ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND

Today you will hear Professor Cohen denounce "ghetto benches" in Poland. This speech will no doubt be an eloquent indictment of that anti-semitism which all students so heartily despise.

This question, however, raises certain political issues which are of the utmost interest to thinking students. For Poland is today a pivotal point in European politics. Poland is the ally of France and thus the ally of the entire so-called "democratic bloc." This bloc of democratic capitalist nations is held by "communists" and their allies as the force which will in the form of collective security "prevent the Fascist nations from waging war."

It is therefore significant that the present anti-semitic Government in Poland is being financed by the People's Front government of France. When Rydz-Smigly, Polish military dictator, visited France last year in order to get a military loan, he was greeted with frenzied hosannas by L'Humanite, French Stalinist paper. Yet at that time the Polish government had begun its anti-semitic policy and was imprisoning revolutionary workers.

Consequently it is revealing to see that this so-called democratic bloc is a fiction, that collective security is a fraud. England, which bombs Hindus, France which suppresses Morocco and Syria, and Poland, ally of these nations, which suppresses Jews and workers -- these nations cannot save humanity. They are part and parcel of the whole stinking corpse of international capitalism. Only the mighty independent forces of the workers, organized by their international revolutionary organization, the Fourth International; only that can stop war and anti-semitism, only that can bring a better world.

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