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N.Y. TRANSPORT WORKERS VOTE TO STRIKE AGAINST LAGUARDIA DRIVE TO SMASH UNION

New York, March 14 — Twenty one thousand transport workers have voted to strike against New York Mayor LaGuardia's plan to smash their union and abolish their right to strike when the city takes over the subway and elevated lines of the B. M. T. and I. R. T. in May.

LaGuardia was elected with the support of the reformist Labor Party. New Dealer and "friend of Labor" that he is, Mr. LaGuardia, after stalling for months, now replies to pleas by union leaders for conferences on workers conditions that:

- 1—The closed shop will be abolished;
- 2—The transport workers on city-owned lines will have no right to strike against the city government;
- 3—Organized and unorganized workers will be treated alike by the capitalist politicians in charge and
- 4—The 3,000 workers made unemployed by the destruction of two main elevated lines in the next few weeks will be put on a civil service "waiting list".

WALL STREET GRAVY

The transport system in New York was controlled by the country's two greatest financiers, Morgan and Rockefeller. These gentlemen are getting millions out of the unification deal. They are being paid for stock of defunct corporations and they will continue to own bonds of the new unified roads.

The destruction of the 2nd and 9th Avenue "L's" (without any plan of replacement) will dump 3,000 workers and jam the already jammed subways with hundreds of thousands of workers beyond human endurance. But it will insure more profits to Wall Street. Real Estate will skyrocket as soon as the overhead structures are torn down.

La Guardia, in taking care of his friends in Wall Street, is showing them that he is eligible for the Vice-Presidency of the United States, which he covets very much. He climbed to power in New York behind a "pro-labor" mask. The next stage requires that this mask be discarded.

New York's A. L. P. councilmen, Ninfo and Laidler are conspicuous by their silence on these questions. They are no doubt satisfied — especially H. Laidler, who is also a Socialist Party leader — with the Mayor's "Municipal Socialism".

FASCISTS ACTIVE

The Christian Mobilizers, pro-Coughlin fascists, are calling meetings on the transit issue, and are active among the traction workers who have a large percentage of Irish Catholics in their ranks. They are seeking to divert the real class issue into

HOW CHICAGO CARES FOR ITS CHILDREN

On Saturday Harry L. Duke of Chicago, a relief client, spent his last 20 cents for oranges for his sick wife and two children. The next day his baby, 14 months old was so starved it became ill.

Duke carried it to a doctor, who told him there was no hope for the starved little tot. Unwilling to give up he walked to a nearby hospital. When he got there the baby was dead in his arms.

In the richest country — in the biggest industrial city in the world.

IT DOES HAPPEN HERE

Fred Edwards a migratory worker was given six months in jail in California for committing the "crime" of bringing his sister and her family into the "golden state" from Oklahoma. The good Judge who sentenced Edwards stated that it is "against the welfare of California to transport an indigent into the state", — in simple English, we don't want anyone here who may have to go on relief.

Anti-Semitic and anti-Red channels.

The Transport Workers must defend themselves against these and other pro-capitalist strike-breaking gangster bands, with their own Workers Defense Guards. No strike action can be effective without such organized measures to uphold Workers Rights.

The transport workers are militant and determined to defend their hard-won rights. Their leadership in the T. W. U. and the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers confines itself to a verbal fight with LaGuardia and a parliamentary fight to pass a bill in the N. Y. State Legislature like the Wagner Act.

FOR A BROAD STRIKE COMMITTEE

The transport workers should

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NEW DEAL DECREES HUNGER FOR 700,000 ON WPA

March 17 — On the heels of an announcement by the government

National Industrial Conference Board that in the month of December alone there was an increase of 889,000 in the unemployed rolls, comes the word from New Deal custodian-of-starvation, Col. F. C. Harrington, that 700,000 workers on WPA will be fired before June 30.

In other words the New Deal intends to fire one out of every three men now working, even though the slump in business in the last three months still is continuing and more than a million men have been laid off in industry.

To add to this murderous picture practically every state and city in the union is preparing its

own murder-by-slow-starvation program.

In California that sterling New Deal governor Olson, asked for an allowance of \$3.50 a week for the unemployed. His equally sterling Legislature gave the unemployed about \$2.60 a week for the next three months. All relief checks, by executive order, are being cut 40% — 40% from an already near-starvation budget.

STARVATION ALL OVER

And if you think that's bad just look at Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania and other industrial states. The Illinois budget, as it stands now, is even less than California's, per person. And relief may be cut still again or cut out altogether within the next few months unless doddering Henry Horner, governor of the State, calls the Legislature together to pass new appropriations—or unless the unemployed of Illinois make up Henry's aging mind for him.

In Cleveland and throughout Ohio new crises are again impending. Mayor Burton, New Deal Republican in Cleveland, is again preparing the ground to cut off relief. Soon his tax levy will come up for vote before the Cleveland polls. If the tax is not granted Mr. Burton will again use the unemployed as a political football — starve the unemployed in order to get the other gang of Republican fakers to give in to Mr. Burton's ambitions to join the U. S. Senate.

If the levy is passed it means higher rents, foreclosures for many small home-owners, — and in the end more people on relief. It's six of one and half a dozen of another.

Throughout Pennsylvania a relief crisis is due this spring. In New Jersey a law is being pushed to stop unemployed on relief from voting by making them sign "pauper's" slips.

Everywhere new laws are being passed to stop people getting relief — laws requiring 5 years residence in the state, laws requiring 40 or 60 hours forced labor by unemployed on relief, laws requiring citizenship before relief is granted, and so forth and so on.

RESULT OF REFORMISM

All of these vicious measures are the result of Capitalist onslaught and the reformist policy of the leading unemployed organizations in the last five years. Without the militant pressure of the jobless on their necks, the New Deal capitalists have been quick to slash at relief and WPA and reduce literally 25 million American workers to slow-starvation. One out of every five people

What Are the Effects Of Russo-Finn Peace?

March 17, 1940 — Behind the maize of propaganda, lies, and secret diplomacy the threads of the Russo-Finnish peace and the 3½ month war that preceded it can be woven into a whole complex pattern:

1—All the Imperialists Participated

All the news that leaked out the day after peace, clearly revealed that Finland was really only a side issue in the present war, that EVERY Imperialist power on earth had his fingers in the pie, each for different reasons.

The Finnish Foreign Minister Tanner, after the peace, openly admitted that the governments of Sweden and Norway had "been approached by the Finnish government on several occasions with a request for permission for allied auxiliary troops to pass through their territories". When these requests were denied, despite the great material aid from Britain, France, and the U. S., and when Germany threatened to send an army into Finland, the Finnish capitalists were forced to accede.

That more than the fight in Finland was involved is indicated by a dispatch by Donald Day of the Chicago Tribune who comments on the "apparent eagerness of Britain and France to help Finland fight Russia and their apparent disinclination to take action against Russia in the South, particularly Baku, site of soviet oil reserves in the Caucasus." In other words the allies were prepared to attack Russia

through the Near East, but just as in Scandinavia something held their hand for the moment.

As the FIGHTING WORKER stated on December 5th, 6 days after war was declared: "The Soviets are not fighting only Finland. Finland is obtaining aid openly and secretly, from the imperialists to fight the Soviet Union".

2—The United States Played Important Role

In the peace negotiations, too, all the imperialist powers played important roles. That is especially true of Germany and the United States. The American ambassador to Russia was busy day and night in the negotiations, according to the press. Sumner Welles undoubtedly played a large role.

And out of their work the American Imperialists have gained some important concessions in the peace treaty, not the least of which is that the Red Army, which conquered the nickel mine area of Finland (owned by U. S. and British capital) was forced to evacuate the area and give back the mines.

3—Soviets Gain but Germany is the Main Victor

The Soviet Union as a result of the treaty gained a strong defensive position — which it may even use in the near future against a united block of world imperial-

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THE NEGRO WORKER

The character of British class rule and the type of democracy that the ruling class is willing to sacrifice hundreds of thousands of black, brown, and white workers for, can best be seen in the African colonies and the Union of South Africa. After Britain had gained most of her colonies in the same manner that Hitler has taken central Europe, the British capitalists proceeded in the same vicious and brutal way of exploiting the African masses for which today they are condemning Germany.

The Union of South Africa has a population of nine and a half million people. Two million are white, six and a half million Negroes, one quarter of a million Indians and three quarters of a million coloured. (a mixture of white and Negro) To insure the class rule of the white boss over these workers the Government has developed a race theory similar to that of Nazi Germany. White superiority is preached to divide the 300,000 white workers from the Negro and Indian workers. The economic, social and educational circumstances of these whites are the same as the poor whites in the south. To further the division of the workers, certain minor social privileges are given to the coloured workers. This is the old British ruling class game of divide and rule that has prevented a joint struggle of the workers and peasants against their common oppressor.

THE BURDEN OF PROFITS

During all the years of British occupation of South Africa little has been done to benefit the masses of people. The only visible burden that the white man has been carrying is the money that has been shipped to England in the form of profits sweated out of the hide of the natives. Three-fourths of the total population is illiterate. It is the general opinion of the rulers that education turns a good native into a bad European.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, minister of colonies said several weeks ago to a group of students at Oxford that too much democracy would spoil the natives. Realizing later that this was not enough to justify the vicious British rule in Africa he pointed out the existence of cannibalism among certain tribes. This is highly questionable. But there is a form of cannibalism in Africa that is much worse than the form that Mr. Macdonald has in mind, the cannibalism of British Imperialism is much more gruesome and destructive of human life than the primitive cannibalism of the tribes.

In spite of British oppression the rumble of revolt can be heard. Not long ago a group of Trade Unions and anti-imperialist leagues issued a manifesto that said in part: that the African people who are to fight for the western powers, are in the same position that the Jews are in Germany and that they refuse to fight in a war only to defend their own oppression and lack of rights.

The idea of defending Democracy is a fraud. There never has been democracy for the workers under the British government. We can expect a time when our own capitalist government will start talking about "defending democracy" (the profits of the ruling class). The Negro worker should remember lynching and discrimination that is so much a part of American Democracy.

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ism and its present ally, Germany. Russia gains access to an ice-free port in the Arctic; complete control of the Gulf of Finland and partial control of the Gulf of Bothnia through the Hango base, the islands near Viborg, and the Karelian Isthmus; and shorter and cheaper communication to Sweden, Norway and Germany through the new railroad that is to be built in Central Finland.

Stalinism, too, gains out of the peace compact. Its greatly damaged prestige will now be repaired to an extent and it can concentrate on: 1—bolstering its home economy and placating mass discontent in the U. S. S. R.; and 2—concentrating on defense against Japan in Asia.

The main victor, however, is Nazi Germany. It was Nazi pressure that made Stalinism retreat from its proclaimed task of conquering all of Finland, in return for these DEFENSIVE concessions; and it was Nazi pressure that forced Finland to come to terms.

Out of the victory Germany now will gain greater economic and political control over Scandinavia, as well as the Balkans. Already Dr. Schacht is on his way to Sweden to gain economic concessions. Undoubtedly great concessions will be wrung from the small powers throughout this area: Germany is becoming the undisputed master of central Europe and Scandinavia.

In addition Germany defeated a major military attempt of Britain and France to outflank the Siegfried line by making the new battlefield Scandinavia. This victory alone is the greatest victory of the peace.

4—Germany Uses Russia and Italy Against Each Other

On the basis of the great strength gained by Germany since its conquest of Austria — political victories, which unfortunately for Hitler must still be consolidated economically — Germany is able now to use Russia, Italy, and Japan against each other in order to wring concessions from all the members of its so-called allies.

As pressure for Italy to become a more open military ally of Germany and to submit to a division of the Balkans, Germany has used Stalinist threats in that area. After the present victory it is evident that Germany will soon get what she wanted. Russia is offering Rumania a "non-aggression" pact under German pressure and the papers are filled with "hints" that Italy may soon join with Russia and Germany to decide on shares in the Balkan loot.

Germany is undoubtedly playing the same game in the East against Japan and in the Near East by using Russia to put the squeeze on Turkey to break her from the British orbit.

4—The Allies suffered a severe defeat

The allied powers have been defeated in their attempt to outflank the Westwall and must now find a new arena of battle for a flank attack. The defeat suffered is as great as the defeat of Munich. Germany is now in the political sphere the most powerful force in Europe, and if she can consolidate these victories may be able to put a big crimp in the British Empire too. The defeat of the allies is already reflected by their cabinet crises.

5—Russia's victory is strictly limited

The gains made by Stalinism are not by any means as complete as may seem to think. All the gains made were of a de-

fensive nature. Germany and United States both stopped the Soviet Union from gaining any important concessions of offensive nature (of attack): for instance the strategic nickel mines, the port of Petsamo itself, the Aaland Islands, etc.

Furthermore Stalinism binds itself more and more under the thumb of German Imperialism. Germany stopped the war to a great extent in order to increase Russian supplies going to the Reich. As a result of the peace new German technicians are being sent into Russia to help "re-organize" trade and transport, to help oil production, etc. We must point out still again that Stalin's ally — German Imperialism — is doing more to undermine the Workers State from within than other powers are doing from outside.

6—Finnish Workers bound to Revolt

After months of lying reports from the Finnish capitalists about "big victories", the Finnish workers face the stark reality of defeat, no homes, a reconstruction which will mean lower wages, etc. We believe that future news stories will confirm that major or minor revolts have been going on through out Finland in the last period and are bound to continue. The victory of the Red Army will accelerate these developments. No doubt the bourgeois banker Ryti and the Stalinist regime have agreed to jointly smash any attempts at revolution in Finland. The fraudulent Kuusinen Government was originally established by Stalin for that purpose, to check any maturing revolution in Finland; Stalin learned from his mistakes in Poland that he must have a ready-made apparatus to check the proletariat when they rise up together with the Red Army soldiers to take the land, factories, etc.

7—Peace Offensive Is Ready to Start Again

As a result of this victory Germany is again in position to press for a temporary peace in order to consolidate her political victories of the last few years. Since American Imperialism is also pushing for this objective (for her own reasons) a new "Peace Offensive" is very likely.

8—U. S. Role

Uncle Sam's role is not as complicated as most Americans think. The U. S. is anxious to:

a—Smash the Workers State in the Soviet Union and check the developments of Communism — which Roosevelt and the Pope understand clearly is the greatest danger. The present perspective therefore calls for liquidating the present war and creating an alliance of all world powers as a "crusade" against "Atheist" Russia — with the Pope naturally giving his blessings; and

b—To throw America's weight around in the war in such a way as to exhaust and weaken ALL powers—now giving objective support to England (repeal of "neutrality" legislation), and now giving objective support to Germany (the Russo-Finnish peace). In the present instance the U. S. has helped again to weaken Britain.

9—Soviets Will soon Be in War Again
Even though the Soviet Union is temporarily out of the military phase of the war, as a tail to German Imperialism Russia is bound to be involved in the very near future—possibly in Afghanistan, India, or in the Balkans. The peace is only, very temporary.

Civil Liberties

— If Any

Academic freedom, pro and con, heads the fortnight's news. Bertrand Russell, leading British mathematician - philosopher, appointed Professor of Philosophy at the College of the City of New York, is the principal target. Bishop William T. Manning of the Protestant Episcopal Church opened fire because of Russell's books attacking religion and advocating companionate marriage. Charles H. Tuttle member of the Board of Higher Education, will introduce a motion to reconsider Russell's appointment.

Oddly enough, on the day Mr. Tuttle went for the British professor, the Pilgrim Trust in England gave \$2,000 for education of British troops in the field, to "fit men for civilian work after the war." They plan to ask American professors to cooperate. "While the subjects of lectures are under strict control of commanding officers... there is no repression of ideas nor any curb on free discussion of any topic."

But where the British have really outdone themselves is in their decision to include — after the war — two Rhodes scholarships at Oxford for Indians; the type of scholarship awarded in the dominions and the U. S., or as the dispatch has it, "The progress of India toward dominion status was unofficially recognized" by this decision...

A NEW TECHNIQUE

Meanwhile the government schools in Cracow and Warsaw — the only type of school there is — are teaching Polish children to be glad the Germans have come in and restored order, that the Polish Republic will never exist again, and that Poles are incapable of running an independent state. If the Polish children actually learn these things, the Germans will have developed a new educational technique.

Finally, the Massachusetts Civil Liberties Committee demands a public hearing for Miss Elizabeth Graham, a school teacher of Quincy, recently suspended for refusing to salute the flag because of her religious belief. This whole question is at last coming up before the Supreme Court in the case of Lillian and William Gobitis, school children of Minersville, Pa., who were expelled from school for the same reason.

With the Hatch bill nationally and the Devany-Martin bill in New York, it looks as if unemployment is going to be solved. Just get the Reds out of the government and make room for the Plymouth Rocks.

Three men were standing on Broadway in New York having a discussion. A cop stopped them on the ground that there is a law declaring that "a congregation of three or more individuals on a public thoroughfare is a manifestation of intent to create a disturbance."

H. T. Tsiang, Chinese writer, is at Ellis Island, sick and slated for deportation.

HEADLINES

Without further comment a few headlines from the New York Times:
SPAIN ATTEMPTS TO CRUSH MASONS — POPE LAUDS SPAIN'S FAITH-VATICAN BACKS I. R. A. BAN—QUERRE CARDINAL ISSUES ANTI-SUFFRAGE MANIFESTO — ROME BARS TO JEWS NEAR- NERO'S FIRE LAID TO JEWS— 10 HYDE PARK AGITATORS ARE ARRESTED IN LONDON— LONDON FINES PACIFISTS — 28 I. R. A. MEN RIOT IN JAIL — FIRE, KILLING FIVE, RAZES SWEDISH RED'S OFFICES, FRENCH SENATE OUSTS CACHIN, COMMUNIST — TOKYO DIET EXPELS SAITO,

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MR. WELLES - TRAIL BLAZER OF A HOPED-FOR U.S. EMPIRE

March 17 — As the Finnish-Soviet war is concluded, Sumner Welles continues to traipse about Europe's capitals. Behind the comments of the boss press about what a jolly nice chap he is and how many times he changes suits every day, very serious moves are being made by the puppet statesmen of the imperialist powers.

The more Welles emphasizes the "fact-finding" nature of his trip the more it is apparent that he is in Europe for better reasons than a state department reporter.

Welles is talking about: peace, trade and export of capital. He is seriously probing the possibility of patching up the war between Germany and the Anglo-French imperialist bandits out of fear of revolutionary developments and in order to drive them against the Soviet Union.

American imperialism has sent Welles to Europe to probe the possibilities of utilizing the divisions of the imperialists in Europe for U. S. ends against Great Britain. Germany can play a big role in this struggle. That is the reason Welles is dealing with both Rome and Berlin in great detail. For that reason the Allies are receiving Welles coldly for they are not willing to see German imperialism attain such a position, any more than they are willing to recognize that the U. S. will have dominance in the imperialist camp.

Hitler, who has gained in the Soviet-Finnish war, takes advantage of this opportunity to talk about "peace" and offers to lend a willing ear to Roosevelt's proposals. This only serves to increase the hypocritical lies of the Anglo-French imperialists that they are fighting America's war to crush Hitlerism.

FOR WORLD DOMINANCE

In reality, as Welles knows, America's war is for the lion's share of the loot and for actual dominance in the redivision of the world. At this stage of the struggle, Uncle Sam sends Welles talking about peace closely linked up with the question of trade. Wall St. wants to take this opportunity to lower the barriers on trade and export of capital to Europe in order that she can mop up against Britain and Germany just as she is doing in South America.

The 18 billion dollar gold supply of the U. S. gives her a powerful weapon to attain these ends. But these ends, at the same time, demand the export of capital, to enable this gold supply to be employed in capital expansion at the expense of Uncle Sam's imperialist rivals.

At this given moment it is almost certain that Britain will reject any offer giving Hitler parity, especially when Uncle Sam has real control. This temporarily opens the door for closer relations between American imperialism and Germany, also permits American imperialism to make overtures to Italy to wean her away from her present alliances; undoubtedly in the back of Roosevelt's and Welles' mind there rests the possibility, exceedingly difficult to consider in a practical sense, of a bloc with Germany and Russia under U. S. hegemony where Italy would be dragged along in a struggle against the Allies. Such a line-up would bring the fundamental inter-imperialist conflict between Uncle Sam and John Bull to an open show-down; but in a practical sense it is exceedingly

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ARMY CRITIC — FRANCE CALLS U. S. CITIZENS OF FRENCH BIRTH TO COLORS UNDER HER NATURALIZATION LAWS—FOUR PERSONS KILLED AS ARGENTINA VOTES — JAPAN FEARS 'ESPIONAGE' BY THE SALVATION ARMY.

U. S.: 19 ON RELIEF ARRESTED — PAROLE DENIED TO FIVE IN SCOTTSBORO CASE.

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10—Stalinist Policy Shown as Anti-Working Class

The incident of 40,000 people being made homeless in Finland, of Stalinism failing to win over thousands of workers to the cause of Communism, indicates by itself the treacherous role of Stalinism. But when one looks at the total policy and the total results what happened is even more convincing.

British Land Law in Palestine A Leaf out of Hitler's Book

The Chamberlain Government has announced its intention of putting into effect one of the more reprehensive features of the infamous "White Paper", namely, forbidding the sale of certain land to Palestine Jews by Arab landlords.

No wonder the Nazi press is beside itself with joy. For, this latest Chamberlain atrocity is nothing but a steal from Hitler's "Nuremberg Laws." The Koelnische radio station declared that, it is chiefly due to the Nazis that England has had the courage to take this step. "The fight the Nazis have been waging against the Jews has so weakened International Jewry, that the Allies have ceased to reckon with the Jews as an international force... Now that the Nazis have smashed the influence of Jewish Capital, the

Allies need the Arabs more on their side than the Jews."

In this statement lies one germ of truth. The Arab speaking population must be appeased in an effort to line them up on the side of England in its present campaign for world domination. If the Jews have to be sacrificed to that end, then the Chamberlain Government is ready to do so. The Arabs in the near east at the moment are more important to England's war policy than Zionism.

Ironically enough, British propaganda agencies, released the story of the arrival of a Jewish-Arab "volunteer" force on the Western Front.

This latest move of the Chamberlain Government is so shockingly brutal to thousands of refugee Jews who managed to escape Hitler's concentration camps,

that a storm of protest was unleashed all over the world. Jews in Palestine are in open conflict with British police in several cities. In Tel Aviv barricades have been thrown up in street fighting against the police and military.

Thousands of Jews under the influence of the synagogues show their protest in futile religious gestures. Other groups in the United States plan to get the Roosevelt Government to intercede. With the jockeying for positions still going on, and the alignment of the powers in the present war still uncertain, it is not impossible that the U. S. Government may make a gesture in the direction of the Jewish people, and at the same time take a rap at its chief economic rival England, with whom relations have already become somewhat strained in the past few weeks.

ZIONIST ROLE

While Jewish workers, going over the heads of the Zionist leadership, are engaged in open warfare against Britain, official Zionist policy continues to be shamelessly callow. We have on numerous occasions exposed the outright traitorous nature of the Zionist movement and leadership. Now too, instead of calling upon the Jewish masses to resist these atrocities, to revolt against British imperialism, refuse to fight its wars, strike a blow for its own independence, the Zionist leadership goes into juridical disputations with Chamberlain. It again calls upon the League of Nations, the Hague Court, the Mandates Commission and similar worthless institutions.

Mr. David Ben-Curion, chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency in a letter submitted to "His Majesty's Government", declares among other things: "and this blow (at the Jewish people) is struck by the Government of the great people which undertook to restore the Jewish people to its National Home." Not a word of offense, not a hint of struggle, nothing but slavish subservience!

The religio-Tammany "Jewish Morning Journal" of New York, says in its editorial of March 1: "The Jewish protest must be heard strong and thruout the world, and particularly in the U.S. and the protest should not be that of enemies, but that of friends" We deny this to be an expression of the vast majority of the Jewish masses.

ARAB AND JEWISH UNITY

Every revolutionist will oppose the racial discrimination of British "democracy" against the Jews. But it must be pointed out that the capitalist world — now in abysmal decay — MUST and WILL continue the policy of social, political, and other discrimination against ALL minority peoples. The FIGHTING WORKER has pointed out on many occasions in recent years that what Hitler has started in discrimination against Jews, Catholics, Poles, Czechs, etc., the other powers must, for similar ECONOMIC reasons, continue.

Salvation for the Jewish masses does not lie in a struggle to wrest land from the small Arab landowners. That is precisely what British Imperialism would like to happen—a sharp division between Arab and Jew. The land problem can no more be solved under capitalism than the racial problem.

Salvation for the masses in Palestine lies in a struggle towards a social revolution, and in immediate steps of the small Jewish and Arabian farmers — in collaboration with the working class — to unite and seize the large landed estates of the British, Arabian, AND Jewish oppressors.

remote, at the moment.

Mr. Welles' plan of "peace", like that of Hitler, and that of the Allies, means an INTENSIFICATION OF THE WAR against the working class and oppressed masses of the world, and also of the war among the imperialists, themselves.

HOW NOT TO FIGHT WAR - THE IWWFAW PROGRAM

The International Workers Front Against War has issued a manifesto "against" war which was signed by such parties as the Independent Labor Party of Great Britain, the Spanish ROUM, the French Pivert Group and "our own" Lovestonites.

The eight point declaration "against" war has the usual bombastic centrist phrases, but its position on HOW to fight the imperialist war is just out and out social pacifism—socialist in language, but a PACIFIST line of action. The keynote of the "program" states that the workers' "aim must not be military defeat, but the winning of the Workers Power and Socialism".

This is a complete rejection of Lenin's position on defeatism, a position even to the right of the Trotskyites. Lenin clearly showed 25 years ago that to speak of the desire to defeat, to overthrow one's own imperialist government, and at the same time to reject military reversals, military defeat of the fatherland, is just empty words, a smokescreen for treacherous patriotic or pacifist deeds. The imperialists cannot be defeated without military defeats. (Note: the wars of 1871, 1905, 1914, etc.) The Marxian position is: We work for the defeat of our "own" imperialist government AND its armed forces by revolutionary class means—even if this momentarily means the "victory" of the "enemy" army. "Against the war" means against the bourgeois regime, for its defeat in ALL of its undertakings, political, social AND military.

The IWWFAW words in reality cover up the line of capitulation to the pacifists (note for instance, the role of Mr. Lovestone in the pacifist Keep America Out of War Committee), and are an indication of what to expect from Lovestone, Brockway & Co. Tomorrow, like yesterday, they will support Pivert's "Worker's Power" through the Blum People's Front government, or the POUM "Worker's Power" through participation in the Spanish People's Front. Their words are centrist; but again in this war their deeds are reformist.

Stalinism "fights" imperialist war by strengthening the German Imperialists immeasurably; by bowing to Nazi dictation on when and how to make peace; by permitting Nazi counter-revolutionists to flood Russian economy and help counter-revolution undermine the Soviet property relations; by preparing for a filthy division of the Balkans together with the Nazi and Fascist butchers; by calling for an IMPERIALIST peace instead of proletarian civil war; by checking each developing revolution in Europe — Poland, Spain, and now Finland.

Putting the Finishing Touches on Labor's Straitjacket

Business and government are united today in a vicious onslaught against the Unions and Unionism. In Sioux City and Minneapolis militant unions are being tried in court on all sorts of phoney charges. Throughout the nation Mr. Thurman Arnold's legal lights are busy attempting to smash the AFL Building Trades and other unions by trying them for that phonest of all phoney charges: "Conspiracy".

In Chicago and elsewhere local police are beginning to "supervise" Union elections, raid union headquarters. The Ku Klux Klan and other strike-breaking outfits have answered the new AFL, CIO and Sharecroppers organizing campaigns in the South by vicious terrorism against the union organizers, including such pleasant pastimes as flogging, lynching threats, etc. In San Francisco the Employers' Council is riding high, having smashed almost every strike it came in contact with in 1939, and being on the verge of getting Harry Bridges, Maritime leader to agree to prohibit future coast strikes.

1934-37 A PERIOD OF GAINS

It's time, in this crucial year of war and before the American capitalists clink down the chains of a full dictatorship, to take stock of what happened to the Labor Movement.

From 1934 to 1937 the working masses of America rose up in one militant strike after another and made some of the most significant gains in all history. The truck drivers strikes in Minneapolis; general strikes in San Francisco, Terra Haute, Pekin; the famous Toledo Chevrolet and Autolite strikes; the militant Auto Strikes in G. M. and Chrysler; the sitdowns; organization of at least 5 million new workers, especially in the mass production industry.

Against this wave of militancy two interlocked currents were organized. On the one hand the biggest faker in the A.F. of L., John L. Lewis, who sensed what was happening and in order to behead this wave of militancy — and incidentally in order to bring in some dues to fill the treasury — began organizing the mass production industry on a policy of CLASS COLLABORATION. For two years the workers fought so hard Lewis had to yield to some of their strikes and sitdowns. Now, however, he's got everything in tow again, and the same bureaucratic practices, the same role of working hand in hand with the capitalist owners that prevailed in the United Mine Workers now prevails throughout the whole CIO. No wonder "Business Week", magazine of big business, feels so sure there will be no strike at General Motors or on the West Coast!

NEW DEAL STRAITJACKET

Simultaneous with Mr. Lewis and his CIO, the New Deal government forged step by step the shackles which it is now trying to put on labor. It introduced all sorts of government machinery to check militancy by capitalist arbitration, Labor Boards, Wage Hour boards and now — if plans go right — the new Wagner law for conciliation and mediation. So long as the workers were rarin' to fight, Mr. Roosevelt and his crew were forced to give them concessions. Now that the militancy has temporarily subsided the New Deal is on the offensive. It will use all these boards as well as the Attorney General's criminal cases against labor leaders, to stop all strikes in America, to prepare the working class for war, and to lower the standard of living.

The American working class is today at a small turning point; it must either recognize these facts and fight to smash bureaucracy in the Unions and class collaboration; or it will find itself regimented by the impending war government into labor service at lower wages, longer hours, and a complete deprivation of Workers Rights.

AN ANALOGY

Working for the defeat of the Soviet Union in order to get rid of Stalinism is like burning down a house in order to get rid of a few bedbugs.

League to Negotiate With Revolt Group

On March 14, after months of communications, the R. W. L. received from the Stamm Revolt Group an acceptance of the 14 Point Programmatic Declaration of the International Contact Commission as a basis for unity negotiations.

In line with the I. C. C. policy that wherever two groups in any one country accept the 14 Points they shall take steps towards unification, the Central Committee of the R. W. L. has accepted the proposals for negotiations and has elected a sub-committee to meet with the Revolt Comrades.

On the basis of agreement on the 14 Points, if the political differences between the two organizations on other questions can be ironed out and Marxian unity achieved this will mark a big step towards stemming the tide of demoralization and splits in the leftwing movement since 1934.

Despite all the disputes with the Revolt comrades in the past the R. W. L. will do all in its power to achieve such unity.

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Transport Strike Threatened

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not forget how Quill and Co. beheaded strike sentiment when the Sixth Avenue "L" was demolished and 600 workers were dumped on the industrial junk pile. They must organize committees on every elevated and subway line, in every shift and division, and coordinate these into a city-wide general strike committee.

The committees must cut across craft lines and include delegates from the Independent Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as well as the CIO Transport Workers Union. The strike committee must establish ties with the surface traction workers organized by the Amalgamated and other unions, and with Taxi and other transport workers in the City on the Long Island Railroad and the New York Central R. R.

The crowded workers riding the smelly subways are ready to support the transport workers if they take steps to organize this sentiment.

The Main Enemy Is At Home

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Maturing Revolt In India Blight to Britain's War

March 17 — The first rumblings of the Indian revolution are now plainly heard. As we go to press the strike of 135,000 textile workers in Bombay continues with increasing militancy and is met with increasing repression by the government. At the same time, the congress of the Indian National Congress convenes tomorrow to definitely decide to launch a campaign of civil disobedience.

The textile workers, one of the most advanced sections of the Indian working class, strike in the face of the threat of the government that such action undermines the prosecution of the war; the government attempts to crush the strike with arrests, also arresting members of the Indian National Congress for anti-war speeches.

THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

At this moment all eyes are focused on the Indian National Congress, the voice of the Indian national bourgeoisie. It is the Congress which will determine whether civil disobedience will be launched, which presents the OPEN opposition to Britain. But this in no way means that the Congress is correct in its line of march. At this moment, Gandhi has resumed control of the Congress and in the past few weeks has been trying to make any kind of unprincipled compromise with the British imperialists.

But Britain refuses to give an inch, mindful that even the smallest concession today will tomorrow become an impetus to further demands of the Indian oppressed.

The so-called left wing of the Congress, led by Bose, has at least openly opposed Gandhi, booing and hissing him on a recent tour. The tempo and pressure of the struggle of the Indian masses has deepened to the point where Ghandi can no longer hold them in check.

But the ultimate program of

the so-called leftwing, while today it assumes great importance in deepening the struggle against British imperialism, in the long run is only a PHASE of the R E A L REVOLUTIONARY struggle. That is, left wing demands complete independence (dominion status like Canada) and a constituent assembly; in other words what they want is a "democratic" structure in which they — the NATIONAL bourgeoisie — will have the upper hand in the oppression and exploitation of the Indian masses. But such a program is historically doomed to failure, for the national bourgeoisie can only play the role of tool of one group of imperialists or another.

THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

At the present time the struggle for a constituent assembly is sharply posed. This will be the political weapon of the Indian national bourgeoisie; the Indian workers and peasants must have their OWN political weapons to intensify their OWN struggle for REAL emancipation. Under these circumstances, in the struggle against British imperialism in which revolutionists must advocate marching separately and striking together with the Indian national bourgeoisie, we advocate the support of the struggle for the Constituent Assembly as an AUXILIARY to the struggle to build workers and peasants Soviets.

The fact that it is the textile workers who now carry the front line fight against British imperialism and deliver sharper blows than all the words of Gandhi and Bose, is demonstrative of the fact that it is the WORKERS, in alliance with the millions of peasants, who are the REAL progressive force of Indian society and who alone can achieve real independence and emancipation for India — as a section of the United Soviet Socialist Republics of the East.

NEW MEMBERS IN NEW YORK

The New York comrades of the R. W. L. announce that activity has been running at a higher gear since the League in N. Y. acquired its new headquarters at 108 E. 14 St. and that two new members have been recruited in the last few weeks.

New Deal to Lay Off 700,000

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in the U. S. reduced to beggary, humiliation and painful hunger!

Let no unemployed worker fool himself that some angelic bourgeois politician is going to change this state of affairs. Hunger, in bigger and bigger doses, is here to stay so long as the Hungry are willing to submit to this sort of thing; so long as they confine themselves to support of the New Deal, to sending postcards to their Congressmen, and other forms of class-collaboration.

The unemployed must line up behind such militant unemployed unions as the Cleveland Association of Unemployed on Direct and Work Relief, the Seattle National Unemployed and Project Workers Union and other such groups, and really put up a militant fight, strikes, demonstrations, etc. to drive Hunger out of America, to establish Workers Control of Production for use and a Workers Council Government.

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