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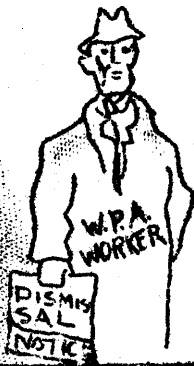
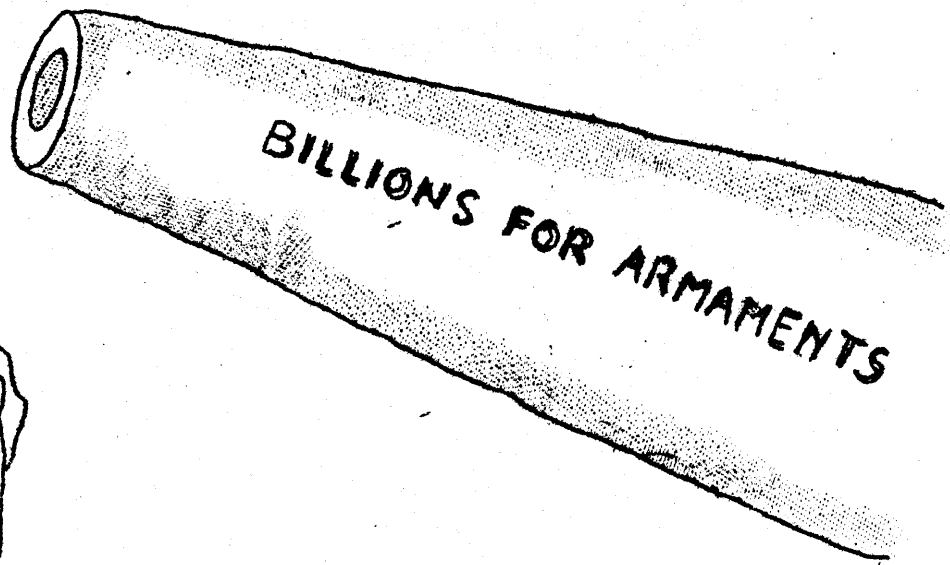
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THE COMING

The world stands today on the threshold of War. A brief 25 years have passed (time enough to raise another generation or two for cannon fodder) since "the world was saved for democracy." Events since 1914 have made it sufficiently clear to everyone--or should have--that nothing of value to humanity was saved; on the contrary, millions of lives were needlessly thrown away. Is this to happen again?

Twenty-five years ago people were told that it was their duty to take up arms to protect civilization against the vicious onslaughts of German autocracy. The same old martial tune is being drummed out today. The words have hardly changed, except that the war-mongers have conveniently substituted fascism for autocracy.

It's time the people who actually do the fighting did a little substituting--- this time of the truth, rather than of lies and illusions calculated to work you up to a patriotic fervor so you will run head on into the mouth of a machine gun, shouting "Hooray for democracy!" So let's cross out the word "democracy" and put in its place "well-fed capitalism", and in the place of "fascism" let's substitute "hungry capitalism", and maybe we'll begin to get the idea of what it is all about.

Not ~~that all the people in the~~ "democratic" nations are well-fed. (On the contrary! What about the 15 million unemployed in the U.S.?) But in terms of possession of foreign markets and colonial peoples to exploit, the "status quo" nations--England, U.S., France, etc.---are well-fed in comparison to the "have-not" na-

tions---Germany, Italy, etc.--- which are trying so desperately to stabilize their place under an imperialist sun.

Profits are the life blood of capitalism, and these profits are continually plowed back into production, which increasingly assumes vaster proportions. Eventually the market at home is too small to absorb the total product at prices "suitable" to the producers or even to absorb excess profits in new manufacturing ventures. But the behemoth of industry must be fed! Capitalism resolves this impasse by economic imperialism---the grabbing of pieces of the world market and the world resources. But this brings rival nations into conflict. Capitalism, in its imperialistic phase, must inevitably find itself up a blind alley, wherein rival nations contend,
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THE PRINCIPLE OF THE THING



IMPERIALIST WAR

some to hold on to what they've got and expand if possible, others to grab what they need to survive. Out of such a struggle war must result!!

As we have seen, the clash of imperialist antagonisms takes the form of two big opposing alliances: status quo vs. hungry power. Daladier, Chamberlain, Roosevelt are the mouthpieces of status quo; they mask the imperialist designs of their employers with ringing statements in "defense of democracy" against the "lawless and unprovoked" aggression of those Fascist hungry powers.

The status quo powers have the more attractive selling-point: "democracy" & "world security." But of course! They can afford to talk in terms of a world association to "keep the peace". After all it's their "peace", a redivision of the earth rammed down Germany's throat at Versailles by the greedy victors. They can afford self-righteous indignation at "aggression", because having got a head-start in aggression, they literally own the earth. The doctrine of "collective security" through united action of the "democratic alliance" is the mask of "democratic" imperialism, determined to hold fast its first mortgage on the earth.

But, we are told, this is preferable to Fascist ownership. An attractive idea---especially for people who are relatively well-off under "democratic" capitalism. But it ignores the fact that the "democratic" nations stand themselves on the brink of fascism. Let us see for ourselves the basic economic difference between the "democracies" and the fascist nations, and why that difference is dwindling.

Democracy was the political form most favorable for emergent and maturing capitalism. Germany and Italy, however, arrived late on the capitalist scene, when France, Britain, and even America had got a head-start in developing great industrial economies and in securing the foreign markets that feed capitalism and hence enable it to afford democratic concessions to the working class. To make an effective bid for eco-

nomie power, these late arrivers had to undertake forced-draft economic measures to eke out every possible drop of profits and to expand. Internally, they suppressed democratic rights, to keep down the workers' bid for a larger share of the profits, in the form of a decent wage--to strangle social unrest. Externally, they have pursued a course of aggression to get the markets and raw materials without which their capitalist economies cannot survive. Underlying the "will to conquest" is the naked capitalist need.

But how is it with the "Democracies", possessors of the lion's share of the earth? True, being relatively well-off, they can afford a certain ever-decreasing minimum of democracy at home (in other words, they can do a little more of their exploiting abroad, while the Fascists must do a little more of it at home). But even the lion's share is not enough, as the lion's appetite increases. Under capitalism, production must go on increasing. Hence, the "Democracies" find themselves, for all their economic colonies, in ever more straitened circumstances. They too must expand or die. But the world market has its limits. There is not enough to go around. The process of capitalist production, paying no respects at all to

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TROTSKYISM.....MINUS A

The policies of the Fourth International, commonly known as "Trotskyism", are being constantly subjected to misinterpretation and deliberate slanders. We take this opportunity to clarify, once and for all, some of the more crass distortions and superficial generalizations.

Y.P.S.L. IN ACTION

Foremost in anti-fascist demonstrations throughout the nation, the Young People's Socialist League has proven itself to be a militant, fighting youth organization. In New York the Y.P.S.L. led the youth in picket lines at Madison Square Garden against the Nazi Bund. In Los Angeles, in Chicago, in Cleveland, in Philadelphia, the Y.P.S.L. has called the youth out to picket and demonstrate against fascist forces--from the Nazi Bund to Father Coughlin's "Union for Social Justice". The Berkeley Y.P.S.L.s joined with other groups to picket a pro-Franco meeting (at the Oakland Auditorium) at which two members of the Y.P.S.L. were arrested by the police, one being beaten badly for his anti-fascism.

There have been two decisive results from this kind of activity; first, in a number of cities the Bund and its allies called off scheduled meetings---a convincing proof that emergent fascism draws back at once before a show of youth and labor strength; second, the Y.P.S.L. has achieved nation-wide recognition as the foremost anti-fascist fighter among the youth groups.

At present the Y.P.S.L. is engaged in a national "Jobs for Youth" campaign. The feature of that campaign is the fight to increase Government support of N.Y.A. and to prevent relief funds from being used for armaments and the militarization of the youth (N.Y.A. pilot schools). On campus we are circulating a petition, calling on the President and Congress to attend to the needs of youth, rather than pile up arms for the extension of U.S. Boss interests abroad.

At the same time the Y.P.S.L. is actively supporting the na-
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ARE TROTSKYITES ISOLATIONISTS?

To people like Borah, General Butler & Co., war is not a product of capitalism but is the action of certain "bad" capitalists and politicians. These isolationists can never be really effective in their opposition to war for they fail to strike at the roots of war itself. They rely on the capitalist state to prevent capitalist war..as fruitful a policy as trying to put out fire with gasoline. As long as America has economic interests outside of its national boundaries, isolation is a myth.

We maintain that the working class action in direct opposition to its own exploiting capitalist class can effectively resist entrance into an imperialist war. Every strike in which the workers have to fight the police and national guards shows where the workers stand in relation to capitalism and the government which preserves it. To fight against **another nation** in defense of this exploitation is either stupid or criminal. Our main enemy is in our own country! An effective impediment to war is the resoluteness of the workers to destroy the war-making system rather than defend its conquests abroad. If this resoluteness expresses itself in mass strikes against the U.S. war machine, our capitalists will be unable to wage their war.

DID THE TROTSKYITES SABOTAGE THE STRUGGLE AGAINST FRANCO?

Whole-heartedly supporting the war against Fascism in Spain, members of the French and Belgian sections of the Fourth International were among the very first to join in the struggle. We believe, however, that history shows that decaying capitalism will, in a last desperate attempt to preserve itself, institute Fascism...witness Italy, Germany, and Austria. Thus the only way to fight against Fascism is to strike at its roots, the capitalist system.

FEW DISTORTIONS

We contend that a Popular Front government is not only incapable of conducting a consistently militant struggle against Fascism but harbors and hides the reaction beneath its all-inclusive cloak.

The Spanish workers' offensive against capitalism in June 1936 should have been carried forward to revolutionary victory; the establishment of a real workers' government, a workers' army instead of an army with a bourgeois officer cast, the granting of the land to the peasants, freedom to the Moors, and the socialization of industry. Instead, the Stalinists and old-guard Socialists held back the workers in favor of an alliance with the "liberal" capitalist elements...with Negrin and Miaja, etc., in Spain, and with Daladier and Chamberlain abroad. In the testing crisis the result was betrayal and defeat.

TROTSKYISM IN THE SOVIET UNION

"Train wrecking", "industrial sabotage", and "fascist conspiracy" have been some of the fantastic charges laid at the doorstep of the Trotskyites. Not only do the writings of Trotsky and most of the "culprits" condemn these terroristic methods but the connection between Trotsky and the various "counter-revolutionists" in Russia has been proven without the question of a doubt to be a fiction in the warped minds of the O.G.P.U. Stupid, contradictory, and totally false charges make up Moscow's farce trials in a desperate attempt to find a scape-goat for the disastrous results of Stalin's own policies.

Certainly we stand for the liquidation of Stalin's bureaucratic dictatorship imposed upon the Russian people! But we fully support the fruits of the October Revolution; the economic system of nationalized industry and planned economy. The Trotskyite method of struggle in Russia calls for mass protest against the encroachment of the bureaucracy on the people's liberty and a right to share in the products of production. The struggle to enhance Socialism in Russia and extend it internationally must first cope with one of its foremost enemies, the Stalintern.

THE PEACE MOVEMENTS

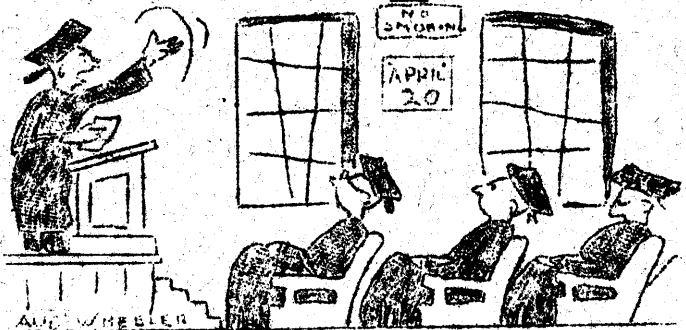
The Trotskyites cooperate with all peace groups with whom they can find common issue. Today the Y.P.S.L. has helped organize an anti-war strike on an anti-war program with the Youth Committee Against War and other organizations. To be sure, we broke with the A.S.U., resigned from the All Student Peace Commission, and condemned the Y.C.L.---but only because these organizations had ceased to work for peace and had adopted a pro-war collective security line. These organizations have refused to fight the armament program and the militarization of the youth. On the contrary they support extensive pilot training and attack the right of the people to vote on war. We do not apologize for opposing war-mongering organizations!

BUT WHY THESE SLANDERS?

Our accusers, the Stalinists, are constantly seeking scapegoats for the results of their own catastrophic policies. When their Popular-Front allies in Spain betrayed them, they shouted "Trotskyites"! When Soviet economy totters under the weight of bureaucratic despotism, they scream: "Trotskyite sabotage!" Their diplomatic deals with capitalist

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"IT'S SERIOUS! LET'S DO SOMETHING!"



(...to the ASUC "Peace Meeting")

We have a five-point program
On which we can agree:
Democratize the Army!
Collective Security!

We will nationalize munitions,
Look into the R.O.T.C.,
Then shoulder democratized rifles
And fight for Democracy!

We detest the mobilization plans,
But after all, you see...
We've got to lick Herr Hitler
With Collective Security.

But if in the course of battle
We lose our Democracy,
It's all for God and the Dollar
And Collective Security!

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THE YPSL IN ACTION
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tion-wide strike against war being held April 20. Here at Berkeley we have worked in conjunction with the Youth Committee Against War, to bring about a successful student strike on a program actually directed against the forces which create war.

The Y.P.S.L., however, has not limited itself to national political issues, important as they are. On this campus, we started the fight for enfranchisement of all students, and expect to take up this fight again next semester. Members of the Y.P.S.L. are active, too, in the cooperative movement, in the Student Worker's Federation, etc.

The Y.P.S.L. conducts meetings, classes, soapbox meetings at Sather Gate, etc., on the European war crisis, the decline of capitalism, the necessity of Socialism, and on the problems of racial minorities, etc. Its active, militant program, has doubled its membership during this last semester. Those willing to fight against fascism and war, for a Socialist world, must join the Young People's Socialist League, Youth section of the Socialist Worker's Party.

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governments and their treacherous policy of class-collaboration is camouflaged by slandering those who oppose such policies as "Fascist agents", "provocateurs", etc., ad nauseum.

The Fourth International will prove itself in the coming struggle for Socialism as the only real representative of the working class. The Socialist Workers Party and the Young People's Socialist League stand alone today in the fight against war and exploitation. Its program and its activity will be the answer to all slander and vilification

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earlier by Italy and Germany: the road to fascist regimentation and war. And the war now so close upon us will hasten this development and bring it to a head: consider the M-day plans of Roosevelt's war department, which will convert American "democracy" overnight into American fascism. Capitalists, we see, regard the Democratic Rights as their own prerogative. The constitution be damned when it conflicts with their interests! And are we asked to be so naive, so stupid, as to trust the masters of our nation to forego the immense advantage of working class regimentation when and if they win their war? Things are tighter now than in 1918; there is immensely more social unrest, much of it aimed at the very heart of capitalism. The bosses know this, better than we. That's why the mobilization plans, as drawn up, contain provisions for extension of regimentation into the post-war period, till the country is "tranquil". Until, that is, the workers, the students, and the restless lower middle-class have been forced to roll over and play dead dog.

This statement of the motives for war bases itself on the bedrock facts of capitalism. It therefore has nothing in common with the wishful thinking of liberals, however sincere they may be. It has even less in common with the drum-thumping policy of the Communist Party, which has long abandoned the interests of the working class for the needs of Stalin's bureaucracy, and which, faithful servant of a faithless master, deludes the masses (together with its own sincere rank-and-file) into support of an imperialist war that will smash labor everywhere. We unmask collective security for the imperialist fraud it is. "Good" Capitalists vs "Bad" Capitalists—what blindness! Goodness or badness has nothing to do with the question. Capitalism, which inevitably produces fascism and war, has everything to do with it. The fight against war is the fight for Socialism!

spewed forth by the class enemy and its "labor lieutenants".
