

Browder Finds New Channels

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THE expulsion of Earl Browder by the National Committee of the Communist Party is being upheld by every state and local Party organization. But here and there among friends of the Party, and in some instances in the Party itself, some persons, while they disagree with Browder's program, are inclined to view his political crimes with tolerance.

It is hard for them to understand how a man who was the leader of the Party for so many years can be classed as an enemy of the working class and be treated accordingly.

It will be recalled that for many years in liberal middle class circles in this country there was widespread sympathy for Leon Trotsky, despite all the evidence of his treachery against the Soviet Union (in some cases, of course, the sympathy was felt because of this treachery).

How could such a "brilliant" writer and orator, with his years in the Russian working class movement, be guilty of the crimes depicted at the Moscow trials? Some people could never see beyond Trotsky's prose style.

War Bared Trotsky's Role

It took the great war against fascism and the magnificent role of the Soviet Union, to open the eyes of many people to the true stature of Stalin. The followers of Trotsky in every democratic capitalist country, however, exposed their true counter-revolutionary nature by fighting the war effort and aiding fascism.

Does it require another war to open the eyes of some of the friends of the Communist Party to the real meaning of Browderism? For there can be no doubt where Browder, as an apologist for American monopoly capital, would stand in a war waged by American imperialism.

In fact, by attempting to paint American imperialism's greedy grasp for world domination as "progressive," Browder is already helping to bring that war down upon the American people and the world.

The Poison Lingers

Any liberal attitude toward Browder among honest people can

be traced directly to the devastating effects of Browderism itself, which the Communist Party is now bending every effort, and with considerable success, to overcome. Browder preached the doctrine that the American working class can safely rely on the progressive intentions of American capitalism. He distorted the necessary anti-fascist coalition into a relationship which was not a coalition at all, because it placed the working class at the tail of capitalist politics.

It was logical, therefore, for Browder to preach the unimportance of the Communist movement (there was only one American Communist whom he considered important!) and to find ready excuses for liquidating the Party of the working class.

Only someone who does not grasp the enormity of this political outrage against the working class can view Browder's continued efforts along the same line with other than a feeling of loathing.

Imagine what the world would be like if Browder's advice had been followed elsewhere and the Communist Parties of other capitalist countries had been liquidated too! Imagine, if you can, France with its first party liquidated! Or China, Yugoslavia and Greece without Communist Parties today!

Channels For Appeal

Browder is trying to picture himself the victim of a party in which "all effective inner-party democracy has been destroyed." He says in his factional "appeal" to the Communist members that now that he has been expelled by the National Committee he is left with "the recourse only of appealing to the Party member-

ship." Browder knows this is a lie.

The proper channel for appealing a decision of any body in the Communist Party is always to the higher body. There is recourse from a decision of the National Committee. It is to appeal that decision to the next convention of the Party, for the convention is the highest body of all.

Browder not only knows the procedure. He also knows what the verdict of the next convention would be. That's why he pretends the procedure doesn't exist.

Other Channels

Browder appeals for money to pay for printing and mailing his documents, since "all normal channels" are closed to him. Yes, the normal channels are closed for Browder's glorifying of American imperialism and vilifying of William Z. Foster and the Party.

But Browder has developed other channels. This is the capitalist press, and notably the World-Telegram, which has developed red-baiting, Soviet-baiting and stool-pigeoning to a fine art and which is happy to devote columns to reprinting anything that Browder may write these days.

Some persons raise the point that Browder was not the only one responsible for the policies of the past. But where the entire Party is today energetically rebuilding the organization, Browder is again trying to destroy it.

He will not succeed a second time. Because the membership as a whole looks at Browder not through "liberal" but through working class eyes, and sees Browder clearly as an enemy of the working class and of Com-

Worth Repeating

Writing of the necessity for the working class to fight for wage raises, Marx said: "The slave receives a permanent and fixed amount of maintenance; the wage laborer does not. He must try to get a rise of wages in the one instance, if only to compensate for a fall of wages in the other. If he resigned himself to accept the will, the dictates of the capitalist as a permanent economic law, he would share in all the miseries of the slave, without the security of the slave." Value, Price and Profit, p. 55.