vojna, ki se je pričela leta 1914, je bila malenkost v primeri s to, na kakršno je svet zdaj pripravljen. Vse dežele so izborno oborožene. Vse so že par let v mrzlični oboroževalni tekmi, kateri mora služiti vse.

Prednost Nemčije

Posredno je to tekmo izzvala Nemčija, ki se je v razmeroma kratkem času oborožila veliko bolj kot pa je bila militariistična kajzerjeva Nemčija ob izbruhu svetovne vojne.

Stretegični položaj je za Nemčijo danes sijajen, kajti leta 1914 je imela proti sebi ogromno Rusijo, docim je danes z njo v sporazumu in računa na njena živila in sirovine. V teh okoliščinah je Nemčija najmočnejša sila v Evropi. Njen firer se nadeja, da mu bo mogoče s pomočjo ruske nevtralnosti in potrebnih iz Rusije poraziti Francijo in Anglijo tudi ako bi mu Italija obrnila hrbet, kakor ga je obrnila Wilhelmu in Francu Jožefu, s katerima je bila v zvezi.

Armade v številkah

Nemčija ima nad dva milijona izbornih izvaženih vojakov. V tehničnem oziru ima prvenstvo na svetu. Na polju kemije je ne dosega nobena dežela. Njena industrija se zlahka kosa z vsako drugo na svetu. Ponaša se, da je v značni vojni floti jačja kot Francija in Anglija skupaj.

Moč Nemčije torej ni samo v številu nego še posebno v kvaliteti njene armade. Vzlic temu je jasno, da v slučaju nove svetovne vojne ne bo končala boja boljše nego v prejšnji. Armade vseh dežel so zdaj organizirane uničiti vse kar dosežejo in pobiti vse od kraja. V prejšnjih časih so se pobijali običajno le vojaki. Razvoj letalstva pa je izbrisal vse fronte in spremenil vojskujoče se dežele v celoti v bojišče. Nikomur se več ne prizanaša. Prebivalstvo mest je danes v vojni celo bolj izpostavljeno nevarnosti za svoja življenja, kot pa vojaki na fronti, ki so zaščiteni v zakopih.

Samomor civilizacije

To, na kar so dežele danes pripravljene, ne bo samo vojna

med armadami, nego barbar-ska orgija z vsimi pripomočki, ki jih ima človek, da poruši kolikor največ mogoče in poduši ljudi in živino brez prizanašanja.

Generalni štabi vseh dežel predvidevajo v svojih načrtih čimgrozovitejši udar v početku, ker smatrajo, da bi tisti, ki bo planil najhujše prve momente, prve ure in prve dni krvave drame, najlaglje in čim hitreje zmagal.

Apeli za mir

Vse vlade in tudi diktatorji vedo, da je vojna blaznost in da v nji koncem konca ne bo nihče zmagovalac. Mnogi državniški apelirajo za mir. Lani so z apeli in s popustitvami preprečili vojno v Evropi in za ta mir so žrtvovali čehoslovsko.

Toda trajno vzdržavati ta mir je nemogoče. To je kot mir pred volkov, katerim mečeš žrtve, da rešiš svojo kožo.

Tretji rajh je pod svojim firerjem odločen nadahjevati z zahtevami za žrtve in če se mu jih svet naveliča metati v žrelo, bo zaplamtel.

Va zanesljiv mir je treba volje za sodelovanje med deželami in vzajemnega reševanja sporov.

V družbi kakršna je ni trajnih pogojev za mir, ker je kapitalistična in imperialistična, kakor je bila.

Zadovoljni in nezadovoljni

Dežele, ki so zadovoljne s tem kar so si nagnabile, žele mir. Druge, ki smatrajo, da imajo vsega premalo ali da so bile oropane priložnosti zahtevajo kolonije sirovine podjarmljenje malih dežel in umik "siti" velesil na drugo mesto, prvega pa naj prepuste njim.

Taka država je Nemčija, ki želi v svetovnem vplivu in posestih nadomestiti Veliko Britanijo. Italija hrepeni vzeti vlogo Francije in Japonska pa nadomestiti imperializem vseh dežel s svojo nadvlado nad azijskim kontinentom.

Dasi čujemo mnogo o demokraciji in takih rečeh, kakor smo v prejšnji svetovni vojni, je jasno, da se tekma med ve-

(Nadaljevanje na 3. strani.)

Naši "antifašisti" v stiski

1. Ali so slovenski in hrvaški "antifašisti" danes pripravljeni priznati resnico, da so zavajali delavce, ko so trdili, da se bore za demokracijo in proti fašizmu?
2. Ali so zdaj, ko je dokaz na dlani, pripravljeni priznati, da so se pred nekaj tedni prelevili iz "antifašistov" v "napredne slovenske delavce" zato, ker jim je bil dan namig, da bo Stalin sklenil zvezo s Hitlerjem?
3. Ali so pri volji priznati, da je "Radniški Glasnik" postal iz "glasila hrvaške komunistične sekcije" glasilo "naprednih hrvaških radnikov" iz istega razloga?
4. Ali so bivši slovenski in hrvaški "antifašisti" pri volji priznati, da so pod masko borbe proti socialistom, katere so zmerjali s "puikarji", "socialfašisti", zavezniki Hitlerja itd., ogoljufali s pomočjo svojega "Radnika", "Delavske Slovenije", "Delavca", "Radniškega Glasnika" in "Napreja" jugoslovanske delavce za tisoče dolarjev in jih zavajali?
5. Ali so pripravljeni priznati, da njihova taktika ni bila nikoli protifašistična, nego olje na ogenj fašizmu? Tudi če teh dejstev nočejo priznati, resnica je očitna in jim je ni mogoče zakriti.

Zaton "Ameriške lige za demokracijo in mir"

"Ameriška liga za mir in demokracijo" (American League for Peace and Democracy) je na svoji lanskni konvenciji rohnela proti Hitlerju kolikor je bilo v njeni moči. Tako je zahtevala "strankina linija", kajti omenjena liga je podružna organizacija komunistične stranke. Pod to krinko je bila do letos v stanju dobiti na svoje konvencije tisoč delegatov in več in v svoje parade do 20 tisoč ljudi.

Njena letošnja konvencija se je vrnila v mestu New York. V pripravah zanjo je Daily Worker obljuboval, da se je ude-

ležel več delegatov ko kdaj prej in da bo v njeni paradi najmanj 40.000 ljudi.

Pakt med Rusijo in Nemčijo je tej lažni komunistični ligi "za demokracijo in mir" pokvaril račune in aranžmo.

Vsi napisi, ki so jih imeli komunisti pripravljene proti Hitlerju, so bili dan pred parado uničeni, ker je Hitler zdaj prijatelj "miru" in demokracije USSR.

Prvič, od kar ta liga obstoji, so bili iz njene konvenčne parade izključeni vsi napisi proti nacijem.

Pristaši te lige, ki so do nedavna verjeli Browderjevi komunistični stranki, so parado bojkotirali. Namesto 40.000 jih je bilo v nji po cenitvi policije kvečjemu štiri tisoč, torej toliko, kot ima komunistična stranka v New Yorku največještjih pristavev.

"Liga za mir in demokracijo" je končala v laži, kakor je bila tudi ustanovljena pod masko laži. Napisi, ki so jih komunisti v tej paradi dovolili, niso smeli niti neposredno zadevati Hitlerja, kajti od 21. avgusta on ni več fašist. Vsi apeli za bojkotiranje izdelkov iz Nemčije so morali iz parade izostati.

a namesto njih je bilo toliko več pozivov za bojkotiranje japonskega blaga. Japonska namreč ni še sklenila prijateljstva s Stalinom.

Nekaj napisov proti "fašističnim brutalnostim", ki so jih imeli v paradi, naj bi služilo ostankom te neiskrene lige za pesek v oči. A masa je prevaro spoznala. Earl Browder bo moral ustanoviti za navčne kaj novega, kajti z "ameriško ligo za mir in demokracijo" je doigran.

Nemogoče je prati Hitlerja in v isti sapi igrati vlogo borca za demokracijo.

WHY NOT MAKE EVERY DAY LABOR'S DAY?

Next Monday the workers of America will again celebrate Labor's national holiday.

The spirit of Labor Day is the spirit of the dignity of Labor. On that day it is well to recall that all good things come from the brain and muscle of those men and women who, on farm, in factory and in offices, on railroads and on the ships at sea, produce and distribute the needs and desires of humanity.

However, Labor Day, 1939, finds the workers of America in an unfavorable position.

It is difficult to assert the dignity of Labor, when the laborers themselves are divided. Unity is the first requisite of power, and today we witness the sorry spectacle of American workers engaged in a fratricidal struggle which not only weakens their prestige, but actually menaces the stability of democratic government.

The dreary spectacle of a disorganized working class at grips with itself, brother against brother, and the possibility of workers again becoming the gullible victims of a capitalist war, leads us to consider—"It is true that the organized workers of America have nothing to be thankful for, nothing to celebrate on this Labor Day?"

Labor can achieve its hopes and ideals through a united front. United on the political as well as upon the industrial field. Workers should understand that they must not only work together and strike together, but also vote together!

There is no good reason why those who work and are exploited for profit should surrender their political power to those who own and exploit.

United in industry, united in politics, Labor can make this world their world. They can enjoy the full fruits of the riches they create. They can enslave machinery and add to humanity's harvest of security and leisure.

Those are the objectives which we submit for the acceptance of the workers.

FREUD ON ANTI-SEMITISM

Taken From His New Book

Sigmund Freud, creator of psychoanalysis, a method of research as well as a therapeutic treatment for certain neuroses, is now living in England, having left his native Vienna after Germany's annexation of Austria. He is hated, as no other scientist, by the Nazis as the prototype of everything they do not understand; his books have been publicly burned in Berlin.

Destitute, Freud left Austria. He had sacrificed all his possessions, but he was only too willing to do so in exchange for spiritual freedom. Weary after his escape from Vienna, disheartened by the destruction of his library, and long in a delicate condition, latest reports have it that he is now gravely ill at his Hampstead, England, home.

In a new book, "Moses the Man, and Monotheism," he gives the following analysis of anti-Semitism:

"A phenomenon of the intensity and the durability of the peoples' hatred against the Jews must, of necessity, have more than one reason. One can guess at quite a number of reasons; some evidently, have their origin in reality and need no interpretation; other lie deeper and come from secret sources; these might be recognized as the specific motives. Among the first mentioned, the reproach of foreigners (Landfremdheit) is probably the most ancient one, since in many places, today under the rule of anti-Semitism, the Jews belong to the oldest parts of the population, or have even been there longer than the present inhabitants. "That, for instance, is true of the City of Cologne, where the Jews came together with the Romans, before the Germans occupied it.

The "Unpardonable" Characteristics

"Other foundations for the hatred of the Jews are stronger; for instance, the circumstance that they usually lived as minorities among other peoples; because the community feeling of the masses needs for a complement the enmity against an outside minority, and the numerical weakness of the excluded ones invites their suppression.

"There are two characteristics of the Jews, however, which are unpardonable. The first is that they are different from the 'host peoples' (Wirtvolker). Not basically different, because they are not foreign Asiatics, as their enemies maintain; they are really composed of the remains of the Mediterranean peoples and are the heirs to Mediterranean culture.

"However, they are different; different in often undefinable ways, but different, especially from the Nordic people; and it is remarkable how the intolerance of the masses expresses itself much more forcefully against small dissimilarities than against fundamental differences.

"Of even greater effect is the second characteristic, namely, that they defy all suppressions, that the cruellest persecutions have not succeeded in destroying them, yes, that they rather show the ability to assert themselves by gaining a living and making valuable contributions to all cultural

achievements, wherever they are admitted.

Nazis Hate Christianity

"The deeper motives for the hatred of the Jews are rooted in times, long since passed; their actions draw upon the unconscious state of mind of the peoples, and I am prepared that at first they will appear to be unworthy of belief.

"I venture the assertion that jealousy of a people which described itself as the first-born and preferred child of God, the Father, has even today, not yet been overcome by the others, as if they really gave credence to this claim.

"Furthermore, among the customs by which the Jews segregated themselves, circumcision made a disagreeable, weird impression; it may be explained by the implied admonition about the dreaded castration which touches a bit of primeval past, one would rather forget. And, finally, the latest motive in this series: one should not forget that all these peoples, who today are outstanding in their hatred of the Jews, have only in historical times become Christians, often through force of bloody oppression.

"It can be said that they have been 'badly baptized'; under a thin veneer of Christianity they have remained like their ancestors, who still paid homage to barbarian polytheism. They have never overcome their ill-will against the new religion, forced upon them, as it were; but they have redirected it against the source from which they derived Christianity.

"The fact that the evangelical scriptures tell a story which happened among Jews, and really only to Jews, has made it easy to effect such a displacement. Their hatred of the Jews is, fundamentally, a hatred against Christianity, and there is no need for astonishment at the fact that the German National-Socialist revolution finds a distinct expression in the spiteful treatment it accords to the two, so intimately related, monotheistic religions."

JSF JUNIOR GUILD TO RESUME MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO—After a brief summer vacation during which their meetings and other activities were suspended the JSF Junior Guild group of youngsters will again get into the swing of things at their first meeting, which is called for Friday, Sept. 1, at the Slovene Labor Center.

All members are urged to attend this meeting and participate in arranging a schedule of activities for the Fall and Winter season.

Kristina Turpin.

Take that, Ladies

The average woman spends three-quarters of an hour a day in front of the mirror. This amounts to a total of 12 days a year. So that during the years between 16 and 60 a lady has spent nearly a year and a half of her life looking at herself in the glass.—The Commentator Magazine.

Joseph Martinek Spoke At Branch 1 Meeting

Chicago. — After two previous unsuccessful attempts to get comrade Joseph Martinek to address the meeting of Branch 1 JSF, we finally succeeded, and comrade Martinek did attend our meeting last Friday. Uncertainty as to his attending and cognizant of the extremely tense situation among Czechs in this country in their second revolution which keeps men like Martinek, Benes, and other Czech leaders busy every moment of their waking hours, we did not advertise the meeting and consequently the attendance was not half of what it otherwise would have been for such an occasion.

Upon conclusion of the day's order of business, comrade Frank Zaitz, who made a business tour to Cleveland, Ohio, during a recent week-end, spoke of conditions there among our people and of prospects for future work of our movement and our publications.

Comrade Charles Pogorelec, who campaigned for Proletarec in a number of towns in Minnesota's Iron Range recently, where he succeeded in securing 30 new subscribers for Proletarec and a number of ads for the 1940 issue of the American Family Almanac, told of working conditions among our people there, and of their labor and Socialist activities.

After this, comrade Joseph Owen spoke on the European situation and the bomb which Hitler and Stalin dropped in Europe last week.

Comrade Martinek expressed his opinion "that there will be war, that it is unavoidable, and that Hitler has gone too far to retreat. The only thing that could have stopped Hitler would have been an alignment of the democratic countries, including the United States and Russia, at the time of the Czech sell-out." He told of the horrible tortures to which prisoners are subjected in Hitler's concentration camps, which he considers himself fortunate in barely escaping although his heart bleeds for his fellow-comrades and countrymen now suffering in German prisons.

"If Hitler is successful in Poland, nothing can stop him from taking Rumania, Yugoslavia, and other small Balkan countries, and finally asking for the colonies," Martinek stated, "after which it will be just too bad for us here in America."

"What Russia did last week has greatly hastened the advent of a new world catastrophe," he said.

Joseph Drasler.

Cook County Party News

Socialist Trade Union League September 12

All Socialist trade union members—AFL and CIO—should attend the next Socialist League meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 P. M. at 549 W. Randolph. The meeting will be a short but important one.

The CIO organizing committee meets Friday, Sept. 1 at 8 P. M. at 1110 S. Oakley Blvd. All those interested in helping to organize the unorganized should attend this meeting.

Socialist Anti-War Conference September 15

All Party branches should select at least three members who are willing to devote themselves to anti-war work and assign them to attend the Socialist anti-war conference Friday, Sept. 15 at 7:30 P. M. at 549 West Randolph St.

The same applies to YPSL circles, too. Plans for KAOV work in various neighborhoods and possibilities for labor anti-war work will be discussed at this meeting.

Photo Contest at Xmas Bazaar

All you candid camera fiends—get busy. We're staging a contest for "Photos with Social Significance" to be exhibited at the Xmas Bazaar to be held by the Cook County Party on Dec. 2 and 3. A valuable photographic prize is being donated by Comrade Elwood Hobbs for the best picture submitted in the contest. All pictures must be submitted to the county office by November 15. Any size, any subject. But remember—it must have social significance.

YPSL To Get City Organizer

The National Personnel Committee of the YPSL has recommended that Al Spires of Los Angeles be brought to Chicago to work part-time as national administrative secretary and part-time as city organizer. A city membership meeting of the YPSL voted unanimously to accept the recommendation and has invited Comrade Spires to come to Chicago directly from the YPSL national convention being held at Cleveland over the Labor Day week-end.

Harry Fleischman, County Organizer.

An ignorant doctor is the aide-camp of Death.—Abu Avicenna.

JSF Educational Bureau District Conference Plans Future Work

CLEVELAND, O.—On Sunday, Aug. 20, Cleveland was the scene of a lively JSF conference at which Milan Medvesek presided and John Krebel was the recording secretary.

Among the rather pleasing attendance was a member of the JSF executive committee, comrade Frank Zaitz of Chicago, who gave a short review of conditions in general throughout our movement. "One reason for the apparent lethargy into which we seem to have fallen," he said, "is that too many of our comrades are devoting their entire time and energies to solving problems of the whole world while conditions right in our own back yard are sadly neglected."

In regard to the vicious attacks perpetrated by "Naprej" and concentrated upon him, he believes that the people themselves will be their own judges and will be able to recognize fabrications and falsehoods. Comrade Zaitz also maintained that there is complete harmony between Proletarec and Cankar's Herald, despite all reports to the contrary.

"Roosevelt's New Deal and his radical talk at certain times has had deep effects on the Socialist Party and has paved the way for the reaction which is on the rampage today," comrade Louis Zorko said, in concluding his financial report.

After listening to pleas for more conferences of this sort, a motion was passed to hold two such meetings each year; one in Cleveland and the other at a place to be designated by the membership at each previous conference.

In reply to comrade John Tanek's letter, asking that the next meeting be held in Girard, Ohio, the conference obliged, and left the date to the discretion of the organizers.

If at all possible, a tour is to be arranged for the purpose of campaigning for new subscribers for Proletarec and Cankar's Herald. A committee of three—Josephine Turk, Ivan Jontez and Louis Zorko, was elected to arrange mass meetings and other affairs.

The following were elected organizers: Comrade Joseph Lever, Sr., Cleveland; Comrade Max Kotnik, Barberton and Akron, Ohio; and Comrade Nagode, Girard, Ohio. Comrade John Krebel was elected secretary of the conference.

Quite contrary to expectations, the out-of-town delegation had very little to say. Perhaps it was too early in the morning. Milan Medvesek hammered out his theme on the necessity of consolidating our forces on the cultural front because of the comparatively short span of life left to the Slovene nationality in the United States. For a higher culture.

Even Your Thinking Will Be Done For You

Chicago. — Forms which all WPA employees in Illinois must sign, certifying they do not advocate or hold membership in any organization seeking to overthrow the United States government by force (as that were anything but remotely imminent), are being prepared to be distributed, and must be signed by all WPA employees by the end of September.

This order was announced last week by Charles E. Miner, Illinois head of the Work Projects administration, who said that signing of the certificates is required as a condition of WPA employment throughout the nation.

al plane, greater financial saving, and better education of the Slovene worker, such a step would be only practical and necessary, if it could possibly be developed. A subject of this type, however, with circumstances such as they are, requires a great deal of tact. The possibilities and consequences must be very carefully weighed, but the idea is good.

I began to write this with a pencil stub, you know, and now, no more pencil stub, no more writing.

Andrew Turkman

The Bear Turns

Communist editors are working themselves into a lather in a face-saving effort to pacify their disappointed followers over the sudden about-face switch in Russia from alignment with the democracies to support of Hitler. The Soviet-Reich deal burst upon an unsuspecting world like a bomb-shell and its effects are as far reaching.

Any arrangement favorable to Russian world trade without jeopardizing the cause of democracy, is in her opinion, a satisfactory treaty, Russia explains. Apparently she believes the Soviet-Reich trade treaty and neutrality agreement, which is an infamous crime against freedom, to be favorable, whereas, in reality no greater blow to the cause of world democracy was ever made.

Hitler, through renewed encouragement is driving like a mad dog toward the heart of Poland and certainly will not stop at Danzig now.

The spirit of the Czechs, never conquered by Hitler and very likely never will be, received a smarting blow. Workers in America who looked to the Soviet Republic as a guiding light in a world of capitalist nations, have lost heart through the terrible disappointment of Russia's casting her lot with Hitler.

If, as is claimed by some sources, signing a neutrality act with Hitler is meant as a rebuff to Britain and France for blandly disregarding her in all Munich-day negotiations, and that Russia no longer sees fit or considers worthwhile negotiating with the democracies; then, very certainly the "breaks" are playing squarely into the hands of the German dictator.

In the diplomatic war now in progress, some believe the Soviet's intent is to precipitate war between the third Reich against Great Britain and France, and after they bleed one another to death, she could easily step in and conquer the weakened nations. This, they maintain, would be reversing the scales on the British who have been maneuvering to set Russia and Germany at each other's throats. Russia's deal is as big a betrayal as Chamberlain's was.

Whatever the true purpose underlying Russia's move may be, it can not be denied that she has done more to hasten the absurd world catastrophe in the past weeks than any other previous incident.

Joseph Drasler.

The New Competition

A man mortgaged his home to buy an automobile. Then he went around and tried to mortgage the car to get money to build a garage.

"How are you going to buy gas?" curiously inquired the man of whom the loan was asked.

"Well," replied the other slowly, "if I owe a house, a car and a garage, I should think any dealer would be willing to trust me for gas."

American women purchase approximately 80 per cent of all the clothes sold.

CHOICE OF TWO EVILS

Democratic editors are having their opportunity to gloat right now. Here in Pennsylvania the relief-cutting policies of the James administration are causing an uproar of resentment from the thousands of unemployed workers who will be adversely affected. Soon, it may confidently be predicted, the merchant class will feel the sad results of cutting the buying power of their customers. Things are looking up for partisans of the jackass.

However, so far as workers are concerned, the choice between the two major parties still remains the choice between two evils.

The Republicans, with the help of tory Democrats, are taking people off WPA payrolls. But the Democrats have demonstrated nothing more than a desire to keep millions of people in this and other states on that sad level of existence.

How deep must be the contempt of Democratic leaders when they feel safe in wooing workers with the ugly promise to keep them on relief. Surely, no self-respecting man or woman should react favorably to such an appeal. What they should demand is a policy which will end the relief system in the only way it can be ended—by using the vast unused resources of the nation to supply work, leisure, plenty and security to the American people.

On relief or off relief, the promises and performances of both old parties are almost equally bad; neither indicate a type of statecraft which should command the respect and the approval of the American people.

Socialists offer a program which would not only end relief but abolish the necessity for it. By taking over the wealth-producing resources of the nation and operating for their own welfare instead of for the profit of an idle and socially-unnecessary owning class relief can be ended and life can be made happier and safer—and in no other way.

—Reading Labor Advocate.



Russia startled the world last week by signing a non-aggression treaty with Hitler's Germany. Everybody is speculating since then just what is behind the treaty and how far-reaching it really is. At the same time, it is questionable whether either party to the treaty will not simply destroy the document when they find it expedient to do so. For many months now, we have read with some consistency that England and France were trying to sign up the Russians in an anti-aggressor pact. The purpose of such a treaty would be to help one another in case of attack or necessity. Hitler's agents showed that they were better statesmen and politicians and licked the English-French combination at their own game by signing up a friendship pact with Russia. That's really why the world was startled. According to the papers, we should have had a British-French-Russian alliance long ago, or most any day, and the sudden impact of the tie-up with Germany gave the world mixed emotions.

Such a pact is very desirable for Russia. It will help keep her out of a European war and somewhat alleviate the tension between Germany and Russia. Still more important, it will put the Japanese in a different position and no doubt, make it necessary for the English to change their governmental posts. Morally, however, it does the Communist movement a lot of harm because it shook the very foundation of orderly procedure and proved distinctly that there was no difference between a Fascist dictatorship and the Russian dictatorship. Notwithstanding this fact, we are still of the firm belief that we can still distinguish the two forms of dictatorship. The people of Germany and Russia are brothers in fact, at least so we would judge. Yet, the whole story will not be told for sometime to come. The importance and affect of this agreement will only be determined in time.

How it is possible for Hitler, who gives his reason for his very existence to the Communist creed, to make an alliance with the Russians, is really the main question. All these years Hitler has been attacking Communism and Russia in order to achieve his aim and in order to have something to harp about. Now, all of a sudden, the whole creed of opposition to Communism is dropped in the water and lost. That is true of the Russians, too. They considered Nazism their bitterest and blackest foe. After everything is summed up and analyzed properly, the step taken by these dictators may work out to the advantage of the working class everywhere. Russia needs and must have peace in order to develop her industries and build up her defenses. England has been playing a wishy-washy game and practically gave Hitler everything he ever wanted. It is no

secret that the British ruling clique is favorable to Hitler because of what he has done to the working class organizations. This pact is a direct slap to the English financiers, therefore. Socialists could never do what the Russian Communists did, in this respect. We have never had the courage nor the affront to step out of our conventional Democratic way of doing things and surprise the world by performing the unexpected and because the Communist party in America will suffer, due to the new European line-up, the Socialists have every reason to gain new converts to their cause.

The Chicago Herald and Examiner suspended publication last week. Owned by William Randolph Hearst, it consolidated with the Chicago Evening American, also owned by Mr. Hearst. A long strike has been going on at the Hearst publications and the answer to the problem seems to be that a good many people will be out of work because Hearst has plenty of money and would rather give up another of his papers than to sign up with the CIO union. If the unionists are smart now, they will go ahead and publish a new paper in place of the Herald and Examiner. They could solicit the assistance of other unions and publish an honest union paper in Chicago because Chicago is large and there is a big field for a good honest morning paper.

We will be going to LaSalle, Illinois this week-end for the National SNPJ Day. A good many of our friends are planning on making the trip. Those who have not made arrangements to drive in private automobiles, should contact this writer for their transportation facilities. National SNPJ Day manifestations can be made useful for our working people. Professor Maynard C. Krueger will be one of the principal speakers and we are certain that he will tell some interesting points about our economic life.

You're Telling Me!

By WILLIAM RITT

"Into every life," mused the philosopher, "a little rain must fall." Like us, no doubt, he discovered there is absolutely no such thing as a seedless cherry pie.

In that actors' union squabble all the performers are playing dual roles—hero and villain. Depending, of course, on the viewpoint.

And then there was the fellow who got married early because he thought the single tax movement was a campaign for an assessment on bachelors.

A psychiatrist has cured an English cow of an inferiority complex. Serve him just right if, from now on, she kicks over the milk pail.

