

Browder's Method of Trickery

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The favorite device of Leon Trotsky, accomplice of fascism, was to claim he was carrying out the policies of Lenin while the Communist Party of the Soviet Union under Stalin's leadership was "betraying" them.

Earl Browder, hewing to the tradition of renegacy from the Communist movement, has worked out a similar device. In his "appeal" to Communist Party members, Browder pretends he is defending the decisions of the last convention of the Communist Party, and that the National Committee of the party under the leadership of William Z. Foster has "revised" these decisions.

This is hypocrisy and trickery rolled into one. Browder never supported the decisions of the convention and, as his current writings and activities prove, still doesn't support these decisions and, in fact, actively fights them.

The main convention decisions centered on the following: recognition of Browder's revisionism of Marxism (which Browder has never recognized); reestablishment of the party (which Browder is now trying to destroy through

factionalism after liquidating it in 1944 in the name of "Marxism"); understanding the reactionary nature of American imperialism (which Browder calls "progressive") and the urgency of fighting its drive for world domination; the need to build a coalition of democratic and anti-fascist forces and to resist every departure from the Roosevelt policies by the Truman Administration (which Browder considers to be carrying the mantle of Roosevelt in exemplary fashion).

ROLE UNFOLDED

In the period since the convention the aggressive role of American imperialism has been rapidly unfolded until today we have actual war threats against the Soviet Union. The Truman Administration has more and more lent itself to be the instrument through which American imperialism operates, with the full support of the GOP on foreign policy. (It differs from the Republican Party only in secondary matters of tactics while keeping an eye out for election day and the opposition of the people.) Meanwhile, the policies of the National

Committee of the Communist Party have been a continuous development of the decisions of the convention aimed at rallying the American people to defeat the threats of the monopolies against their living standards, civil rights and peace.

But for Browder, who is infatuated with imperialism, American imperialism is today "progressive," as he writes in his so-called **Distributors Guide**. Of course, if American imperialism is progressive, how can anyone find fault with President Truman? According to Browder, the Communist Party, in opposing the atom-bomb and anti-Soviet policies of the Truman Administration, is breaking up the Roosevelt-democratic-labor coalition.

OUTSIDE THE COALITION

Actually the Truman Administration itself, by violating or giving mere lip-service to every 1944 election pledge, has placed itself outside the "Roosevelt-democratic-labor coalition."

Every anti-Soviet move by the administration is greeted with glee by the imperialists as they howl for still more provocative

actions. But Browder finds in his "appeal" to the members of the Communist Party, that "the Truman Administration is under the sharpest assault from the reactionaries, without shirking the issues which keep it at the head of an ever-more-consolidated Roosevelt-labor-democratic coalition."

Not even an official publicity man for the Democratic National Committee would dare dish up such tripe about the political situation in the United States today!

DECEPTIONS

To bolster up his main lies about the Communist Party, Browder engages in a series of appropriate deceptions. At the opening of the 1945 convention of the Communist Party, Browder attacked the draft resolution, which was before the gathering, as "anarcho-syndicalism." In the course of the convention, Browder gained not a single supporter. In the closing hours of the convention, he suddenly declared that the convention was a Marxist convention after all. The final resolution, which he now

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pretended to support, was actually stronger on all major points than the draft resolution which he had attacked. It is clear now, although not everybody could see it then, that Browder tipped his hat to the convention only to lay the ground for the fight he is now carrying on against the party.

HOW HE QUOTES

But that isn't all. In his "appeal" to the Communist Party members, Browder quotes not from the final decisions of the convention, but from the draft resolution. And even then he uses only isolated phrases.

Browder quotes as one of the "key decisions" of the convention "that the American people resolutely support every effort of the Truman Administration to carry forward the policies of the Roosevelt-labor-coalition."

These words are actually from the draft resolution (which Browder attacked). In the final resolution (which Browder pretended to support) these words were strengthened as follows:

"It is imperative that the American people insist that the Truman Administration carry forward the policies of the Roosevelt-labor-democratic coalition..."

But the sentence does not end there. The complete paragraph, which Browder deliberately does not quote, is as follows:

"It is imperative that the American people insist that the Truman Administration carry forward the policies of the Roosevelt-labor-democratic coalition for American-Soviet friendship [shades of Truman and Churchill at Fulton, Mo.]; for the vital social aims of the economic bill of rights; for civil liberties for the rights of the Negro people; and for collective bargaining. It is equally necessary that labor and the people sharply criticize all hesitations to apply these policies and vigorously oppose any concessions to the reactionaries by the Truman Administration, which is tending to make certain concessions under the increasing

pressure of the reactionary imperialist combination led by the monopolies."

Reactionary imperialist combination led by the monopolies? Oh, no! According to Browder it is a progressive imperialist combination led by the monopolies!

It is evident why Browder didn't quote from the actual decisions of the convention. Because in the full paragraph just given above is to be found the basis for the policies which the Communist Party, under Foster's leadership, developed and which have since been confirmed by events.

Browder a defender of the July convention of the Communist Party? No, Browder is a defender of only one thing: American imperialism as it seeks to master the entire world. As such, Browder is off on a career which will take him to depths undreamed of by many today.

Kilgore to Hit U.S. Reich Policy

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-WVa), who recently labeled Churchill's speech as an attempt to lead the U. S. into war with USSR, will lash out at U. S. occupation policies in Germany at the Win-the-Peace Conference slated for April 5, 6, and 7 in Washington.

Speaking with Kilgore will be Russ Nixon, Washington CIO-UE representative, who resigned as acting director of the AMG's division of investigation and external assets after denouncing U. S. codling of Nazi industrialists.

Prominent sponsors include ministers, educators, representatives and Senators, labor and civic leaders, playwrights and theatrical personalities.

2,890,000 Poles Settle Ceded Areas

WARSAW, March 13 (Polpress)—Prewar German territories reannexed by Poland have already been settled by 2,890,000 Poles. This is approximately double the figure of last Sept. 30.

The recovered areas are in Silesia, East Prussia and Western Pomerania.

In Memoriam

BANKS—In loving memory of our Sam, killed in action March 14, 1945. Mom, Dad, Yetta and Irving.

BANKS—In loving memory of Sam. Bea.