THE TASK
BEFORE US

For two years SPAIN AND THE WORLD has been appealing to the English speaking world on behalf of Spain, where the Social Revolution was being carried through by the efforts and sacrifice of our Spanish comrades. It was a lone voice, and the one only to faithfully interpret the true significance of the struggle.

During that time, several enthusiastic men and women have joined our ranks, and as a result, a paper representing the united effort and produced by our groups was essential.

Our cause is that of the workers, who will oppose the Communist Party not only because it is a tool of the capitalists; but because it is also one of Liberty and the Truth. For these very reasons, our path must be that of the workers who will always remain true."I must not be corrupted and backward.

We appeal to the leaders of the political party, never to Bequeath the world with a government. We will Oppose the leaders of the Trade Unions, and the Unions themselves as long as they remain slaves to the leaders’ dictates. We will Oppose the Communist Party not because it is no longer championing the working class but because it has degenerated into a party ruled by the hands of reactionaries, and dictatorial bureaucrats. We will oppose the I.L.P. and the other parties whilst continually criticizing Stalin, who is only a puppet in a place different from his own. We will Oppose the I.L.P. (the United States is also one of Fascism) so long as it does not free itself from Russian black magic in Parliamentary action.

REVOLTS opposites them all, and in every country, the ideas and ideals of Anarchism and Syndicalism are growing. The memories of the working class are not only the totalitarian regimes in Italy and Germany, but also these called “democratic” which is not based on the hands of reactionaries and reformists, alone are used to demand that spirit of revolt and of class solidarity which is inherently in the social structure which is being suppressed worldwide. It is for all men and women involved in the struggle to unite in the struggle to join us in our work, and to virtually free the world from the world of servitude.

Our aim is a world of Free Men, not the creation of a new State as a result, a new weapon of repression.

REVOLT!

Incorporating Spain and the World

THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SPAIN IS GRAVE, AND ONLY THOSE WHOSE OPTIMISM IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THEIR ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF SPAIN CAN DENY THIS FACT.

The reasons behind the present tragic situation are not far to seek. For the first time in history, Non-Intervention is the responsibility of those on the surface sympathetic with the Spanish workers, but who act, in fact, are more and more the instruments of reaction.

After nearly three years of bitter fighting Franco has entered Barcelona, triumphantly leaving it thanks to his heavy artillery and aviation which met with very little opposition from a practically unarmed people. But the Spanish workers’ determination is not due to the fact of the International Labour. Perhaps the greatest indictment of British Labour is the fact that they remain slaves to the enemies of the working class are less. We will oppose the I.L.P. by another name. Such a lesson is limited to demonstrations, meetings and empty slogans.

Workmen’s Spain has suffered a terrible blow, yet the working class Spanish people want to fight on. In their Press, and by word of mouth they still hope in their final victory. But that victory will never come so long as the workers are prepared to content themselves with protests at the “betrayal.” To-day must be the day when the Spanish people, bleeding from a thousand wounds call to you for your support “Food and For” for their struggle against Reaction.

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The answer is NO. The Popular Front Government in France has shown that even under the Communists and Liberals get power they are still politicians, controlled by the moneyed interests in the country, which are Fascist. Then why lose precious time shouting meaningless slogans?

Our cause is that of the workers, who will oppose the I.L.P. and the other occupations. What effect is expected to have on its readers? The armed forces are used not to subdue the colonial peoples and satisfy their own appetites, but to fight on. In their Press, and by another name. Such a lesson is limited to demonstrations, meetings and empty slogans.

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"Chamberlain must go" is a snare and a delusion, and the name Chamberlain is a magic word for Labour impotence and indifference.

The working class has become "constitutional" in its attitude. It has cut loose from its party, following its party dictates. Yet, to-day, more than ever must our action be "direct action." And only will the International proletariat realize its true strength, otherwise the obvious contradictions which exist to-day, of workers producing arms to be used against themselves and their fellow workers in Spain, will continue unheeded.

It has been the crime of the Union leaders and Left Press to be dejected from the workers - the true significance of the struggle in Spain. So much so that Spain, and Czechoslovakia are synonymous save that our Labour leaders and Communists were prepared to die for Czechoslovakia whereas for Spain they are only prepared to pay for food.

Spain, surrounded and invaded by Fascists, is betrayed by the workers of the world fights on, but she is fighting a losing battle against an armed enemy. Franco’s advance on the Catalan front is not the result of the workers’ struggle. But it is a severe blow; a blow from which the Spanish proletariat cannot recover in time.

We are not appealing to the workers of this country, as do “anti-fascist” politicians who warn us of the dangers to British freedom in the Mediterranean with a Franco victory.

We appeal to the International Proletariat in the name of those Spanish workers who have sacrificed everything during these last 30 months of struggle in order to resist the forces of reaction within and beyond the country.

NOW! DECLARE A GENERAL STRIKE, NOT FOR A DAY, BUT FOR A MONTH IF NECESSARY!

LOAD SHIPS WITH ARMS AND FOOD FOR SPAIN AND MOUNT THEM WITH GUNS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS FOR THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE.

The Spanish Workers’ organizations still ask for arms. It is the duty of the International proletariat to see that arms reach them!
Organised Labour in America

(From a Correspondent)

The habit of instant statement is deeply ingrained in many American newspapers. This is the case even when their membership had annually reached to about 100,000. While there can be no question that the original formation of the C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organizations) was an epoch-making event in American trade unionism, I refer to a variety of practices, ranging from excessive constitutional centralisation of power, through all the gamut of control, to the point where a member of the union is compelled to sign an agreement to work when he is unable to do so, or at a rate of pay that is below the minimum legally fixed. In many cases, this results in a violation of the constitutional rights of the worker.

As a matter of fact, the C.I.O. has established a precedent in the case of the workers of the United Mine Workers, by the terms of which the miners are entitled to a minimum wage of $2.50 per day, regardless of the price of coal. This is a clear violation of the constitutional rights of the miner, and is an example of the continued use of the C.I.O. to increase the power of the mine owners over the workers.

On the other hand, the C.I.O. has been the champion of the workers' rights, and has done much to improve their working conditions. It has been responsible for the establishment of the minimum wage law, and for the establishment of the eight-hour day. It has also been responsible for the establishment of the eight-hour day in many industries, and has done much to improve the working conditions of the workers.

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Spain's Political Refugees

"New Leader"

The year has opened tragically for the true friends of Spain, but the disasters which have filled us with sorrow and concern can also serve to bring us nearer to reality. It is not that we have been living in a fool's paradise; the struggle for freedom, the movement, or in the present alignment of forces, that could for a moment lead us from the possible to the impossible, that was just, that was fair, that was just, that was just is easy to uphold. It is doubtful if ever be established by force of arms, because the enemy is dangerous, even to ourselves. This is the return of the victory of the Spanish People and we have nothing to fear. It is for our libertarian policy. A victory for Franco would mean, instead of an open campaign for freedom, for federations and for workers' control, a return to the dark battle against tyranny. We do not fear that prospect. If we know that though we are without wealth and opportunity to buy the weapons of modern warfare, we fight with the weapons that are the handiwork of our ideals. Against us is an embodiment of evil. By the most ruthless means must perish of its spiritual and intellectual poverty; with us is the immortal flame of justice, the truth and love which penetrate all barriers and bring us, through centuries of oppression, nearer to the goal of our struggle.

The mighty armaments which Franco has secured from his fascist allies may subdue the Spanish people in the traditional way, they may exterminate the knowledge and enlightenment which have come into their lives. Indeed, the effect of this long strife is quite the contrary. It has illuminated, as never before, the misery of a people; it has thrown sharp opposition the ideals of freedom and of brotherhood. Spain has caused sufficient fear and suffering to people, who never before dared to lift their minds above the daily routine of their activities, to question the wisdom of their lot and for years to a fair measure of the truth that they are being duped by insinu and propaganda and education are now a common possession of all the workers. But the consciousness of its rights, once taken, does not stay in their hearts, and mutual co-operation, a sort of education, and European solidarity, then, no power of armaments and no alien mercenaries can withstand the spirit of freedom that is generated in that midst.

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Our Immediate duty is to alleviate our guilt with acts of solidarity. A people, whose hands have been stained with the blood of the Spanish workers, who have shared the worthlessness of their lives, air the conscience of our country, so that it gives shelter and food to those who deserve, and do not hesitate to refuse them arms for their self-defence.

We must demand that political refugees, men without countries such as the Haitian and German communards, and our Spanish comrades whose return to Catalunya is made imperative by Fascism, be allowed to come to this country with the necessary papers. It is a task of solidarity.

This is a responsibility which we must shoulder with our Allies in all the combats of the world, whether, as on this occasion, we will be able to provide for the means of resistance of these great men of the future. We will be needed, wherever and whenever possible, that the Tom Mooney and Billings and Nolan, and all our other political refugees, may have no news as to the fate of our friends in Spain.

We are ready to provide for Funds which will be used both for the welfare of these prisoners and for the defence of the accused innocent men. It required several weeks of our strenuous effort on our part to awake some semblance of interest even among the radicals. We succeeded in raising at my meetings $100 and borrowing a considerable sum for the defence of arrested men. But so tensored was San Francisco that no Army of standing would accept the case of the prisoners, who had already been condemned by the local authorities.

Although the Spanish workers have always been the most efficient and uncompromising representatives. We expected a considerable sum, but the result was entirely the opposite of what we had anticipated, the money collected with Tom Mooney, Billings and Nolan.

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Robert Minor, then an anarchist, would wish to have us place our faith on the efficacy of political action, to use it to justify our faith, to admit that the efficacy of political action is the only means of saving the lives of the Spanish people. The party taking the initiative of political action must be the party of the Spanish workers, who are striving for the defence of the accused innocent men.

I found myself surrounded with thousands of men and women, who were shouting, "We demand the release of Tom Mooney and Billings and Nolan, and all our other political refugees, and we are ready to provide for Funds which will be used both for the welfare of these prisoners and for the defence of the accused innocent men.

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The beautiful bloodthirsty. The panic that followed on the heels of the explosion exposed strikingly the lack of courage, not only of the average person, but of the Radicals and Liberals as well. My long-awaited meetings dwindled so to a fifty persons on the evening after the explosion and the weeks following the explosion were minutes of desolation. A reign of official terror followed the explosion. Revolution in Spain is the only way to protect the lives and the liberties of all workers.

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The new Leader...

All who have read our pamphlets agree that it is a valuable contribution to a deeper understanding of the Spanish workers' struggle. But you have not read it yet, have you?...
REVOLT! FEBRUARY 11th, 1939

In the Land of the
'Dictatorship of the
Proletariat'

1) By a decision of the Council of the People Commune dated 25th December, 1938 (REVOLT! 21st December, 1938), such workers must be at once provided with an account of all the changes of employment. The Council also resolve that such changes be communicated to the workers as early as possible, so that they shall have an opportunity to talk about them. They are to be told that they shall be free to improve the conditions of their work. In consequence, the Council has decided that the price of the book shall be reduced to 25 s. (that is to say 4s. 4d. for "Revolt!" Without the "Special"
Edition).

2) A preface at work is now in preparation, and will be published at once. Up till now work people (like the "based"
bourne) have not been allowed to carry a "work book" as from the 1st January. From the 1st January, the 3rd January. 1939, the Council of the Supreme Council of the League of the Sentinels, dated 21st December, 1938, and the Council of the British Proletariat, dated 20th December, 1938, declare that the three moves of producer, consumer and employer are one.

BUT "Revolt!" is a continuation and playment but it is true.


The price of the book shall already be 2s. 6d. (that is to say 4s. 3d. for "Revolt!" Without the "Special"
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