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One man could give much valuable information about this case. His name is Schachno Epstein, agent of the

On the outbreak of the Revolution, Epstein was an editor of Gerechtigheit, Jewish organ of the Internaeditor of treregness, vewich organ of the interna-tional Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Miss Poyntz was then in the union's educational department. They were intimate friends. Epstein went to Russia. On the leapture of Odessa by the Bolsheviks in 1918, he the Eapture of Odessa by the Boisheviks in 1918, he was in a difficult situation. He escaped if hy joining the Boishevik Party. He becames an informer against his sown comrades. About 1933 he was sent to the United States as an agent of the Communist Interna-

Once States as an agent of the Communist Interna-tional, under the name of Joseph Berson. A short time after his arrival, the Communists began publishing the Freiheit, with Epstein as editor. Two or three years later he was recalled to Russia.

Suspected of Trotskyist sympathies, he was exiledto a remote part of Russia around 1928. He repented and was permitted to return to Moscow. Syconhantic and servile, he became an agent of the G.P.U., the Stalin secret police, as the price of life and liberty.

After 1928, he was in the United States at various intervals as an agent of the G.P.U. and the Communist International, under the name of Joseph Berson. are several witnesses who saw him in New York in May, 1937, shortly before Miss Poyntz's disappearance. I saw them together at the end of May of that year, a week before she vanished. He sailed for Europe on the Queen Mary on August 11, 1937, ...

The whole attitude eg of the Communist Party in this matter is amazing. When my first charges were published, the Stalinists called me an agent of Mussolini. They did not dare mention in their organs the subject of my charges. They are quick to protest about almost anything. A woman who was their leader for more than anything. A woman wno was their leader for more than fifteen years has disappeared. Her attorney says her disappearance was involuntary. For a time after the news came out, the Stalinists pretended that they had no contact with her since 1934 and they make no protest about her disappearance.

Her attorney concealed her disappearance for seven months. A newspaper learned of it by accident. Only after the news was in the paper did he go to the police. The same attorner says tram given to Tomaneing

He doesn't deny the possibility that I am right. He doesn't dispute my concrete statements. If I am right the Federal kidnapping law has been violated. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation is conducting no in vestigation.

If I am right, a political crime has been committed. To put it mildly. Miss Poyntz's civil liberties have been somewhat infringed. But the American Civil Liberties Union, whose directors know her very well, makes no protest and The Nation and The New Republic. some of whose editors know her and all of whom are pre-sumably opposed to infringements of civil liberties. even when it takes the form of kidnapping, say nothing. I have not made a single statement which is unsupported by witnesses. Nobody has attempted to refute a single one of my concrete statements, and I

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## The Liberal Spirit

My Visit to the Warsaya Ghetter. Jan Karski, Polish Underground leader, etches an unforgettable pic-ture of the doomed district before it trose in hoppless desperation in the "Battle of the Ohetto." (Continued from Page Eleven)
Now doubt is also the inner condition of the liberal spirit. It acknowledges every doctrine and discipline, and it denies the claim to special privilege of any. But it does not cover up its sense of the equal reality of alternatives by a fear-born aggression on behalf of one, nor does it claim in the name of that one the right to persecute, enslave and destroy the others. What it believes in beyond any doubt is the equal right of all to equal opportunity to make good their claims on their men power, by their interactments. The Communism is neither disproved by constant accession against Communists outside of Russia, nor persecution of non-Communists inside of Russia. Nazism is not proved by the sadistocratic handling of non-Nazis by Nazis: only the nature of the Nazis is proved. Perse attion, wherever it occurs, establishes only the payer. and cunning of the persecutor, not the truth and worth of his belief. These develop only in free form and it lough freedom.

It is an uncomprontising devotion to the rica of equal liberty as both the means and the end of life that characterizes the liberal spirit. Whatever opposes this equal liberty, the liberal spirit must necessarily oppose Its labor is always to keep be ways of life and thought open and tree. To maintain this openness, this free dom, is the liberal spirit's fighting faith, and of all the faiths men set their hopes upon, this is it exorly one that time does not upset but confirms.

## Waldma Cites Pas

From LOUIS WA

ADOLPH WARSHOW'S me, published in your iss is full of misrepresentation is full of misrepresentation or example, that I atta-EAC "on the ground that larly organized" Tabor. That politics," and that I ther "my own life-long convice position of not only the Sement, but of all forward-the world over." Nothing is further from

have never at any time of the position that labor, otherwise, had no place in have not repudiated my "lit tions." I took the very opp In my Saturday Evening
I said:

"While labor has the many liberals believe the an active interest in polit of a political junta deliveri vote' is repugnant to Anabology."

Now to be opposed to a p placing the "labor vote" or block—a practice which se with the approval of the is not to be oppose politics. Any attempt to o Sweden, Denmark and other is to insult these great is These democratic political of function independently undi of their lands, presenting t programs and candidates of and are accountable to the p As to trade union leaders I said this in the article:

"As long as trade union la me themselves to the task wages, shortening hours an angular conditions of empling the conditions of emplition of the political its members, their political its members, their political its of little concern to the power was seeking, public power was seeking, public power was directly affect the life and of every. American. In politic of every American. In politic or, the philosophy of gove the trade union leaders weighted in the light not the trade union leaders weighed in the light not unionism, but of the public unionism, but of the public lin somewhat different worth the same statement in my because the same statement in my because the same statement in my because there, is too clear to into a charge that I hold the particularly organized labor, he meas in politics." When a Mic a Joseph Curran or a Harry For the statement of the state ness in politics." When a Mici a Joseph Curran or a Harry B for that matter a Lee Krzy Powers Hapgood, enters politic his union into a political max public has a right to know philosophy of government is sort of a society he stands for that he is a bona fide labor le that his organization is a bona union, has nothing to do with that his organization is a boyd union, has nothing to do with He and his union gain no imm we yes because of their labo A Communist or militant Soc mains what he is even when the of "labor leader" is thrown are and in politics, such labor lead their unions seek public power makes their activities the conce Americans. Americans.

Americans.

Having been in the thick of fight, both economic and politic many years. I do not find it in to indulge in romantic idealiza-labor.—The self-respecting A workmen regard it as an insult form of snobbery. of snobbery.

If the Warshows want to const as an attack on labor in polithem make the most of it.

Other statements in Warshow letter" are as baseless as the one When Warshow says that I at

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