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# Stalin Tightens Ties With Fascist Axis

# From A London Air Shelter

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# e from Peace and Democracy Are not by lowering wages or increasing the hours of service. Then, too, in any program for Not Built on Want ....

PEACE and democracy are not built on want and hunger.

Recent United States reports reveal that not profits of the 400 leading American corporations were \$8.6%, higher in the first six menths of 1940 than in the same period of 1932. Payrolls rose only 13%, according to U. S. Department of Labor figures.

The effect on the working population of this disparity between profits and wages can be seen more clearly when it is noted that \$5,000.000 people are "living below the safety line right now." according to Miss Harrist Elliott, consumer commissioner on the National Defense Advisory Commission.

The September Economic Outlook, C.I.O. publication, analyzing a study made by the Heller Committee for Research in Social Economics at the University of California, reports that an average family of the should have an income of \$2,184 a year to live at an acceptable level, Yet "one-third of the families in the U.S.A. averaged \$471 a year," the Outlook finds. "The next one-third averaged \$1,078 while the upper third averaged only about \$3,000 a year. Actually \$8%, of our entire population has an average income of less than the minimum budget for a wage-earner's family as estimated by the Heller Committee."

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It is quite true that in dealing with the defense of our country as well as of the western hemisphere, we have to deal with three unknown buring our participation in the factors: the outcome of the conflict abroad, the timetable of the totalizarian governments, and the trend of public opinion. We are confident of the conflict abroad, the timetable of the totalizarian governments, and the trend of public opinion. We are confident of the conflict abroad, the timetable of the totalizarian penetration and we are fairly optimistic no such penetration can take place in South and Central America. Nevertheless, we view with apprehension the attitude and actions of one or more of the governments in South America.

It is likewise true that in undertaking the defense of our neighbors may be read there give loaded the property of the calcular of the calcular

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# THE CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

A CCORDING to the press, the New York State Industrial Union Council, headed by Gustave A. Strebel and made up of the Hillman faction of the C.I.O., is going to the Aflantic City convention of the C.I.O. with a three-point program of action. The New York Times reports the attitude of the Council as follows:

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"Curbs on the power of the president of the C.I.O. . . . . will be demanded in a resolution to be introduced at the C.I.O. national convention in Atlantic City next weak by Gustave A. Strebel, president of the State Industrial Union Council, the state organization announced yester-

"Mr. Strebel was instructed by the Council's Executive Board to urge adoption at Atlantic City of the proposition that the national man-agement of the C.I.O. be carried on in a 'democratic manner con-sistent with the spirit and practises of the labor movement'...

sistent with the spirit and practises of the labor movement.

"Another resolution to be offered by Mr. Strebel in behalf of the state body describes labor unity as 'most imperative' and demands that 'all red-tape and all petty considerations of personal prestine, ambition or face-saving' be cast aside in the effort to achieve peace between the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O.

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"A third resolution calls upon the national convention to set forth its condemnation of communism, Nazism and fascism . . ."

In other words, the three big planks in the program of the Hillman wing of the C.I.O. are: (1) democracy in the C.I.O., (2) unity in the labor movement, and (3) anti-Stalinism along with anti-fascism. In order to achieve these ends, they are apparently prepared to wage a fight against John L. Lewis all along the line.

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Almost exactly two years ago, in November 1938, the National Council of the Independent Labor League of America adopted a resolution on the situation in the labor movement, a resolution made public at the time in the columns of this paper. The second section of this resolution is headed: "Three Big Problems Facing the C.I.O." It reads: "There are three aspects of the present situation in the C.I.O. which are at once sources and manifestations of the crisis in which it finds itself: [1] the unity question, [2] union democracy and autonomy, and [3] Stalinism.

(3) Stalinism.

"I. The Unity Question: The reunification of the trade-union movement is the biggest and most urgent task of organized labor at the present moment. . .

"2. Democracy and Autonomy: A very grave defect in the C.I.O. from the very beginning has been the inability—and, to a large extent perhaps, even the lack of desire—to establish genuinely democratic foundations for the new movement. Real control has remained in the hands of one or two leaders at headquarters . . . Of democratic collective leadership, there has been hardly a sign. . . These tendencies are in direct conflict with the best traditions of the American labor movement. . . .

"3. The Menace of Stalinism: The most baneful influence in the O. today is Stalinism. The very fact that Stalinism has been perted to gain a prependerant influence in many sections of the movent is in itself a striking indication of the unhealthy condition of C.L.O....

We bear no grudges, and we do not seek any further vindication than the events themselves bring. We urge all sincere progressive unions in the C.I.O. to give their full support to the present campaign to rid the labor movement of the baneful influence of Lewistan and

### THE CASE OF MRS. BROWDER

WE regard Earl Browder as the paid agent of a murderous foreign dictator bootile to the interests and welfare of the American people. We consider him a baneful influence, whose viciousness it limited only by his impotence. Nevertheless, we deplore and protest against the action of the Department of Justice in suddenly ordering the deportation of the wellow of the control of the Department of Justice in suddenly ordering the deportation of his wife, who happens to be a Russian-born alien resident in this form of his wife, who happens to be a Russian-born alien resident in this

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# U.S.A.—Brother or Bailiff?

By JON KIMCHE

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press for the latter, and from the very beginning.

POWERFUL DYNAMIC

OF SOCIALISM

"The ruling class wants to resist the fascist New Order," . . . but they will be incapable of fighting the New Order of fascism. The new state of efficient, totalitarian, regimented capitalism, which is fascism, cannot be matched by or can the old order of capitalism, which is fascism, cannot be matched by or can the old order of capitalism, which is fascism, cannot be matched by or can the old order of capitalism provide the positive moral dynamic necessary to stand up against the fascist dynamic. Political democracy cannot across enthusidm unless social and economic democracy is a good of the consultation of the consultation of political and committee of the consultation of political and coordination. The new New Order of fascism and the consultation of fascism and the consultation of the cause it will have the necessary centralization and coordination, and which will provide a dynamic far superior to that of fascism, the dynamic of social, economic archive the dynamic of social, econo

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